



SOCIAL SECURITY
Questions and Answers

George Dietrich, field representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday in the Court Room in the Chowan County Court House.

"Criminal violation of laws affecting entitlement to social security payments can result in imprisonment or heavy fines," Icen Wilson, District Manager of the Social Security Administration in Greenville, N. C., warned today. Wilson called attention to the sentences imposed on April 22, 1964 in Salisbury, North Carolina on Mr. Harry E. Honeycutt and his wife, Mrs. Ruth Benfield Honeycutt. Mr. Honeycutt was sentenced to serve four months in prison. Mrs. Honeycutt was sentenced to one year in prison but the sentence was suspended and she was placed on probation for five years. The couple pleaded guilty to giving false statement in connection with an application for

monthly benefits filed on behalf of Lizzie Mae Benfield, Mrs. Honeycutt's stepmother, and to concealing the death of the stepmother, who had been dead several weeks at the time the application was filed. Wilson said the Social Security Administration has the duty of detecting any fraud that may exist at any stage of the claims operation and of recommending prosecution when the facts justify it. Wilson added that the majority of claims are free from fraud because processes and procedures used by the Administration have been effective in keeping to a minimum the payments of benefits to those not entitled to them.

You Can Lead A Horse To Water

By Luther Partin of N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, it might have been." John Greenleaf Whittier's words of a past century still come back to haunt us, having lost no significance in the passage of time. Even at this early stage in the 1964 boating season, wearing a life jacket very well "might have been" the difference between life and death for at least 13 people in the state who fell out of boats and were drowned.

In most counties, North Carolina law requires a motor propelled vessel on public waters to carry an approved life-saving device for each person on board. But there's nothing in the law that says you have to wear the device. Some people think a simple solution would be to amend the law to require that lifesaving devices be worn while in a boat. But it doesn't appear to be quite that simple when you take a long, hard look at the situation. Law enforcement agencies are quick to use the phrase, "you can't legislate safety." And the difficulties in enforcing such a law are readily apparent.

So where do we go from here? The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Division of Protection is responsible for enforcing the boating laws. Their reports show that about 96% of the boats checked have the required safety equipment on board. We've largely succeeded in getting the horse to the watering trough—but how do we make him drink? To paraphrase, how do we get the boating public to take their feet off the life jacket and wear it until they're ready to get in their car, and to be especially sure that children do this. Buoyant seat cushions will support a person in the water. But just try putting it on while trying to stay afloat. It's no small task. That is if you're lucky and a cushion is available, and you can get to it. If you are tossed in or fall into the brink, the cushion usually stays in the boat, so what good is it to you under these conditions? This aspect of boating accidents we should give careful consideration and keep foremost in our minds: most of the victims simply hit the water and disappear if they're not wearing life safety devices. Why does this

happen? Maybe they hit the boat on the way out, or the impact from hitting the water may stun the victim temporarily. Some safety officials think even experienced swimmers may panic or go into shock under these conditions and the ensuing helplessness quickly becomes hopelessness. Most boating emergencies arise suddenly and unexpectedly. Non-swimmers suddenly faced with water immersion have little chance to survive unless they have a life-saving device attached securely to the body. According to statistics, the experienced swimmer doesn't stand a much better chance without flotation gear. To permit a child to be around water without a life jacket securely fastened; much less on a boat, would seem to be folly of the worst kind. It is probably true that we cannot legislate safety, but it is true beyond doubt that we can determine responsibility. A boat owner, who has passengers in his craft has at least a moral responsibility to make certain everyone is using the safety devices he has provided in accordance with boating regulations. In dealing with human life, a moral responsibility can hardly be distinguished from a legal responsibility. It would seem, even to the layman, that a boat owner permitting unsafe conduct on his conveyance is inviting tragedy, and a court decision may declare him legally responsible for the injury or loss of life. Even if no prosecution results, the knowledge that you were morally responsible for a human death inflicts its own punishment—the sentence is long and there is no parole. Neither safety nor religion will do you much good if given lip service one day a week or one week out of a year. But if boaters will make a conscious effort to learn and apply the rules of safe boating, Whittier's saddest words will have less chance for personal application. He started to sing as he tackled the thing that couldn't be done, and he did it. —Edgar A. Guest.

We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough. —Helen Keller.



GEOMETRIC VIEW—The ever-changing skyline of Chicago is a study in geometry, thanks to the contrasts in architecture shown here. Old Euclid would have jumped for joy and clapped his hands had he lived to see it.

Health For All

Poison Is Bad For You!

Accidental poisoning tops all other causes of emergency medical treatment given to children in the United States, according to a recent survey.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reported that 51 percent of all accidents treated by

its child specialist members in home. They include such private practice were cases of ducts as insecticides, deodorants, poisoning. Another investigation has revealed that "almost half of the cases" of accidental poisoning happen to children under five.

