

# Social Security Bilbray Seeks Reelection

Social security benefits paid to residents of Southern Nevada area totaled \$1,749,000 a month as 1969 ended, Ed Cocks, social security district 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 19,468 social security beneficiaries in Southern Nevada area, Cocks noted.

Of the social security beneficiaries living in this area, 11,861 are retired workers and their dependents. Another, 5476 are receiving benefits as the survivors of workers who have died, and 2,131 are getting benefits as disabled workers or the dependents of disabled workers.

Cocks pointed out that although the majority of social security beneficiaries are older people, about one out of every four is under age 60.

In Clark County, 5,725 people under age 60 are collecting social security payments each month. The 3,702 who are under 18 are receiving payments because a working father or mother has died or is getting social security disability or retirement benefits.

Of the 408 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 age group, Cocks 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 go to work and become self supporting. 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.

Continuation of his fight for much-needed property tax reforms is one of the main goals of County Assessor James A. "Jim" Bilbray, candidate to succeed himself in the forthcoming elections.

He cited as an example his sponsorship of a bill to be introduced in the forthcoming Legislature to grant relief to senior citizens living on a small, fixed income. He would, if reelected, continue to fight for the exemption of the tax on household furnishings.

He reiterated his firm opposition to any special additional property tax levy on mobile home owners, which had recently been suggested.

"I believe," he said, "that the equitable, competent and experienced administration of the County Assessor's office is most vitally and directly important to our city and county taxpayers. The professional organization we have put together, including our data processing procedures, has made our office a model copied by a number of other States, and the Philippines.

"I believe the experience I have gained in my 16 years in this office is a most important asset.

"Since first elected to office, the value of taxable property in our Clark County has increased from \$600 million to over THREE MILLION dollars, involving over 107,000 individual parcels of property. That's big business for Clark County, and it must be administered with equity, competence and experience.

# League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters received many replies to their questionnaire asking candidates to express their opinion on the leading questions the voters should have knowledge of. Some candidates did not bother to reply or their reply was late in reaching the League.

It can be summarized that most of the candidates answered in a manner that they supposed would create less controversy. The effectiveness of such a survey has questionable value because we all know that what most candidates promise and what they do are many times two different things.

So the voters are left mainly to think for themselves, taking into mind what people, organizations and groups stand for, and in the candidates usually endorsed by these groups have proved worthy of the support given them. Then by all means their support of a candidate should be accepted as a guiding example to follow.

But the MOST important thing we must all do is to express our convictions by voting. It is not just a right, IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL CITIZENS TO VOTE. DO YOUR DUTY.

## EOB Meeting

E. O. B. schedules next regular trustee meeting Wednesday August 26th at 8 p.m. at CEP Center.

## VA Info

A growing number of disabled veterans have obtained "RH" life insurance policies issued by the Veterans Administration.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson said a comparison of statistics for the first four months of this year with those for the same period last year reveals the number almost doubled.

A total of 6,942 RH policies with a combined value of \$65.5 million were issued during the first four months of this year. Last year, the figures were 3,801 policies worth nearly \$35 million, Johnson said.

He added that RH is the only government veterans' life insurance open to new issues, and described it as a valuable, low-cost insurance which provides adequate coverage for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Johnson noted the low cost of this insurance. For example, the premium for a 25 year old veteran on a \$10,000 five year term policy is \$2.60 a month.

Coupled with a \$10,000 policy converted from Servicemen's Group Life Insurance at standard rates, the disabled veteran can carry \$20,000 worth of life insurance coverage at a comparatively low premium rate, he pointed out.



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