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### SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS EXPLAINED FOR WORKERS

Hey, Buddy, how long must you work to be eligible for social security retirement benefits?

That's a question asked a lot of times around the plant, inside and out. Well, here's the answer. You must work long enough covered jobs—jobs in private industry or business, that is—to become "fully insured" under wage and survivors insurance. That's a general answer. Here's exactly what "fully insured" means.

To become "fully insured" a wage earner must have worked covered jobs approximately the time between the beginning of the old-age and survivors insurance program on January 1, 1937 (or his 21st birthday, whichever is later) and the date which he reaches 65 or dies, whichever is earlier. More precisely stated, this period is divided into calendar quarters of months each. The wage earner must have been paid \$50 in wages covered jobs in at least half the calendar quarters between January 1, 1937, (or the date he became 21, if that occurred at a later date) and his birthday, or the date of his death, whichever comes first.

There is a minimum. In no case can a worker become "fully insured" unless he has at least 6 quarters of coverage. There is also a maximum. Once a wage earner has acquired 40 quarters of coverage—that is 10 years in covered jobs—he is "fully insured" for life.

However, does not mean this benefit amount stands if he continues to work in covered employment after he acquires 40 quarters of coverage. Benefits, generally speaking, decrease if he leaves covered employment, it decreases.

There is something you want to know about your family: Under old-age and survivors insurance, survivors benefits are payable when you no longer matter at what age that is. There is something some work-families still don't understand. The wife and child of a wage earner can't get benefits until the worker is 65 or dies and steps work. But they get survivors benefits when the worker dies any time, whether he is 65 or after—provided insured at the time of his death. There may be monthly benefits, or just a lump-sum, depending on who makes up the family. But almost always some benefits are payable to an insured worker's family when he dies. The worker leaves no one eligible for monthly benefits as a lump-sum death benefit payable if a claim is filed within 2 years. This lump-sum is payable to the widow, widower, grandchild, or parent, in order named. If the worker survives by any such relative the lump-sum may be paid to relatives or friends in payment for burial expenses. Don't delay telling your executor. You are building benefit for them. Make sure they can get their benefits if you are gone—no matter what age death comes.

### Young Charmer



This eager youngster is all set to turn her charms loose on Santa, and with results that will leave his pack considerably lighter in weight.

### FLYERS OF THE FUTURE WANT COLLEGE EDUCATION

Flyers of the future are not going to be satisfied with being just good flyers. They want to be well-educated, well-grounded with an all-around background and experience. This trend was strongly indicated in an announcement released today by Lt. Commander F. J. Barnes, II, Director of Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 1320 G. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., giving the results of a nationwide poll recently conducted by the Navy among the 17, 18 and 19 year old men who are eligible for the Naval Aviation Preparatory Program (V-5).

As anticipated, 66 per cent of the applicants selected "Flying" as the answer to the question, "What part of the V-5 program appeals to you most strongly?" However, the significant factor is that 4 out of 5 designated "A" chance to get college education," in answering "What is the next strongest appeal?"

Among parents, 75 per cent were most impressed by the chance for their sons to receive college education.

Under Navy's V-5 officer pilot training program, young men 17, 18 or 19 are eligible for selection for the March 1, 1946 class if they will have graduated from high school by February 26, 1946. One of the unique aspects of the program is that cadets receive four terms at an outstanding college prior to beginning their flight training. Not only are all expenses and maintenance paid for by the Navy, but the student receives a salary of \$50 a month as well. This is in line with the Navy's policy of developing officers with a well-rounded education.

Results of the poll, as well as mounting enlistment in the March class, have told the Navy what it is interested in knowing: that its V-5 Program has the enthusiastic endorsement and support of the program.

### AVON BOY VETERAN OF SEVEN MAJOR BATTLES

Lester R. Scarborough of Avon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Scarborough, is a veteran of seven major operations and is now in Shanghai, China. He is highly popular with his shipmates in the Navy, and is a gunner on an AA gun. He is known to his buddies as "Huts." He took part in major operations of the Navy in the Philippines, and after victory went to Korea. He has spelled doom to many Japs and is firmly convinced they are a "dirty, stinking, yellow race."

This newspaper has received a snapshot of him, but regrets that its poor quality will not permit a satisfactory engraving.

Ninety per cent of the mistletoe on Christmas markets comes from Oklahoma where this green grows abundantly.

An eight-weeks short course in animal production will begin at State College on January 14.



MERRIEST Christmas OF ALL 1945

And now comes another Christmas to be added to your store of memories. We hope this Christmas of 1945 will be a very enjoyable one—a truly happy one—fulfilling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

Accept our hearty thanks for the pleasant business associations of the past year. Once again we say Merry Christmas! The Publishers

### JENNETTE EXPLAINS 1946 CONSERVATION PROGRAM

#### HOTEL, FACTORY FIGURE IN TALK AT ENGELHARD

Several Other Enterprises Are Possibilities, And Town May Get New Post Office

Every community is buzzing with a lot of talk about new undertakings as the county starts off on the first lap of peace-time living. Engelhard in Hyde County is no exception.

There is a great deal of talk about the possibility of a modern hotel going up. Rumor has it that an ex-service man will venture the undertaking unless Tony Spencer gets the start and develops his hotel property first.

It is said that a box factory is a pretty sure bet for the town. This is based on a recently closed real estate deal which will develop the town in a new direction.

While there is no known plans at the present for starting a dry cleaning plant, bakery or agency for low priced automobiles, those interested in the expansion of Engelhard are hopeful that these and some other enterprises included a good drugstore will come in shortly. A shortage of business housing is a problem at the moment, it is said.

