

RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS

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At the Christmas:

On Christmas Eve in Ridgcrest homes were lighted with gay trees gleaming through the windows. Lovely decorations of evergreens and special lights on porches and lawns made the village beautiful. There were happy hearts and the excitement of children waiting for Santa's coming. The brilliantly lighted Assembly campus with its life-like nativity scene on the front lawn seemed to say to travelers on the highway, "O Holy Night! Jesus, the Savior is born!" The bitterly cold weather made people glad to cling more closely to the warm coziness of firesides at home. Yet scores did leave their homes to wend their way to the little church, where a gleaming star above its roof top marked the place of worship. Quietly they filled the sanctuary which was lighted only by a star above the balcony and candles in the windows. As eyes became accustomed to this light, outlines were seen of tall pines and hemlocks, with rock walls in the back ground. Softly the choir sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" as John May gradually increased the light to disclose a street scene in that little town of the long ago. On the curb of a well set a sad, dejected woman clad in black, with a scarlet head dress to denote her outcast state. This was Miriam, played superbly by Miss Alice Turner. Around her the three acts of the play and the final tableau kept the audience at breathless attention while the story unfolded to show blackness, despair changed to the shining brightness of redeeming love. It was a wonderful drama, beautifully and powerfully presented. Every character was well played, and the highest tribute was paid to the performance by the audience as it quietly, reverently filed out of the auditorium, some softly humming with the choir, "O Come, Let Us Adore Him." The reality of Christmas filled every heart.

New Year's Eve, Sunday again. In the pastor's absence, the morning worship service was led by the Rev. Fred Stinson, and that of the evening hour by the Rev. W. L. Synnes. On Wednesday evening the Rev. Everett Murray conducted the mid-week prayer meeting. Ridgcrest church is fortunate in having in its membership these ministers who so acceptably filled the pulpit.

Community News:
The Rev. and Mrs. George

F. M. Burnett spent several of the holidays with relatives, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Trotter in Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Nelson and Mrs. Nelson in Rocky Mount. Mrs. Nelson is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Fred M. Burnett.

Mrs. Gertrude Hammond spent Christmas week in Washington, D. C., with her sons Harold Llewellyn and Dr. Charles Llewellyn and their families. She was accompanied home by her son Harold and his sister-in-law, Miss Mary Battle. Mr. Llewellyn, who holds a responsible position in the U. S. government in the department of Civil Defense is being transferred to Battle Creek, Mich. The other son, Charles, is an eminent surgeon in the Naval hospital in Bethesda, Md.

Mrs. Charles Jolley is recovering nicely after undergoing surgery on Dec. 27 in Memorial Mission hospital, Asheville. She expects to be at home as soon as now as the snow permits travel.

Among the summer residents who chose to spend Christmas in their Ridgcrest homes were the Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Melver and family from Lexington, N. C.

The Paul Harrises had their family get-together on Wednesday, Dec. 27, when their older son, Capt. James P. Harris (Paul, Jr.) could be here for a couple of days. Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Harris and their three children from Gardner-Webb college, joined his brother here for some hours in their parents' home.

Capt. Harris arrived here on Tuesday from Biloxi, Miss., where he has been stationed for some months while attending a special radar school. He left on Thursday for McGuire Air Force Base from whence he went by plane to his new assignment in Turkey. Mrs. Harris and the children will remain for the present in Biloxi.

Several days before Christmas Mrs. Clyde Smith and son J. D. moved into their new little home next door to the old one.

One of the family reunion Christmas parties took place on Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Synnes. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and little daughter, Wanda, from Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, J. D. Smith, and Mrs. Clyde Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis and son Dan, from Marion.

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Elder Citizens, This is the Law



By D. C. Nichols
Field Representative

ELDER CITIZENS: Are you still working and reluctant to file for social security benefits?

If you are over 65 (or, in some cases, over 62) you may be losing money by your delay in filing an application. Under changes in the law, persons of retirement age can earn more money than was previously allowed and still collect some social security benefits in addition to their earnings.

For example: Under the old law a worker eligible for a monthly benefit of \$90 could not collect any social security checks if his earnings for the year amounted to more than \$2,080.

Under the new law, this worker can earn up to \$2,530 a year and still collect some of his benefits. The law now considers both a person's earnings and his benefit rate in determining whether he can be paid some social security money.

Working people 65 or over should check to find out whether it is to their advantage to file. Such people should inquire at the Social Security District Office in Asheville, located at 40 North French Broad avenue.

SHOPE CREEK

By Mrs. Thelma Buckner

The holidays were saddened for us by the tragic death of a loved one. My brother, Arthur Gregg, youngest son, Terry, aged 19 years old was killed on Saturday, Dec. 16 as he was returning home from guitar practice with some of his friends, he was within 2 1/2 blocks of his home when his car skidded on ice and hit a tree. He was dead on arrival at the hospital. He was a student in his second year at the University in Topeka, Kan. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gregg, a brother William Gregg, a niece and nephew, all of Topeka, a grandmother, Mrs. Anna Gregg of Shope Creek and several aunts and uncles.

Nineteen of our family were together at our home for supper and the exchanging of gifts on Christmas night. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Creaman, Ronnie and Cathy King were our overnight guests.

Marion and Wade Gregg visited us on Tuesday. The George Creaman family had a quiet Christmas dinner at home. On Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gilliam in Hendersonville and saw others of the Gilliam family also. They had dinner at a steak house in Fletcher before returning home.

