

Social Security Act Will Provide Many Benefits To Persons Over 65

Richmond, Virginia, December 19 — With great numbers of American workers saving insufficient funds to provide for their retirement, measures such as are contained in the Social Security Act are essential, William R. Williamson, Actuarial Consultant for the Social Security Board, said here today in an address before the Virginia Bankers Association.

"The problem of old age dependency," Mr. Williamson declared, "is becoming steadily more important because of the growing number of persons who are 65 year of age or older, and because the need of those who are older and who are economically dependent is recognized as more acute under prevalent urban conditions than in earlier years in a predominantly agricultural society."

He said Bureau of Census figures revealed that, in 1860, persons 65 years or older constituted only 2.7 percent of the total population of the country. By 1930 the percentage was 5.4. By 1980 it is estimated the percentage of persons 65 years of age or older will have reached 11.3.

Citing as a basic assumption in the past the idea that "each citizen has a job or sufficient income opportunity to provide for all his day-by-day needs and, in addition, to provide income during unemployment and to protect his own old age," Mr. Williamson said that the facts do not bear out his ability to do so.

He quoted figures from a study by the Brookings Institution indicating "an average monthly income to the wage earner in 1929 of about \$100. This means, he asserted, "that a large proportion come below this figure."

"As a result we are led inescapably to the conclusion that there is a need for social budgeting," Mr. Williamson declared, "and this is provided for in the Social Security Act. This act, in its provisions for old-age benefits and its enabling legislation with respect to unemployment compensation, makes possible for society, through government, to assist the individual to budge appropriately for these needs, and enable provisions to be made at less cost to the individual worker than could possibly be the case if the individual worker were attempting to set aside all the necessary funds himself."

"The old-age benefits provisions of the Social Security Act help the individual to be thrifty," Mr. Williamson declared. "The more the individual earns during the course of his working life the larger will be the annuity payments which he will receive."

"The Social Security Act is a practical beginning," the speaker declared. "It attempts to recognize and provide the machinery for meeting some of the economic distress which has afflicted us."

ITALIAN POET DIES

Rome, Italy — Death claimed Luigi Pirandello, famous playwright and poet, at the age of 69. Declaring that "life is a very sad piece of buffoonery," the philosopher lived for 17 years with an insane wife because he could not afford to send her to a sanatorium.

When he applied for a divorce in Detroit, Ernest Beston told the court that his wife talked so much that he didn't get enough sleep and as a result lost weight.

TOBACCO COURSE TO ATTRACT MANY

Hundreds of tobacco growers are expected to flock to State College for the Tobacco Short Course which will be held January 18-22.

The work will consist of lectures and discussions supplemented by laboratory practice and demonstrations, says Dr. J. B. Cotner, professor of plant breeding at State College.

The morning programs will be devoted to lectures, demonstrations, and discussions with the afternoons given over to practice in grading tobacco. Those enrolled for the course will be given actual practice in grading work.

No tuition will be charged, for the Short Course, but a fee of one dollar will be made for registration and a certificate of attendance, Dr. Cotner says.

Specialists from the State College School of Agriculture, the Extension Service, and the Experiment Station, as well as representatives from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will instruct the various classes and conduct the demonstrations.

One or more evenings will be devoted to entertainment with music being furnished by student musical organizations under the direction of Major C. D. Kutschinski, director of the State College Music Department.

Facilities for lodging on the campus are limited, declared Dr. Cotner, and only about forty can be accommodated in the college Y. M. C. A. Others are being urged to secure lodging from rooming houses and hotels in Raleigh.

FAIR-PLAY LAWS UPHELD

Washington, D. C. — Supreme Court visitors were puzzled at the title of a case appealed from California: "The Pep Boys, Manny, Moe and Jack vs. Pyroil Sales Co." The Pep Boys were accused of violating California's Fair Trade Law by selling Pyroil for 89 cents a quart when the retail price was fixed by the manufacturer at \$1.75. The fair-trade laws of a dozen other States hinged on the decision. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that title to trade-marked articles remained with the manufacturer, who could insist that his retail price be maintained. Many States now without fair-play laws are expected to adopt them during 1937.

