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AROUND THE COUNTY



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The fire in the fireplace can be made more colorful during the holiday season by adding multi-colored flames to reflect the cheerfulness of the season. Chemical treatment of the material to be burned can result in green, red, blue, orange, or purple flames instead of the usual flame from wood. These multi-colored flames can be achieved in two ways, either through the treatment of wood chips or rolled newspaper logs.

The wood chips or blocks can be soaked in chemicals for at least ten minutes. Use a plastic pail and onion sack. The chips or blocks are placed in the sack and weighted down so they are completely immersed. The following chemicals produce the indicated flames; calcium chloride—orange, copper chloride—blue, potassium chloride—purple, strontium nitrate—red, lithium chloride—carmine, and copper sulfate—emerald green. Use one pound of the chemical in one gallon of water.

Varied color flames result from burning newspaper logs soaked in a solution of four pounds of copper sulfate and three pounds of rock salt dissolved in a gallon of water. Roll the newspapers into 'logs' tie with a heavy twine and soak in the solution for several days. Allow several days for drying and then burn the paper 'logs' like wood for a rainbow of colors in the fireplace.

Christmas trees will soon be placed in many homes to brighten the Christmas season. Each year, in a number of instances these trees result in tragic fires. There are a few simple steps that can be taken to cut down on the chance of fires.

Buy fresh trees, not old trees. The needles on fresh trees will bend while those on old trees will break. On all trees make a fresh cut a couple of inches above the old one and remove the part cut off. This fresh cut will allow the tree to absorb moisture when it is placed in water or wet sand for its season of happiness. There are stands available that will hold a small amount of water. If you prefer to use sand in a bucket, wet this sand occasionally during the holiday season.

Check all electrical light strings before putting them up for the season. Look for breaks in the insulation covering the entire circuit.

When stringing the lights, keep the bulbs away from flammable decorations on the tree or packages beneath the tree. The bulbs will generate enough heat to start a fire in flammable material.

When you leave the house, turn off the tree lights. Each year there are a number of fires during the holiday season caused by leaving the lights on when leaving during the holiday season, even for a short period of time. The burning lights do add to the season but if a fire results during the occupant's absence, the result is far from that desired.

The 1970 edition of the FARMER'S TAX GUIDE is available in the county agent's office. This guide contains much helpful information regarding income tax, and self-employment tax. Revised each year, many find it useful in making

## SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENUS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Salmon Patties  
Buttered Rice  
Pea Salad  
Brownies

Milk, Hot Rolls

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Frito Pie  
Potato Salad  
Fruit  
Milk, Crackers

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

Smothered Steak  
Buttered Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Milk, Hot Rolls

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Steak Fingers w Catsup  
Corn  
Scalloped Cabbage  
Apple, Celery Salad  
Sugar Cookies  
Milk, Hot Rolls

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

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## STERLING EAGLES 1969-70 Basketball Schedule

(H—is home; T—is there)

Dec. 2—Mertzon T

Dec. 5—Mertzon H

Dec. 11, 12, 13—Garden City Tournament T

Dec. 15—Water Valley H

Dec. 18, 19, 20—Robert Lee Tournament T

Dec. 30—Water Valley T

Jan. 1, 2, 3—Sterling City Tournament H

Jan. 6—Bronte T

Jan. 8, 9, 10—Robert Lee B-Team Tournament T

Jan. 13—Forsan H

Jan. 16—Garden City T

Jan. 20—Blackwell T

Jan. 23—Bronte H

Jan. 27—Water Valley T

Jan. 30—Forsan T

Feb. 3—Garden City H

Feb. 6—Blackwell H

Feb. 10—Water Valley H

With exception of tournaments, all games have both boys and girls games. Most games also have a B-Boys game. Time for games are 5:00 for B-Team games, 6:30 for girls games and 8:00 for boys games.

their tax returns or in consulting with those who make their returns for them.

While it is quite a switch from making the holiday season gayer, these booklets are available and some may want to do some work on their returns in the near future so their availability is mentioned.

