



To all our wonderful friends  
 and patrons, we extend best wishes!

**Raeform  
 Super Market**



JOY TO THE WORLD -- The birth of the Christ Child is pictured in the manger scene on the lawn of Raeform United Methodist Church.

**Social Security News**

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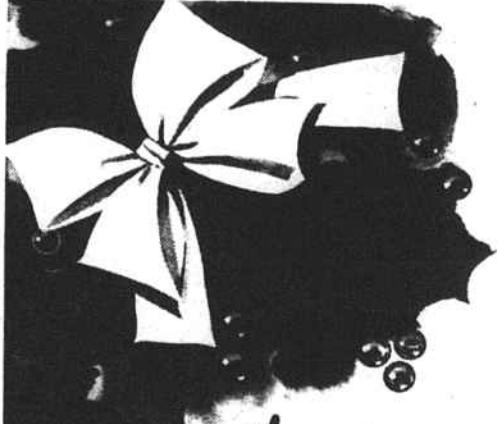
At this time of year when we are approaching the date on which we celebrate the birth of Christ, it is difficult to write about an earthly subject such as Social Security.

Social Security has been provided in our democratic society by the vote of our elected representatives to provide a degree of security for those of us when we reach retirement age or become disabled to work. And to provide monetary security to our survivors in the event of our death.

Those of us who are currently working and contributing tax money to the social security system in the form of FICA taxes are actually paying the benefits to those who are now receiving social security payments. By a small stretch of the imagination then, I am of the opinion that by paying social security tax money which in turn is used to provide payments to those who are aged, disabled and bereaved, we are assisting those fellow human beings who are less fortunate than we are.

In the old days, when communities were smaller, people helped one another directly, especially at Christmas time. This is still done of course, but generally we have become more impersonal in our concern for others. At least, through the social security system, even though our tax contributions are compulsory, we are providing the funds to assist our fellow countrymen.

I should like to personally thank those of you who have read this column for your contributions to the social security system and the assistance, thereby, which you have given to the less fortunate individuals in our society.



Merry Christmas  
 To Each and Everyone

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**At This Holy Time**

May the spiritual meaning of  
 the season be with you this  
 Christmas, and bring its blessing  
 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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news notes from

**QUEWHIFFLE**

By MRS. LEONARD McBRIDE

Mrs. Edith Nixon was a dinner guest with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cloer in Hamlet Thursday. Mrs. Jean McBryde and children visited Mrs. Linda Tulloch and children in Broadway Monday.

Miss May Ann Seaford is home with her mother Mrs. Albert Seaford for the holidays.

Huey Byrd visited his father Mr. V.O. Byrd in Orrum Monday.

Mrs. Doris Collins is in Moore Memorial Hospital.

The Youth of Shiloh Presbyterian Church and Bethel Church went Christmas caroling Monday night.

Ashley Heights Baptist Church presented their Christmas play Sunday night. The children had a play and sang carols, then the adults and youth did a skit titled "Christmas Thru Grandmas Eyes." Delicious refreshments were served to everyone and the children were presented gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lockey and Miss Ginger Winecoff visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Sessions and family in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Frederick and family of Raeform visited Mrs. Edith McBryde and family Sunday.

Mrs. Neil F. Sinclair is sick at home with the flu.

Baby Ronnie Williams Jr. is in Moore Memorial Hospital. We wish to congratulate Miss Ann Hemmings and Kenneth Dew who were married at Shiloh Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Jo Diggs is home from school for the holidays with her mother Mrs. Sadie Lou Diggs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Huff Jr. attended a funeral in Greensboro Monday afternoon, a cousin of Mr. Huff.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ronk and daughter of West Virginia are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Seals and family for the holidays.

Mrs. Pearle Love spent Friday night with Mrs. Edith McBryde and family.

The Rev. Alan Smyth is sick at home with the flu. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Tom Sinclair is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. Schmidt in New York.

Miss Gail Womble was home for the weekend from Raleigh with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Womble.

Mrs. Edith McBryde and granddaughter Daphne visited Mrs. Elsie Patterson and family in Fayetteville Sunday.

Mrs. J.D. Pickler and son Harry visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Philpott and children and Mrs. Maude Dixon in Franklinton Saturday.

Miss Jerry Blake of Charlottesville, Virginia spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Blake.

Miss Joy Wall and Mrs. Nora Moody visited Mrs. J.A. Almond Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Currie and children were Monday shoppers in Rockingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Almond and children and Mr. and Mrs. Crowell Almond were visitors during the weekend with Mr.

and Mrs. Arnold Stell and daughters for their family Christmas gathering. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hodgins and sons Ron and Stan of Apex and Mr. and Mrs.

Winfred Almond and daughter Lynn of Raleigh.

The Cub Scouts had a Christmas party Monday evening and exchanged gifts at Mrs. Jon Almond's home.

**Long-Tail Fowl  
 Makes Debut**

A fancy chicken with a 30-foot - long tail rules the roost in Japan.

Breeders in the southwestern part of the country have been raising the remarkable long-tailed fowl for three centuries.

Called Onagadori, from "O" for tail, "naga" meaning long, and "dori," for fowl, they evolved from the common domestic chicken. Only roosters can grow the long tails, which can be black and white, red and black, or pure white.

The fantastic fowl recently immigrated to the United States. Dr. Frank X. Ogasawara, an avian physiologist who had been studying them in Japan with the support of the National Geographic Society, brought back 30 eggs to his laboratory at the University of California at Davis. His precious cargo yielded 15 chicks.

The tiny creatures have great potential. Dr. Ogasawara reports in the December National Geographic. "Successful hatching could give this country breeding stock for

research in genetics, cell growth, and the molting process."

In Japan the birds are still fairly numerous, although the country has fewer than 24 fanciers and breeders.

"There are no real secrets to raising the long-tailed fowl," says an expert.

"One must have good breeding stock and look for birds of calm disposition, and one must keep them in good health and train them to withstand confinement."

After they reach five or six months of age, the birds are kept in tall, specially built roost boxes because any strenuous outside activity could break off their feathers. As the plumes lengthen -- about three feet a year -- they are coiled and hung on a hook inside the box by a loop of twine.

"They overtake most breeders," explains Dr. Ogasawara. "They concentrate on developing color changes or greater length of tail, or on producing fowl to meet certain highly specific judging standards."



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**E.E. SMITH**  
 Clerk of Superior Court



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 wish our friends happiness!

Dennis Stewart, Manager

**Safeway Finance**

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Let us rejoice at Christmastime!

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and

**SANDHILL  
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 and CAFETERIA**