

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.

Proofs For Social Security Claims

Self-employed farmers 65 years of age or older wishing to file claims for old-age insurance can, in most instances, save themselves much time and expense if they would wait until they have filed their Federal income tax returns, including Schedule F, before contacting field representatives or the Norfolk office, according to J. A. Morrison, District Manager, Social Security Administration. Claims filed without furnishing copies of tax returns, and proof that they have been filed, and other proofs such as date of birth, marriage, divorce and the like cannot be processed until such documents are furnished. Proof of filing may be in the form of tax receipts or cancelled checks covering tax payments. Proof of age for the self-employed farmer in the form of some documentary evidence and birth certificate for any children under 18 years old must be furnished. If he has a wife age 62 or over, proof of her age is also required.

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then are we not obligated to see to it that we offer that same aid and support to others—who also benefit from fellowship and a sense of working together toward a Christian goal?

In short, a completely passive attitude toward our membership places us in the position of extracting the strength and moral support and fellowship from our church and church members without properly attempting to do our part in seeing to it that our example is a source of encouragement and leadership in others.

There are, and always will be, some tasks which church members must share together. The church member who never wants to share his load of the burdens, burdens of the church, the member who never has time to take part in solving the problems of the church or in playing his role in deciding important issues which arise and affect the church and its members, is not meeting one of the responsibilities of his church membership.

On the other hand, there are those who dodge their share of the church's problems but who can be found in attendance, in regular attendance. And while regular attendance is usually a sign of participation in Christ's work and the work of the church, it is not always so.

There are those who make attendance a sort of "thing to do" ritual, such as the politicians who wish to be seen at church and play active roles for the votes that can be won in this way. It is good business, according to certain commercially-minded members, to be seen regularly at church.

These politicians, and business men, or women, are—fortunately—the exception to the rule. Every politician and every business man who takes his church attendance seriously is not looking to some ulterior motive or reward. But suffice it to say that regular attendance in church does not always add up to a sharing of the

Mr. Morrison further stated that recently field representatives have been swamped by unnecessary contacts with farmers who come in empty-handed, some even without their social security cards. They are forced to make a second contact with the representative or the Norfolk office. This proves to be expensive and time consuming for the farmer and most often he has to wait an undue length of time to be interviewed because of the many calls now being made. By following his suggestion, only one contact should be necessary. In order to give quicker and better service to the self-employed farmer in the filing of his claim, Mr. Morrison further suggested that all who can should come to the Norfolk District office located at 220 West Brambleton Avenue, bringing the documents and proofs referred to. He emphasized that social security office has absolutely nothing to do with filing tax returns or the payment of tax. That is strictly a function of the Internal Revenue Service.

church's burdens and a willingness to do one's part when the time comes for support which demands something more than lip service.

Thus, in claiming the many privileges, the privilege of working with and for God in his house, there are responsibilities we should meet, and some of them require effort, time and inconvenience.

CERTIFIED SWEET POTATO GROWERS INCREASE ACRES

Production of certified sweet potatoes in North Carolina is increasing steadily, according to J. C. Rice, director of the N. C. Crop Improvement Association. Production increased from seven acres in 1953 to 115 acres in 1957.

Rice says that the two varieties produced in this state are Porto Rica Louisiana strain grown on 90 acres and Copper Skin Gold Rush produced on 25 acres. Although most production is in the eastern part of the state, one certified seed producer is located in Kings Mountain.

C. C. Barefoot of Benson, Route 2, who had 22 acres of Porto Rica strain under certification last season, is the largest producer. Joe Edmund of Columbus County and Roy Keller of Carteret County both had six acres of the Porto Rica variety; Beamon Brothers of Wayne County had 5½ acres and Don Lee, of Arapohoe five acres.

Rice says the Copper Skin Gold Rush variety is becoming popular in certain areas of the state. Clarence Chappell of Belvidere, Route 1, Perquimans County, produced five acres of this variety; J. P. Keel of Robersonville and Vassar Shearon of Wake Forest, Route 2, four acres each; James Bardin of Wilson, Route 2, three acres.

All of these fields as well as others listed in the certified seed list for 1958 were field inspected for the presence of off-type plants and freedom from such serious field detectable diseases as wilt. The harvested crop will be inspected again in February at which time it will be determined if internal cork is present in any of the seed potatoes. This information will be available for

ABUNDANT LIFE BY ORAL ROBERTS



GOD IS A GOOD GOD

God! What is He?

I believe that God is the creator and sustainer of this universe, that mankind is his primary interest and concern; that God knows every one of us individually and every detail of our lives, no matter how insignificant, is like an open book to Him.

I believe God wishes to share our lives with us—to assist us in every phase of its activity—that His chief delight is to make our lives "abundant" in every way. God answers prayer! Not always does He answer it with the response we wish, but always His answer, if we will let it, ultimately makes our living more joyous, more prosperous and more "abundant."

God is a good God, able and willing to help us. Were He able but not willing, He would be evil. Were He willing but not able, He would be impotent. But God is all good, all powerful.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, a distinguished scientist, physician, Nobel prize winner, and former head of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, said this concerning prayer and its results: (Man, the Unknown.) "Prayer may set in motion a strange phenomenon: the miracle. Our present conception of the influence of prayer is based upon the observations of patients who have been cured almost instantaneously of various ailments, such as peritoneal tuberculosis, cold abscesses, osteitis, suppurating wounds, lupus, cancer, etc. The process of healing changes little—often an acute pain, then a sudden sensation of being cured. In a few seconds, a few minutes, at the most a few hours, wounds are

cleared, pathological symptoms disappear, appetite returns—the only condition indispensable to the occurrence of the phenomenon is prayer."

