

SOCIAL SECURITY QUIZ

1. Q. Under the new law, how much credit is needed for a man who was 65 in 1961 to qualify for retirement benefits? What about another man, (my brother) who will be 65 in 1964? Please give the answer in the paper.

A. For a man who was 65 in 1961, 10 credits (about 2½ years of work) will be enough to qualify for retirement benefits. The man who will be 65 in 1964 will need 13 credits (about 3¼ years of work).

2. Q. I read that the new law lets people qualify for retirement checks on less work under social security. How much time under social security does a woman need to qualify if she will be 62 in 1962? Also, what about a man who will be 62 in 1963?

A. A woman reaching age 62 in 1962 can qualify with 11 social security credits, which amounts to about 2¾ years of work. A man reaching 62 in 1963 can qualify

with 15 credits, or 3¾ years of work under social security. This does not have to be consecutive, and work as far back as 1937 still counts.

3. Q. I am 62 and want to claim benefits, as I understand the new law lets men draw at that age. The trouble is that I have no birth certificate. Is there any way I could get my social security without one?

A. Yes. There is no requirement that you must have a birth certificate to get benefits. But we do have to have some proof of your age. A person's age can be established for social security purposes in many ways. You probably have some paper or document at home that will work. There is no need to delay applying for the benefits because you can't locate proof. Come in and discuss your case with us.

4. Q. Does a person still have to pay social security after he starts drawing the benefits? In other words, if you work part time after you retire, do they have a right to take social security out of your pay? Several of us disagree on this.

A. The law provides that anyone working in covered employment — full or part time — must pay the social security tax. This applies regardless of age or of the fact that you may already be

getting social security benefits.

5. Q. We hired a maid in our home in October at \$20 a week but she quit after 3 weeks. Since she did not stay any longer than that, do we still pay social security on her?

A. Yes. If you pay a maid as much as \$50 cash wages in a calendar quarter (January - March, April - June, July - September, or October-December), a social security return is due on her. The returns for the October, November, December quarter are due by the end of January. You can get a simple, envelop report from the nearest internal revenue service office.

6. Q. I'm past retirement age and still working as a janitor for a wage of \$2400 a year. Will this recent change in the social security law permit me to draw any social security benefits?

A. It depends upon the amount of benefits you are entitled to under social security. If you are entitled to more than \$80 a month, or you and your wife's combined benefit would be more than this amount, then you could receive some benefits. If you have never filed an application, you certainly should inquire at your nearest social security office as you may be losing benefits for which you are eligible.

7. Q. I started receiving social

security early in 1961. At that time the local office gave me instructions as to how much money I could earn and still receive my social security. Did the recent changes alter this information? If so, what should I do about it?

A. Only one change was made in the retirement test provisions by the 1961 amendments to the social security act. If you turn no more than \$1200 you will receive all of your social security. If you earn between \$1200 and 1700 one dollar of social security will be withheld for every two dollars of earnings. One who earns \$1700 during the year will usually have \$250 of social security benefits withheld. You should call at the nearest social security office for information.

Recently Returned Missionary On TV

The Rev. Edwin LeMaster, recently returned missionary to Portuguese Angola, who was supported in his missionary work by channel 33, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, will appear on WKJG-TV, the First Methodist church of Decatur. The Rev. A. C. Underwood stated this morning. He will be a guest on the "Coffee Break" show.

Trade in a good town — Decatur

Church Ouster Threatened To Segregationist

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel threatened at least one Roman Catholic segregationist with excommunication Sunday for denouncing his order to desegregate southeast Louisiana parochial schools.

Mrs. J. B. Gaillot Jr., president of the segregationist group Save Our Nation (SON) Inc., disclosed Sunday that Rummel flatly threatened her with excommunication in a registered letter.

Says Letter Sent A spokesman for the 10-parish (county) archdiocese of New Orleans confirmed a "personal and confidential" letter was sent to Mrs. Gaillot but "categorically" denied reports that any other such letters were sent.

Among those reported to have been sent letters were Republican mayoralty candidate Ross Buckley, political boss Leander H. Perez Sr. and New Orleans public

school board member Emile Wagner Jr.

Rejects Registered Letter But Wagner said he had refused to accept a registered letter Saturday night from the archdiocese of New Orleans. He said he did not know what was in the letter or what it was about and refused it because:

"I am not on a corresponding basis with the archdiocese about anything."

Mrs. Gaillot said she felt other letters similar to hers were sent out but had not yet reached the addressees. She said her letter went to an old address and, because a former neighbor notified her, she went to the post office to claim it.

Mrs. Gaillot and SON maintain the Bible teaches segregation. SON members picketed the archbishop's residence after his order last week. One sign they carried read "God demands segregation."

Water Improvement Studied At Bluffton

The city of Bluffton is considering a \$487,000 water department improvement project, with a reconsideration of the present water rate schedule.

Bluffton will be featured in next week's Life magazine as a typical one-industry city in the U.S.

Douglas Continues Fight On Removal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., was expected to continue his fight today to prevent the removal of 2.5 million cubic yards of sand from the Indiana dunes which he said was being destroyed.

Sen. Douglas, author of a bill to establish an Indiana National Dunes Park, accused Bethlehem Steel Corp. and Northwestern University Saturday of a joint effort aimed at "destruction of the Indiana dunes."

His criticism came after the announcement by Bethlehem that it had sold that amount of sand to a contractor, who in turn sold it to Northwestern which intends to use it as landfill for its lakefront area.

He charged it was an attempt to confront Congress and President Kennedy with "an accomplished fact" before they could save "this rarely beautiful area" for public use.

The business manager of Northwestern is reported to have told friends of the dunes that he did not care where the sand came from, and that Northwestern was determined to go ahead with the

contract, and furthermore that he would not discuss the matter," Douglas said.

He asked the university to reconsider and said that if Bethlehem is "deprived of a market for the sand it may be deterred from destroying the dunes. Northwestern, by using the sand, becomes a partner to the crime," he said.

Also appearing to Bethlehem, he demanded, "Does that corporation want to be known to the nation and to posterity as the ravager and destroyer of nature?"

Douglas was expected to take his case to the Senate Interior Committee. A subcommittee recently held lengthy hearings on his bill for the park which would include land Indiana hopes to use for a deep water port.

He urged earliest possible approval of his legislation and said that time was of the essence.

Miss Sonja Strahm To Youth Conference

UPLAND, Ind. — Miss Sonja Strahm, 17, of Decatur, Ind., has registered for the 29th annual youth conference to be held at Taylor University April 4, 5, and 6.

A capacity enrollment of 700 visiting youth from mid-western and Eastern states will converge upon the campus for the two-day event.

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