## U.S. Border Patrol Seeks Applicants

The U.S. Border Patrol of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has an urgent need for physically fit young men desiring a career in Federal law enforcement work. This is a career opportunity for those who like action and outdoor work.

The Border Patrol is the mobile, uniformed enforcement branch of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Its principle purpose is to prevent the smuggling and illegal entry of aliens into the United States. The border patrolmen, called Immigration Patrol Inspectors, work along international boundaries, although their duties are not necessarily confined to these areas. They work in jeeps, cars, on foot, in boats and even in airplanes. Officers investigate violations of the immigration laws and frequently make arrests. They are often required to work irregular hours, under all weather conditions. These duties demand mental alertness as well as exceptional physical vigor and stamina.

The entrance salary of an Immigration Patrol Inspector is \$7,639 a year (Grade GS-7). There are promotional opportunities up to executive levels in the Immigration and Naturalization Service. On-the-job training offers splendid opportunities for promotion to positions of greater responsibility.

No experience is required for these positions. To qualify, applicants must pass a written test of verbal abilities, judgment, and aptitude for learning a foreign language. Candidates who pass the written test are called for oral interviews in the order of their standing on the list. The oral interview is designed to determine if the candidate has the personal qualities needed for the work. Applicants must also pass a rigid physical examination. Candidates who are selected for appointment are assigned to the Border Patrol Academy for a period of intensive training in such subjects as immigration laws, Spanish, physical training and marksmanship. Trainees receive full pay while in the academy.

Applications are now being accepted for the civil service examination for Immigration Patrol Inspector which will be held on Saturday, January 24, 1970. An additional examination is scheduled for April, 1970. However, those wishing to be tested in January must submit their applications before December 19, 1969. Full information is given in Announcement No. WAM-911 which may be secured from Interagency Boards of Examiners and from many post offices as well as any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Applications should be submitted on the tearout application form on the announcement or CSC Form 50000AB and forwarded to the Interagency Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for Washington, D.C. 1900 E St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20415.

Information concerning the patrol inspector position and this announcement may be obtained from the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, P. O. Box 2539, San Antonio, Texas 78206, or by calling 512-225-5511, Extension 214.

## Blackman's Guests

Thanksgiving guests of the Vernon Blackmans were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weinrich, Keith, Eric, Darryl and Wray, all of Richardson.

## Tom Collins, 82, Is Buried in Ft. Worth

Services for Thomas Milton (Tom) Collins, 82, were held Tuesday afternoon in the Gause-Ware Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Collins died Sunday morning in the Shannon Hospital in an Angelo.

He was born May 25, 1887 in Tom Green County. He had ranched in Sterling and Sutton Counties. He was a brother to the late Claude Collins of Sterling City.

Tom was a football player for A&M during his college days and later coached at Howard Payne College. He was a director of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association.

Survivors include his wife; two brothers, O. D. Collins of San Angelo and the Rev. Lester Collins of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Bert Walker of Ft. Worth and several nieces and nephews.

## CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our appreciation to all who helped with contributions to send Agapito Rodriguez to Houston for treatment. All was appreciated by the whole family. Mr. & Mrs. Hilario Rodriguez

## Social Security

A number of widows and surviving children of deceased workers in this area could be missing out on social security money due them, according to Ted F. Moellering, district manager of the Social Security Office. Many changes have been made in recent years concerning benefits for widows and children. Some who would be eligible do not know about the new rules, Mr. Moellering said. Mr. Moellering further noted that at present there are over three million young widows and children receiving a monthly social security check.

A widow who is completely disabled and over age 50 can receive reduced widow's benefit if she becomes disabled within seven years of her husband's death or the time she last had a child entitled to benefits in her care. Also, widows who remarry after age 60 may retain a part of the widow's benefit.

Children who would be otherwise entitled because of the death, disability, or retirement of a parent except for being over age 18, can now receive student benefits if they are in full-time school attendance, unmarried, and under age 22.