Twice, under his direct observation, Dr. Carrel states incurable cancer has crystallized and disappeared. The only possible conclusion was that healing occurred in direct answer to prayer. Dr. Carrel should know a cancer when he sees one—he won the Nordhoff-Jung Medal for cancer research. He testifies that once he saw a cancerous sore shrivel up into a scar right before his eyes after an earnest prayer.

If you and I could have our deepest desire granted, what would it be physically? Simply this: I want to live! I do not know what life is, I only know I do not wish to leave it. I know whatever brings pain or suffering carries me toward the cessation of life. That which brings happiness enlarges life. Therefore, whatever makes my life more joyous and more complete is that which I seek: it is that toward which I move.

Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly."

In this column, I share with my readers my own experiences of direct answers to prayer. Others, unimpeachable authorities in their fields of medicine, psychiatry, the ministry and other professions relate their own experiences of God answering the prayers of his children. I am showing you how, through prayer and faith in God, you can be "abundantly" alive.

N. C. Farm Wage Rates Show Drop

Farm wage rates around January 1, 1958, show a decline in per day rates of from 10 to 15 cents in North Carolina while an increase is noted in most of the other South Atlantic States.

For this period, Tar Heel farm wage rates are estimates to be 57 cents per hour or \$4.65 per day with house while those wage rates without room or board are set at 67 cents per hour or \$5.50 per day.

Of the eight South Atlantic States, North Carolina ranks fifth in farm wages paid per day with or without room and board.

United States

For the U. S., all individual types of farm wage rates were higher on January 1, 1958, than a year earlier. The rate per hour without board or room, which is reported for all States, ranged from 51 cents to \$1.27 per hour.

LATE WINTER MAY MEAN LEAN PICKINGS FOR COW

Late winter in North Carolina, dairyland is often accompanied by poor pickings for the dairy cow, according to Fred N. Knott, dairy specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Knott says this unfortunate and unprofitable situation is brought about by a number of factors, the most important of which is the failure of many dairymen to realize that cows can consume and require a tremendous amount of good quality roughage. The mature cow can utilize good roughage at the rate of seven to 10 tons of silage or 2½ to three tons of hay per year.

The dairy specialist also points out that despite "Bossy's" amazing ability to convert roughage into milk for human consumption she is often confronted with almost unsolvable problems. "Bossy" often faces the problem of flavor of corn shucks, weather damaged peanut hays and other similar roughages of low digestibility and net energy values.

He says that all roughages have to be supplemented with some type of concentrate to give the producing cow the total energy she requires.

It may be possible to make up the energy deficiency of such poor roughage with concentrates but this is not economical. Knott



GATOR QUEEN—Pretty Frances Faye Andrews, Jacksonville, Fla., girl and sophomore at the University of Florida, has been crowned Queen of the 1957 Gator Bowl. Miss Andrews, five feet, four inches and 110 pounds, will preside over festivities marking the football meeting of Texas A. & M. and Tennessee.

CUCUMBER GRADE CHANGE MAY BENEFIT TAR HEELS

Tar Heel cucumber growers may benefit by proposed changes in standard grades, according to Al Banadyga, horticulture specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced proposed revisions in the cucumber grades in effect since 1953. The principal change is the addition of U. S. Extra No. 1 grade which will be a combination of the present U. S. Fancy and U. S. No. 1 grades. The new grade requires that at least 50 per cent of the cucumbers in a lot meet requirements of U. S. Fancy grade and the remainder

meet requirements of U. S. No. 1. Banadyga explains that North Carolina growers haven't had many cucumbers grade fancy because of restrictions. But he says under the new grading system, local growers would have more of their crop go into the higher grades.

The horticulture specialist says that anyone desiring to submit written views on the proposed changes should write the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Production and Marketing Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

There are few so foolish that they had not rather govern themselves than be governed by others. —Thomas Hobbes.

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Local Men Attend Furniture Market

Jesse Harrell and B. C. Berry of the Edenton Furniture Company, returned from High Point Wednesday of last week, where they attended the 66th semi-annual Southern Furniture and Rug Market.

More than 5,000 retailers attended the meeting, where new styles and designs in furniture were displayed.

"The year 1958 will be a good year in furniture for the home-makers of America," say Harrell and Berry. Great values in the markets came from constant improvement in production techniques.

Walter Brown, Jr., Now Tech Sergeant

Walter A. Brown, Jr., a member of Hedron-1 and assistant NCOIC of the Station Supply Department at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, was recently promoted to Technical Sergeant.

Sgt. Brown first enlisted in the Marine Corps August 10, 1951, and took his basic training at Parris Island, S. C. He was in Korea from November, 1953, until November, 1954. Among the ribbons he rates are: The Korean Campaign, the United Nations ribbon, National Defense and Good Conduct Medal with one star.

The new Technical Sergeant is married to the former Miss Grace Davis Thomson of Pawtucket, R. I., and has two sons. They make their home in Hertford.

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