

**THE HIGHER THE FEWER**

There's Always Plenty of Room At The Top

By NANCY J. MIDGETT

For goodness sake what does one write about when the view out the window is of grey skies and drippy window panes? If I let my mind jump just a short distance away from it and prod into the grey matter, the next thing I think of is the weather in Tenterden, Co. Kent, England, when my sister wrote from my niece's home on the 22nd of this month: the temperature was then bobbing back and forth between 16 degrees and 28 degrees and Grace was not putting her feet out doors unless she was held up by my niece, for the roads were either slushy from left over snow or icy.

She is of a more slippery nature than I, or at least than I used to be. I don't quite know how I would cope now with a really vast expanse of black, slippery ice when in the act of hurrying to catch a train to work. I remember setting out one winter morning on my usual twenty minute or so walk to the station; I had covered about half the distance, that is to the end of our road, then west up King's road, and had turned into the final straight stretch of Richmond road, where all we commuters made our best time on the trot before landing at the station in a bunch, when on stepping down the kerb to cross one of the secondary roads, my next recollection was of ending up on my back in the gutter on the opposite side of the road. I had apparently made the crossing on my shoulder blades which at least saved the nervous strain on my leg muscles for a minute.

Having picked myself up and pressed on stationwagons for the next ten minutes or so of trotting and shuffling, a very polite and concerned gentleman asked if I were alright. The fact that I had made the rest of the journey under my own power spoke for itself I thought, but all the same it was kind of him to ask. He apparently had been on the other side of the main road and viewed the incident, (I often wonder what else he had viewed) but before he had edged across the road I had been up and away.

Thinking back on all that, maybe we are lucky to have the drip outside and a slightly warmer temperature. My goose pimples are getting less day by day and I even have managed to get a little cleaning up done in the garden and have thoughts of spring cleaning in the house; I feel I have achieved something if I even get to the length of thinking about the jobs with some degree of anticipation.

It will be nice to get back into shorts and shirts or something equally cool once more and the time saved dressing is a great gift to me. When there is need for piling on the clothes in winter and one is as absent minded as I sometimes get, it is not unusual for me to find that I am about two garments ahead of some unseen but necessary drape which is still hanging over the back of a chair, leaning at me when I think I am at last ready to hit the road.

Speaking of clothes and connected with that same stretch of road that lead from 59 Burton Road, our home, to Kingston railway station, is another story that always brings forth a belly laugh in our family.

Sister Grace was always hard to get up in the morning, (my mother said she didn't even want to get born she was so comfortable where she was) and of all four of us, Ken, Alec, Grace and myself, she was usually the last one to stagger panting up the slope to the platform gates to catch the 7:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. to Waterloo Station, London. One morning I waited for her in vain with her ticket in my hand, for that week we couldn't afford a season ticket. I was somewhat disturbed so waited at Waterloo station to see if she would come through on the next train which at that time ran every fifteen minutes. Sure enough there she was and after a time she managed to tell me what had occurred.

It was the day of satin bloomers and black satin at that if you were in the fashion, though I myself didn't lean to the idea; Grace however had bloomed out and had one pair and this was one of the days that she was wearing them.—I say was—for while she was in full flight on the way to the station and had only covered about half the distance, the elastic in the top of said bloomers broke and as they also had elastic round the knees she was more or less hogtied and thrown by the sudden descent of the upper half. Hurrily and I'm sure blushing, she rushed up the side passage way of the nearest house, removed said garment and continued her trot to the station. That was the last pair of satin bloomers she ever bought. For sure, the modern panty even without its elastic, is usually too well fitting to be able to descend if it wanted to.

**INCOME TAX FACTS No. 7— Pensions and Investments**

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the North Carolina Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

This article deals with investors in general — and retired people in particular.

Many people can stop filing income tax returns when they have retired, because no return is required from a person who is 65 or over and had less than \$1,200 income, not including Social Security or Railroad Retirement Act benefits, which don't count.

But when retired persons are required to file, their returns can be quite complicated. First, let's look at some provisions that affect people with investments, whether they are retired or not.

