

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Earl W. Trinkle, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission office in the Citizens Bank Building.

Most employers express sincere pride in the part they play in providing social security protection for their employees. They recognize the important of keeping accurate records of their employees' earnings and the amount of social security taxes they withhold. They understand too that timely reports for each employee must be filed with the Director of Internal Revenue at the end of each calendar quarter.

Not all types of work were covered under the social security law in 1937. For this reason, social security reporting is relatively new to some employers. For example, domestic workers were not covered under social security until 1951. Most agricultural workers also were not covered until 1955. Not all domestic and agricultural employers are, therefore, aware of their responsibilities.

The requirements are very specific: All domestic work must be reported if domestics are paid \$50 cash or more (by the same employer) in a calendar quarter regardless of the num-

ber of days on which the employee worked in that quarter. All work done on a farm for which the worker is paid \$150 or more in cash in a year is covered. The farmer worker is also covered if he works 20 or more days (for the same employer) during a year for cash wages figured on a time basis.

The accuracy of employers' reports cannot be over-emphasized. The amount of social security benefits is directly related to the period of employment and the amount of earnings credited to each account. If certain employees' earnings or report only part of their earnings, it is impossible for the Social Security Administration to arrive at the true benefit payable. No report could mean no benefits, while incomplete reporting may mean only partial benefits.

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Crotalaria Is Not Recommended for Use in This Area. Crotalaria seed has been found in soybeans and possibly some grains harvested in this area. It is possible that the contamination came from volunteer plants of crotalaria which grew and matured in these crops.

The Pure Food and Drug people have found that even minute quantities of crotalaria seed in poultry and livestock feeds are detrimental and poisonous. The information indicates that poultry is very susceptible. Naturally, soybeans and grains containing very small amounts of crotalaria seed may be poisonous to humans. For this reason the N. C. Extension Service and the State Department of Agriculture recommend that we stop using crotalaria as a cover crop or in any way until further notice.

Giant Striata variety does not normally mature seed in this area. However, it is possible that seed of earlier maturing varieties may become mixed in giant striata seed, thus enabling volunteer plants the following year. I know of one or two lots of soybeans which were refused by buyers last season because the inspection showed a small amount of crotalaria seed present. While crotalaria is one of the best summer legumes we know of to use for soil building, we cannot afford to take a chance on having volunteer plants give trouble.

About the only summer legumes that we know of at the present time that may be used in place of crotalaria is cowpeas, velvet beans and soybeans. The Iran and Brabham varieties

of cowpeas have some wilt and nematode resistance. Just leave out crotalaria for the time being.

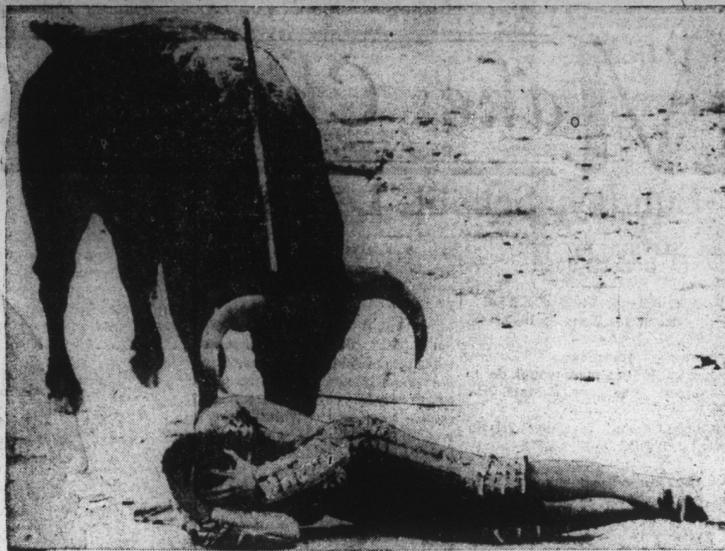
Report Cotton Failure To ASC Office. If you had a cotton stand failure, plowed up your cotton and planted the land to some other crop, be sure to show the field supervisor the fields you planted to cotton. He should measure the field and give you credit for your cotton acreage this year.

Unless you report your cotton failure it is possible that the field supervisor may fail to ask you about cotton and fail to give you credit for your cotton acreage. If you report your cotton allotment because you plowed up cotton and planted to some other crop this year.

Savings Bonds Information. There seems to be some confusion about which Savings Bonds can be kept and continue to draw interest after they mature. On several occasions recently, misleading information has appeared in some of the Question-and-Answer columns, so it seems proper to review the facts again.

First, only Series E bonds carry the automatic extension privilege. That means owners of E bonds can continue to draw interest without doing anything about it. So, if you have some old E bonds and don't need the money yet, just hold on to them and they'll keep on earning interest for you.

