

Students May Get Higher Social Security Benefits

"There are students at Texas A&M University who are entitled to social security benefits," Holly E. Rees, social security district manager in Bryan announced Monday.

The 1965 Amendments to the Social Security Act have extended the age limit for child's benefits from 18 to 22. Here is what this change could mean to an Aggie:

If you were getting benefits on either of your parents' social security accounts and those benefits were stopped when you reached 18, you may be able to start getting benefits again if you are a full-time student under 22 years of age and have not married.

If you are now getting benefits, they can continue after you are 18 if you are a full-time student and unmarried.

If one of your parents has retired, become disabled, or died and you were already 18 at that time, you may now be eligible for social security benefits if you are going to school and are under 22.

These benefits are retroactive to January, 1965. This means that even if you are now 22, married, or not attending school, you may be eligible for benefits for some months of 1965 if you met all the requirements in those months.

"We believe that there are several hundred Aggies who could qualify for these benefits," hees stated. "These folks should check with the Bryan social security office for more information," Rees advised the Battalion.



ABNER McCALL

Baylor President To Keynote Rural Church Conclave

Baylor University's president, Judge Abner V. McCall, will be keynote speaker during the 20th annual Town and Country Church Conference Oct. 14-15 at Texas A&M.

The widely known educator, judge and religious leader will be heard the first day at 7 p.m. banquet honoring rural ministers of the year.

His topic is "Means and Mechanics," a subject which points up the conference's general theme, "New Tools for the Church and Community in Town and Country."

The judge was an Associate Judge of the Texas Supreme Court in 1956. He is now president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The meeting is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and conducted by the A&M Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology.

Library Starts Computer System

Because new ID cards have been issued, the Texas A&M libraries are switching to a new circulation system.

The system is based on the use of computers rather than human labor. When a person wants to check out a book, he simply presents his ID card and his book at the same time. Ten seconds later he gets both back and is ready to leave.

This computer system will also handle the fines and overdue book notices. The 15 minutes of work that these computers do equals to an entire day's work under the old system, according to Bruce Stuart, Data Processing manager.

Despite this great savings in working hours, Richard Puckett, circulation manager, said that there are not any plans to layoff present employees. He said that these workers will be needed as the library continues to grow.

Harrington Fete Ducat Deadline Set

Tickets for the M. T. Harrington testimonial dinner Friday will go off sale at noon Wednesday, Robert G. Cherry, chairman of the event, announced Monday.

Cherry said the deadline was set "to allow adequate time to plan seating and food for the large crowd expected for the dinner." Tickets may be secured at any area bank or savings institution, the chamber of commerce, or through deans and department heads, Cherry noted.

The testimonial dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in Sbis Hall. Faculty and staff members of the A&M System and other friends from the local community and around the state have been invited to honor the former chancellor.



FRED HALE

Hale To Address Saddle, Sirloin Annual Barbecue

Fred Hale, professor emeritus of the Department of Animal Science, will speak at the Saddle and Sirloin Club's annual fall barbecue at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the lecture room of the Animal Industries Building.

Hale's subject will be "Taking Advantage of Opportunities."

After 40 years of distinguished service in research and teaching, Hale retired from active work in June, 1965.

He was made an honorary member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club in 1963.

The barbecue is the "send off" for the judging teams who will be introduced by their coaches at the meeting.

Coaches are L. D. Wythe Jr., livestock; Dr. Z. L. Carpenter, meats, and Dr. James W. Basset, wool.

Count on thick-fleshed varieties of peppers being sweet as a rule; the thin-fleshed varieties are usually hot.

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Student Report From Viet Nam

By ELMIRA KENDRICKS

Special To The Battalion (Editor's Note: Miss Kendrick is past-president (1964-65) of the National Student Christian Federation. This summer she was a member of the group of 14 American and world religious leaders who visited Viet Nam to seek a solution to the conflict. The group met with religious leaders in Viet Nam, with government and army officials, with GI's and students, and with Viet Cong defectors and captives. They visited Viet Nam, Thailand, Hong Kong, and Japan. Here is her report.)

Perhaps the most influential thing that we learned in our visit to South Viet Nam is that the war is real. Twenty-five years of war is too long.

The consequences of this too long period of war have touched each village, each family, each person in Viet Nam. War has become the normal way of life for the nation.

Small children in areas controlled by the Viet Cong now learn how to set land mines to blow up South Vietnamese government troops. Families of South Vietnamese soldiers live in the fox holes with the soldiers, and during battles in the camp areas a wife must divide her energies between watching her children and loading ammunition clips for her husband.

At present there are 530,000 refugees in Saigon alone. The refugees are mainly simple Vietnamese farmers and Montagnards who have fled their villages because the villages have become battle grounds for confrontation between South Vietnamese and U. S. Government troops and the Viet Cong. The refugees are now completely dependent upon the South Vietnamese government for shelter, food and all other necessities of existence.

In Saigon, which often seems to be untouched by the reality of the rural areas, it is difficult to miss the signs of war. Saigon's new lullaby is the sound of distant "harassment" mortar fire combined with rock and roll music that spills out from the new crop of bars and night clubs that cater to the U. S. soldiers. During the day, Saigon's normally heavy traffic is now complicated

and halted by movement of troops and equipment through the city toward the battle zones. Even the art exhibit sponsored by the Catholic chaplains is a propaganda vehicle against the Viet Cong.