There is a definite possibility that a new building, possibly made of concrete blocks, will house the post office to take care of the increased need for space, and that a building to house the Texaco products agency will go up shortly.

Farmers will have more leeway under the 1946 Agricultural Conservation Program in choosing the practices they want to carry out on their farms, T. A. Jennette, Chairman of the Hyde County AAA Committee, said today.

This year, program funds will be allocated to counties as well as to States, and it will be up to farmers and local AAA committeemen to get all the conservation they can for the money they have available.

Mr. Jennette, said that \$25,922 has been allocated to assist Hyde County farmers to carry out practices under the 1946 ACP Program. About \$15,000 will be expended to assist county farmers under the 1945 program.

Mr. Jennette pointed out that several important changes have been made in the 1946 program. One change is that no farm allowance will be established this year. Another one is that, to earn payments, practices to be completed under the program must have the prior approval of the county committee.

As in other years, AAA Committeemen will sit down and help each farmer plan the program for his farm. From a list of practices approved for Hyde County, the farmer may choose those practices which his farm needs. In approving plans, County Committee will give consideration to the needs of all farms in the county, in line with the amount of conservation money allocated to the county.

In Hyde County, there is urgent need for liming materials. For this reason, the 1946 AAA program will emphasize the importance of the use of lime.

### WORRELL TALKS TO ROTARIANS ON PEANUTS

J. M. Worrell, agriculture teacher at Swan Quarter, spoke to fellow members of the Engelhard Rotary Club Thursday evening on the possibilities of growing peanuts in Hyde County as another step in diversifying farming in the county. The Engelhard Rotarians sponsoring the idea of growing peanuts several years ago with results but farmers were restricted in marketing their crop because of allotment quotas.

Peanuts offer farmers in Hyde County a chance to have a new cash crop, according to the agriculture teacher, who said that marketable peanuts can be grown in this section at a profit. He pointed out the value of the crop for running hogs in the field after digging, as well as the value of the hay in feeding livestock.

It was indicated at the meeting that a number of farmers in the county will plant peanuts in 1946. Those who would like to plant a small crop of peanuts were advised to get their seed now. Mr. Worrell said he would be glad to help farmers obtain good seed.

Rotarian P. D. Midgett was in charge of the program.

The club went on record as endorsing Wade Marr of Elizabeth City for Rotary International president. Members also voted to buy a new selection of song books.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS VARY IN HYDE SCHOOLS

The length of the Christmas holidays taken by Hyde County white schools varies this year with Engelhard taking two weeks and Swan Quarter, Sladesville and Fairfield taking one week. The Engelhard school will close the 19th and open on January 3rd, while Swan Quarter, Sladesville and Fairfield will close on the 21st and open on the 31st. Ocracoke school will close the 21st and open the 2nd of January.

### BEER TAXES PASS \$3,000,000 MARK

Beer taxes yielded the state of North Carolina \$3,017,697.28 for the 11-month period ended November 30, according to the N. C. Committee-United States Brewers Foundation.

November collections of \$358,833.45 pushed the total beyond the \$3,000,000-mark for the first time since beer was re-legalized in North Carolina in 1933. December collections are expected to add another \$300,000.

E. E. Butts of Hookerton, Greene County, is paying his taxes with money left over from twelve-year-old pecan trees around his home and tenant houses, says County Agent Jack Harrell.

### CIVILIANS CAN ANTICIPATE NEW CANNED FOODS SOON

Now that the postwar era has become a reality with the downfall of Japan, citizens of Dare County can look forward to dramatic developments in canned foods, many of which were first packaged for the armed forces, according to W. C. Stolk, vice president of the American Can Company.

Mr. Stolk said that the approximately 489,000 cans of food opened annually by residents of the county undoubtedly will be largely increased with the arrival of the new postwar items. It will be no trick at all, he said for a housekeeper to put together a three or four course meal by making use of the canned foods she should shortly find on

### J. H. PATRICK BUILDING HOME NEAR ENGELHARD

J. H. Patrick, Engelhard merchant and poultry dealer, is constructing a two story residence of modern design on his farm on highway 264 near Engelhard. Mr. Patrick recently sold his home on the Middletown-Engelhard road to Dave Swindell of Engelhard.

Among the new foods he listed are such items as canned hamburger, canned bacon, seafood cocktails and salads in cans, as well as a long list of meats new to a can, among them chicken stew with dumplings, beef and gravy, pork with apple sauce, ham with raisin sauce and boned turkey.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN BOUGAINVILLE JUNGLES—Soldiers of the 37th (Buckeye) Division in their homecoming this year will recall the Christmas spent in the South Pacific in 1943. Here before an altar in a thatched hut Chaplain Joel M. Waring, of Toledo, Ohio, conducts services for the 2nd Battalion, 148th Infantry.

### TWENTY CENTURIES

The birth of the Saviour did not, then and there, establish peace on earth and good will among men.

Christ did not topple from his pinnacle at the precise moment; people continued to grumble against his decrees and wonder what new law would oppress them next. Herod, king of Judea, did not join the Wise Men in adoration of the Holy Child; but rather, authorized the slaughter of the innocents in an attempt to destroy Him.

But there were shepherds watching over their flocks some two or three miles from the Stable of Bethlehem; the Angel of the Lord appeared unto them; Wise Men, having seen His Star in the East, hastened to bring symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. On this Christmas day, we remember the children in His Name—for theirs is the Peace of tomorrow—and, hearing the carols of good will above the present turmoil, we are the shepherds of Bethlehem.