Congratulations to Miss Kay Goode in winning the title of Miss WBMT. I remember a time I saw her at Riceville when she was just a tot. I said to her, "Do you know that you are a pretty girl?" She nodded her head and said, "Yes, I know it."

Home for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shope of Springfield, Mo., to spend Christmas with his sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Roberts and Frank Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buckner and family of San Diego, Calif., spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buckner.

Miss Cathryn Creaman of Sanford, N. C., was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Creaman.

CIRCUIT SUPERVISOR GIVES ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONVENTION

Organizational arrangements have been completed for the forthcoming convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, according to an announcement made by Circuit Supervisor, Clarence V. Stitz. The assembly is to be held January 5-7 in Hickory, N. C.

Local presiding minister of Jehovah's Witnesses, Lester Horton, has been assigned to head the Rooming Accommodations department. This will consist of making lodging reservations for the many delegates who will be attending from western North Carolina and the north central sector of South Carolina.

Also named were local ministers R. Z. Miller, 21 Broad street, to assistant Bible Literature Distribution Director and Robert M. Cook, 140 Reed street, as assistant Stage Construction Supervisor.

Active in the ministry for the past 15 years, Mr. Horton stated: "This assembly is held for the purpose of magnifying the part Bible prophecy plays in current events and the effect it will have on the human family."

"Program discussions will include dramatizations of Bible principles in aiding both young and old to more fully apply these principles. This will enable parents to more adequately fulfill their responsibility in training their children in Godly devotion. This is the only positive approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency."

Your Army Recruiter says: Go to a church of your choice every Sunday.

Dependents of these retired workers will also receive increases in their benefits if the increase will not raise the total family payment above \$60. Where there is only one person getting benefits based on the social security account of a worker who has died, the survivor will have his or her monthly payment increased to \$40.

There will also be a small increase in the payments to survivor-families who have been getting a total family payment of less than \$60. These increases, amounting to an estimated \$25 million during the first 12 months they will be in effect, will be made automatically. There is no need for beneficiaries to apply for the increase.

—A good way to have the world beat a path to your door is to try to take a quiet nap.—The New Era, Baxter, Iowa.

Section 15-39 of the General Statutes provides: "Every person present at any riot, affray or other breach of the peace, shall endeavor to suppress and prevent the same, and, if necessary for that purpose, shall arrest the offenders."

Section 15-40 of the General Statutes provides: "Every person in whose presence a felony has been committed may arrest the person whom he knows or has reasonable ground to believe to be guilty of such offense."

Both of these statutes require that the crime be committed within the presence of the person who is making the arrest. And if the particular crime is not a "breach of the peace," the private person must determine at his peril whether the crime is a felony.

It is better and safer to obtain a warrant when the crime may be promptly done. If a private person undertakes to arrest without a warrant another person otherwise than in the instances listed in these statutes, he at once trespasses on the legal rights of another; and the party whom he undertakes to deprive of his liberty may resist him with such force as may be necessary to defend himself successfully.

If it should subsequently be determined that the arrest was unlawfully made, the person making the arrest is himself liable in a civil action for damages.

What is a felony? The term is defined in the statutes of North Carolina as follows: "A felony is a crime which is or may be punishable by either death or imprisonment in the state's prison. Any other crime is a misdemeanor."

In general, felonies are crimes that are of a more serious nature than misdemeanors. The distinction is more or less arbitrary, because the statutes have added to the list of felonies some crimes that are generally considered serious and to the list of misdemeanors some crimes that are by many persons considered quite serious.

Police officers, as well as private persons, have difficulty in remembering whether a particular crime is a felony or a misdemeanor.

A private person observes another wrongfully breaking into the home of his neighbor. May he arrest the person without a warrant? Yes. It is a felony to break into the home of another without authority. The act was committed within the presence of the private person making the arrest.

A private person is passing a hot iron through the door of "Help! He is murdering me!" May he break open and enter the home to prevent the commission of murder? Yes. It is a felony to pass a hot iron through the door of another without authority. The act was committed within the presence of the private person making the arrest.

This is the last of a spring series of articles which have appeared weekly during the past three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association. Another series here will be started in the fall.

By D. C. Nichols
Field Representative

In my last article on the 1961 amendments to the social security law, I described the increase in the social security benefits payable to aged widows and widowers and to certain aged dependent parents.

In this article, I would like to tell you about another group whose social security benefits are raised. They are the 2,175,000 persons who now receive social security benefits at or near the minimum level of \$38 a month.

The change raises the minimum level to \$40 a month. Under the new law, the lowest benefit payable to a worker who began receiving benefits at 65 or later will be \$40, beginning with the checks mailed early in September 1961.

Legal Notice

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
Having this day qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Lewis H. Stepp, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 14th day of December, 1962, or this Notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of December, 1961.
BONNIE LEE STEPP,
Executrix,
Box 187, Ridgcrest, N. C.
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 1962.

NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA, BUNCOMBE COUNTY.
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Robert Woodrow Dillingham, Sr., deceased, late of Buncombe County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of December, 1962, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of December, 1961.
WADE HALL, Executrix,
205 Gannett Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.
Dec. 14, 21, 28, 1961; Jan. 4, 1962.

BALLARDS LEAVE FOR MARCH FIELD AFTER HOLIDAYS
Major and Mrs. Carl W. Ballard, who have been residing in Biloxi, Miss., will leave for March Field, Riverside, Calif., after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Swannanoa and vicinity. Mrs. Ballard is the daughter of Major and Mrs. W. B. Stone.

This the 14th day of December, 1961.

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OBITUARIES

Austin Russell
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