



TOBACCO GOING IN - Although it was hard for some people to believe, the season is that far along and tobacco was being put in at the David Baker farm last Thursday on St. Pauls Drive.

Veterans Corner

Veterans discharged on or after April 3, 1970 and before August 1, 1975 have until August 1, 1975 to take advantage of the new low cost Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI).

The new program offers up to \$20,000 coverage for a monthly premium of \$3.40 for veterans under 35. For those 35 and older, the maximum coverage costs \$6.80 per month. The non-renewable policy is intended as interim protection during a veteran's readjustment to civilian life, a VA spokesman has explained.

This five-year policy can be converted from the Veterans Group Life Insurance Policy into an individual policy at standard rates, regardless of health or physical condition, when it expires.

Applications and the first premium must be received before August 2, 1975. Complete information on the program and assistance with applications can be obtained by contacting any North Carolina State, District, County or Post Veterans Service Officer.

Here are this month's questions

and answers:

Q. I am a disabled military retiree. I know that in order to get VA compensation I must waive a portion of my retired pay. If I can qualify for the \$150 VA clothing allowance because my prosthetic device wears out my clothing, will I also have to waive \$150 of my retired pay?

A. No. Military retirees need not waive any portion of their retired pay to qualify.

Q. My husband has a 50 percent disability, stemming from his Vietnam War service. Would I qualify for Dependents education benefits?

A. Your husband's service connected disability would have to be 100 percent and permanent in order for you to get Dependents educational assistance.

Q. After becoming eligible for CHAMPVA, I learned that our family doctor is not a participant in the program. Does this mean I'll have to

change to one who is?

A. No. However, when using your nonparticipating family physician, it will be your responsibility to provide the proper claim forms and to submit them yourself for reimbursement.

Q. I understand that if I should remarry, I will lose my CHAMPVA benefits, which I now hold as the widow of a deceased veteran. Would my son and daughter also lose their benefits in the event of my remarriage?

A. Your remarriage will not affect your children's CHAMPVA entitlement, but yours will be terminated, as you already know.

Q. Is the privilege of burial in a National Cemetery extended to all veterans or just to those who are destitute, or earning less than a certain annual income?

A. Burial in a National Cemetery is allowed any veteran whose separation from the military was under conditions other than dishonorable. There are no minimum income considerations.

Farm Items

By W. S. Young, County Agent

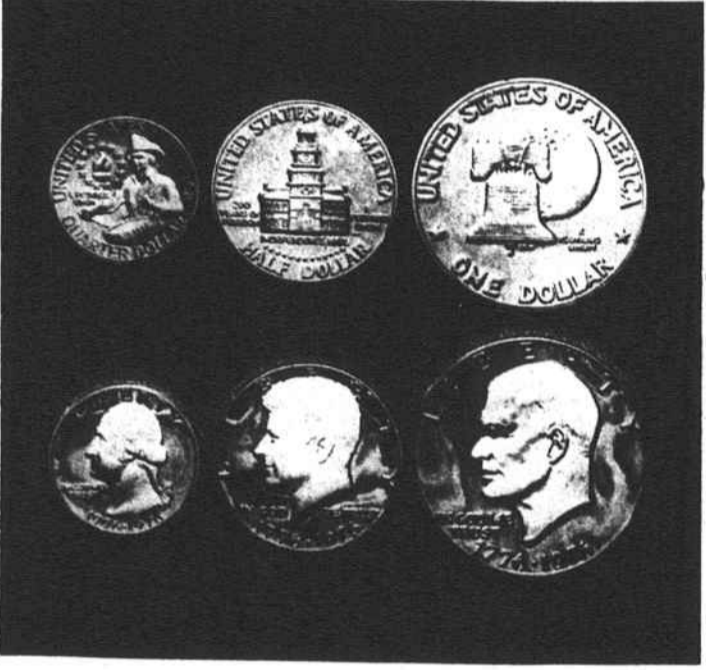
The procedure for collecting the Tobacco Associates assessments in North and South Carolina and the excise tax in Virginia had been changed. In 1975 the use of poundage as a basis for determining the amount deducted will be used instead of acreage. It was decided that five cents per hundred pounds would be an equivalent to the one dollar per acre collected in years past. This decision was based on the fact that in 1974 the national production average for flue-cured tobacco was 2,014 pounds per acre. The fee will be collected each time the grower sells.

