

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.

Some self-employed farmers are either overlooking, or not taking advantage of, an opportunity to provide a protection for themselves and their families that could be most valuable to them; that is, social security protection against loss of income because of retirement, disability, or death.

To the young farmer, age 65 is a long way off and he may not be immediately concerned about any special provision whereby he can secure social security credits for his work. Although it is definitely to his advantage at age 65 to have secured credits for every year, he should especially not overlook the advisability of providing protection for himself if he should become disabled or for his family in case of his death. He should bear in mind that social security payments are only made when the worker has the required amount of work for such payments. The amount of work required depends on when the worker reaches retirement age, becomes disabled, or dies.

One thing a self-employed farmer can do to be sure he

receives proper credit for his work is file complete and accurate income tax returns and use the optional method of reporting self-employment income from farming when it is to his advantage to do so. This option allows any self-employed farmer who has a gross profit from farming of \$1800 or less to declare two-thirds of his gross profit as net profit for social security purposes. However, if he is engaged in farming only, his gross profit would have to be as much as \$600.00 for him to secure social security credits by use of this option. If his gross profit was over \$1800.00 and his net less than \$1200.00 he may report \$1200.00 for social security purposes. This optional method of reporting may be applied even though he had a net loss from his farming operation and may mean the difference in receiving four social security credits or none. The lack of creditable income for only one year can make the all important difference of payment or no payment, when a worker retires, becomes disabled, or dies.

for this. First, there is a complacency about the peril by the Laotian leadership which the U. S. is backing. Secondly, the supply lines of the Soviets and their allies are shorter. A Soviet airlift from Hanoi, North Vietnam, a few hundred miles away can drop thousands of rebels into Laos quickly. Lastly, by being the "behind the scenes" aggressor, the Soviets can pick the time and the place for these "brush fire" wars.

War And Peace—This nation is ardently striving for peace, but at the same time is confronted with the alternative of war. The Soviet leaders seem to understand far better when we state to them that we will not yield another inch of territory than they do when we sit down with them to discuss disarmament. Since this condition exists and we must live with it or perish by it, our imperative need is for a mobile, well-equipped "brush fire" army which is ready to fight at a moment's notice in the most remote province of the world.

Conditions For Peace—While we seek peace and make plans for world disarmament, we must realize that the conditions for peace and disarmament must exist among the world powers. One of the great tragedies of World War II has been the fact that two of our great allies, the Soviet Union and China, have turned into aggressor nations. If they had continued to join with us in the ideals of peace as they did in the strategies of war, the world would have moved toward the "broad and sunlit" areas of lasting peace. Sixteen years after the armistice of World War II it is not enough for the representatives of the United States to be willing to disarm, to reduce our armies, and to stop all armament research and testing. The disarmament envoys of the Soviet Union and Red China and all nations must be men whose minds and hearts are dedicated to peace. Peace is cultivated in the hearts of men who can in-



Clark Gable, in his memorable role of Rhett Butler, and Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara in David O. Selznick's production of "Gone With the Wind." One of the great motion pictures of all time, the screen version of Margaret Mitchell's famous novel is presented by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in tribute to the Year of the Civil War Centennial.

telligently see the advantage of an unguarded American-Canadian border stretching from sea to sea safeguarded by the good will of the two nations. War's harsh alternatives are presented in the Congo and Laotian crises which threaten the peace of the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, and only he, and he alone, fully understands his creation. As Job puts it: "For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens." God, by the use of his wisdom, formed the earth, weighed the winds, measured out the waters, formed the path for lightning and thunder—brought into being all the great elemental forces of nature—those forces which man, through use of his

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The priest and the Levite who are described in the parable of the Good Samaritan were educated men, but they lacked brotherly hearts. For this lack they stand guilty and condemned before mankind. It was the poor Samaritan, uneducated, unlearned, who possessed the brotherly heart.

Education that does not build a temple for the mind and raise an altar for the heart is like a tree without roots. At its best, education encourages and directs us in the greatest adventure of the human spirit—the redemptive response of mind and heart to God.

God, the source of all true wisdom, is eager to lend us a redeeming hand in our struggle to obtain the qualities of an educated and wise man; a civilized mind, a disciplined will, a

brotherly heart, and a soul in love with the highest.

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Belvidere Resident Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Minnie M. Rountree, 64, of the Belvidere section died Thursday morning at 3:40 o'clock in the Chowan Hospital after an illness of two weeks. She was the daughter of the late John and Maggie Dela Hobbs.

Surviving are a son, Jack Rountree of Elizabeth City; two daughters, Mrs. Inez Knouse of Norfolk and Mrs. Minnie Bell Rountree of Belvidere; four brothers, Oley Moore of Hampton, Va., Shirley Moore of Norfolk, Verne Moore of Suffolk and Herman Moore of Hobbsville; three sisters, Mrs. Eunice

Craddock of Hobbsville, Mrs. Maggie Bunch of Sunbury and Mrs. Daisy Falisk of Norfolk.

She was a member of Sandy Cross Baptist Church, where a funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. J. Leonard Gerrald, officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

The greatest thing in family life is to take a hint when a hint is intended—and not take a hint when a hint isn't intended.

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SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — Laos and the Congo occupy the stage in the foreign policy global contest being waged by the Soviets. Congressional leaders at home and our allies abroad have expressed approval of the President's firm stand in the latest Laotian crisis. To date we have fared better

than the Soviets in the Congo. In the small nation of Laos our position is less secure despite the fact that since 1954 we have poured some \$300 millions into military and economic aid for this country to prevent it from slipping behind the Iron Curtain. There are several reasons

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