

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Question: My husband is past 65 and is receiving his old-age insurance benefits under the social security program. In July, 1958, we adopted a child. We were under the impression that we had to wait 3 years after the adoption before the child could qualify for child's benefits. Our neighbor tells us that she read in the paper that this 3-year waiting period will no longer be required, and therefore that benefits can now be paid for our adopted child. Is our neighbor correct?

Answer: Your neighbor is right. The three-year waiting period has been eliminated. The child's benefits can be paid beginning with the month of September, 1958, if your husband received benefits for that month. This would also be true in the case of a child adopted by a disabled worker who is receiving social security disability insurance benefits.

Question: My husband died in July, 1958. We had been married less than one year. Right after our marriage he adopted my 2 year old son. When my husband died, I applied for benefits but was told that although the child qualified for child's benefits, I could not qualify for mother's because I was not married to my husband for at least one year before his death. I understand that there has been some change in the law since then, and I wonder if I may now be eligible for mother's benefits? I have not remarried.

Answer: Under a recent change in the social security law you can now qualify for mother's benefits. A widow may now qualify for mother's benefits where her husband died in the first year of their marriage, if before his death, he adopted his wife's child by a previous marriage.

Question: My husband died last month. He was 36 years old and worked under social security ever since he got out of the service. We had no children of our own but applied to a social agency for a child we could adopt. Just 9 months ago they gave us a baby, but my husband died before we had a chance to adopt him. I was told I cannot be paid monthly benefits for myself or the child because my husband and I had not adopted the baby. Is there anything I can do now to qualify us for these benefits?

Answer: Under a recent change in the social security law,

if you adopt the child within 2 years after your husband's death, the child qualifies as a child of your husband and is eligible for monthly benefits on your husband's social security earnings record. There is another condition which must be met, however. The child must have been receiving his full support from you and your husband at the time of your husband's death.

Question: How long will I receive benefits for myself and for the child?

Answer: Your benefits will continue up until the month the child attains age 18.

Peanut Acreage Same As Last Year

Prospective 1959 planting of peanuts alone for all purposes is indicated at 185,000 acres, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. If this acreage is realized it will be the same acreage as was planted in 1958, but 16 percent below the 10-year average of 220,000 acres. These intentions include peanuts for picking and threshing, for logging off, and for other purposes. The first estimate of the 1959 acreage of peanuts for picking and threshing will be made in August.

The United States acreage for all purposes is indicated at 1,702,999 compared with 1,755,000 acres in 1958, a decline of 3 percent.

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

Several farmers have done some woodland improvement work this winter.

Thomas and Maynard Fleetwood have thinned some young pines that were too thick to make maximum growth. The smaller and crooked trees were removed for pulpwood leaving the larger straight trees to grow. The Fleetwood Brothers also set out several thousand pines last year and this year on land where hardwood trees had been growing. The saleable hardwoods were cut and the remaining hardwoods were poisoned with use of a tree injector using 2, 4, 5T.

S. T. Perry and Leroy Nixon have poisoned some hardwoods on their farm below New Hope. By poisoning these hardwood trees the young pines will have a much better opportunity to grow.

Charles Elliott has cut the small hardwood and set pines on some land. He is poisoning the larger hardwoods.



Miss Ann Lee Mayo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jesse Mayo of Plymouth, who announce her engagement to John Edgar Morris, son of Mrs. John Edgar Morris of Hertford and the late Mr. Morris. The wedding will be June 20.

Interest Aroused In New Will Legislation

Many people are expressing some concern about a bill introduced in the General Assembly having to do with a revision of laws relating to inheritance because North Carolina's laws in this respect are pitifully out of date and unfair to the surviving spouse.

The bill as written has the backing of the State Legislative Council and those favoring it are requested to let their representatives in the General Assembly know about it.

The bill proposes, in cases in which a man or woman dies without a will:

- 1—It places men and women on equal basis. The present laws are generally more favorable to men.
- 2—It abolishes the ancient distinction between real and personal property. There is no logical basis for this distinction and all a person's belongings should be divided among his heirs in the same manner.
- 3—It does away with dower and curtesy and instead makes the surviving spouse a direct

heir. Dower entitles the widow to only a one-third life interest in her husband's estate. She should receive a larger proportion and it should be an outright ownership.

Present laws are responsible for the use of the phrase "widow's mite." The proposed bill will correct that situation.

Baptist Regional Meeting In Ahoskie Tuesday, March 31

The Region One Baptist Brotherhood will hold its annual regional convention Tuesday night, March 31, at the Ahoskie armory. The convention will begin at 7:00 P. M., with a fellowship supper of barbecue or chicken to be served in the armory.

Slated to bring the main address of the convention is the Rev. A. B. Bumgarner, former Moderator of the Alexander Baptist Association. Bumgarner is a native of Alexander County and has served for the past six years as pastor of the Wrightsville Baptist Church and for five years has been the Chairman of Evangelism in the Wilmington Baptist Association. He is well-known throughout the state as a force

ful evangelistic speaker.

The theme for the entire program will be: "God's Business—Our Business," and special emphasis will be placed on the continent-wide Baptist simultaneous evangelistic crusade, which will begin April 12 and will involve some 75,000 Baptist churches in the U. S., and Canada.

The convention program will include special music by the Hertford Baptist Men's Chorus and the Connarita Men's Quartet. The Rev. John Stephenson, regional pastor-advisor, will bring the devotional. The Rev. Bill Jackson, State Royal Ambassador secretary, will be present to give the latest information concerning RA work. Four laymen from the Chowan and West Chowan Associations will tell how the Brotherhood works in their churches.

J. H. Moore, president of the Chowan Association Brotherhood, and Charlie Smith, vice president of Region One, have issued a cordial welcome to all Chowan men, regardless of whether they are members of Brotherhoods or not.

DRAFT DELINQUENT

Lucurtis Wells was declared delinquent March 23, 1959, by Local Board No. 73, Perquimans County, for failure to report change in address, announces Mrs. Margaret S. Scaff, Clerk to the board. Delinquency subjects this registrant to immediate induction and he is urged to con-

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We, the family of Robert Benjamin Jordan, want to thank everyone that had a part in every act of kindness and sympathy during these hours of sorrow and bereavement.

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