

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

John T. Grooms, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission office in the Citizens Bank Building.

"What is a quarter of coverage, and how do I get them?" "How many quarters of coverage do I need to be insured under Social Security?" Well, let's start at the beginning.

A quarter of coverage is a calendar quarter in which a wage earner earns \$50.00 or more in a calendar quarter. If you are self-employed, you get 4 quarters of coverage for each year that you have net earnings of \$400.00 or more. If your net earnings are less than \$400.00, you receive no quarters of coverage unless you are a farmer and elect to use the optional method. The optional method may be used only in cases where the farmer's gross earnings were

\$600.00 or more. One exception to the above rule regarding wage earners is that farm workers get one quarter of coverage for each \$100.00 of cash wages covered by the law paid to you in a year. Wages paid to farm workers are covered if: (a) an employer pays you \$160.00 or more in cash during the year, or (b) if you do farm work for an employer on 20 or more days during a year for cash wages figured on a time basis (by the hour, day, or week, etc.).

"How many quarters do I need?" As a general rule, you will need one quarter of coverage for each two full calendar quarters after 1950.

capacity, did not have the credentials that men sometimes demand of one who dares to speak for God, but he did have two important and fundamental prerequisites: "The Lord took me" (Amos 7:15). And, also: "The Lord said to me—" One who speaks for God must pass the test of having experienced God speaking to him. This is accomplished through vital per-

sonal communication with God. We call it prayer. Just as an ambassador must be in constant contact with his head of state if he purports to represent the bona fide interests of his countrymen in the realm of diplomacy, so must one who speaks for God keep the channels of communication open.

And a fourth test for those who speak for God is that the declaration be forthright. The temptation to embellish the truth, or perhaps to ease its severity when it must have a cutting edge, or to embroider it in order to draw more attention to the one who declares it than to the truth itself—this distorts and confuses.

A modern-day prophet who is worth his salt must always wrestle with specific problems. The more local they are, the more like Amos he must become. An increasing number of laymen are defending their ministers' obligations to preach the truth without fear or favor. And in this connection we must clearly remember that the prophets were not much concerned about the distant future. They tangled with the wayward present, hoping that moral revolution would avert a national collapse. And today the issues are as localized as they were in the time of Amos. Every community faces moral decisions. The man who represents God needs to be reinforced by the encouragement of the man in the pew. The supporting layman is an essential part of the effort. It is enough that God's will be made known to the mind of the preacher. The divine will, revealed and declared, must have the hearty encouragement of laymen.

Occasionally a layman will himself speak for God—as Amos did. This adds fiber and sinew to the prophetic utterance. Whenever a good man stands up for God in word and conduct, the Kingdom is marvelously reinforced. In the past, such men have been legion. In the future, such men can be legion—if each and every one of us will do our part.

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.)

Frankly Speaking

By Franz Roberts

Uh-oh, Roberts is on that tangent again. More about flying saucers. True. Only because I, and millions of others, feel it's the most important story of the decade; the most play-down; the story that seems to frighten government and military officials, so that they surround themselves in a cloak of deep secrecy. Incidentally, one question has already been raised. What will our President do when the Air Force finally admits it has been hiding the truth about unidentified flying objects? How will he face this unprecedented problem? In the light of recent events, it's almost a frightening thought. What all this is leading up to, of course, is another rundown on more facts about flying saucers. Stories that you have to weed from remote

sources, since the press association wires seem to be ignorant of these events. Here's an item: scientists of the Academy of Space Research in Moscow, state that the saucers are not product of the imagination, or mirages, but actual objects from Venus. Another item: in Mexico City, the papers herald news of the saucers, whenever they're observed in the skies which is, of course, quite often. These are seriously-written articles, and the natural thought is that it's too bad our journalists don't copy. A little farther south, to the country that takes this subject more seriously than any other country in the world, Brazil. There governmental men, the Navy, airline officials and pilots, continuously see UFO's and openly report their sightings. Incidentally, the president of Italy recently visited Brazil and said: "It's a well-known fact that Brazil has a secret agreement with other nations of the world to keep quiet about the reality of UFO's for a time yet." So Brazil is the only country that officially recognizes the existence of flying saucers, while the governments of other countries, ours included, continue to ridicule the stories of saucers, and the respectable people who report them. (These people are judged sane in Brazil, and crazy in our country). Incidentally, getting back to Italy, in that country contacts are being made from saucers by use of television, radio and telephone. It occasionally happens in this country, too, but some of the contactees are often confused as to what is going on. However, it has been stated that professors of a well-known university in this country, are in constant contact with space visitors utilizing the above-mentioned methods of contact. A few minor items now, on the subject: (1) A Professor Vladov of Moscow states that mass landings would be delayed until 1985, because of physiological problems. (2) A radio message was received from the space people, at Irkutsk, Siberia. The transmitter from space was so powerful, it severely damaged the radio equipment of the Soviets, but the message was received. (3) Our government leaders claim that Russia is our main enemy. They say we must have a strong defense program against Russia. Why, then, is every effort directed to the satellite program? Military advantage? Both Russia and the United States claim to be able to strike anywhere on earth now. Certainly the moon isn't needed for that purpose. (4) We have a vast network of radar detection stations encircling the entire north polar area, ostensibly to detect invading Russians. Yet actually the physicists, mathematicians, astronomers and others have explained that an invading fleet of space ships would naturally descend at the pole and fan out from there. This could be why the flying saucers stories are censored. Now, what you've



