



HERE'S THE CHECK . . . Tony Wilson gets his 300th monthly Social Security check from Sy Sadler, field representative for the Torrance Social Security District Office. Wilson, a Torrance resident, is a spry 90 years old. (Press-Herald Photo)

'Tony' Wilson Gets 300th Social Security Payment

Matthew Anthony Wilson, known in Torrance as "Tony," got his 300th social security check from the local Social Security office this week. Wilson, who is spry 90 years old, has been receiving monthly checks since payments were begun in 1940.

Miles Davis, district manager, said Wilson is the only man in the area served by the Torrance office to become a member of the "300 Club." Wilson has lived in Los Angeles County since January, 1942, and moved to Torrance in 1963. He now makes his home at 1575 W. 207th St.

Payments were begun un-

der the Social Security Act in January, 1940, and Wilson has received a check from the postman every month since then—a total of 300 checks in 25 years.

Wilson called the payments he made into the social security fund between 1937 and 1939 "the best investment I ever made." His wife, Charlotte, who died in 1953, received 165 checks before her death.

Since social security records are confidential, Wilson consented to the release of this information "in order to better acquaint people with the social security law."

Supervisor Districts

City Dwellers to Get Benefits of Decision

Most of the benefits derived from recent court decisions affecting standards of supervisorial districting in California will come to the city dweller, reports a political scientist at the University of California, Davis.

The benefits hinge on the concept of population representation of "one man, one vote," that has been cited in U.S. and California Supreme Court rulings on legislative apportionment.

In a supplement to his 1963 report, "Supervisorial Districting in California Counties: 1960-63," John Gallagher, assistant professor of political science, discusses the impact since then on judicial decisions affecting apportionment in counties. The report is number 6 in the California Government Series of the UCD Institute of Governmental Affairs.

GALLAGHER comments that the decisions bringing many counties in conformance with the premise of popular representation ("the most generally supported basis for representative government in the U.S.") will benefit the urban resident three ways.

The first is that county services to municipal areas will increase. Many services, reports Gallagher, are ten-

dered countywide and county supervisors increasingly are being called upon to provide services to cities on a contract basis. With urban voters gaining more representation on the board of supervisors it is expected that the board will be oriented to the needs of this electorate.

Secondly, explains Gallagher, the farmer-supervisor may be replaced by the businessman-supervisor. The sparsely-populated areas, once oriented only to rural affairs and represented by a farmer, will be merged with urban areas. This merger to create a population balance in supervisorial districting will elevate the urban resident into the majority and he is likely to vote for a man who is oriented to urban matters, not rural.

THIRDLY, the shift from rural to urban of the county boards' interests will be spread to state government. Gallagher notes that the County Supervisors Association of California long has wielded its influence on the Legislature and the rise in urban representation on county boards will be reflected in the association's demands for policies benefiting the urban resident.

While the U.S. Supreme Court has been concise in declaring that apportionment of state legislatures should be confined to popular representation, says Gallagher, this state's highest court has been more moderate in its rulings affecting supervisorial districting. While clinging to the general premise of popular representation, it has recognized other influences including geography, community identity, and the functional differences of state and county governments.

AWARD MOSAIC

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