

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.

Changes in the Social Security law, signed by President Kennedy June 30, 1961, are effective with the month of August, 1961. More than four million persons are estimated to benefit from the revisions.

Included in the changes, which the President called "financially sound and socially responsible," are provisions:

1. Increasing the minimum benefit to \$40.
2. Increasing widows' benefits by 10 per cent.
3. Lowering the amount of work-credits needed to become eligible for benefits.
4. Making old-age benefits available to men at age 62.

The House Committee on Ways and Means, reporting on the Amendments to the Social Security law, had said, "The provision of benefits at age 62 for men will help to alleviate the hardships faced by that group of men who, because of ill health, technological unemployment, or other reasons, find it impossible to continue working until they reach 65."

That Committee estimated that 560,000 persons would get benefits under this change during the

next twelve months. It is estimated also that one and a half million widows would get the increase in the widows' benefit and that more than two million persons would be affected by the increased minimum benefit.

Those persons eligible for the increases will receive them in their checks early next month, Mr. John T. Grooms, Field Representative of the Norfolk, Va., office of the Social Security Administration, stated. The increases will be made automatically, he said, and there is no need to apply for the increases.

About 160,000 persons who are not now getting benefits would become eligible during the next twelve months under the lower work-credit requirement, the report continued.

Mr. Grooms said that a number of older persons who had applied for benefits before, but who were ineligible because they or their husbands did not meet the old requirement, might now be eligible.

Such people should check again with their local Social Security office to see if they are now eligible, he said.

come the greatest of all Christians, when he was a prisoner in Rome and death hovered near, Paul sent for Mark. At a time when savage persecution had befallen the church and when desertion was thinning the ranks, Mark stood, in his faith, as solid and enduring as a rock. What a lesson for us, here!

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117 Given Old Age Assistance In July

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare superintendent, reports that during July 117 persons received old age assistance with \$4,370 being distributed. There were 23 cases of aid to dependent children who received \$1,636. Forty-four cases of aid to permanently and totally disabled received \$2,198 and 10 aid to blind cases received \$370.

There were four emergency cases which required an expenditure of \$70.97. Other financial assistance included four cases hospitalized outside the county costing \$42.60.

Chowan's Sales Tax Collections For May Below Year Ago

According to "The Retailer," published monthly by the North Carolina Merchants Association, Chowan County's sales tax collections in May of this year amounted to \$11,773.43. This compares with \$11,730.29 in April of this year and \$12,784.47 in May, 1960.

Gross retail sales in the county for May, 1961, totaled \$854,963, which compares with \$827,402 in April, 1961, and \$808,389 in May, 1960.



WIDE SPOT IN THE ROAD—No less than 11 railroad cars were pulled by a locomotive across this natural trestle in Kingdom City, Mo. The road bed fell into an abandoned quarry, leaving a hole 100 feet deep. Nobody knew what happened until after the train passed safely over the gap.

Farm Costs Expected To Rise Again In 1961

Increases in taxes, interest and wage rates will probably result in somewhat higher farm costs in 1961 than in 1960.

This is the conclusion reached by Hugh L. Liner, farm management specialist at N. C. State College, in a mid-year outlook at North Carolina farm costs.

Here are his other outlook predictions: Feed grain prices are expected to average close to those of the past year with a slight increase in protein and by-product feed prices.

Prices for feeder cattle should remain steady with a decline in feeder pig prices.

General price increases can be expected for farm machinery, building materials and other production items that have high labor requirements.

Fertilizer prices will probably increase slightly.

Prices of farm real estate in North Carolina dropped 1 per cent in 1960. An increase of about 2 per cent is expected, however, in 1961.

Interest Shown In Feeding Of Cattle

The North Carolina Cattle-men's Association in cooperation with the North Carolina Extension Service and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture are concentrating on buyers for the upcoming Feeder Calf and

Yearling Sales in eastern and northeastern North Carolina.

The Executive Committee of the Feeder Calf Sales Committee decided extra effort should be placed on contacting prospective buyers in North Carolina who do a great deal of feeding or who might be interested in the feeding of cattle.

Plans are now being formulated for visiting different counties in this area to promote the upcoming feeder calf and yearling sales. This eastern area of North Carolina was chosen for concentrated effort this year because of the great potential for cattle raising.

