

## KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Citizens Bank Building.

Thousands of self-employed farmers (tenants as well as land-owners) will file their annual social security returns after December 31.

The 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act extended coverage to this group for the first time. The 1956 amendments added farm owners who rent out their land on a cash rent or share basis, by arrangement of the lessee, they participate to a material degree in the production or management of production of the crop or livestock raised.

To receive credit for earnings from self-employment, a Federal income tax return must be filed. The social security report will be made on "Schedule F" and included with the regular Form 1040.

Only net earnings of \$400 or more can be credited to a social security account for one year. The amount of net earnings over \$4,200 in a year are not reportable for social security credit. The present social security tax rate—3% of net earnings—is paid to the District Director of Internal Revenue whether or not any income tax is due.

Reports filed by the self-em-

### Three Fire Alarms Answered In October

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports that there were three fire alarms during October, one in Edenton and two out of town.

For the Edenton fire the firemen were out 30 minutes and two hours and 30 minutes for the rural fires. They were on the air 10 seconds in Edenton and 30 seconds out of town. Two miles were traveled in town and 48 miles out of town.

In Edenton 150 feet of hose were laid and 300 feet out of town. No ladders were raised out of town, but 36 feet were raised in Edenton.

Twelve volunteers responded for the Edenton fire and 42 for the rural fires. Property involved in Edenton was \$5,000 and \$6,200 out of town. No damage was reported for the Edenton fire, but there was \$250 damage caused by the rural fires. Insurance was none in Edenton and \$3,000 out of town.

During the month the firemen held one fire drill, extended two courtesies and filled two fire extinguishers.

### Tar Heel Poultrymen To Get Bigger Share

This may prove to be a good year for North Carolina poultrymen.

While the total U. S. laying flock is expected to be cut 6 to 8 per cent over last year, North Carolina's is expected to be slightly higher. The over-all reduction will be due to fewer replacements—the number of young chickens raised on farms this year is expected to be the lowest in years.

Tom Morris, poultry specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, says that in February of this year, farmers reported that they intended to buy 9 per cent fewer flock replacement chicks during the first six months of the year than for this period last year. But they actually bought 19 per cent fewer chicks.

The reason for this drop is this: During that period egg prices averaged 22 per cent below last year and feed prices were 1 per cent higher.

Low egg prices have resulted in

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## YEAR END TAX TIPS NUMBER 1

This is one of a series of four articles on federal income taxes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants.

You still have time—but not much time—to do a little year-end tax planning and assure yourself of the best possible break when you file your tax return next April.

Millions of high, low and middle income taxpayers, realizing that careful planning of their financial affairs between now and the first of the year can pay off handsomely when the tax collector calls next spring, have already begun to establish those extra deductions and special exemptions that will reduce their tax bills.

You can do this too, but you must act no later than December 31. To alert you to the tax-saving steps you may be able to take before the end of the year, this newspaper is printing a series of articles prepared with the help of the national and state organizations of certified public accountants. These articles—if you keep them and follow their advice—can save you money.

### Evaluate Income Prospects

If you are like most individual taxpayers, your goal at this time should be to level out income for this year and next year. Needless or careless bunching of income in either year can be costly. The sharp bite of today's progressive tax rates—which you can assume will be as high or possibly only slightly less in 1958—makes it much better to have an income of \$8,000 in each of two years, rather than \$6,000 in one and \$10,000 in the other.

### How to Shift Income

For example, if your two-year income estimate shows that your income for this year will be significantly higher than next year's, you should take immediate steps to throw as much income as possible from 1957 to 1958. At the same time you should speed-up the payment of all expenses that can be deducted on your 1957 return. By concentrating deductions in the higher year and switching income to the lower, you will keep your taxes for both years in the lowest possible tax bracket.

Should you be faced with the foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet. —James Oppenheim.

## Act Now To Trim Your Federal Income Tax Bill

## Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES M. OPPENHEIM

(This is a continuation of last week's column on television.)

Beware of hit-or-miss television watching. It is dangerous to develop the habit of turning on the set right after supper and staying glued to it until bedtime. A young newlywed was recently quoted in Christian Life Magazine, "Like everyone else, when we first got our TV set we put it on and left it on, no matter what was showing. Then we realized we must use discrimination. Now we look in the TV section of the paper right after supper and check the programs we think worthwhile. We watch only those, turning off the set when they are over. At last we feel we are controlling TV instead of TV controlling us."

If a program is objectionable, turn it off. Ask yourself questions like, "If the Lord should walk in the door right now, would I be ashamed to have Him catch me watching this program?" Will this program help me to become a better Christian, or will it hinder my spiritual growth?

"Does TV take time that should be spent in prayer, study of the Word, and attendance at such services as the midweek prayer meeting?" "What are my motives for watching this program?" Support and encourage wholesome programs; object to those that are bad. If you like a program and think it is wholesome and Christian, send a letter to the station and tell them so. Better yet, send a letter to the sponsor. If a program is objectionable, write to the sponsor and let him know how you feel about it. If Christians would all do this, much of the trash and filth would soon disappear from the screen.

Above all, remember that Jesus Christ lives within you if you are a Christian, and your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost. Don't watch any program that would be objectionable to either of these Persons. Your time belongs to God; don't waste it watching cheap entertainments that are

nothing but time passers. Your body, including your eyes, belongs to God; allow Him to control what you see. Your mind belongs to God; don't let it become cluttered up with a lot of trash that glorifies this transient world and dims your vision of heaven. You belong to God. Act like it.

## Dehydrofreezing Not A New Development

At some time or another you have probably wished that you could get twice as many fruits and vegetables into your freezing compartment or freezer. According to Nita Orr, Agricultural Extension Service frozen foods specialist, your wish may someday come true.

