



and SOCIAL SECURITY

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A 23-year-old California widow this month became the 5-millionth social security beneficiary on the nation's old-age and survivors insurance rolls. She is the 225,000th mother with children who is now getting monthly survivors benefit payments; her two small children have joined 865,000 other youngsters on the social security benefit rolls.

Mrs. Dolores Plaa of San Rafael, California will be mailed a check for \$423.90, representing a lump-sum death payment of \$255 and the first of the \$168.90 monthly payments which Mrs. Plaa and her children will receive for many years under provisions of the social security program, administered by the Federal Security Agency.

Sixteen years after the program went into effect in January 1937, the five million persons on the rolls are receiving more than \$200 million a month in insurance payments. The benefits to the Plaa family are the maximum now payable under the program. Because the father had relatively high income as a fireman, the payments are substantially higher than the average now being awarded to widows with two children. The average amount in these cases is about \$130 monthly.

Tragic circumstances led to Mrs. Plaa and her children becoming survivors insurance beneficiaries at this time. On November 17 her husband, James P. Plaa, 30, was accidentally killed by carbon monoxide fumes from a defective gas furnace in the Plaa home in San Rafael, California. Mrs. Plaa and the children were also overcome but were saved from possible death by fellow workers of Plaa who became concerned when he failed to pick them up on their way to work and went to his home to deter-

mine the reason for his absence. Mr. Plaa was one of the youngest foremen employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. He started with the firm in 1940 when he was 18 years of age. He paid into social security from that date until he enlisted in the Navy on August 27, 1942. He was a Radoman First Class (T) and was honorably discharged on December 25, 1945. While in the Navy he, like other servicemen, did not pay social security taxes, but received credit for every month in the service as is provided in the law for men and women who were in the armed forces during World War II and thereafter. After Plaa's discharge from the Navy in 1945, he returned to his job in the telephone company.

The social security payments which Mrs. Plaa will receive monthly are her major source of support for herself and her youngsters, although group insurance carried through Mr. Plaa's employers and a private life insurance policy bolster the family resources. According to Mrs. Plaa these combined assets will enable her to remain at home and take care of her youngsters. The contributions which her husband and his employer made to social security enabled them to build up this insurance protection for his family although he did not keep up his National Service Life Insurance after discharge from the Navy. Mrs. Plaa will not have to be separated from her children and can, as she puts it, devote full time to being both mother and father to her babies. The first social security payments will be delivered within the first month after her husband's death.

The family will receive survivors benefits of \$168.90 each month from social security — a widow's payment of \$63.30 and \$52.80 for each child. These benefits will continue, if she does not remarry or take employment covered by social security, until the children reach age 18. At that time, the widow's benefit ceases, but it will be resumed when she reaches age 65.

Altogether, benefits paid the children alone are scheduled to total \$20,938. Depending on life expectancy, Mrs. Plaa herself may receive payments of from \$12,000 to more than \$20,000.

Mrs. Plaa consented to publication of these facts about her benefits because of the unique nature of this five-millionth milestone, and because it was believed the information would help other families understand their rights under the program.

Gift Suggestions For Ill Veterans Are Listed

Persons who wish to send Christmas gifts to patients in VA hospitals are reminded by Veterans Administration that certain presents are inappropriate for medical reasons, and that certain others are not needed. VA said candies, cookies and other sweets are not permitted in the diet of diabetics, and that certain other foods are restricted according to the individual medical requirements of other patients.

However, bulk gifts of Yuletide goodies and seasonal packaged foods are acceptable for distribution to patients by the managers, the announcement said. Since VA hospitals normally buy sufficient quantities of magazines, playing cards, puzzles and games, gifts of this kind are not in demand. VA is not permitted to make public the names of veteran-patients, so gift donors are requested by the agency not to ask for the names of patients for use in sending gifts and correspondence. VA said such persons may send their gifts to the hospital managers for presentation to patients. Because of numerous requests for a listing of Christmas pre-

sents that are considered most appropriate for veteran patients VA suggested the following items: Books of canteen tickets (in denominations of \$1 and \$5), which veterans can use in shopping at VA canteens. These books can be bought from the canteen or Special Service office at any VA hospital, domiciliary or other suitable VA installation. The purchaser should request the selling office to deliver the books to the recipient. Cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and smoking utilities, such as lighters. Sundry toilet articles, such as

shaving lotion and hairdressing. Stationery, fountain pens, automatic pencils, etc. Handkerchiefs, socks and other suitable haberdashery. New or selected phonograph records, to suit the patient's musical tastes. Because of rapid picking and getting, cotton is turning out much better than expected. Prices received by farmers in 1952 are averaging 3 per cent below those received in 1951.