Small bagworms are beginning to appear on cedars, junipers and aborvitae. Now is the time to control these pests while they are small. Where only a few insects are noticeable, they may be picked and crushed. For heavy infestations, Dursban and Diazinon are registered pesticides. Follow the labels for complete instructions. Needlecast continues to be severe on pines in this area. The fungus attacks old needles but the new growth will not be affected. Pine beetles are also active in trees at this time. You should watch your trees to see if resin is coming out. If so, it is probably from a beetle attack. Many trees die in a short period.

Home gardeners are beginning to dig their Irish potatoes. Some tips on drying potatoes are: 1) Remove potatoes from open sunlight as soon as possible. 2) Select a storage space that is dark and is as cool as possible. This can be the crawl space under a house, basement, storm cellar or open shed. Place potatoes in baskets or pour out gently on a dry surface such as straw or similar material. Remove cut or damaged potatoes. Examine occasionally and remove any that might be rotting.



EMERGENCY - Firemen from Stonewall volunteer department douse flames that badly damaged a station wagon owned by Lumbee farms. The auto driven by Charles Crowder caught fire Friday afternoon on N.C. 20, about two and a half miles from Raeford. (Photo by Rob Shook)



TWO HEADS ... on the new quarters are better than one. New designs are being minted for the quarters, half-dollars and dollars in honor of the Bicentennial.

Coins Are Changing For The Bicentennial

The hand flips a coin. Heads I win. Tails you win.

The eyes light on the head of a colonial drummer. Did you win or lose the toss?

You won!

That head is really a tail.

You can take the word of Mary Brooks, Director of the U.S. Mint. She's the nation's coinmaker and says the colonial drummer was chosen in a national design competition to appear on the back of the new Bicentennial quarter. George Washington, she says, still heads the coin over the new date - 1776 - 1976 - and it was all done to celebrate our country's 200th birthday.

"I know big decisions, like whether or not to walk the dog in the rain, rest on the flip of a coin," Mrs. Brooks says, "and I want to warn the nation's big decision makers about the coming big change in their small change."

In all, the Mint is changing the designs on the backs of three coins in honor of the Bicentennial. Along with Washington on the quarter, those famous faces of Kennedy and Eisenhower, with the new twin date, still head the half dollar and dollar. Again, it's the backs that carry the new Bicentennial designs. Independence Hall won its place on the back of the half dollar. And the moon and Liberty Bell was chosen for the dollar reverse.

By July 7, banks should begin receiving the first of the circulating Bicentennial coins to be released --

the Kennedy - Independence Hall half dollar. Before the end of the year, the Federal Reserve System will have had the time to supply the nation's commercial banks with the newly redesigned quarter and dollar.

"To me, these coins -- like all our coins -- are symbols of our nation's 200 years of freedom," Mrs. Brooks says. "They are small links with our historical and cultural heritage that will touch the hands of every man, woman and child in America."

"Liberty!" was the rallying cry of the American Revolution -- and "Liberty" has been proclaimed and inscribed on each and every coin since the creation of the U.S. Mint in 1792.

Launching a national coinage was a big step in the formation of our young nation. "Now," Mrs. Brooks says, "we are launching the most significant coinage change in the history of the mint."

The winning design on the back of the quarter is the work of Jack L. Ahr of Arlington Heights, Ill. Seth G. Huntington of Minneapolis, Minn., executed the reverse on the half dollar. And Dennis R. Williams, a sculpture student at the Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, Ohio, designed the dollar reverse.

Special 40% silver specimens of the Bicentennial coins are also available. For details, write to the Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175.

Sunday School Lesson

There's an old story about a brilliant corporation lawyer who was traveling across the country in a Pullman train.

That night as he was preparing to settle down in his berth for the night, he was overheard to pray:

"Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep..."

For all his accomplishments, the man had never grown-up spiritually. In his religious life, he is still a child, existing, as Paul puts it, "on milk."

