OLD AGE PENSIONS - 50th ANNIVERSARY.

Just 50 years ago, David Lloyd George, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, brought in old age pensions. The Lords and Commons passed the bill by an overwhelming majority, though there were some who said that to pay people a pension at 70 would encourage laziness!

At theat time, Lloyd George's second son, Gwilym, was a boy of twelve. Today, Gwilym Lloyd George is Viscount Tenby, a former Home Secretary SOUND

The 1st old age pension was from one to five shillings a week, depending on a means test. It doesn't sound much, but in those days you could buy a loaf for 22d, eigarettes were 10 for2d and a family joint cost half a crown. Today the old age pensioner gets £2.10.0. a week, and there are 51 million of them. But many pensioners still want to go an working because they don't like being idle or can't live comfortably on pension. 3 years ago Harold Dawson a 74 years old retired photographer in Leytonstone decided to try to help them and has so far found 1000 jobs for local over 60's

there's Arthur Sugg, a retired bank manager, now working as a part-time rent collector ...

61 year old Ronald Fleetwood had an administrative job in the post office for 44 years. Now he's a trainee coach-work trimmer in a garage.....

For five years after you get your pension you may earn up to 22.10.0 extra a week without deduction. But many men go for full time jobs on normal pay and lose their pensions till they're 70

Like 69 years old Arthur Maycock, once a London bus driver, now a salesman in a mens outfitters.

His boss, Charles Barton, hasn't thought of retiring yet., He's only 781