Operating Statement For November City of Kings Mountain RECEIPTS

Collections:			
1950 Tax	\$ 26.85		
1951 Tax	36.83		
1952 Tax	2,907.63		
Tax Penalty	3.72		
Tax Discount	.59		
		\$ 3,033.66	
Sales:			
Services	26.75		
Water & Lights	34.97		
		\$1.67	
Utility Billing Receipts:			
Water	4,171.00		
Lights	14,950.81		
		19,121.81	
Court Fees	1,093.55		
Water Taps	125.00		
Deposits	253.00		
Privilege License	15.00		
Hospital Savings	41.00		
Permits	33.00		
Digging Graves	50.00		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	30.00		
Miscellaneous	38.45		
Short	7.23		
Meter Collections	550.57		
Meter Violations	85.00		
Fishing Permits	16.00		
Stadium Lamps	102.50		
Jail Costs Cleveland Co.	78.00		
Outside Fires	200.00		
Supplies	10.62		
		2,762.46	\$24,999.80

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER \$24,999.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative Dept.	1,610.68		
Cemetery Dept.	607.12		
Street Dept.	7,792.64		
Sanitary Dept.	1,316.06		
Police Dept.	2,663.59		
Fire Dept.	1,456.71		
General Dept.	1,731.83		
Water Plant	1,868.16		
Maint. of Water System	2,285.76		
Maint. of Sewage System	64.05		
Light & Power Dept.	9,203.78		
Court	400.50		
		\$1,010.86	
Current Accounts:			
Withholding Tax	911.10		
Social Security	182.09		
Discount Earned	66.40		
		1,159.59	
Bond Payments:			
Interest	2,945.00		
Bank Commission	5.00		
		2,950.00	
Others:			
Deposits	187.50		
Jail Repairs	83.74		
Water Plant Equipment	2,024.25		
Dump Truck	2,872.30		
Parking Meter Repairs	18.90		
Garage Equipment	84.00		
Withholding Tax	871.80		
Fines & Bond Forfeitures	300.00		
Hospital Savings	41.00		
		16,483.40	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER			\$39,284.76
EXCESS OF DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS			\$14,284.96



1951 Buick Super Riviera	\$1895
good shape	
1950 Buick Super Riviera sedan	\$1295
4-door — real good shape — low mileage	
1949 Buick 4-door sedan	\$1195
in good shape	
1949 Buick 4-door sedan	\$1195
in good shape—Dynaflto	
1946 Pontiac 4-door sedan, fair	\$ 595
1946 Ford pickup, good tires	\$ 3.95
1942 Pontiac, good shape	\$ 295
1941 Buick, fair shape	\$ 295
1941 Chrysler, good shape	\$ 345

Dean Buick Co.
Railroad Ave. Phone 330

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Ladies' Bracelets Medallions Earrings Scatter Pins Compacts 88c	3-Piece Mayonnaise Set 49c Pickle Dish & Pickle Fork Only 29c	Jewel Boxes \$1.98 Dresser Sets \$9.95	Roseville POTTERY 1/2 Price	China & Crystal Bric-a-brac 1/4 OFF	53-piece Set Imported CHINA Service For 8 Value \$69.50 Sale Price \$39.50	42-piece Set Wm. Roger's Silverware Fully Guaranteed Service For 8 \$22.50	CIGARETTE LIGHTERS \$1.25 Ronson Cigarette LIGHTERS \$6.60 up
REMINGTON RAZORS \$21.50 up Key Chains 88c Tie Bars Cuff Links \$2.00	Pocket WATCHES \$1.79 Parker and Sheaffer Pens \$3.50 up	Ladies' Pearls Single Strand 49c Double strand 79c Triple Strand 98c Chokers \$1.49	Electric Corn POPPER \$9.95 Automatic PERCOLATORS \$11.95	Automatic Deep Fryer \$24.88 Automatic Waffle Iron and Grid Combination \$19.95	4-pc. Silverplated Tea Service Only \$24.75 Automatic Toaster with 17 piece Tea Set \$19.95	BILLFOLDS \$1.98 up LAMPS \$5.88	104 Pieces Set China Set Crystals Set Silver \$24.75

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