

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

We all try, as we are best able, to provide protection against family risks, and the two which are most obvious are the death of the breadwinner and possible enforced retirement at age 65 or over. Through savings, life insurance, and other means we are able to provide some protection, but many times these do not fill the gap left by loss of income. More and more, as time goes by, Federal old-age and survivors insurance is becoming the basic program in providing this family security we attempt to build.

It is insurance for which we pay during our working years, and against which we may draw at time of retirement at age 65 or over, and against which our family may draw in the event of our death.

At the end of 1951 some 62 million workers were insured under this program. Three out of four workers were covered by the law. Over a million widows and children were drawing monthly benefits, and almost two and one-half million retired workers were also receiving these payments. During 1951 about one and one-half billion dollars were paid out in these two types of monthly benefits.

Many people think of this law as strictly a retirement plan. It is a retirement plan, but in addition there is real protection for

the family of the younger worker in the event of his death. Where a widow and children survive, payments will normally continue until the youngest child reaches 18. In December 1951, for a widow with two minor children, these monthly payments averaged \$91. After the middle of 1952, for this type of payment, they could amount to as much as \$150, which is the maximum.

As for the retirement features, in December 1951 these payments averaged \$40.50 for a retired worker, and for a retired worker and wife, 65 or over, \$70. In the future these payments could reach \$80 and \$120, though these again are maximum figures, not average.

Four Local Students Are At Wake Forest

Thirty-five students from Buncombe county are among the approximately 1700 students enrolled at Wake Forest college this year. Twenty-nine are from Asheville, three from Black Mountain, and one from Swannanoa.

Black Mountain students are Mack G. Barrett Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack G. Barrett; Wade Russell Rowland, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rowland; and Joyce Silver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Silver.

From Candler are William Bumgarner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bumgarner, and William Henderson.

Swannanoa's student is Richard Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stone.

POET'S CORNER

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp.
Creative Writing Club

LIFE

Life is a pattern, superbly wrought,
Life is a pattern, divinely taught,
Calmly watch the days go by,
Not filled with fear, but a God to glorify.

He makes no mistakes of that we are sure,
He sends no heartaches we can not endure.
So let us not take an adverse stand,
But keep ourselves in full command.

Only a day at the time to live,
With all that we have,
There is not much to give,
But love and kindness, like pure gold,
Is the sweetest story ever told;
And so we pray, dear God above,
Fill our hearts with the gift of love.

—Maud Foy Moore

INSPIRATION

White clouds floating over blue,
Gaunt trees against the sky,
Stray flowers that bloom beneath your feet,
A gentle breeze against your cheek,
A poem, yes, not made in rhyme,
But a chord deep sung within your soul.
Day dreams, a paradise of thought,
That swells your heart to greater heights,
But sweeter far, an evening star whose light was flung,

Reaches the lone traveler on his way
And guides him until the dawn
Pulls back the curtain of night
And gives him a new day,
A Power supreme, that knows no fear.

—Maud Foy Moore

N.L.A.P.W., New Bern branch. These poems were published in the Charlotte News & Observer. Others have appeared in the Sun-Journal of New Bern. Mrs. Moore has written articles and editorials for the New Bern papers. One song by her has been published and set to music. These poems by other creative writing groups are "spurring us on" to greater endeavors. Our Black Mountain group must win honors on National Poetry Day Oct. 15.

HOME TO MICHIGAN

Miss Lucille Gamble of Port Huron, Mich., returned home Wednesday after a week's visit with Miss Mary MacKay.

BUY Through the WANT ADS

Miss Sally Kitchen To Give Puppet Show

Saturday at 2 p.m. at the city hall building Miss Sally Kitchen, assisted by the Duprey children, will give a puppet show in connection with the children's hour reading program, sponsored by the Jr. Woman's Club. Children of all ages are cordially invited.

COMPLETING HOUSES

Boone Adams and "Spot" Johnson of Hazard, Ky., are here for a period of approximately two weeks. They are staying at Oak Knoll. Mr. Adams is a plastering contractor and has been completing two houses for Valley Realty Company.

—Penguins are birds, but they never fly.

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