



SEASONAL SHINDIG... Nancy Luard of Rolling Hills, and Michael Munro enjoy teenage party at the Portuguese Bend Club. The holiday season get-together was a homecoming for many young college and private school students.

County Medical Officer Cites Health Progress

Since the turn of the century this County, along with most others, has steadily advanced toward the goal of better public health.

The once dreaded smallpox has almost disappeared in this country because of vaccination. Immunization against diphtheria

Social Security Explained for Self-Employed

"If you work for yourself and are planning to include your name on the quarterly social security tax return you will file in January for your employees—don't," says J. G. Bretherton, manager of the Long Beach Social Security office.

Bretherton says that many self-employed businessmen who were brought under social security by the 1950 amendments are under the impression that they should report their net income quarterly in the same manner that their employees are reported. That isn't correct.

Self-employed people report their own net earnings for social security purposes only once a year, at the end of the year when they make their individual income tax returns.

"Self-employed persons, with certain exceptions, have been covered by the law since January 1, 1951," Bretherton said, explaining that while earnings from most commercial establishments are covered, earnings from self-employment as a farmer, doctor, dentist, lawyer, optometrist, veterinarian, architect, funeral director, and a few other professions are still excepted from Old-Age and Survivors Insurance protection.

Everyone covered by the law who has net earnings of \$400 or more in a year from trade or business must make the annual self-employment return and pay the self-employment tax. A form for making the return will be included with the income tax forms.

Although self-employed people do not make returns until early in 1952, Bretherton stated that they will receive social security credit for their 1951 earnings just as do employees whose wages are reported quarterly by their employers.

has placed this disease far down the line from the once prominent position it occupied as a child-killer. Better sanitation practices have, year by year, reduced death and suffering caused by typhoid fever and other enteric diseases. Improved surgery, together with new drugs, have saved countless lives and untold suffering in man's battle to achieve a healthier and longer life.

Another year has just passed. The medical research work of 1951 may not manifest itself until next year or even ten years from now. Many of the lives saved in 1951 could not have been saved except for scientific spade work performed in prior years.

On the other hand 1951 will long be remembered as the year in which the millionth traffic victim met his death. A far cry from the beginning of the century when the first fatal accident occurred.

The increasing number of deaths from traffic accidents is almost fantastic when we stop to realize that in the past 50 years automobiles have killed almost twice as many Americans as have been killed in all this nation's wars. Traffic deaths and injuries have become a public problem of the first magnitude.

The solution to this problem may well be more difficult than that of finding the scientific answers to smallpox, diphtheria or other fatal infections.

One thing is indeed certain—the solution will not be the result of a medical or engineering discovery of a few men. The past year could well serve as a constant reminder that the solution to the traffic slaughter problem, if there is one, must be worked out by all of us.

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