Now, if you've got some of the very earliest E bonds (from May 1941 on), you may be thinking your extension privilege could be used up by 1961. That's where you are wrong. When the



BULLFIGHTER'S MOMENT OF TRUTH—Waiting helplessly for the toro to do its worst, bullfighter Fermin Murillo puts his hands to his face in the Madrid ring. The bull did not attack.

higher interest rates became effective on June 1, 1959, the Treasury also announced that another 10-year extension period would be granted on all E bonds outstanding at that time. That meant bonds already into an extension period at that time were promised a second 10-year extension. So, the very earliest that any E bonds could cease to draw interest would be 1971, assuming no other regulations are issued. Just one more thing: The interest rate for that third 10-year period has not been set. It will be announced prior to May 1, 1961.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

"And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil that good may come?" (Whose damnation is just" (Romans 3:8).

Because the early Christians believed we are saved by grace through faith plus nothing, entirely apart from good works and church ordinances, they were slanderously accused by their enemies of also believing it is justifiable to do evil that good may come. The reasoning of the unsaved was that if it takes more grace to forgive more sin,

the greater the amount of sin in a person's life the more of the grace of God is necessary to forgive and forget it. Therefore, it is justifiable to sin that grace may abound.

In the verse quoted above the Apostle Paul denies this charge, and adds that those who slander Christians by making this charge against them will be justly condemned.

The charge could be made today, I fear, with some justification. This past week the Associated Press interviewed some of the religious leaders of America (Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish) concerning the recent U-2 fiasco, in which a nation officially atheistic caught our "one nation under God" in a lie. Without exception the good men expressed the opinion that, while a lie is naughty, the greater good that results from telling one now and then justifies the telling. With glib casuistry they assured us that it is all right to do evil that good may come, that the end justifies the means.

Now far be it from me to disagree with the religious big-brass of our nation, who occupy the chief seats in the synagogues—but they are wrong. (It is significant that not once in the article was the Bible quoted, nor even a major theologian or decision of a Church Council). The

end never justifies the means; it is never all right to do evil that good may come. What is wrong is wrong if everybody is wrong; and what is right is right if nobody is right.

A lie is a sin. A white lie is a sin. A black lie is a sin. And a tattle-tale gray lie is a sin. And when we reason that a lie can ever be justified, we open the way for moral and social anarchy—for the corrupt human mind can find a plausible excuse for any sin.

The whole trouble is that we have substituted the variable standards of men for the unalterable standards of God. Our ideas of right and wrong are no longer determined by the Law of God, but the "demands and customs of the times." And since times and persons differ, we have no set standard of right and wrong, except that anything is all right if we can find an excuse for it and manage to escape detection.

Our churches have fallen into the same error. Bingo games, raffles, public begging, and other unscriptural means of raising money are excused on the ground: "It's for a good cause." Many churches no longer take an open stand against divorce, immorality, pornographic literature, obscene and blasphemous movies, drinking, and other sins because "everybody's doing it, and we



don't want to seem old-fashioned." Celluloid brothels are justified on the ground they keep the children off the streets (they'd be better off on the streets). And pompous prelates tell us it is all right to lie if it's for a good cause, and wasn't it a shame we got caught at it.

Well, they've been wrong before, and no doubt they'll be wrong again.

Why Pat Was Offended

Pat boarded the service elevator and pushed the button. Some where the machinery went haywire, for the cage took off on an erratic up and down course. Up to the second floor and down again, up and down. Finally it came to an abrupt halt on the bottom.

At this point, a man on the second floor peered apprehensively down the shaft and shouted: "Hey, Pat, are ye hurt?"

Pat indignantly shouted back: "None of your darn business, sir. I passed ye twice and ye did not speak."

TO THE CITIZENS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

I take this means to express to those of you who voted for me in the primary election last Saturday my sincere appreciation.

I did not win the election; but that will in nowise lessen my interest in the public affairs of my County or prevent me from speaking out forthrightly on any public issue.

ERNEST W. LEARY

Men never wish ardently for what they only wish for from reason. —La Rochefoucauld.

License Examiner's Office Closed June 20

Mac M. James, local automobile license examiner, announces that his office at the Police Station will be closed all day Monday, June 20.

On that day license examiners will attend an in-service training school at Greenville, which is the reason for the Edenton office being closed.

HAYSEED

By UNCLE SAM

GOING UP

- Taxes
- Are going up.
- Wages
- Are going up.
- Living
- Is going up.
- Defense
- Is going up.
- Houses
- Are going up.
- Cars
- Are going up.
- Medicine
- Is going up.
- Schooling
- Is going up.
- All expenses
- Are going up.
- Funerals
- Are going up.
- Everything
- Is going up.
- Can it keep
- Going up?
- When it ends
- Will it be up?

Subtle
Little Elsie — "Mummy, what becomes of an automobile when it gets too old to run any more?"
Mother—"Why, my dear, someone sells it to your father as a used car as good as new."

Touch you the sourest points with sweetest terms.
—William Shakespeare.

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