

Social Security Questions-Answers

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Field Representative

Q. Is it always necessary to go to the Social Security office when we have a question or a problem with Medicare or any other part of Social Security, or when we need to notify you of a change of address, or anything else that should be reported, or even when we want to apply for social security benefits?

A. Definitely not. In fact, to report changes of address & any other reportable events or changes you need only telephone the Social Security office.

Whatever your need, purpose or problem a telephone call may quickly get you the desired information or help. Quite possibly it will make a trip to our office unnecessary, and normally will "speed up" the service whatever it might be, . . . including the filing, development and processing of claims through to payment of benefits.

Oftentimes the social security specialist can get necessary information by telephone to fill out any required forms and will tell applicants what evidence or proofs are needed to complete their claims for benefits. Frequently application forms can be mailed to them for their signature and returned by mail, with the necessary proofs enclosed.

Q. I have never worked and

LEGAL NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA
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EXECUTORS NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 28, section 47 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, all persons having claims against the Estate of H. M. Hall, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit same to Howard L. Hall, Executor Under the Will of H. M. Hall, at his home at RFD4, Clowers Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37900, on or before 26 August, 1970.

This the 26th day of February, 1970.

HOWARD L. HALL, Executor Under the Will of H. M. Hall, Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19 ch

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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA
YANCEY COUNTY

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Willard R. Hall, deceased, late of Yancey County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Decedent to exhibit same to the undersigned Administratrix at her home in Burnsville, N. C., on or before the 5th day of September, 1970, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This 5th day of March, 1970.
Mary Lou Ayers, Administratrix of the Estate of Willard R. Hall, Deceased.
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will be 65 soon. My husband is 64 years old and does not want to retire. Will I be eligible for Medicare at age 65?

A. You will be eligible for the medical or "doctor bill" insurance part of Medicare, but not for the hospital part.

If your husband signs up for

Medicare as he should in the three months before he reaches 65, then you as well as he can qualify for hospital insurance in addition to medical insurance. He does not have to retire to get the full Medicare protection.

Meanwhile doubtless you will sign up for the "doctor bill"

insurance in the three months before you are 65.

Q. I'm already getting social security benefits and will be 65 years old in July. When should I sign up for Medicare?

A. Since you're already a social security beneficiary you will be automatically entitled to the hospital insurance of Medicare beginning with July, the month you become 65. In other words, you won't need to do anything to get the hospital insurance part, effective that month.

But assuming you also want the voluntary medical insurance coverage, just complete and return the enrollment card you will get in the mail shortly before your 65th birthday. Be sure to mail or take the card to the Social Security office before the first of July so you'll have this doctor bill insurance protection beginning that month.

Q. I was born in 1900. I never enrolled for the Medicare "doctor bill" insurance, al-

though I had the chance several times to do it. Can I have another chance now?

A. Afraid not! One may sign up before (or at) his 65th birthday, or at either of the next two "open seasons". These sign-up chances have passed for you.

Notice

The Yancey County Democratic precinct meetings will be held Saturday, April 4, 1970 at 2:00 p.m. All precinct meetings will be held at the township voting places except Burnsville township where the precinct meeting will be held in the Yancey County Courtroom. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the township committee and election of delegates to the County Convention.

The County convention will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, April 11, 1970 in the Yancey County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to select Democratic candidates for the November 3, 1970 General election.

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Cut-rate gas in a Cadillac? A recent survey shows more and more car owners are finding gas is just as good at independent dealers — and less costly.

A psychological hang-up involving "status" is costing American car owners a lot of money, according to findings by a leading independent oil company.

The reason is best explained by this question:

Would the proud owner of a brand new Cadillac, Continental or other expensive car fill up its tank with "cut-rate" gasoline?

In years past, the answer has been a resounding "no". And so Kayo Oil Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn., which has built a sizeable business selling the same quality gasoline as major oil companies, but at lower prices, decided to find out why.

On the basis of its experience with customers in 17 states, and the experience of other independent oil companies with similar operations, Kayo found that the average motorist didn't really understand how many different things affect the level of gasoline prices.

"The general feeling," said a company spokesman, "is that if gasoline is sold at a lower price, it must be of a lower quality. The average motorist

doesn't realize that the independents can afford to sell the same gasoline cheaper because they are economizing elsewhere.

"Major oil companies spend millions on national advertising. Credit cards and trading stamps are additional expenses, and all these things figure in the price the customer must pay for gasoline.

"Offering mechanical services, parts, accessories, tires and free road maps also costs money. The independent who specializes in doing nothing but pumping gasoline and adding oil can afford to charge much less because he doesn't have all these other expenses."

Kayo found, however, that with the rising price of everything, motorists are becoming more and more concerned about how to cut corners.

"Of course, there will always be some who just don't want to be seen putting low-priced gasoline in their high-priced cars, even though they know the gas is just as good," the Kayo spokesman added. "But most people, we think, would rather save money than enjoy that kind of 'status'."

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