

Social Security News

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It is estimated that over 25 million, or more than one-third of all women over 14 years of age, work for pay away from home, in a family business, or on a family farm. Also these 25 million women make up one-third of all workers in this country.

More than half of the part-time workers are women, moreover, the number of these part-time women workers has increased more rapidly during the last ten years than the number of full-time women workers.

These women all have an important stake in Social Security. As a matter of fact, over 51,000,000 women have earnings credited to their accounts in this program.

Women participate in the benefit provisions of the old-age, disability, and survivors

insurance program of the Social Security Act in a number of ways:

- 1) As a worker, a woman may become entitled to benefits if she becomes disabled.
- 2) A woman may become entitled to old-age insurance benefits at age 65 (or age of 62 at reduced rate).
- 3) As a worker, a woman may provide certain survivors benefits to members of her family when she dies.
- 4) As a dependent of another worker, she may become entitled to survivors benefits upon the death of the worker.

With all these women actively in the work market, it is not uncommon for a woman to qualify for benefits on her own account and that of a retired, disabled, or deceased worker. Of course, in that case Social Security will not pay the full amount of both benefits. She will get her own benefit — based on her work record — plus any difference between her own and that established on the record of another.

To make sure you get full credit for all wages earned un-

Veteran's Officer To Be In Burnsville

The N. C. Veterans Commission will have Jack C. Winchester, District Officer in the Courthouse, with the County Service Officer, at Burnsville, N. C. on Thursday, April 29, 1965 from 11:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. and in the Courthouse at Eakersville, N. C., on Friday, April 30, 1965 from 8:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. to assist with veterans and their dependents. Mr. Winchester stated that President Johnson signed into law on October 13, 1964 an

amendment to the present non-service connected disability and dependent pension law which allows certain changes in amounts of pension, also certain disabled veterans drawing Aid and Attendance may be furnished certain medicines free by the Veterans Administration. This law will also permit certain veterans who served between October 8, 1940 and December 31, 1956 to apply for new insurance or add on to any service insurance they have up to a maximum amount of \$10,000. The new pension law changes went into effect on January 1, 1965, and the new insurance cannot be granted until May 1, 1965, however these veterans will have until May 1, 1966 to apply.

If a veteran has any condition, disease or sickness as result of his or her service, and has not filed a claim they should contact the Veterans Service Officer and file as soon as possible. Veterans who establish service connection for injury, sickness or disease

under the Social Security program, you women should make sure your employer has your correct name and account number. When you change your name through marriage, make sure you have your social security card changed too (you'll keep the same number). Failure to follow this advice may result in your failure to get the full benefits to which you could be entitled.

Spring Concert By Mars Hill College Choir

A spring concert by the Mars Hill College Choir, Chorus and Orchestra Thursday night (Apr. 22) will feature seven poems by Robert Frost set to music by Randall Thompson and Schubert's "Mass in G."

The two choral groups, comprising 120 voices, are directed by Robert C. Rich. The orchestra is conducted by Douglas Therrell.

Soloists for the performance will include Therrell, baritone; M. S. Mollie Rich, soprano; and John Leatherwood, tenor.

Curtain time is 8 p. m. in Moore Auditorium on the campus. The public is invited.

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