

## 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.

### DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS

Many of you will wonder if you qualify for disability payments. Briefly, there are 3 requirements: (1) You must be from 50 to 65 years of age; (2) You must be severely disabled for at least six months and must be unable to engage in any substantial work; (3) You must have social security credit for 5 of the 10 years, and 1½ of these years must be in the 5 years just before your disability began.

Another point: If you are not yet 50, but severely disabled, there is a special rule by which you can freeze your social security record. This is important, as a disability freeze will keep your monthly average wage high for future benefits—will mean that you will keep full benefit rights.

Let me give you an example of how the disability program works. Paul Jones, age 52, was a machinist who averaged \$300.00 a month. Then in 1954 he was in an auto

accident. His legs and back were so badly injured that he will never walk again. Last January he heard about social security over the radio. His wife phoned the local social security office which assisted Paul in filing his claim for disability benefits. The result was that Paul was one of the 100,000 to get his first disability check early in August. If Paul remains severely disabled, he will receive his \$98.50 a month for life. This happened because Paul listened to a radio program and had his wife make a phone call.

Remember the deadline for payments—December 31, 1957. Act before December 31, 1957, to avoid losing any back disability insurance benefits which may be due you. After December 31, 1957, disability payments can only begin with the month in which you apply.

If you have any questions about your disability benefit rights, contact your local social security office.

### Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

In recent years secular and commercial interests have driven Christ out of Christmas, turning a Christian holy day into a pagan holiday. At a Christmas party given to orphans in Japan by American soldiers, one child asked a G. I. "Just whose birthday is it? The little fat man with the white whiskers and the red suit?" Santa Claus was bad enough; now it's Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer. The lovely traditional Christmas carols have been all but replaced by such

silly drivel as "I saw mommy kissin' Santa Claus," and "Nuttin's Too Good for Junior, and that's just what he's going to get." When the carols are sung on the radio or TV they are sung by the very same unsaved entertainers who sing subtle, suggestive, sex songs the rest of the year. Some even spell it Xmas instead of Christmas, thus completing the secularization of the holy day. X in Algebra is an unknown factor; and in much of our modern pagan American celebration of Christmas, Christ is an unknown factor.

What does Christmas mean to us today? What does it mean to you? To some it is merely an ex-

cuse to go out and get plastered.

Almost as distasteful as Elvis Presley singing "Silent Night" in the advertisements of gin mills, excuse me, distilleries, setting forth their hellish product in gala Christmas wrappings. What wanton blasphemy for demon inspired men to use the occasion of the birthday of the Son of God to advance the cause of their master, Satan. What hypocrisy for Christians, excuse me, church members, to celebrate this blessed season by slopping up that which is the devil in liquid form. Is that what Christmas means to you? Then you are not celebrat-

ing Christmas, but Xmas.

Some view Christmas as a happy time of reunion, giving and receiving of gifts, the singing of carols and so on. They look forward to the Christmas tree, the happy faces of children on Christmas morning, to the cards they receive from friends of years gone by. Bless them, they have caught somewhat the meaning of Christmas, and their celebration of it, though secular, is at least not sacrilegious.

But there is more to the meaning of Christmas than this. Christmas speaks to us first of all of the love of God the Father

(John 3:16); and of God the Son who forsook the glories of heaven that He might provide a way of salvation for sinful men. It also speaks of the spiritual needs of men, and of God's gracious provision for these needs. The angel said to the shepherds, "... unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Man needs a Saviour to pay the penalty of his sins and make him fit for heaven. Man needs a Lord to lead him along the rocky path of life. Man needs peace, peace with God and the peace of God, as promised so long ago when the whole heaven-

ly host sang out, "And on earth peace."

What does Christmas mean to you? It won't mean anything to you until you place Christ in the center of your life. It won't mean anything to you until you know Him as your Saviour, your Lord, and the source of your inward peace.

### Her Only Hope

As often happens when a woman is approaching 40, Miss Robinson was "about 28," and not without hope. Even her favorite fortune-teller could not see a suitor in the offing, but was

anxious to keep a customer.

"Ha!" she said, her eyes on the crystal. "I see a tall man. He's going to propose to you."

"Dark?" fluttered the excited client.

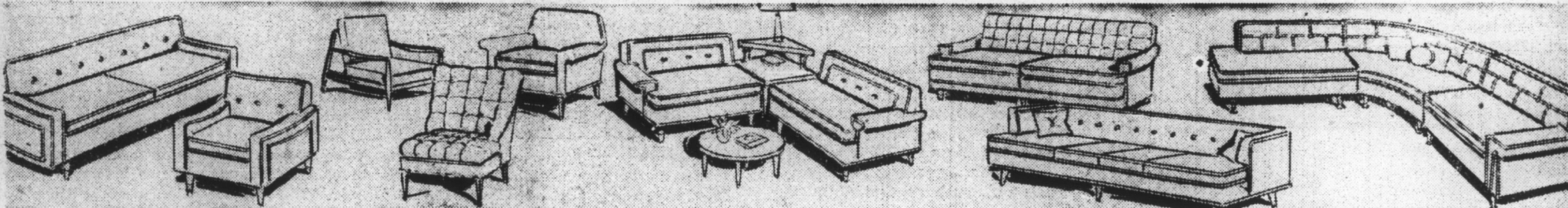
"Yes," said the fortune-teller. "Dark. It will have to be."

