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For Social Security

Social security benefits paid to residents of Sterling County totaled \$11,000 a month as 1969 ended, J.M. Talbot, social security manager, reported today.

A benefit increase, signed into law by President Nixon on December 30, 1969, has since raised the monthly rate of payment by 15 percent for the 153 social security beneficiaries in Sterling County, Mr. Talbot noted.

Of the social security beneficiaries living in this area, 109 are retired workers and their dependents. Another 36 are receiving benefits as the survivors of workers who have died, and 4 are getting benefits as disabled workers or the dependents of disabled workers.

Mr. Talbot pointed out that although the majority of social security beneficiaries are older people, about one out of every four is under age 60. In the state of Texas, 321,147

people under age 60 are collecting social security payments each month. The 186,789 who are under 18 are receiving payments because a working father or mother has died or is getting social security disability or retirements benefits.

Or the 30,272 who are 18 through 21 years of age, most are getting students' benefits under a provision which permits the continuation of a child's benefits past his or her 18th birthday, and up to age 22 if he or she is attending school full time.

But in this 18 to 22 group, Mr. Talbot said, are some other types of beneficiaries, illustrating the broad family protection that is provided working people of all ages under the social security program.

A number are the children of retired, disabled, or deceased workers who became disabled before they reached 18 and who will probably never be able to work and become self-support-

ing. The benefits of these young people severely handicapped by physical or mental disabilities, will continue indefinitely and benefits are also payable to their mothers if the disabled son or daughter is in the mother's care.

Another small but significant group of youthful social security beneficiaries are those who are receiving social security benefits as disabled workers. Under a 1967 change in the law, disability benefits can be paid to a person who becomes disabled for work even if he has less than five years of work under social security. As little as a year and a half is required in the case of a worker who becomes disabled before age 24.

For further information, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

**Social Security
DISABLED WORKER NEWS**

In most instances, disability claims take a longer period to process than other social security claims. The extra processing time is due to additional documentation, such as medical reports and different procedures in the claims process.

By applying as early as possible, the complete processing of the claim can be finished before the six months waiting period has expired. If the claim for benefits is approved, you get a check at the earliest possible time.

File Early For Disability

What do you do if you get so sick or injured you can't work? One of the things you should do is see if you are eligible for disability payments under the social security law. Although there are no benefits payable during the first 6 months of a disability, J.M. Talbot, social security manager, urges everyone who believes he may be entitled to monthly benefits to apply for them as soon as possible after becoming disabled.

LOST MEDICARE CARD

Have you lost your Medicare card?

Your Medicare card should be in your possession at all times, J.M. Talbot, social security manager, said today. It is your proof to your doctor and to the hospital that Medicare will help pay your medical bills. The doctor or hospital can tell at what point you became entitled to Medicare benefits, and whether you are entitled to payment for both your hospital and your doctor bills--if you show him the Medicare card.

Perhaps the most important function of your Medicare card is that it furnishes your own claim number to the doctor and to the hospital. Any claims for payment on your behalf must contain this complete number in order for Medicare to assist with the payment of the bills.

If you do lose your card, call or visit your nearest social security office, and a free duplicate card will be obtained for you. However, it will take about three weeks to get this duplicate, so make your request as soon as you realize that you have lost your original. The hospital can, if necessary, admit you without your Medicare card; but, you can avoid considerable difficulty if you secure a new card before you become ill and need it.

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The U.S. Civil Service Commission has issued three new nationwide announcements of mid-level Federal career opportunities in professional fields, and a fourth outlining opportunities for Stenographers and Typists in Washington, D. C. and vicinity.

Interested applicants can get the announcements from Federal Job Information Centers in many large cities, from many post offices, except in cities where Federal Job Information Centers are located or from the Interagency Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, 1900 E St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20415.