The problem has been growing in seriousness, it was pointed out because of continuing advances in chemistry which have added to the number of poisonous substances found useful in the

the candy-flavored aspirin designed for "acceptability" to children—and sometimes all too successful.

Nor is the danger confined to children alone. In the adult bracket, the leading substances involved in cases of accidental poisoning are lead, arsenic, mercury, and certain acids and alkalis used as cleansers. Medications most frequently involved in such home tragedies are barbiturates, sedatives, and tranquilizers.

Persons of any age, from the mischievous youngster to his absent-minded parent or grandparent, are liable to the hazard of accidental poisoning. At any suspicion of illness from this source, a doctor should be called. The best method of prevention is to keep all poisonous substances safely under lock and key, avoid underestimating Junior's ingenuity at opening "safety" bottles, and label all drugs and medicines conspicuously and unmistakably for adults.

Hospital Patients

Visiting hours: 10-11 A. M.; 2-4 and 6-8 P. M. Children under 12 are not permitted to visit patients.

Patients discharged from Chowan Hospital for the week of July 5-12 were as follows:

White—Mrs. Helen Benthall, Mrs. Margaret Wheeler, Mrs. Barbara Nobles, Mrs. Winona Evelyn Hening, Mrs. Annie Marie Goodwin, Mrs. Elizabeth Asbell, Mrs. Margaret Jordan, Tom Byrum, Master Mart Nixon, Miss Patricia Perry, Master Michael Perry, Mrs. Doris Elizabeth Pickell, Mrs. Lorraine Braxton, Mrs. Mildred Byrum, Mrs. Ruth Boyce Mansfield, Wilson Donson Davis, Sr., Mrs. Tillie Lyvin Holmes, Mrs. Maggie Nixon, Mrs. Ellen Hollowell and Fred Sessions, Jr.

Colored—Joyce Knight, Mrs. Lucy McCullen, Mrs. Dorothy King, Carolyn Ann Creevy, Mrs. Sue Ann Leigh, Rose L. Wilson,

Saint Claire Lawrence, Tine Lee Bryant, Georgie Holley, Thelma Yvonne Eason, Herbert Davis, Joseph Coston, William Bemby, Donald Sutton, Ralph Rollins Sutton.

Births
White—Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Melvin Braxton, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee Pickell, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lee Jordan, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jack Nobles, a daughter.

Colored—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Andrew Wyon, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlton Morgan, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee McCullen, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. William King, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Angelo Leigh, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spruill, a son.

Success in life depends upon persistent effort, upon the improvement of moments more than upon any other one thing.

Procrastination says, "The next advantage we will take thoroughly!" —Shakespeare.



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Chowan County Budget For Fiscal Year 1964-1965

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JULY 6, 1964

FUND	APPROPRIATED FOR REQUIREMENTS	AMOUNT LEVIED	RATE
BONDS	\$ 45,947.20		
Less Amount Anticipated from Unexpended Balance	3,719.70	\$ 42,227.50	\$ 42,227.50 .19
CHARITY:			
General Assistance	13,000.00		
Hospitalization	10,000.00		
Total	\$ 23,000.00		
Less Amount Anticipated from State and Federal Funds	7,442.50	15,557.50	15,557.50 .07
HEALTH:			
District	16,500.00		
County	1,280.00	17,780.00	17,780.00 .08
SCHOOLS:			
County	55,439.00		
City	156,655.25		
Total	\$212,094.25		
Less Amounts Anticipated From:			
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties, etc.	\$ 15,000.44		
Dog Tax	1,039.00		
Intangibles Tax	13,422.81		
Poll Tax	1,609.50		
Estimated School Fund Balance	1,000.00	32,071.75	32,071.75 .81
WELFARE:			
Old Age Assistance	84,560.00		
Aid to Dependent Children	49,746.40		
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	46,174.00		
Administration	22,732.50		
Total	\$203,212.90		
Less Amount Anticipated from State and Federal Funds	\$175,670.90		
Less Unexpended Balance	3,094.50	178,765.40	178,765.40 .11
REVALUATION EXPENSE		4,445.00	4,445.00 .02
AGRICULTURE & ECONOMICS		17,780.00	17,780.00 .08
CIVIL DEFENSE		4,445.00	4,445.00 .02
GENERAL COUNTY FUND	110,250.00		
Less Anticipated from:			
ABC Store Earnings	\$ 35,000.00		
Costs, Records and Superior Courts	10,600.00		
General Fund Surplus	20,200.00	65,800.00	65,800.00 .20
County-wide tax rate per \$100.00 valuation, based upon a valuation of \$22,225,000.00			\$1.58
Special Tax Levy for Rural Fire Protection Outside of Town of Edenton			.10

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