STRICTLY INSTRUMENTAL—The band is disbanded, but their instruments do not break ranks. The band, playing in Istanbul, Turkey, took a break, leaving the instruments in place.

Lillian Bunch leading in prayer. Elaine Hobbs, Linda Byrum and Ronnie Toppin, members of the Center Hill Senior 4-H Club, gave their demonstration on "How Cooperatives Operate." They gave this demonstration June 22 at Chocowinity High School at the Eastern District 4-H Demonstration Day. Miss Pauline Calloway, home economics agent, then demonstrated how one can dress green beans up in a variety of ways for family or company meals. Members were told that green beans are a good source of Vitamin A. Miss Calloway prepared two kinds of salads, using beans which proved very tasty. Mrs. Byrum, hostess, served delicious refreshments in keeping with "June Is Dairy Month." The club was invited to meet with Mrs. Harry Venters in July.

Our dignity is not in what we do, but what we understand. The whole world is doing this. —Santayana.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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humble man, but he yearned with all his heart for the reservation of the nation of God. Thirdly, in speaking for God, the message must be saturated in prayer. Amos, in his humble

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been reading are just a few random thoughts and items of the all-important subject of unidentified flying objects. I can only say, believe what you will, but before you make up your mind one way or the other, read both sides of the story. The pros and the cons. I did. That's why I believe today, strongly, in the existence of flying saucers.

Closing thought: Too low they build, who build beneath the stars. Emerson authored that.

JUNIOR 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Center Hill Junior 4-H Club met Monday, June 20, at the Center Hill Community Building. Linda Monds presided over the meeting in the absence of the president. June Turner, secretary, called the roll and the minutes were read and approved. Linda Monds led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The group decided to canvass the Center Hill community in a door-to-door canvass for funds for equipment of the Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire Department on Thursday night, June 23.

Plans for the July meeting were made and the group will meet at the home of Harry Venters July 8 for the monthly meeting, which will include a workshop for a "quickie" craft under the direction of Miss Catherine Aman, assistant home economics agent. The club decided to make favors for the Chowan Hospital patients for

CENTER HILL CLUB MEETS

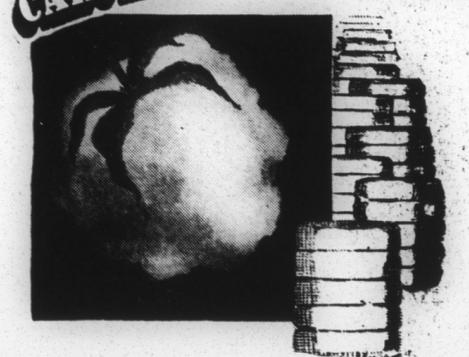
The Center Hill Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday night, June 21, at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Melvin Byrum, hostess. Minutes were read and approved and the roll call answered by the number of points earned for the month. Mrs. B. P. Monds, president, used for her devotion a part of the 18th chapter of psalms, with Mrs.

Two members of the Junior 4-H Club represented the county at the Eastern District 4-H Demonstration day in the talent contest. They were Robbie Boyce and Philip Smithson.

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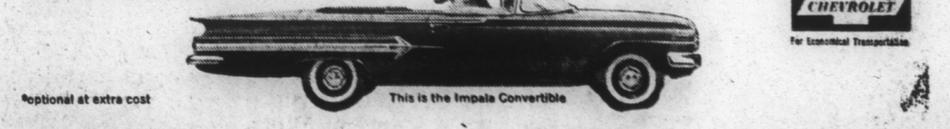
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