

Mass Meeting Scheduled With Social Security Representative

A mass meeting of major importance to all citizens 65 years of age and older, residing in the Tri-County area (Avery, Mitchell, Yancey) will be held in the auditorium of the Harris Elementary School in Spruce Pine December 10, at 9:00 a. m., according to Mr. D. C. Nichols, Field Representative out of the Asheville Social Security office.

This meeting is for the purpose of signing up all citizens 65 years and older, and those who will become 65 before March 31, 1966, for Medicare (hospitalization) and its accompanying medical benefits. If you are now receiving Social Security payments, and have received, filled in and returned the card sent out by the Social Security office, it will not be essential for you to attend this meeting. You may recall that this card asks that you signify by checking "Yes" or "No" your desire to participate in the medical benefits.

Mr. Nichols, along with ten trained Social Security interviewers, will be on hand. At the mass meeting a speaker will explain fully the benefits under Medi-care, after which the group will be divided, according to their special requirements, into smaller groups, where a trained interviewer will take over, answer any further questions you may have, and sign you up. Each person attending should have his or

her social security number (or card if possible); also the husband's social security number or card. It is very important that you have proof of age — that is birth certificate, church record, family Bible, census record, or whatever may be required to definitely establish date of birth. Persons too feeble to handle the situation should be accompanied by a member of his family, or someone who can assist in signing up the beneficiary.

Another point to emphasize is that no social security coverage is necessary to sign up for Medi-care. Every person 65 years of age before 3-31-66 is eligible.

Mr. Nichols said he could not stress too strongly the importance of every eligible citizen in the three counties attending this meeting. Otherwise, or possibly stand in line for hours to see your local representative, who is only at your court house for a few hours twice monthly. The main purpose of this mass meeting is to take the load off your local representative, as he simply does not have the time in the few hours he is there to take care of this in addition to the many other duties he has to perform.

While the purpose of this mass meeting is to sign up and explain Medi-care benefits to eligible persons, other benefits to social security recipients will be explained. For instance, did it ever oc-

cur to you that you may be missing out on social security benefits? Possibly you or your husband have in the required number of quarters to be drawing monthly checks, but you are unaware of it. If you are still working, and do not consider yourself retired, you too may be eligible if you are earning under a certain amount. You may have a part time job, or a seasonal job where you are earning so little it would not hinder your receiving social security benefits. And did you know that beginning Jan. 1966 you may earn as much as \$1500 yearly, instead of the current \$1200, without being penalized?

All the above, and many other points will be cleared up for you if you attend this meeting. **REMEMBER THE DATE — DECEMBER 10, 1965. AT 9:00 A. M. HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRUCE PINE, N. C.** Parking space will be available near the school building. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION CONTACT A FRIEND, OR YOUR MINISTER, AND A PAY WILL BE PROVIDED.**

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As a festive finale to your holiday dinner—serve a delicious dessert that your whole family will enjoy. Bake a Goody Tree with a rich base of graham cracker crumbs, and decorate it with your favorite peppermint icing. Place toy cookies and animal crackers on top. The youngsters will delight in pulling off the little cracker trimmings from their portion, while the older set will savor the cake's outstanding flavor, which complements any holiday punch. Add a final touch of glory to a holiday meal with this Christmas cake. Here's how:

The Goody Tree

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| 1 package Sunshine Graham Cracker Crumbs (13 3/4 oz.) | 5 eggs |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 1/4 cup milk |
| 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour | 2 teaspoons vanilla |
| 1/2 cup shortening, room temperature | Peppermint icing |
| 2 cups sugar | Sunshine Toy Cookies |
| | Sunshine Animal Crackers |
| | Silver dragees |

Mix crumbs well with baking powder and flour; set aside. Cream shortening, gradually adding sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Mix milk with vanilla and alternately fold crumb mixture and milk mixture into creamed shortening and sugar, beginning and ending with dry material. Grease and paper-line two tree-shaped pans (10" from tip to bottom). Distribute batter evenly. Bake in preheated moderately hot oven (375° F.) for 45 minutes. Cool in pans on racks for 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans. When cool, fill and frost with your favorite peppermint icing and decorate with toy cookies, animal crackers, and silver dragees.

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