

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

We perhaps need to reemphasize an important phase of the amended Social Security law — one that went into effect on Sept. 1, 1950. This relates to the World War II veteran, and to survivors of both men and women who served in World War II. I discussed a portion of this last week, but because of its importance I would like to devote most of this week's space to a fuller explanation.

Survivors of servicemen who died within three years after dis-

charge from the Armed Forces, already know of the 1946 changes in the Social Security law made for their protection. It was temporary protection only and has been largely superseded by the new law. First, it applied only to service people who died within that 3-year period. Second, it did not apply if the Veterans Administration could pay a pension or compensation based on the period of active service. Third - and most important - it did not give credit for service pay toward old-age insurance benefits. This provision remains in effect for the survivors of such servicemen. However, if larger benefit payments can be paid under the 1950 Amendments to the Social Security Act, the new section of the law will be used.

What are the major new provisions for World War II servicemen? Well, to begin with, they give \$100 wage credits for each month of active service between Sept. 16, 1940 and July 24, 1947.

Recomputation to take these wage credits into account will be made,

and such recomputation is used in all cases where it will result in higher old-age or survivors insurance payments.

Unlike the 1946 temporary measure, the new provision is not affected by any compensation or pension that may be paid by the Veterans Administration. The only cases where the \$160 service-connected wage credits will not be given are those in which benefits, other than a lump sum, are payable under some other Federal plan, for instance, Civil Service or Railroad Retirement.

The \$160 wage credits will be given to every serviceman who had 90 days or more of military or naval service, within the dates mentioned, and whose discharge or release from service was not dishonorable. The 90-day provision does not apply if discharge was caused by injury or disability, or death occurred while in service.

Obviously, this \$160 a month service-connected wage credit of the new Social Security law will bring larger benefits to present

MRS. ENGLE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ingram had as week end guests Mrs. Ingram's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Crusenberry of Birmingham, Ala. They also have as

survivors of servicemen and to the families of veterans who die within the next few years. Also, many World War II ex-servicemen, now in the 50-60 age group, will acquire old-age and survivors insurance status through these service-earned wage credits.

In its broader aspect, this provision of the amended Social Security Act will enable many veterans to regain social security status built up before the war. Also, it will help establish these insurance rights for veterans who never worked in social security covered jobs before entering military service.

In my next article, I shall discuss the dependent husband and his eligibility for insurance benefit payments under the new Social Security law.

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a guest Mrs. Ingram's mother Mrs. H. J. Engle, who is visiting them for an indefinite period.

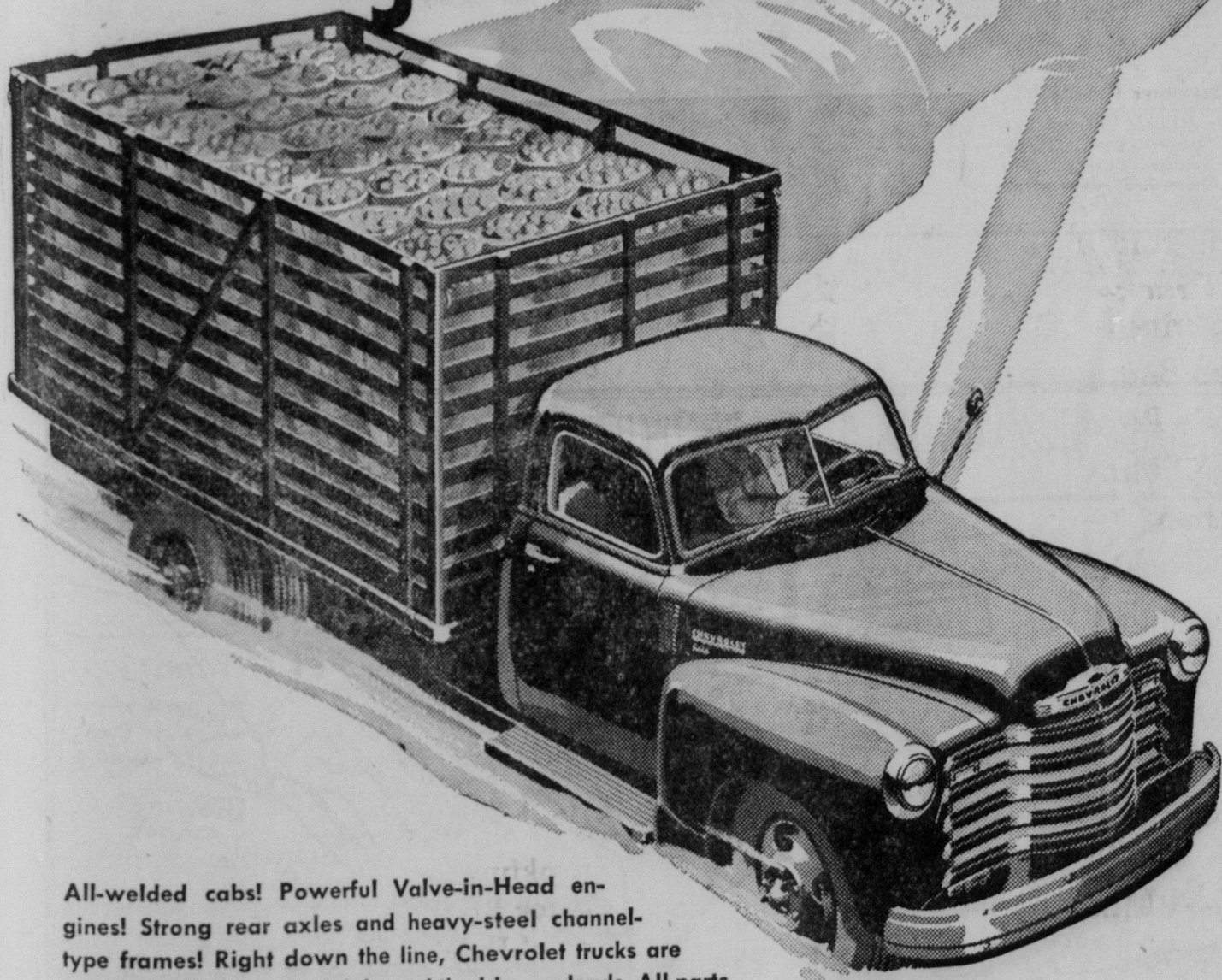
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