

Life With The Rimples



By Les Carroll

You And Social Security

Q. Can a woman draw her disability social security for herself and her children even though her husband has a full-time job?

A. Yes. A disabled woman worker can draw disability payments on her own social security record and her dependent children can also be paid on her record. Her husband may be fully employed at a high income. Your need is not a consideration in social security payments.

Q. I am over 65 and have Doctor Bill insurance. I owe several hundred dollars in doctor bills. I cannot afford to pay them. What can I do?

A. Get itemized bills from the doctors, and file your claim with Medicare. If you need assistance with the forms, go to your Social Security Office. After Medicare sends you the money, you can use it toward paying your doctor bills.

Q. My wife died last year and was survived by myself and two children under 18 years of age. Even though my wife had plenty of social security credits, I was told no payment could be made to the children because she had not worked any in the last 3 years of her life. Has this provision changed?

A. You should recontact the social security office and file a claim for the children. Children can now get benefits on their mother's work record with the same requirements needed to get them on their father's record.

Q. Will the increase in the social security earnings base from \$6600 to \$7800 mean an increase in future social security benefits?

A. The more you pay into the program, the more you get out of it. A young worker today, who pays social security taxes on \$7800 and continues to do so in future years, can expect to receive much more when he reaches retirement age. The maximum benefit payable to a worker under the new law is \$218.00 per month. This is a thirty percent increase over the old law. This, in a nutshell, means that younger workers can expect a substantially higher social security benefit in

SWEETIE PIE



"Uh-oh! Your upside-down cake is downside up!"

FIX-IT TIP

Formulas and ingredients used in making paint vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, so it is best to avoid intermixing the various brands. Best results are obtained by using only quality coatings and carefully following all label directions.

If you're using a paint roller to apply that new color, start working in the upper left-hand portion of the surface and use long, sweeping strokes in a vertical direction. Go over each stroke at least once in the opposite direction to spread the paint evenly and to pick up any surplus.

KINGS MOUNTAIN BESSEMER CITY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 6:15 SHOW STARTS AT 7:15 ALWAYS \$1.00 A CARLOAD! THURS. FRI. SAT. 3 HITS!

- No. 1 "THE ALAMO" No. 2 "BIG MOUTH" No. 3 "DEVIL'S ANGELS" ON SAT. MOVIES RUN IN REVERSE ORDER SUN. thru WED. — 2 Hits No. 1 "TONY ROMEO" No. 2 "HILLS RUN RED"

No Change In Payments To Workers

Most workers are not likely to see any change in their paychecks because of social security until much later in the year, if their rate of pay is the same as it was in 1967. This is true even though major improvements were made in the social security law recently.

The social security tax contribution rate will be the same for 1968 as it was in 1967. This means that the amount deducted for social security from each paycheck will be the same this year as it was last. But, if earnings are over \$6,600 this year, the deductions will continue for a longer time. This is because the maximum amount of yearly earnings that counts for social security has been increased to \$7,800. It was \$6,600 in 1967.

The value of the protection earned through social security is greater than ever before for two reasons. First, the amount of monthly cash social security benefits being paid was increased by at least 13 percent. Secondly, because of the increase in the amount of yearly earnings that counts for social security, the value is greater.

For example suppose a young man, no wonder 27, becomes severely injured in 1970 after having earned \$7,800 or more in 1968 and 1969, and cannot work for a year or longer. If he has enough credit for work under social security, he could receive a monthly disability benefit of \$218, the highest monthly payment possible under the social security law. If he has a wife and two or more children, the family can receive an additional \$216.40 a month, for a total monthly social security payment of \$434.40. The disabled worker would continue to receive benefits for as long as his disability prevented him from working.

Or suppose this young worker was killed instead. His widow and children would receive the same total monthly payment—\$434.40, or over \$5,200 a year. If the two children were aged one and two at the time their father died, the family could receive as much as \$102,000 by the time the youngest child reached 22.

For additional information about your social security program ask your local office for leaflet 1967-1. The social security office for this area is located at 1320 E. Franklin Ave. in Gastonia. Their telephone number is 864-5434.

Advertisement for 'Valley of the Dolls' at the Joy Theatre. It features a large image of a woman's face and text describing the movie as 'THE MOTION PICTURE THAT SHOWS WHAT AMERICA'S ALL-TIME #1 BEST-SELLER FIRST PUT INTO WORDS!'. It also lists showtimes and prices: 'ADULT PRICES ONLY \$1.00' and 'LATE SHOW SAT. 10:00 P. M. "NOTORIOUS DAUGHTER OF FANNY HILL" Special Cast ALL SEATS \$1.25'. A list of other movies to watch for is provided at the bottom.

City Pauses To Honor O. O. Walker

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night stood in a moment of silence in memorial to the late Ward 5 Commissioner O. O. Walker.

In other actions at the regular meeting, the commission: Approved a request by John O. Ross, president of Ellenswood Land and Development Co. of Charlotte, for a two-inch water line on McGill road. The development company will purchase pipe for the line and deed the line to the city. Authorized the mayor to appoint a committee from the board of commissioners to establish a controlled usage and charge for vehicles other than city vehicles dumping in the city landfill.

Q. My sister and I live together. I work and she keeps house for us. Can she qualify for social security benefits as my dependent?

A. No. A sister cannot qualify for dependent's benefits.

Advertisement for Farah suits. It features a large illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress. Text includes 'FARAH', 'KORATRON', and 'Enjoy a new adventure in good grooming with several pairs of these fashionable slacks. The finest of modern fabrics in stylish weaves. Tailored for trim comfort and then permanently pressed to "Never Need Ironing"'. It also mentions 'with FaraPress® A Wide Selection of Colors In Plaids, Dark & Pastel Solid Colors' and price ranges: '\$6.00 to \$10.50' for men and '\$5.00 to \$7.50' for boys. A 'BANKAMERICARD welcome here' logo is also present.

Large advertisement for 'Easter Sale' at Kings Mountain Drug. It features the text 'BARGAINS BLOOM! Easter Sale' and lists various items for sale: 'FRAGRANCES BY Revlon, Prince Matchabelli, Helena Rubenstein, Faberge', 'EASTER CHOCOLATES BY FAMOUS Pangburns, Hollingsworth', 'Cameras', 'Film', 'Flashbulbs', and 'Easter Baskets'. It also promotes 'Shop Our Good Variety Of Easter Greeting Cards' and 'Free Delivery 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Monday Through Saturday'. The bottom of the ad features the 'KINGS MOUNTAIN THE Rexall STORE DRUG COMPANY' logo and 'PHONE 739-2571 THE CITY'S MODERN STORE'.

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