Children also have full protection now on their mother's account under the same rules that apply to a father's account. This present law will result in a number of children being able to receive social security benefits when their mother dies or becomes disabled, including some who were previously turned down under the old law, Mr. Moellering said.

Anyone knowing someone who might qualify for benefits under these provisions is urged to have them get in touch with their Social Security Office at 300 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

OKAY, OKAY— I'm sorry that I called you friend. Now, will the character who borrowed my butane bottle please return it.

WORTH DURHAM

NEW 1970-71 Texas Almanacs for sale at the News-Record for \$1.95. While they last

## Sterling Netters Fall to Mertzon Tuesday

Mertzon defeated Sterling City, 81-29 there Tuesday evening in a non-conference basketball game. For Sterling City Bynum made 9, Foster 2, Escobar 4, Price 5, Estrada 3, McEntire 3, Barton 1 and Bautista 2.

For Mertzon Tankersley made 23, Palmer 5, Shelton 10, Ethridge 14, Noelke 12, Davis 8, Dailey 5, Bryant 2 and Parker 2.

In the girls' game the Hornets made 51 to Sterling City's 25. In the boys B game Mertzon made 52 to Sterling City's 24.

## Christmas Community Choir Being Formed

A community choir is being formed for a special Christmas Service to be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, December 21 at 7:30. Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The emphasis of the service will be "Worship in Song and Word." The service is being planned by Stan Horwood of the First United Methodist Church and Mrs. Charles Probandt of the First Presbyterian Church.

## To Head Hear! Fund Drive Here

Mrs. T. J. Finnegan has been appointed campaign chairman of Sterling County division of the American Heart Association by Ben Barnes, State Campaign Chairman and the Heart Ambassador, Col. Frank Borman, astronaut.

The fund drive will be conducted during the month of February.

## Behind the 8-Ball

A large family of children do help keep a family together. Neither the father or the mother wants them in a divorce action.

8-BALL  
When Eve got Adam to eat that apple, she was somewhat modern. She told Adam that it would really turn him on.

8-BALL  
With all the 20 to 30 deer hunters gone out west hunting the town seems dead. That many gone depopulates the place.

## LIONS CLUB

The Sterling City Lions Club met at noon Wednesday in the community center for the regular weekly luncheon. Nick Reed was a guest.

Lion H.L. Bailey reported on the Christmas decorations that the club is putting up over the town. He said that all 20 of pole decorations should be up by the end of this week. Also one tree on the courthouse yard will be lighted up with Christmas lights.

Lion Harold Orr passed out some little booklets pertaining to why the American Cancer Society won't enter into a united fund sort of deal. They prefer to operate their own fund raisings.

Talk of the start of the new nursing home here took some time. It was reported that the architect said work should begin by next July 1 on the home.

## Thanksgiving Guests

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mrs. V.T. Ferguson included—Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ferguson of Ft. Worth and their son Roy Ferguson of A.C.C., Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ferguson and sons, Jay and Robbie of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Ferguson and Dow, Mr. Wren Jackson and Mrs. LaRue Erby of Big Lake (Mrs. Erby is a niece of Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Ferguson and resides with Mr. Jackson at the ranch.) Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne and sons, Tommy and Whitney of Ft. Worth (Mrs. Payne is the daughter of Mrs. Erby).

## P.T.A. to Put Out Cookbook

Need Recipes

The Sterling City Parent-Teacher Association is going to put out a cookbook filled with recipes of local people, and they will sell them to all who want them. Any money raised will go toward buying playground equipment for the school here, said Mrs. Stan Horwood, president.

All who will, are asked to turn in recipes (especially their favorites) for publication in the book. Anyone who will do so is asked to turn in their recipes to Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. Clinton Hodges, Mrs. Charles Probandt or to Mrs. Horwood.

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## COMPUTERS PROVING SKILLED ASSISTANTS AS ELECTRONIC FLORENCE NIGHTINGALES

They may not be pretty or fluff up your pillow, but computers are assisting more and more in hospitals these days.

