

Crane Cautions Farmers On Child Labor Requirements Federal Wage-Hour Law

The \$1.00 minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act do not apply to workers in agriculture, but the employment of children under 16 years of age in farm work during local school hours is specifically prohibited, State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane points out.

The Fair Labor Standards Act makes it illegal to employ children under 16 years of age in agricultural work during the hours

of the school for the district where the children are currently living in session," Commissioner Crane explained. "This provision does not apply, however, to the farmer's own children working on their parents' farm or to children working for a farmer selling to dealers who market exclusively within the same State."

Crane cautioned that the Act applies to a farmer whether he ships his products out of the State himself or delivers them to a warehouse or wholesaler who does the actual shipping. Further, he said that growers of vegetables, fruit and other crops that are delivered to canning, processing or refining establishments within the State, have the same obligation under this law not to hire children under 16 during school hours, as have those farmers whose products move directly out of the State, if the resulting canned, processed or refined goods move in interstate commerce.

"During fiscal 1956, Wage-Hour investigators found 4,285 children under 16 illegally employed on 1,910 farms in 40 States while school was in session," Mr. Crane said. "That means 4,285 specific violations of Federal law by the farmers involved. Almost half of these children were only 10 to 13 years of age and about a third of them were 14 and 15. They found 812 children under 10 years of age working in the fields."

"Violators face the possibility of having interstate shipment of their products halted by a Federal court order. Such an order could apply not only to the growers' raw products but also to the canneries, or processors or refiners that bought them, or to the out-of-State buyer who planned to ship them in their

raw or natural state. There are criminal penalties also for willful violators.

"Farmers can easily stay within the law by having an unexpired age certificate showing the young boy or girl they hire to be at least 16. Although there are no restrictions on employment of boys and girls 16 to 18 in agriculture, it is necessary for the farmer to obtain proof of each minor's age and keep a record of the name and home addresses as well if they work on days when school is in session. In North Carolina, age certificates acceptable under the Wage and Hour Law are issued by the County Superintendents of Public Welfare.

Crane urged those commercial growers who may be in doubt about the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act to their operations to make inquiry at the Wage and Hour Divisions in the North Carolina Department of Labor at Raleigh.

Benefits Change For Vets' Widows

Eligible widows of veterans who die of service-connected cause may receive financial benefits computed on current military pay scales, even if the veterans served when military pay was lower than at present.

Veterans Administration said the Survivor Benefits Act, effective January 1, 1957, relates a widow's benefit payments to the pay grade attained by the veteran during his service.

VA said its terms are optional for a widow whose husband died of a service-connected cause before January 1, 1957; but where the service-connected death occurred on or after January 1, 1957, the widow will be eligible to receive compensation only under the new law.

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Commission, is in Hertford the second Wednesday of each month at the Perquimans County Court House.

Three claimants walked into a Social Security District Office one day only minutes apart. Their surnames were Piano, Tango and Waltz.

Now Harry Piano, John Tango, and Sarah Waltz may think they last names are a bit unusual and that the Social Security Administration should have no difficulty in locating their records. But oddly enough, their names are duplicated many times over in the more than 112 million accounts set up in the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance central record keeping office in Baltimore. There are 1,287,315 persons with the name Smith who have Social Security cards and 933,000 with name Johnson. It is for this reason that we always stress the importance attached to the Social Security number issued to each of these 112 million men, woman, and children. Each has a different number. The number and name together assure accurate reporting by employers.

When a worker first goes on the job, he should show his Social Security card to his employer and be sure that the employer copies his name and number exactly as given on the card. If the worker goes by the name of "Bill Jones" but the name on the Social Security card is "William E. Jones", his name should be carried on his employer's records as "William E. Jones" as that is the name under which his Social Security account is set up. All workers should guard their cards and always show them to a new employer. All self-employed persons should be sure to show their numbers on their annual Social Security tax reports.

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Farmers' Debts Catch Up With Big Cash Assets

For the first time in more than a decade, farmers' aggregate debts are on a par with their cash assets, according to figures compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Both totals are at new high levels, but debts have shown the greater rate of growth of the two in recent years, in common with the trend in the rest of the economy.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that farmers owed an aggregate of \$20.7 billions at the beginning of this year in mortgage and non-real estate debt, including Commodity Credit Corporation loans. At that time, their combined holdings of currency, bank deposits (checking and savings), U. S. Savings Bonds, and investments in cooperatives added

up to an estimated \$20.4 billions. Some Past Comparisons

Thus, when 1957 got underway, farmers had about 99 cents in cash for every dollar of debt. Relationships this low have not been seen since the early Forties. Back in 1950, for example, farmers had more than \$1.40 in cash for its equivalent for every dollar they owed. The proportion was even higher at the end of World War II, reflecting wartime prosperity which enabled farmers to save more than ever before during the period and at the same time to reduce their debts to the lowest levels in years.

However, the present relationship between financial assets and debts is still far better than it was in 1940, when farmers in the aggregate had only 50 cents in cash or its equivalent for every dollar they owed. Furthermore, other savings and assets in agriculture have increased greatly in recent years. Right now, for instance, three out of every four farm families own life insurance. Then, too, total agricultural assets including the farm plant, are estimated at \$176 billions as of the first of this year, up some \$40 billions since 1950 and more than three times the 1940 total.

Since the beginning of 1950, total farm debt has increased by

somewhat over \$8 billions, or close to a rate of growth here is substantial—two-thirds, about equally divided, by lower than has occurred in the past between mortgage borrowings non-farm debt field, as evidenced and non-real estate loans. The by the trend in consumer credit

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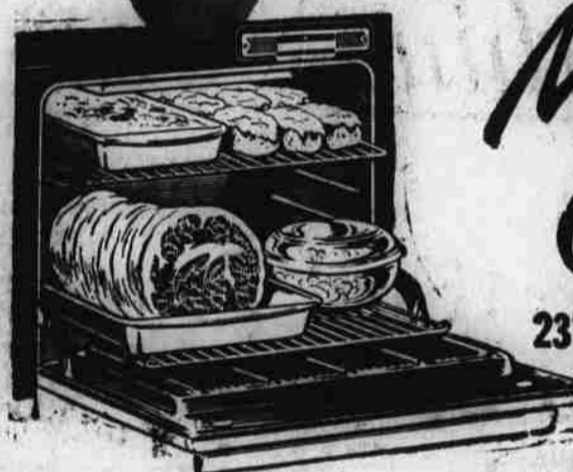
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