

Household Workers Now Covered By Social Security

One of the important features of the amended social security law is the extension of old-age and survivors insurance to regularly employed household workers.

This new law will be important to the household workers—the maid or the cook—and also to her employer. The household worker regularly employed in one household will become eligible to build toward Federal insurance benefit payments which are made to persons 65 years of age after retirement and to heirs of deceased persons. The household employer of such a worker will have responsibility for the collection of the social security tax from the household worker and report of wages paid to the worker to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

To make this as easy as possible for the people involved, the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Bureau of Internal Revenue have jointly devised a simple report form for this purpose. It provides space for the household worker's name and social security number, and a space for recording the total amount of the employee's cash wages during a three-month period.

A three-month period is a calendar period. That is, three months beginning with January, April, July and October. The household employer who hires a maid, cook, or any other household worker on a regular basis will mail the report together with the social security tax to the Collector of Internal Revenue at the end of each three-month period.

The tax is three percent of the regular household worker's cash wages for the three-month period. Half of this tax (1½%) may be deducted from the worker's cash wages; the employer will contribute the other 1½%.

Now about the word "regular." A household worker is a "regular" worker if he or she works on at least 24 different days for the one household employer in a three-month period and is paid cash wages not less than \$50. She is still "covered" during the next three months if she is paid \$50. No report is made for a worker employed for an average of less than two days a week because such a worker would not meet the 24-day test for work in that household.

The term "cash wages" is used because meals and board can not be counted as wages in determining the \$50 minimum for social security coverage. The household employer, moreover, is not concerned with any wages the worker may earn elsewhere.

On the household worker's part, it is important that she or he have a social security card. Those regular household workers who have never had a social security number, or have lost their card, or have changed their name should visit or write the Social Security Office and get one.

I have mentioned cooks and maids, but butlers, practical nurses, chauffeurs and any other regular worker

for one employer in a private household will also be considered a household worker and eligible for old-age and survivors insurance protection under the new social security law beginning in January.

If you are interested in more specific information on whether the new provisions about household workers affect you, contact your Social Security Office in the Flatiron Building, Norfolk, Va., or the Collector of Internal Revenue, Greensboro, N. C. A representative from each of these offices is regularly in this area.

Community Spirit Results In Building

Bethel and Hopewell communities in Perquimans County are working on a joint project which has created a great deal of community spirit. They now have a Community Building which they value at approximately \$4,000, however, the building has cost only \$1,500 since materials and labor were donated by the Bethel Ruritans and people of the two communities. The Community Building is used for Church activities, Home Demonstration Club Meetings, Ruritan Club meetings, and for other civic groups.

The idea for having a community building originated with the Bethel Home Demonstration Club and was put into action by the Bethel Ruritan Club in 1946. The Ruritan Club members made contributions and laid the foundation in the spring of 1949, however, the building was not ready for use until August, 1950.

Under the leadership of the presidents of Bethel and Hopewell Home Demonstration Clubs, Mrs. E. J. Proctor of Bethel and Mrs. Irving Long of Hopewell, meals have been served for the purpose of furnishing the building.

The first purchase which the two Home Demonstration Clubs made was one-hundred place settings of silver. They have bought 36 folding chairs, 50 dinner plates, 50 dessert plates, cups and saucers, an electric range, table covers, screen doors, a heater, and venetian blinds.

A shower was held at the Community Building with many useful kitchen utensils being given. Bethel and Hopewell Home Demonstration Clubs have spent a total of \$406.30 on furnishing the building and they have donated to the Ruritans proceeds from a turkey dinner, to be used on the building fund. The proceeds amounted to \$90.64. Cabinets have also been donated for the kitchen.

Patrol To Arrest Muffler Violators

As a result of a noticeable increase in violation of the State Motor Vehicle Law, regarding use of improper mufflers on automobiles, State Highway Patrolman B. R. Incoe, stated today that henceforth arrests will be made in all cases where the violation is discovered by the Patrolman.

The law states: "No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and

in constant operation to prevent excessive noise, smoke or smoke screen. It is also unlawful to use a muffler cut-out on any motor vehicle upon the highway."

Patrolman Incoe stated it had been his policy to give operators a warning on use of illegal mufflers but the increase in use of these gadgets forced him to cite all violators of this section of the code to recorder's court.

4-H Members Urged To Earn, Save and Serve

4-H Clubs of Perquimans County High School, Winfall and Hertford Grammar School had as the theme for their meeting of January, the National 4-H thrift program entitled "Earn, Save and Serve." A group of high school students appeared on this program in a play called "Dollars and Day Dreams." The play brought out the best ways for a 4-H boy or girl to save and invest money, namely 1—4-H money-making projects, 2—savings accounts, and 3—United States Savings Bonds. Students taking part in this play were: Mollie Lou Yates, Shirley Eure, Delma Ann Hurdle, Evelyn Ann Stanton, and Clarence Chappell, Creg Lane and Bobby Smith.

This program pointed out that in addition to helping 4-H members buy the things they want in the near future, the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds will help make our country strong and help preserve the freedom for which our forefathers have fought so faithfully. 4-H members are being encouraged to begin now to "Earn"

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while they learn, "Save" part of what they earn and "serve" their country by saving.

WOODLAND W. S. C. S. MEETS
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Woodland Methodist Church held its monthly meeting Wednesday, January 17, at the home of Mrs. Ernest Cartwright.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Edward Harrell led in prayer. Roll call and minutes were read and approved. New and old business was discussed.

Mrs. Jack Benton gave an inspiring devotional.

The meeting was turned over to the

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program chairman, Mrs. Jack Benton. The program was given by Mrs. Edward Harrell, Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mrs. Harry Winslow and Mrs. Floyd Matthews. The topic was "Stewardship." Mrs. Elmer Wood rendered a prayer. The Spiritual Life was given by Mrs. D. M. Cartwright. Her talk was on

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"God's New Year Call." Mrs. Ernest Cartwright gave a poem, "Only Believe." Hymn, "My Hope Is Built." The Meditation was given by Mrs. D. M. Cartwright, being Life's Securities. Mrs. Jesse Harrell dismissed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Elmer Wood will be hostess for the meeting in February, at her home.

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