Computers can tell when a patient needs a pill or a bath. They can help detect hidden illnesses. And they can "remember" everyone's complete medical history, freeing doctors and nurses to spend more time on patients and less on paperwork.

These are only a few of the jobs which can be done by new "total medical information systems" now entering use in today's modern hospitals throughout the world.

"In these systems, you will be cared for by a computer as well as by doctors and nurses," comments A. Lawrence Smith, Jr., manager of medical information systems at Sperry Rand Corporation's Univac Division.

The computer's "instant recall" memory will be constantly updated with new information on the condition of patients, changes in the schedule of treatment and other critical data. The computer can also remember every event affecting the operation of the hospital, from new room assignments to new orders for aspirin tablets.

Hospital personnel can tap this memory at any time by means of television-like devices equipped with keyboards and linked to the computer from nurses' stations, labs, and other strategic locations.

Using the keyboard, a nurse can ask the computer for the schedule of treatment for each patient in her care. Her question, and the computer's almost instantaneous reply, appear on the unit's screen. The computer even remembers such small details as when a patient should receive a bath.

Computers can also spot hidden diseases. A UNIVAC computer at the Memorial Institute of Pathology in Birmingham, Ala., for instance, has been used to detect previously undetected illnesses in about 30 percent of new patients. The computer makes its diagnosis after comparing laboratory test results with data from thousands of patients' records. It has often discovered hidden, slowly-developing diseases, like rheumatic fever or diabetes, before doctors have discovered any symptoms.

Computer-aided medical examinations may become as common as today's chest X-rays. Results of examinations or laboratory tests will often be fed to a large computer from many laboratories and doctors' offices. The large "Real Time" computers will instantly act on the data as it comes in, and provide immediate diagnostic help.



**HOSPITAL COMPUTERS**—Nurse uses typewriter-like keyboard and a viewing screen to receive information from a computer on the medical history and treatment schedule of one of her patients. Her question, and the computer's response, appears on the cathode ray tube viewing device.

Here are some of the other things which total medical information systems will do:

- Doctors will install the TV-like communications devices in their own offices. This will enable them to use the hospital's large-scale computer as needed. They could, for instance, ask the computer for the complete medical history of any of their patients, for assistance in making a diagnosis, or for many other types of information.

- Computers will store the complete medical records of each person in the community. These records will be updated each time an individual is examined or treated. At the Danderyd Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden, a UNIVAC computer remembers the records of over 1,500,000 people. The computer can retrieve any record, or portions of a record, and flash information on a screen, in less than one second.

- Many people will pay to belong to centralized "medical data banks," which include their complete medical history. Subscribers carry numbers identifying their individual record, thus precluding any disclosure to unauthorized persons.

- Delicate sensing devices connected to computers will continuously monitor the heart rates, respiration, temperature, and other signs of patients in surgery, recovery rooms, and

intensive care. If an emergency condition occurs, the computer will immediately flash an alarm to the appropriate areas.

- Computers will communicate with each other in nationwide worldwide information networks. The Clinique Universitaire at the Universitat de Sherbrooke near Montreal, Canada, recently used a UNIVAC UNISCOPE 300 visual communications terminal to request a medical record from the Danderyd Hospital's computer in Sweden. The information appeared on the clinic's screen a few seconds later.

- Total medical information systems will also speed up patient admissions and room assignments, provide special diets, handle inventory, and provide you with a complete, itemized bill the day you are discharged. So don't be surprised if someday a computer greets you at the hospital, signs you in, takes your temperature, and watches every event during your stay like a Florence Nightingale with an electronic pulse.

And don't be surprised if doctors and nurses, whose professional skills are supplemented and in no way replaced by computers and other tools, one day get a chance, at least some of the time, to spend lunch hour on lunch rather than on work.

## CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL OF FUN!

STRANGE WORDS LIKE "BAG MEN" (BALLOON VENDORS) AND "JUICE JOINTS" (LEMONADE STANDS) ARE ALL PART OF TODAY'S CARNIVAL SLANG, BUT ACTUALLY, CARNIVALS GO WAY BACK, THOUSANDS OF YEARS, TO ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME WHERE STREET CROWDS WERE ENTERTAINED BY THE FIRST CARNIVAL PERFORMERS... THE STROLLING PLAYERS!



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**Social Security Tips**

People who sign up for social security only to gain Medicare coverage are often amazed to learn that they will also be drawing some checks for the year, according to Ted F. Moellering, District Manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office.

For instance, a person entitled to a monthly benefit of \$122.90 who expects to earn \$3000 in 1968 would draw a check of \$17.40 for June, 1968, and full checks for the rest of the year.

"This is possible because of the liberalized retirement test under the present social security law," Mr. Moellering said.

"A social security beneficiary can earn \$1680 per year and draw his checks every month. If his earnings are \$2880 or less, an amount equal to one-half the earnings between \$1680 and \$2880 is subtracted from total benefits payable for the year. If earnings are over \$2880, an additional one dollar for every dollar over \$2880 is subtracted from benefits payable.

"There has been no change in the provision that a person can draw a check for each month that he is age 72, regardless of his total earnings for the year."

For further information, contact the Social Security Administration at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Tex. or see the representative when he is in your area.

The "length of marriage" requirement in social security's definition of "widow", "widower", and stepchild of a deceased worker" has been changed, reports Ted F. Moellering, District Manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office. A widow, widower, or stepchild may now qualify for social security benefits based on a marriage that has been in existence for only 9 months just before the death of the worker.

Mr. Moellering added that in some cases a marriage that has lasted for as little as 3 months may qualify the survivor. These are cases involving accidental death or death in the line of duty in the uniformed services.

Benefits under this change in the law were first payable in February, 1968. Any person who has been previously disqualified because a marriage had not been in effect long enough should contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

The least understood service under Medicare is home health benefits, according to Ted F. Moellering, social security district manager in San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Moellering explained that these benefits are available to home-confined Medicare beneficiaries in most localities, when ordered by a doctor and when furnished by a participating home health agency. These agencies send skilled people to the home to provide health care, such as part-time nursing; physical, speech and occupational therapy; use of medical appliances; and part-time services of home health aides.

Home health benefits are furnished under both parts of Medicare: Part A, hospital insurance, and Part B, supplemental medical insurance. Part A takes care of all of the costs of up to 100 visits for up to a year after the most recent discharge from a hospital or participating extended care facility, under these conditions:

1. The beneficiary was in a participating, or otherwise qualified, hospital for at least 3 consecutive days;
2. He is confined to his home;
3. A doctor determines the

need for home health care and sets up a plan for it within 14 days after discharge from the hospital or participating extended care facility; and

4. The home care is for treatment of the same condition for which he was hospitalized.

There is no requirement of prior hospitalization for these services under Part B. Up to 100 home health visits each year are covered, if:

1. The patient is confined to his home;
2. A doctor determines the need for home health care; and
3. The doctor sets up a home health care plan and reviews it periodically. Part B pays all but the first \$50 and 20 percent of the remainder of the costs of covered medical services in a calendar year.

Questions that pop up frequently at the San Angelo Social Security Office are: "Do social security benefits for children stop at age 18?" "Do student benefits continue during the summer vacation?"

Ted F. Moellering, District Manager said until 1965 a child's benefits were stopped at 18 unless the child was severely disabled.

Since 1965 benefits have been available to a child of a retired, disabled, or deceased worker who is a full-time, unmarried student between the ages of 18 and 22. Mr. Moellering added that this not only applies to high school and college students, but also to those attending approved vocational or trade schools. Examples are barber schools and schools of nursing.

Student benefits continue during the summer vacation if the student meets two additional requirements. The period of non-attendance must not be more than four calendar months, and the student must intend to be a full-time student immediately following this period.

When a child who is receiving benefits reaches age 17½ a notice is sent to the adult who receives the benefits for the child. The notice tells the adult to contact the social security office immediately if the child will be a full-time student at age 18.