Research over a period of years by various individuals as well as the U. S. Department of Agriculture shows that dehydrofreezing, a method of food preservation, produces food that are half as bulky as when they are frozen.

If this process becomes practical, it may be used for the

home; however, Miss Orr feels that the process will probably be used mostly for military or institutional purposes.

Processors would be able to use a smaller package for the usual amount of frozen food by using the dehydrofreezing method. Or, they could use the standard size package and fill it with twice as much food. Because dehydrofrozen foods are low in moisture, they don't freeze in a solid block as most frozen foods do. You would be able to open the package, spoon out the amount of fruit or vegetable you want to use, and replace the package in the freezer.

The process, as the name implies, combines dehydration and freezing. Foods are dehydrated until they are reduced 50 per cent in weight, then frozen. Dehydrofrozen fruits and vegetables are lighter and less bulky than frozen foods.

Dehydrofrozen foods are not yet on the market, although the food processing industry has shown interest in the process.

## PEANUT PRODUCTION TO BE LOWER THAN LAST YEAR

Based on reports from growers as of November 1, peanut production is estimated at 550,000 pounds—6 per cent above average, although 16 per cent below 1956, according to the Crop Reporting Service. The indicated yield per acre of 1,050 pounds is 100 pounds less than in 1956 but is 420 pounds above the 1946-55 average of 1,230 pounds. Threshing of nuts is under way in the heavy producing commercial area of the northeast coastal counties of the State.

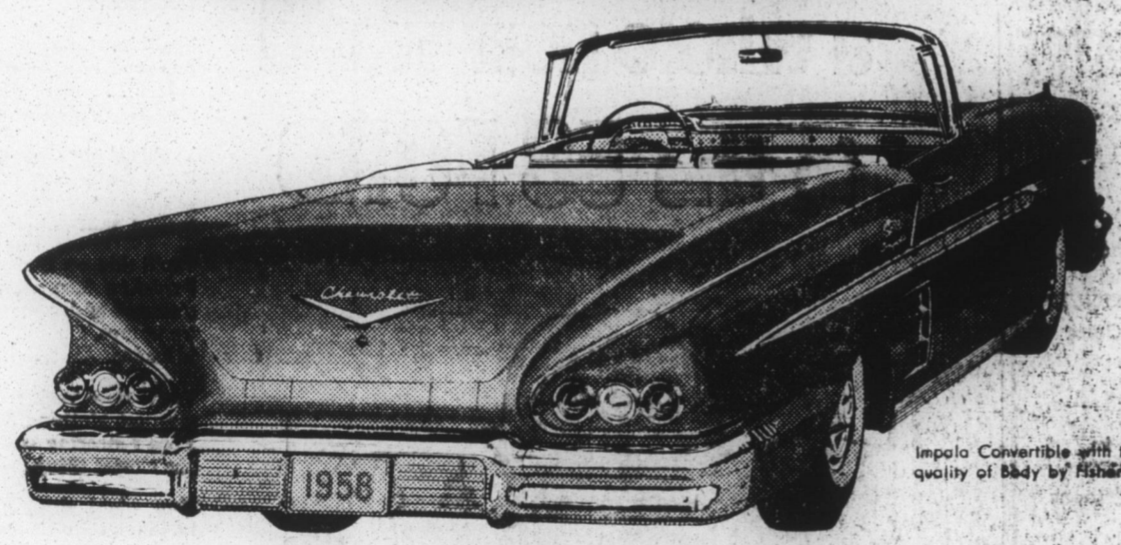
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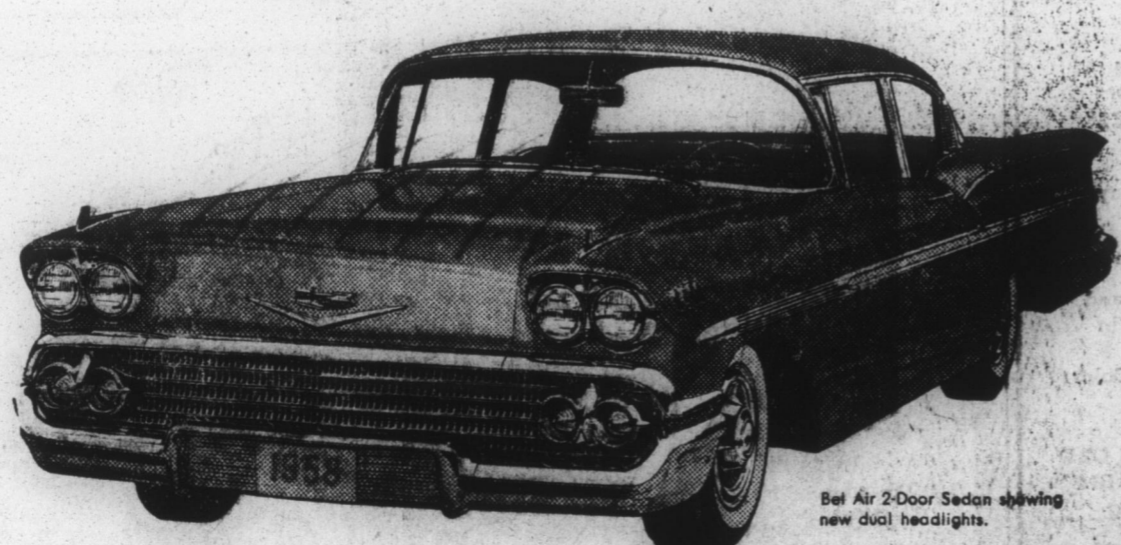


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