LISTEN EACH SUNDAY AT 8:45 A. M.

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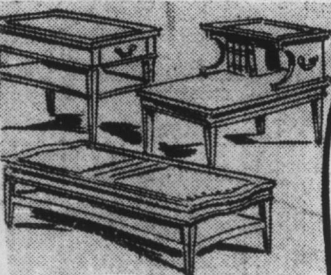
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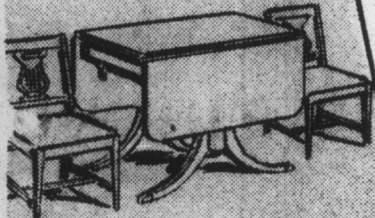
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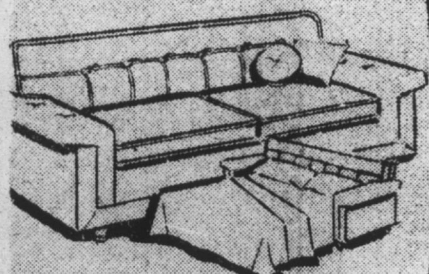
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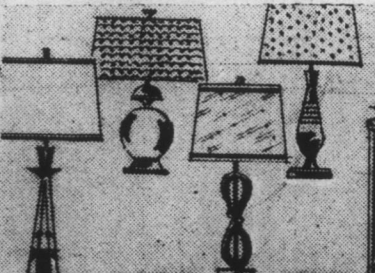
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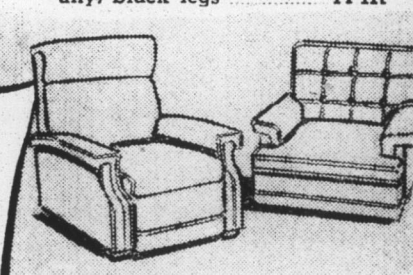


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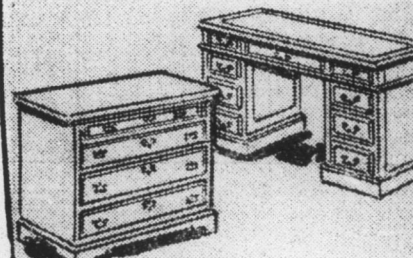


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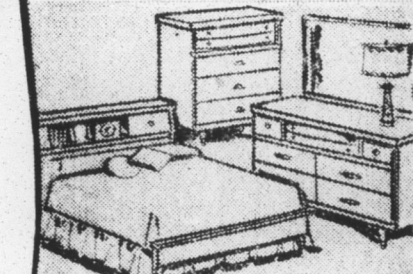
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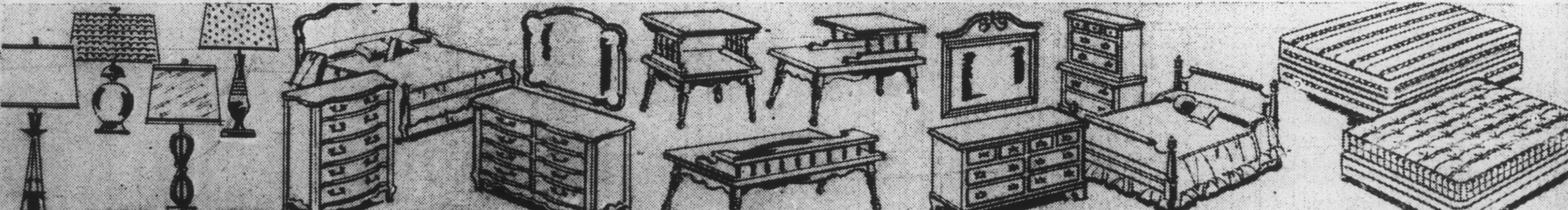
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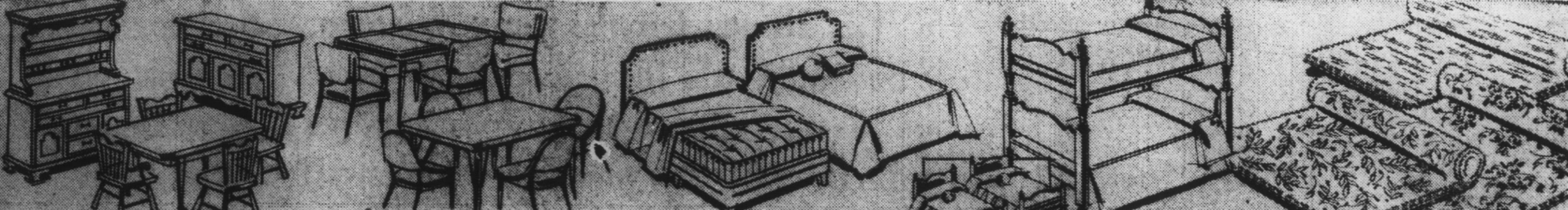


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