James Basnight Dies After Year's Illness

James E. Basnight, 69, died Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home on East Church Street after a year's illness. A native of Tyrrell County, he lived in Edenton 50 years and was a retired employee of the Edenton Cotton Mills.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Basnight; two daughters, Mrs. Selma Lassiter and Mrs. Ramona Bateman, both of Edenton and five grandchildren. He was a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Williford Funeral Home. The Rev. Carl Hart, pastor of Balford's Bridge Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Isaac Voli-

va, Robert Smith, Jeppy Boyce, Thomas Harris, John McClenney and Dennis Basnight.

Miscellaneous Shower For Mrs. Ivey Ward

Mrs. Clarence Chappell, Sr., Mrs. Hagger Horton, Mrs. Randolph Ward and Mrs. Clarence Chappell, Jr., entertained at a miscellaneous floating shower Friday night at the home of Mrs. Clarence Chappell, Jr., for Mrs. H. Ivey Ward, a recent bride.

The entire house was decorated with beautiful pink rosebuds cut from Mrs. Chappell's garden. The serving table was laid with a white linen cloth and beautifully decorated with burning tapers and rosebuds. The tiered wedding cake was cut and served by Mrs. Winston Lane, Sr., and Mrs. Clarence Chappell, Jr.

Mrs. Randolph Ward poured punch from a crystal punch bowl and Mrs. Hagger Horton assisted with serving the salted nuts, mints and cheese straws.

Mrs. Louis Winslow welcomed the guests and introduced them to the receiving line which consisted of the bride and her mother, Mrs. Novella Bunch, and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Lucy Ward. Miss Lois Violet Winslow registered the guests and Miss Louise Chappell presided in the gift room.

Approximately 75 guests called or sent gifts, which were gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. Ward.



Washington — The Congressional legislative program is moving toward completion with a target date for adjournment set for the middle of September. With the passage of the Farm Bill last week, the Senate is now moving into the debate on foreign aid. There is every indication that this highly controversial measure will encounter a long debate in the Senate. Appropriation bills for the Executive departments and agencies are being considered almost daily. Most of these bills have already been passed by the House where all measures for the appropriation of funds must originate.

Aid To Education—One of the major pieces of legislation before the Congress is the aid to public education bill, S. 1021.

This measure recently received an unfavorable report by the House Rules Committee. This action is usually tantamount to the death of a measure, and in my opinion, federal aid to schools is dead for this session. In all likelihood, a separate bill may be enacted for the continuation for federal funds to impacted school areas such as North Carolina's Fort Bragg district.

Military Preparedness—President Kennedy's address to the nation recently was a very timely and sobering message.

During my service on the Senate Armed Services Committee since January, 1955, I have been preaching the doctrine that the United States is living in a very precarious world: The only way to live in a precarious world is to lift up our hearts in courage and our hands in strength. In my judgment the nation will rally to support the President in whatever efforts may be required to meet the challenge of world Communism. I have no doubt that the Congress will quickly enact the measures

water for everyone in your party and a well-stocked first aid kit.

These tips were offered to vacationists by R. E. Haynes, chairman of the North Carolina Forest Industries Committee and senior forester for West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company of New Bern.

Haynes said virtually all forest industry tree farms will be open to recreationists. The precautions suggested, he said, will aid forestry crews immeasurably in finding anyone who becomes lost or injured while in the forest.

The industry spokesman pointed out that while the primary purpose of tree farms is production of wood for man's use, recreation is one of their multiple use benefits.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M., Monday, August 7, follows:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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young and, being from a well-to-do Christian home, somewhat pampered.

But, having considered that Mark went wrong, let us now turn to see how he made good. Herein can lie hope for us all.

In the first place, he was willing to try again. After Paul and Barnabas had completed their long and hazardous missionary tour of Asia Minor, they returned to Antioch and Jerusalem and reported to the churches concerning the success of their mission.

We can well imagine how Mark felt when the group reached Jerusalem. To face the friends he had deserted when they needed him most must have been an exceedingly difficult undertaking for Mark.

But Mark had matured considerably in the interim, for we do not see him hiding behind excuses for his failure. Indeed, having asked for a second chance, and been rebuked and refused by Paul, he could easily have dismissed the whole thing by saying: "Well, at least I tried." Instead, however, we find Mark accepting responsibility for himself, and using his past failures as incentives for growth.

In the second place, when Mark was willing to rise and try again, he found that God met him with a friend. Although Paul did not want to trust Mark again, Barnabas did. In Barnabas Mary found the token of God's forgiveness. And here, again, we can find a parallel to guide our way along the path of Christianity. For, for all of us who would try again, the church is a strong and kindly arm around our shoulders, and through it we can attain the state of Grace that Mark later enjoyed. For, years later, when Paul had be-



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