

Scholastic Honor Given



Michael Robinson Promoted

Sharon Williams Edge, formerly of Pensacola, N. C., is one of 172 University of North Carolina students tapped for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's highest scholastic honorary, in ceremonies at Chapel Hill Tuesday, November 28. She is the daughter of Mrs. Woodrow M. Anglin of Pensacola, and is married to W. Stephen Edge, formerly of Burnsville. She has been a student at the University since September of 1969 and graduated in August, 1972. She majored in English Education at UNC and plans a career in teaching. At UNC, she has been a dean's list student and is a three-year graduate.

Michael L. Robinson, formerly of Burnsville, has been promoted to manager of Alabama operations for Stewart Mapping Company. In five years, Mike rose from trainee to supervisor with Howze & Associates, Mappers and Appraisers. Stewart Mapping then engaged his services to manage their work for the state of Alabama. Mike is a graduate of Cane River High School, class of '66. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Robinson of Burnsville.

Social Security Questions And Authoritative Answers

By Doug Butler
Field Representative

Q. My wife recently had a stroke that left her with a severe speech problem. She's 66 now. If she gets speech therapy at home through home health visits, will our Medicare coverage pay for it?

A. Yes. Medicare will pay for up to 100 home health visits each calendar year--if your wife needs speech therapy, if she's confined to her home, and if her doctor has determined that she needs home health care and sets up and periodically reviews a plan for the

care. Also, the home health agency must be one that participates in Medicare.

Q. I'm 36 and get monthly social security disability payments. I got married last week. My wife has children by a previous marriage. Will they be able to get monthly payments too?

A. After you've been married for one year, your wife and step children can get benefits until the children reach 18. Your step children can get benefits until age 22 if they are unmarried and attend school full time. Any child born af-

ter the marriage is eligible from the time the child is born. In this case, your wife would also be entitled at the time of the child's birth.

Q. My regular job for the Federal Government is not covered by social security. But I take time off from work every Christmas season to buy and sell trees for profit. Is this work included under social security?

A. If your net income from selling Christmas trees is at least \$400 in a year, you should report the income for social security coverage as a

self-employed person. Call, write or visit your Internal Revenue Service or Social Security Office to get more information.

Q. I've been getting social security payments since I was 9. Next year when I'm 18, I plan to enroll in a trade school. A friend told me that my monthly payments will stop when I become 18 if I don't go to college. Is this true?

A. No. You don't have to go to college to continue to get your monthly payments af-

ter you're 18. However, you do have to be single and enrolled as a full time student at an educational institution. Most trade schools qualify as educational institutions. You should check with your social security office to be certain the trade school you're planning to attend meets this qualification.

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VA Questions And Answers

Q. I read somewhere that I am entitled to an annual clothing allowance of \$150 because I have an artificial leg replacing one that was shot off in Korea. If so, where do I apply?

A. You should have received by now a formal notice of potential eligibility from the VA with a simplified application form. If you did not then write the VA Regional Office where your records are, stating that you wear a prosthetic device (or use a wheelchair) that

tends to wear out or tear clothing, and that you receive service-connected compensation for the disability.

Q. I received a general discharge from the Army after 13 months of active duty. Am I entitled to schooling under the G. I. Bill despite this type of discharge?

A. Yes, and to all other benefits for which you would qualify--the same conditions that prevail for those with an honorable discharge.

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