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CHEAP FEEDS MAY COST TOO MUCH

The farmer who buys livestock feeds according to price tags only may find that he has indulged in a bit of false economy, declares Dr. J. O. Halverson, animal nutritionist at the North Carolina Experiment Station.

The cheapest feeds are not always the most economical, Dr. Halverson points out, and especially is this true in the case of mixed feeds high in fibre content but low in feed value.

Proteins, fats, and carbohydrates make up the food value in mixed feeds, while fiber only adds weight and bulk and is harder to digest.

Dr. Halverson cautions farmers always to read the feed tag or the list of ingredients printed on the bag when buying mixed feeds. In his way he can be sure of the percentage of protein and crude fiber.

As an example, the nutritionist points out that cottonseed meal containing 41 per cent protein costs more than that containing only 36 per cent, yet the higher priced feed may well be worth the difference in price.

This difference in protein content is due to the amount of hulls ground with the meal. The more hulls, say Dr. Halverson, the more bulk and weight, but the less protein and other food elements.

Not only is this true with cottonseed meal, but with wheat middlings and shorts as well. The more bran used, the lower the protein content and the larger the amount of crude fiber.

Some of the feeds that should be studied are: alfalfa, cottonseed, linseed, flax, milk, oat, wheat, corn, and soybean products, the nutritionist declares.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:45 a. m. Church School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
6:45 p. m. Meeting of the Young People of the Church.

Mrs. T. L. Renfro of Green Mountain, Yancey County, makes five trips a day to a spring located 100 yards from the house. She figures that the gravity water system now being installed will save her 207.4 miles of travel a year.

SHRUBBERY NEEDS CAREFUL PRUNING

Since shrubs renew themselves by new growth from the base of the plant, it is necessary that home gardeners plan a regular pruning schedule to keep their shrubbery attractive.

If not attended to, shrubs will become thick, ragged, diseased, and unsightly, says Glenn O. Randall, floriculturist at State College. In most cases this practice is not due to carelessness but to a lack of knowledge of how to prune and care for shrubs.

A common mistake made at time of planting, points out Randall, is that of not pruning the tops to offset the roots which were lost when the plants were dug in the nursery. The top should be reduced to about one-third when the plant is set.

Pruning should be started when the plants are young. In the early stages of development one of the main objects of pruning is to promote a bushy growth, Randall declares. This will have the effect of producing a wellshaped plant.

To produce a great profusion of bloom in flowering shrubs, old canes should be thinned out and those left should be pruned slightly. The plants should never be sheared back so that all canes are cut at the same height, the floriculturist points out.

The period of flowering can be prolonged for some time in the case of some shrubs such as weigelas, spirea Anthony Waterer, and buddleias if the plants are pruned immediately after one set of flowers has passed.

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Many varieties of shrubs are especially susceptible to insect attack, declares the floriculturist. The insect known as "scale" which attacks lilacs and dogwoods can be controlled to a large extent by a removal of the infested parts.

Christmas Eve night, December 24. All greeting messages filed on Christmas Day will take regular rates, or a rate of 35 cents when the number of words does not exceed 15.

Manager Davidson announces that he will be on hand until 9 o'clock p. m. Christmas Eve for the acceptance of messages.

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GIVE yourself and your friends a real present this Christmas—one that all of you will remember throughout the year—go home—surprise the old folks—enjoy old friends and old familiar places—participate in real old-fashioned Christmas merrymaking, happiness and good cheer! And when you go, go by train. Avoid the hazards and discomforts of winter travel on the highways. In addition to being safer and more comfortable, it is even more economical to travel on the fast luxurious passenger trains of the Norfolk and Western Railway. You will arrive refreshed and ready to join in the gay Yuletide festivities. Call your local ticket agent for complete information about schedules, routes and fares.

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