

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Hertford the second Wednesday of each month at the Perquimans County Court House.

Question: Do I have to sell my farm in order to get social security benefits at age 65?

Answer: No, a farmer may have net earnings from his business up to \$1,200.00 in a year and still receive social security benefit payments for each month of the year. If the net earnings exceed \$1,200.00 he may lose one or more checks. If he works every month in the year and has net earnings of over \$2,000.00, no checks would be payable.

Question: I am no longer able to operate my farm but I don't want to move off the farm. Could I rent my farm and still draw social security benefits?

Answer: The \$1,200.00 limitation on earnings after retirement does not include income received from rent or investment income such as interest and stock dividends. However, the extent to which a landlord participates in the production on the farm might affect his benefit payments. For further information contact your local social security office.

Question: If I never retire from operating my farm, how will I ever receive any social security benefits?

Answer: The law provides for payment of benefits at age 72, whether you retire or not and re-

gardless of the amount of your earnings. This provision was placed in the law so that persons who delayed retirement could receive some benefit from their social security tax contributions.

Question: Each year I make a profit of about \$1,500.00 from my farm. I don't expect to retire. Should I file for social security benefits?

Answer: If you have reached age 65, you should contact your social security office. Even though you do not retire you may be able to receive benefits for some months of the year. Some payments may be made if your earnings for a year are between \$1,200.00 and \$2,080.00.

Question: Both my wife and I are over 65. If I continue to operate my farm, is it possible for my wife to draw benefits?

Answer: Probably not, since benefits are not payable to a wife or dependent children for any month for which the insured person is not eligible for benefit payments. If your earnings permit you to receive some monthly benefits, your wife could also collect for those months. She cannot be paid wife's benefits for any months you are not eligible for benefits.

ence in growing peanuts either as a sharecropper, tenant, or as a farm operator or farm owner during at least two years of the past five years; (4) the farm operator is largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood, and (5) the farm is the only farm owned or operated by the farm operator or farm owner for which a farm allotment is established for 1958.

CIRCLE MEETING

The Mary Long Circle of Bethel Baptist Church met Monday night, January 13, at the Community House with Mrs. John Cowper, Jr., as hostess.

Mrs. Dewey Perry, Jr., vice president, presided. The meeting was opened by everyone repeating the Watchword and the opening hymn was "Lead On O King Eternal."

Mrs. Stanley Blanchard gave

the devotional and was in charge of the program with several members taking part. The Rev. Philip Quidley led in prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Community Mission Chairman gave her report. Old and new business was discussed. The closing hymn was "All Hail The Power." Mrs. John Cowper, Jr., dismissed the meeting with prayer.

A Biblical contest was given with Mrs. Dewey Perry, Jr., winning the prize.

The hostess served refreshments of coffee, pound cake and mints. Members present were Mrs. John Cowper, Jr., Mrs. Charles Ward, Miss Ruth Mansfield, Mrs. Edgar Long, Miss Margaret Harrell, Mrs. Elton Harrell, Mrs. Whichard Davis, Mrs. Bill Cowper, Mrs. Julian Long, Mrs. Elliott Layden, Mrs. Wallace Hobbs, Mrs. Wade Jordan, Mrs. Joseph Proctor, Mrs. Stanley Blanchard and Mrs. Dewey Perry, Jr. Visitors were the Rev. Philip Quidley, Mrs. T. R. Kirby and Miss Margie Cowper.

Many Motorists Still Not Insured

The first two weeks' experience under North Carolina's automobile liability insurance law indicate that car owners generally understand it. Motor Vehicles Department officials said this week.

Another indication is that many are not yet ready to buy both their license plate and the liability insurance they must have in order to get their tags.

Officials estimate there are still some 200,000 uninsured owners, although deadline for new tags comes February 15.

In other words, the sale of 1958 license plates is proceeding smoothly but slowly when compared to last year, according to Miss Foy Ingram, director of the agency's registration division.

