

Social Security Changes Affect Widows, Children

Warrior Trails

By Robin Newcomer

"Walk together, talk together, all ye people of the earth; for then and only then, shall ye have peace."
 Universal peace and understanding is probably the ultimate goal of all the world. Though this may seem far off, organizations such as the American Field Service are helping to promote these feelings of brotherhood, which can be seen in their motto.

For the last three months my family and West's foreign exchange student, Mary Luz Bueno from Peru, have been finding out first-hand what experiences are behind this motto. The AFS adventure in human relations can only be a success by combined efforts.

Although we did not have a definite language barrier to block our communication with Mary Luz since our new member of the family had spent four months previously in Torrance, there are other bumps and sometimes hills that confront us which we must attempt to ride over as smoothly as possible. But then, what family is not faced with problems, both small and large, that occasionally disrupt the peaceful harmony in which everyone tries to live?

It is these little things, however, that once overcome, we promptly forget and tend to add to our book of memories all the other times which make us more of a closer family.

Through our sister, my brothers and I are learning much, including the fact that Peruvians do not keep llamas as pets, and our parents realize that teenagers all over the world are the same.

Mary, too, is learning that she actually can make a cake "grow" (referring to the way cakes rise as they are baked), and that some children really are sincere when they ask, "Do you dream in color or in black and white?"

In all reality the answers to the questions—the trivial, the ridiculous, and the important—are all helping to promote better understanding of one another. The problems that AFSers meet during their year in the United States are also some of the difficulties and questions they will meet in the future on a larger scale.

Of her school year in Torrance, Mary remarked, "One of the most lovely parts of my wonderful experience in the United States is my American family. I think that I am very lucky to have them. I don't think that I will ever forget my Dad with his personality, which I admire very much; Mom with her help and happy face; Robin, my sister and best friend."

with her Italian language; Keith and Steven with their hobbies. Yes, this is my family, the Newcomers, from whom I have learned what AFS means; that I will always have a family here in the United States; and that they, too, have a Peruvian family. West High, my family, and California are a wonderful dream."
 Trails End!

The Torrance Social Security Office is looking for people who are eligible for benefits under recently enacted changes in the Social Security law.
 Some 37,500 people in the Torrance district who are already receiving monthly social security checks received a 13 per cent increase on their checks last week. But, according to Miles A. Davis, Social Security district manager, there are many more who are not receiving benefits because they are unaware of two important recent changes in the law.
 The first group includes widows between the age of 50 and 60 who are disabled. These widows are eligible to receive benefits if they became disabled before, or within seven years after, the death of their husbands.
 The second group includes children of their deceased mother. Children under the age of 18, and those between 18 and 22 who are unmarried and full-time students, may now receive social security benefits based on their deceased mother's social security record if she was "fully insured" at the time of her death.
 Any mother who died in 1967 was "fully insured" if she had worked a total of four years under social security at any time.
 Anyone falling into either of the two groups should contact the Torrance Social Security Office, 1408 Crenshaw Blvd.

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Racing Car Parts Taken; Man Booked

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Peter Marshall, 30, of 23525 Arlington Ave., Apt. 112, was booked Friday on charges of stealing the assembly last Wednesday and selling it to another party.

The car assembly has been recovered.

Townsend Gets Committee Post

Assembly L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance) has been appointed to the subcommittee on Conservation of the Natural Resources, Planning and Public Works Committee.

Townsend said the subcommittee will be concerned principally with the demand for the preservation and long-term recreational use of the beaches—especially in Southern California.

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