This was one of the problems to which Paul addressed himself when he wrote his second letter to the church at Corinth. There was a great deal of immaturity in the church there, Paul observed. Pulling no punches, Paul says pointedly:

I must speak to you as babes, I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it, and are not even now (I Corinthians 3:2). In the Epistle to the Hebrews the same theme is sounded: You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk is... a child. But solid food is for the mature...

Later, in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, Paul reminds the people there that when you are a child, it is all right to act like a child.

But when we grow-up, he says, we are to give up our childish ways and act with maturity.

Dr. Harry Overstreet wrote a book some years ago entitled, "The Mature Mind". The thesis of the book is that most of our troubles are the result of our failure to grow-up. A psychiatrist, Hugh Missildine, has written a provocative book about "Your Inner Child of the Past." Immaturity, he says is the result of letting our "inner child of the past" continue to dominate our lives in the present.

Paul indicated that the Corinthians were still not ready for spiritual "solid food." The evidence for this assessment was to be found in the jealousy and strife that continued in the Corinthian churches. You cannot be mature when you continue to be dominated by these emotions.

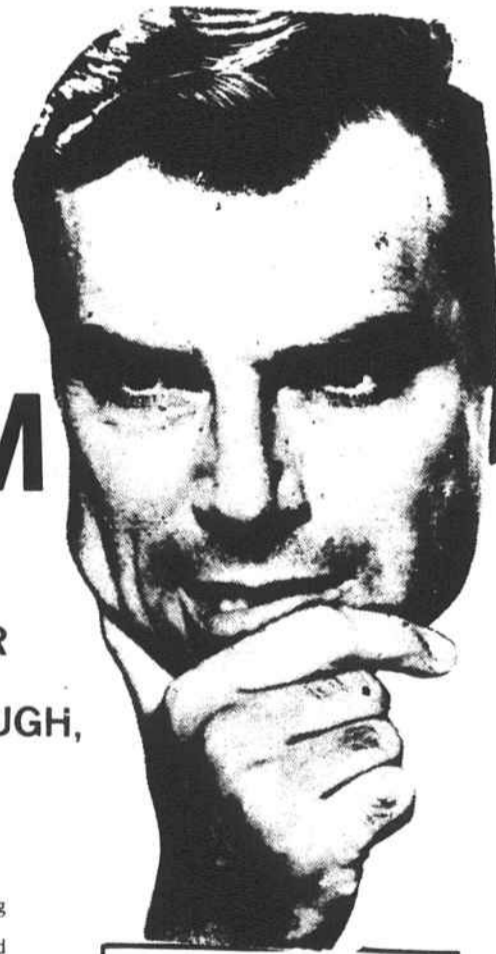
Actually, said Paul, when they behaved this way, they were really "behaving like ordinary men" (I Corinthians 3:3). Apparently the Christian, as Paul see it, is not supposed to be like "ordinary men". There is to be something special about him, something extraordinary. There is to be growth to a more solid type of spiritual food.

There are many Christians who are constantly fed a diet of spiritual milk. These are people who are spiritually "babes in arms," people who are not yet ready for the solid food of Jesus Christ.

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Read John 3:1-7
If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus makes so much difference to life that He Himself described it as being born again. This new life is like passing from slavery into sonship, from darkness into light, from existence into living.

We are under new management. Because Christ is our Lord, we are delivered from a tug-of-war in which we are pulled both to the stars and to the mud. We are not divided but integrated. So then we receive the peace and joy that Jesus promised. We tread a new way, with a new Master and with new resources.

What better phrase to describe this new life than to say it is a new birth? Old things have passed away and all things have become new.

*PRAYER: Help us, O Lord, so to

commit ourselves to Thee that we may rejoice in a life which is life eternal. We pray the prayer Thou hast taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

Thought For The Day
We take Jesus as Lord, and He completely transforms our lives so that we work with Him as fellow laborers.

**Maldwyn Edwards
* This prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer in full. In other prayers a part of it is given. It is hoped the Lord's Prayer will be prayed often.
** Deceased October 1974.