The word from all the Vietnamese people today is: "How long, (O Lord!) how long?"

Our conversations with members of the religious community in South Viet Nam were very enlightening. It appears that the keystone of the Roman Catholic position in South Viet Nam is anti-communism. This position makes it difficult for them to think constructively about the political future of the nation. The Buddhist leaders seemed to be deeply sensitive to the prolonged sufferings of the people and report that the lesson learned from war is the lesson of the loss of one freedom after another. They possess a sense of their political responsibility and power but do not over-estimate the effect of that power on military decisions.

The priesthood seems committed to be an example to the people in regard to noncompliance with injustice. The Buddhists and the Catholics are beginning to plan joint action for relief. The Protestant community understands its task as pure evangelism. Paradoxically it has therefore taken a very political position.

According to the South Vietnamese foreign minister, the military action of his government is purely defensive; South Viet Nam is the victim of aggression from the north. According to his, freedom (individual) is too high a price to pay for political independence. While reunification with the north is the dream of all those in South Viet Nam it is only a distant possibility.

Other persons in South Viet Nam produced more evidence of the complexity of the situation. Students, for example, both Buddhist and Catholic, were a part of the South Vietnamese Union of students, which were an important factor in the opposition to and overthrow of the Diem regime.

A present their position is both anti-Viet Cong and anti-Government of South Viet Nam. Anti-Viet Cong because of Viet Cong terrorism and anti-Government of South Viet Nam because the government has failed to try to meet the needs of the people. At the same time while they do not like the presence of U. S. troops, they feel that the troops are necessary to protect the country from a take over by the Viet Cong.

Their solution to the economic problems of the nation are socialistic but they reject communism, feeling that it restricts or forbids the development of full humanity. U. S. newsmen acknowledge the desperation of the present military and political situation and yet see no alternative to the present policy short of complete U. S. capitulation.

A South Vietnamese Lt. Col. described the present military action as a holding operation, that is the present situation demanded that government of South Viet Nam and U. S. troops seek to hold their present positions against Viet Cong attack through the rainy season. If this can be

done, he said, the military advantage will be on the side of the government of South Viet Nam.

A non-Vietnamese doctor from Hue reported that the current National Liberation Front positions may not demand immediate U. S. withdrawal but a cease-fire to be followed by some kind of recognition and acceptance of their control of certain provinces of the country and then the setting up of the machinery for an election of a national coalition government. The withdrawal of U. S. troops to occur immediately before this election.

The complexity and ambiguity of the situation does not lend itself to easy conclusions about the situation or easy solutions to the present problems. And so instead of conclusions and solutions, I would simply like to raise three questions:

(1) Present U. S. policy is designed to secure a military advantage for the Government of South Viet Nam and U. S. troops so that the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese will be convinced that a military victory is impossible and be willing therefore to negotiate. Even if we grant that there is a possibility that this may happen, what kind of enemy will the Government of Viet Nam and the U. S. be negotiating with? Will they be dealing with an NLF which seeks to represent the needs of the South Vietnamese people and the North Vietnamese as friends and brothers but not bosses? Will they be dealing with a vigorous North Viet Nam, committed to both communism and resistance to Chinese domination? Or will the present policy bring to the conference table an enemy which has been forced into such a rigid position that negotiations are impossible?

(2) Does the present U. S. policy make it impossible in the future for multi-national efforts to serve this or other international crises? Does present U. S. policy set a dangerous example for all nations of the world to use "the interests of national security" as a license for intervention into the affairs of any other nation in the world?

(3) From what sources can we draw constructive alternatives to the politically impractical suggestion for immediate U. S. withdrawal? How can solutions be developed that will make possible maximum national integrity for all nations and groups involved in the present conflict?

County Democrats To Meet Thursday

The Brazos County Democrats will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the county courtroom of the Brazos County Courthouse.

The program for the meeting will include:

—Discussion by State Senator Bill Moore and Rep. David Haines of amendments to the Texas Constitution that will be voted upon Nov. 2.

—A report on the redistricting bills in the 1965 Texas Legislature.

—A report from the County Democratic Executive Committee.

—A discussion of the status of the poll tax.

—Membership dues for 1965-66.

Stabler Receives \$100 Scholarship

James M. Stabler of 7415 Curin Drive, Dallas, Tex., is among 10 college students recently selected by Johnson & Johnson for special recognition. Stabler took part in a new Johnson & Johnson summer employment marketing program for college men.

The manufacturer of surgical dressings, baby and medical products reviewed the work of the various college students who took part in the program and invited ten to attend a special seminar at the home offices here. Each was presented with a \$100 scholarship grant.

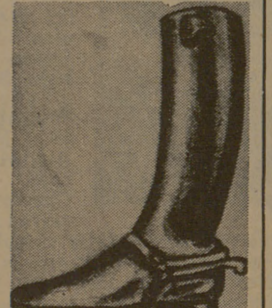
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