



PICTURED ABOVE are Katharine and Marjorie Goetz, a graduate and a student of the St. Joseph hospital school of nursing. Katharine graduated from the school Sunday, August 21, and her sister, Marjorie, entered Sunday, August 28. The girls are the daughters of Alma Goetz and are former residents of Decatur.

Social Security Quiz Answers Many Queries

(Editor's Note) Do you have any questions about Social Security? We all do, don't we? Send any question you might have to Social Security Quiz, c/o Daily Democrat. This column, which is published regularly.

Q. — How many persons are collecting social security payments today?

A. — As of December 1959, 13,706,000 people were collecting a monthly social security check.

Q. — How much is being paid in social security benefits?

A. — For December 1959, the figure was \$45 million dollars. This means benefits of over 10 billions of dollars was paid out across the nation last year from the Social Security Trust Fund.

In 1940, total benefits paid out were about 36 million dollars.

Q. — I understand that survivor's benefits are paid for children until they attain 18. How long are social security benefits paid for disabled children?

A. — Benefits for disabled children are generally paid for life as long as the child remains unmarried and so severely disabled he cannot engage in any substantial gainful employment.

Q. — How many persons are receiving social security based on retirement?

A. — About 10 million checks went to retired workers and their families. About 580,000 checks went to disabled workers and their families. Almost 3 million checks went to the survivors of deceased workers.

Q. — How much are the benefits today?

A. — Retirement payments, based on past wages, range from \$33 to \$120 a month right now. Total family payments can reach \$254 a month to the retired worker's family.

Q. — What is the average benefit being awarded to a retired worker now?

A. — In December, 1959, it was \$87.26 a month. In 1940 it was about \$22.00 a month.

Q. — I was 62 in November 1959, and worked about 6 years during World War II in a factory. My husband won't be 65 for several years. Can I draw social security now? When my husband retires at 62, can I change over and draw on his record?

A. — A woman your age needs only 4 1/4 years of social security credit. Since you worked 6 years, you should contact the social security office right away if you wish to apply for benefits. Later you can draw wife's benefits provided they are higher than benefits based on your own work.

Q. — How much can be paid to the family of the worker who dies?

A. — Monthly payments range from \$33 a month to a family maximum benefit of \$254. A lump sum payment is made even where no monthly payments are made, from \$99 to \$255.

Q. — What type of benefits are payable to the family of a deceased worker?

A. — On the death of an insured worker, monthly checks are payable to a widow age 62 or over, a child under 18—or a child over 18, if disabled before 18, a mother with such child in her care—a dependent parent—or a dependent widower age 65 or over.

Big Walk

NEW YORK (UPI)—The typical homemaker walks 3,186 miles a year inside her home.

Teacher's Image

NEW YORK (UPI)—If a new teacher fails to adjust properly to the community and the school system, he can create an unfavorable public image for himself and the schools, Dr. W. W. Theisen, professor of education at Marquette University, reports.

Handwriting

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—"Good handwriting is taught most easily and quickly in school, but parents can help teachers by correcting their youngsters' common handwriting faults," says Wesley E. Scott, director of commercial and distributive education in Philadelphia.

The expert, who also is a handwriting consultant for a pen company, (Sheaffer) said that irregularities in slant, letter size, spacing and alignment, plus inconsistent letter formation, are the most common cause of illegibility.

Labor Day To End Glamorous Jobs

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Labor Day will mark the end of glamorous summertime jobs for a couple dozen college students at two professional Indiana water ski shows.

But most of them hope to return again next summer, although they expect eventually to make their living in less strenuous occupations.

The work, in which the performers take to the air on kites, stunt and jump on skis, and perform ballet dances, is only for the young.

Most of the performers at Rudolph Lake, Santa Claus, and Lake Shafer at Monticello, are in their teens or early 20s. The youngest is 16 and the oldest 28.

Scotty Scott, Winter Haven, Fla., the manager of the show at Santa Claus, is 24, and hopes to become an engineer. He is a student at the University of Florida. Two years ago Scott won the world

championship as a trick skier.

The manager of the Monticello show is 20-year-old Garry Boonershine, a pre-law student at Indiana University. Like Scott he also is a performer in the show, managing, taking part in trick jumping and pyramid ski events and alternating on the kite act.

Kite-Riding Risky

Going aloft on a kite is risky enough but the water ski stunts have added it to their repertoire. Nobody was injured in the Indiana acts this summer but some water-skiing kite-riders have been killed

in other states.

At Santa Claus, the kite man is Don Craven, 25, New Orleans, La. Like most professional water ski show people, he started in Florida. He holds a couple world records, one for flight of 190 feet at Boston earlier this summer and another for endurance kite flying at Tampa in which he was in the air for 2 hours and 5 minutes and traveled 95 miles.

Harold Simmons, 28, Lake Wales, Fla., now at Monticello, formerly managed what probably is the only kite fliers' school in

the world located in Florida, and is one of the few who make a full-time occupation of water-skiing.

Another is George Jackson, 26, Tampa, Fla., a trick and mixed-double skier at Santa Claus, who expects to complete work at the University of Florida in 1961 and make skiing and boating his life work.

Miss Eve Ware, 26, Long Island, N.Y., also has found what seems a permanent niche in show business on water. She retired once in 1954 but again joined a

professional ski show and now is a star at the daily Santa Claus performances.

One Enters Purdue But for most of the performances, the summer work is a way of earning college money. The 16-year-old Ralph Olinger, Ferdinand, who is in the Santa Claus show, will complete his senior year in high school and enter Purdue next year.

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