Failure to contact the office will cause his checks to stop the month before the child is 18.

Student benefits are terminated when a student marries, dies, is no longer a full-time student or becomes 22

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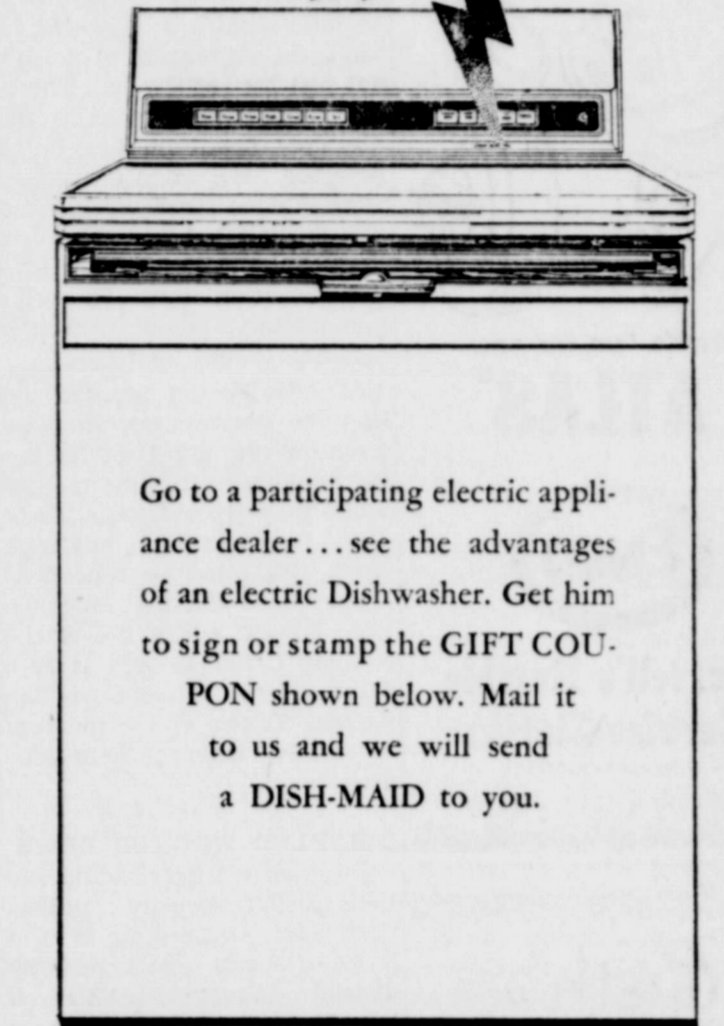
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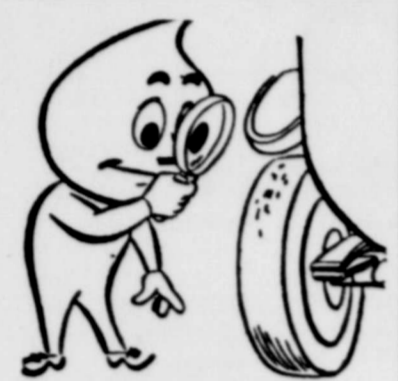
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**Social Security News**

Persons receiving social security disability benefits must report improvement in their condition to the Social Security Administration. Ted F. Moellering, social security district manager, stated that disability beneficiaries must also report a return to any kind of work. Mr. Moellering made the announcement because of several recent cases in which beneficiaries were overpaid because these two events were not properly reported and benefits not due were continued. Overpayments have to be refunded and this can work a financial hardship on those having to repay benefits.

Mr. Moellering explained most overpayments in these cases occur because beneficiaries misunderstand the requirements of the law. Disability benefits can be paid only if an individual is so disabled he can't do any kind of a job, not just his regular job. Therefore, any improvement in the disabling condition has to be reported. Too, when a disabled worker does some work, even if it is sheltered or light work, it must be reported so that a determination can be made immediately about whether benefits should continue.