During the first two weeks there was some indication that the automobile owning public is more familiar with the liability insurance law than with the other new law which requires an additional payment of \$1 on each license plate, the proceeds to be used for the driver education of teenagers in high school.

During the first week of the tag

sale 162 of the thousands of applications received by mail were returned for the lack of an "FS-1" certificate of insurance. But during the same period 497 mailed applications were returned unfilled because car owners had not included the extra dollar for education.

Officials reminded those who have not bought new tags yet they may secure them over the counter at branch offices or by writing direct to Raleigh. They also emphasized the importance of having, in either case, an FS-1 for each license tag ordered, 1958 registration card, and an extra dollar for plates formerly costing \$10 or more.

By February 15, all autos and trucks must be re-licensed, or be

kept off the streets and highways. And in the case of an overwhelming majority, the vehicle owner must have automobile liability insurance before he can buy his license plate.

Spring Sign-up To Open Program On Conservation

The 1958 Agricultural Conservation Program will officially be opened with the spring sign-up beginning February 1 and closing February 15, 1958. Hel-

ene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC office manager, announced today.

However, Miss Nixon said that requests filed for federal cost-sharing on practices to be started before February 1 will be considered by the County ASC Committee before February 1.

The basic purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to aid in achieving necessary conservation of our soil and water resources. The future prosperity of this nation necessitates the protection and maintenance of our land and water resources. Conservation of these resources is urgent and it pays.

The Agricultural Conservation Program is entirely voluntary. Any farmer who believes he can

do the needed conservation job on his farm without the aid of the limited funds available under the program is urged to do so.

Farmers should study carefully the conservation practices for which ACP cost-sharing is available in relation to the conservation needs of his farm. He will be given an opportunity to request the Federal Government to share the costs, if needed, to aid him in carrying out one or more of the following approved practices on his farm: Establishing or improving permanent pasture or hay; establishing vegetative cover; liming materials on legumes and grasses (other than vegetable or truck crops, soybeans, mungbeans and

peanuts); forest tree planting and forest improvement; farm ponds for livestock or irrigation water; open ditch drainage; tile drainage; summer annual legumes; establishing year round cover; and establishing winter cover crop.

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Final Dates Given For Applications Of New Allotment

The final dates for filing an application for a new farm cotton and peanut acreage allotment have been announced by Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC office manager.

February 15, 1958, is the final date in which to file an application for a new farm cotton acreage allotment. The following conditions must be met before the application will be considered by the county ASC Committee: (1) the farm must be one on which cotton was not planted during any of the years 1954, 1956 and 1957; (2) an application for cotton allotment shall be filed by the farm operator with the County Committee by February 15; (3) the farm operator shall be largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood, and (4) the farm shall be the only one in the county which is owned or operated by the farm owner or farm operator for which a cotton allotment is established for 1958.

February 15, 1958, is also the final date in which to file an application for a new farm peanut allotment. The following conditions must be met before the application for peanut allotment will be considered by the County ASC Committee: (1) the farm must be one on which peanuts were not planted during any of the years 1955, 1956 and 1957; (2) an application for peanut allotment shall be filed by the farm operator and farm owner with the county committee by February 15; (3) a producer on the farm shall have had experi-



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Sec. 901 (G.S. 105-307) Duty to list; Penalty for failure:
It shall be the duty of every person, firm, or corporation, in whose name any property or poll is to be listed under the terms of this sub-chapter, to list said property or poll with the proper list taker, or supervisor, within the time allowed by law, on a list setting forth the information required by this sub-chapter. In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, any person, firm or corporation whose duty it shall be to list any poll or property, real or personal, who willfully fails or refuses to list the same within the time allowed by law, or who removes or conceals property for the purpose of evading taxation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty days; and any person, firm or corporation aiding or abetting the removal or concealment of property for the purpose of evading taxation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty days. The failure to list shall be prima facie evidence that such failure was willful. (1957, c 848).

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