The announcements are:

1. Professional Opportunities for Social Scientists. GS grades 9 through 12. Covered are such positions as Economist, Social Science Analyst, Social Science Program Specialist, Sociologist, Historian, Anthropologist, Manpower Analyst, Social Work Program Specialist, and additional closely related positions in other social science fields. Many of the opportunities are in various Federal agencies in Washington, D. C. and vicinity and in foreign countries. Some are in other parts of the United States. Annual starting salaries currently range from \$8,462 to \$12,174. They are expected to increase by about 9 percent in the middle of this year. There are no written test requirements. Applicants will be rated on the basis of professional experience, education, and training. Work descriptions and the necessary qualifications, along with special credit provisions for graduate study, superior undergraduate academic achievement, subsequent work experience including part-time or unpaid experience, and certain teaching experience, are detailed in Announcement No. WAS-827, Professional Opportunities for Social Scientists.

2. Professional Opportunities for Social Worker and Social Service Representative. Social Worker positions, GS grades 9 through 12, are in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U. S. Public Health Service, and the Veterans Administration, throughout the United States and Puerto Rico; and in agencies of the District of Columbia Government and other Federal agencies located in Washington, D. C. and vicinity. Social Service Representative positions, GS grades 8 through 12 are primarily in the D.C. Government and other agencies in the Washington metropolitan area. Annual starting salaries currently range from \$7,699 at GS-8 to \$12,174 at GS-12; they are expected to increase by about 9 percent in the middle of 1969. No written tests are involved. Applicants will be rated on the basis of education, experience, training and personal aptitude for the nature of the work. Most of the professional Social Worker positions call for successful completion of all requirements for a masters degree. Full details of training and experience qualifications for the various grade levels are in Announcement No. W AS-904, Professional Opportunities for Social Worker and Social Service Representative.

3. Professional Careers for Educators and Librarians. This announcement will be used to fill positions of Education Specialist and Education Services Officer, GS grades 9 through 12; Program Specialist and Advisor (Education) GS grades 9 through 12; Public Health Educator GS grades 9 through 12; Librarian, GS grades 7 through 12; Job Corps Teacher, GS grades 5 through 11 and Job Corps Guidance Counselor, GS grades 7 through 11. Annual starting salaries for these positions range from \$5,732 at

GS-5 to \$12,174 at GS-12. They are expected to increase by about 8 or 9 percent the middle of this year. Many positions are located in various Federal agencies in Washington, D. C. and vicinity. However, certain Federal agencies have needs throughout the United States. Examples: Program Specialist and Advisor (Education) U.S. Office of Education Job Corps Teacher and Guidance Counselor, National Park Service and National Forest Service; Public Health Educator, Helath Services and Mental Health Administration. Qualifying education and experience for all of these positions vary considerably. For details, consult Announcement WAS-908, Professional Careers for Educators and Librarians.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for Federal employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, politics, or any other non-merit factor. When asking for announcements and application forms, applicants are advised to ask at the same time for Civil Service Commission Pamphlet No. 4, "Working for the U.S. A." which provides important general information about the kinds of appointments, the physical abilities required, veteran preference, and other conditions of Federal employment.

Federal agencies, principally in the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C., need Electronics Technicians. The work involves maintenance, testing, and development of various electronic equipment, ranging from radio, radar, and sonar devices to computer systems.

Both general and specialized experience are basic requirements for Electronics Technician positions, except where education may be substituted for such experience. Entry level for eligibles depends on quality and quantity of both. No written test is required. Starting annual salaries range from \$5,331 to \$10,927. Ask for Announcement No. WA-7-19.

Additional information on these and other Federal jobs may be obtained from the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C., 1900 E Street, NW, 20415.

Agricultural Workers Covered by SS

"Did you know that if you operate any type of agricultural business, the hired workers you have in that business may be covered by social security?" J. M. Talbot, social security manager, asks.

Any employee who works and earns \$150 or more for one employer during any year or works at least 20 days on a time basis for an agriculture business, is covered by social security. Even part-time employees could meet the earnings or work test. You, as their employer, would be liable to withhold social security tax from the employee's check, match that tax yourself, and report the earnings at the end of the year. The report of agricultural employees must be filed with the Internal Revenue Service by January 31 of the following year. Reports should be on Internal Revenue Service Form 943—showing each employee's name, social security number, and amount paid. The report should be accompanied by tax withheld from employee's pay and matched by employer.

To be sure which employees to report, Mr. Talbot recommends keeping records on anyone working for you in your agricultural business.

"If you have any questions about farm wages," Mr. Talbot said, "please inquire at the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area."

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