Mr. Moellering pointed out that in some cases, disabled workers can get benefits can get benefits up to nine months while they try out some job to see if they can do it, but their work still must be reported.

For more detailed information check with the Social Security Office located at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

**DISABLED WORKER NEWS**

Disabled workers should file their social security applications early, according to Ted F. Moellering, social security district manager. Although benefits for disability cannot be paid until after a worker has been disabled for six months, an application can be filed any time after a disability begins.

Mr. Moellering explained that the process for determining eligibility for disability benefits can sometimes be rather long and complicated. Therefore, no one should delay applying until the six months waiting period expires. Applying early permits the claims process to begin so that a decision can be made early enough to mail the first check on time.

Mr. Moellering reminded Sterling City readers that social security benefits are payable to workers when they have become too disabled to

do any substantial work. The disability must be expected to last at least 12 months. A disabled worker's children under age 18 (and those 18 to 22 who are full-time students) and his wife may also qualify for benefits.

Contact your Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area for more information.

Want to get that first social security on time?

"Everyone does, but not enough people do anything about it," says Ted F. Moellering, District Manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office. According to Mr. Moellering, every person who files an application for social security benefits will be asked to present certain proofs. Most applicants will also be asked to give the exact amount of earnings for the past year and for the current year.

Most persons do not bother to find out ahead of time exactly what they will need. "George waits until the day he files an application," said Mr. Moellering. "Then he has to go back home and dig around for records, or write letters requesting the necessary documents, causing a delay in the processing of his claim. A claim for social security benefits may be filed as early as three months before entitlement to benefits.

Mr. Moellering suggests that claimants get in touch with the social security office several months before this three month period to find out ahead of time what proofs and information will be needed. "The satisfied applicant," continued Mr. Moellering, "is the one who does this, and consequently has all necessary proofs and information with him. The result—everything is completely taken care of during this one visit at the social security office, and he gets that first check right on time."

"Social security relies to a great extent on each beneficiary's ability to report events which will affect his monthly payments," said Ted F. Moellering, Social Security District Manager. Among those events that the beneficiary should report are changes of address, stopping or starting work, changes in estimated earnings during the year, and a beneficiary's death, marriage, divorce, or annulment.

Each beneficiary receives a special card to fill out and send to his local social security office when a report must be made. Reports are relayed to the paying office by elec-

tronic means to avoid delays in updating records.

Those needing to report a change should request form SSA-1425 from the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area. Any of our representatives will be glad to give you the necessary forms.

The traditional retirement age in private industry is 65. The gold watch is presented at farewell ceremonies, the company pension begins, and social security and Medicare become a part of the person's life.

But what is a person wants or needs to retire earlier? Recognizing that for various reasons employment cannot always continue until age 65, social security provides for early retirement at age 62.

Benefits which begin before age 65 are reduced proportionately month by month for each month before age 65. The full reduction at age 62 is 20 percent.

However, a person who begins receiving checks at age 62 would be about age 77 before he begins losing money by having taken the smaller amount at age 62 rather than waiting until age 65.

Any person approaching age 62 who is contemplating early retirement or partial retirement, or whose earnings have been rather low in recent years, should get in touch with social security to explore the possibility of getting early retirement insurance payments.

**CHILDREN'S BENEFITS**

The children of a deceased woman worker now have the same right to social security payments on their mother's account as they do on the account of the father, says Ted F. Moellering, District Manager of the Social Security Administration in San Angelo, Texas.

Some children, who could not qualify for benefits at the time their mother died, may now be paid. These survivors' insurance payments may continue each month to age 22 if the child remains in school and does not get married.

"This change is the result of a new definition of 'dependency' in the Social Security Act," Mr. Moellering explained. "Of course, the deceased mother must have worked on social security jobs long enough to be insured. In some cases, children whose mother died as early as 1947 can now be paid.

"An application for the child's benefits must be filed," he said. "We would like for anyone who believes he may be eligible to receive the payments to get in touch with the social security office without delay."

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