

TOT TALK

Billy Smith, New Bern postal employee, was much too young when this happened to remember

One night, while just a little fellow, he and his Dad were sharing each other's company on the front porch of the Smith home on Pollock street.

Gazing up in the sky, Chuck noticed one of the more attractive wonders that the heavenly bodies offer

"We've got a new moon tonight," Chuck told his small son, but he barely expected the reply that he got.

"Scratching his head in astonishment and bewilderment, Billy said, 'Why Daddy I thought it was the

same moon we've been having!"

And of course it was, so Chuck had to give his moppet a lesson in astronomy without further ado.

It's a cute story, and some of the country's bigger newspapers obviously thought so too. They published it as a bright saying, and if we remember it rightly the Boston Daily Record even drew a cartoon of Billy and Chuck, seated on their porch with the moon in full view.

This very same thing, we imagine, has happened to many another parent, perhaps to some of you. However, to the best of our knowledge, this was the only time it ever got into print.

At any rate, just to be on the safe side, don't tell your kids that there's a new moon up yonder unless you're prepared to do some explaining.

You'll have enough explaining to do as it is, if Russian and American scientists succeed in splattering dye on it. "Why," your brat might ask you, "can't I have a dirty face, if the man in the moon can have one?"

Bigger Social Security Payments Start in '59

The Social Security Amendments of 1958 will provide increased monthly payments to about 15,000 people in the Raleigh area, beginning with the checks which are due early in February, 1959, according to John Ingle, social security district manager in Raleigh. The amount of the increase will average about seven per cent.

People who are already getting social security payments do not need to apply for the increase. It will be automatically added to the checks for January, which will be mailed out early in February.

Under other changes made by the new law, social security benefits will become payable to a number of people not previously eligible for payments. They must, however, apply to their social security offices before payments can start. Among the groups now eligible because of the amendments are:

- Some dependents of people who are now getting disability in-

urance benefits.

- Disabled people 50 or over who could not qualify for benefits under the old law because they did not have as much as 1½ years of work in the three years before they were disabled.

- Dependent parents who could not qualify previously because the supporting, son or daughter left a widow, widower, or child.

- Children who have been adopted less than three years.

- A person receiving benefits who marries another person also receiving benefits can continue to receive monthly checks.

- A husband or wife can become eligible for benefits without

waiting three years.

Some people in situations similar to those mentioned above may have applied for benefits in the past and been notified that they did not qualify for payments. These people should get in touch with their social security district offices promptly about filing new applications, Ingle noted.

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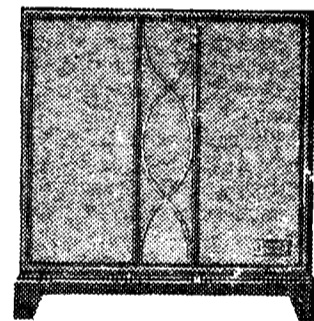


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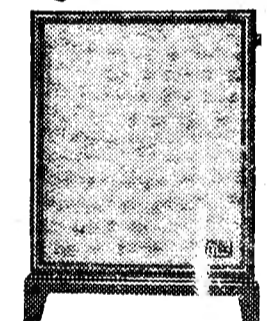
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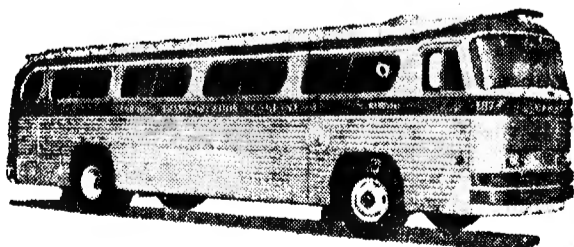
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