May Proclaimed Senior Citizens Month

President Johnson has proclaimed May 1966 as Senior Citizens Month - with the announced theme of "A New Day for the Older Ameri-

And D. C. Nichols, field representive of the Asheville social security district office, in a statement today reminded all Western North Carolinians that May is also "the last month and the last chance for people who were 65 before March 1, 1966, to sign up for the medical insurance ("doctor bill insurance") under Social Security so that they can have this protection in July 1966. when the Medicare program begins."

Nichols urged all senior citizens 65 years old or older who have not signed up for this doctor bill insurance part of Medicare to contact the social security office without further delay.

He emphasized that a'most everyone 65 or over is eligible for Medicare but must sign up for it. Social security coverage is not required, and neither is retirement necessary for this protection.

He explained that anyone who was 65 before March 1966 and who fails to sign up before the May 31 deadline will not get another chance to apply for the "doctor bill insurance" until October 1967.

"And anyone applying in October — December 1957 would not be protected until July 1868. So the risk an aged person would take if he or she does not sign up now should be obvious.

"Also, anyone who has already applied for the hos-

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pital insurance under Medicare, but said 'No' to the doctor bill insurance, has only the month of May in which to change that 'No' to a 'Yes.' So anyone who has thought lit over - or has searned more about it -- and wants to make this change get in touch with us right away."

And, finally, Nichols said that as other citizens become 65 they should visit the social security office no later than the month before their 65th birthday "so they can have the Medicare protection as soon as they reach

Class Of 1916 To Observe Anniversary At ASTC

BOONE, N. C. - The 1916 graduating class of Appalachian State Teachers Co:lere will observe its 50th anniversary during the college's commencement gram this year, according to announcement by Robert E. Snead, Director of Alumni

The group will gather on Thursday, May 26, and will be special guests at a banquet that evening.

Dr. T. Edgar Sikes, Sr., of Greensboro is president of the class and Prof. Vance Howell lof Boone is corresponding secretary.

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