**Dividend Credit**

Anyone who owns stock needs to know about the dividend exclusion and credit. This applies only to dividends from corporations which are subject to United States corporate income tax; it does not include dividends from savings and loan associations, credit unions or foreign corporations. Your first \$50 of qualified dividends is tax free, and should be subtracted from the total of your dividends in a special schedule on page three of the tax form. Husband and wife are each entitled to exclude the first \$50 for dividends on stocks that each own.

If you received dividends beyond this amount, you are entitled to a "dividends received credit." This credit is 4% of the remaining dividends, but it cannot be more than 4% of your taxable income, or more than the amount of tax otherwise due. This credit is not just a deduction from your taxable income—it is actually subtracted from your tax.

For example, if you received \$550 in dividends, you can exclude \$50 from your taxable income, and subtract 4% of \$500—or \$20—from the tax you would otherwise have to pay. The last page of the tax form provides a schedule for figuring the amount of your credit.

**Capital Gains and Losses**

If you made a profit on the sale of stocks, bonds or other property you must report it as a capital gain on a special form. The same form is used for capital losses.

Detailed instructions are printed on the back of this form. Generally speaking, your profit on the sale of an asset which you held more than six months is taxed at half the rate of ordinary income — and never

more than 25% regardless of the tax bracket you are in.

Interest from state and municipal bonds is tax exempt, of course, but any gain from selling these bonds must be included in your tax return, and any loss can be reported as a capital loss.

**Retirement Income**

There is a provision for "retirement income credit" which may reduce your tax on pensions and investment income in some circumstances. You may be entitled to this credit if you are able to answer "yes" to all three of these questions: 1. Did you (or your deceased husband or wife) earn more than \$600 in each of any ten calendar years before 1955? 2. Did you receive less than \$1,200 in tax exempt pensions or annuities in 1955? 3. If you are under 75, did you earn less than \$2,100 in 1955?

The space for computing your retirement income credit takes up most of the last page of the tax form. It is not too difficult to work out if you read the instructions carefully.

The most any individual taxpayer can save from this provision is \$240, but husband and wife can each save this amount if they are both eligible.

The retirement income credit is more liberal this year in regard to retirement benefits from the armed forces. Be sure to take advantage of this credit if you are eligible.

If you have an annuity from life insurance, pension plan, or other source, the portion which you may receive tax-free depends on your life expectancy. The Internal Revenue Service will furnish actuarial tables upon request to help you figure this out.

The instructions that come with your tax forms give further information. Help is also available from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you need outside assistance.

Next article: Plan Now for Next Year's Tax.

**OYSTERWOMEN GET RESULTS AT STUMPY POINT**

Never let it be said that the woman is the weaker sex. The oyster trade at Stumpy Point is on the up grade. Boats from the North and South are bringing the shelled delicacies in by the barrels, but the hardest working and most persistent crew will be found on a small power boat (out board motor) with cull board, small oyster dredge and two small but sturdy young women, Cora Ballance Best and Irene Best Wise. The seawomen have brought in as high as twenty seven barrels of oysters a day unassisted by man. When the men go out no matter what the weather, so goes Captain Cora and mate Irene. If this bit of boating seems incredible, just visit Stumpy Point and see these female hearties at work.

**DUCK PERSONALS**

Mrs. Iva Jordon, Jack and Irving Coronet of Norfolk spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Tate. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hines and son of Virginia Beach visited Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Whitson of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tillett and Miss Ola Tillett of Wanchese visited Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Whitson Sunday.

Mrs. Alpeen Scarborough, Mrs. Flora Smith and Mrs. Leona Scarborough were in Norfolk Wednesday to see Mrs. Alpeen Scarborough's brother, Julian Toler, a patient of the Marine Hospital.

M. J. Evans and L. A. Toler were in Elizabeth City Friday. Mrs. Mary Lutton and son of Ashland, Pa. spent the week with Mrs. Lutton's sister, Mrs. Carrie Beals.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beals and family of Norfolk spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Beals.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Griggs and family of Cape Henry spent the week end with Mrs. Griggs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spruill.

Prayer meeting was conducted by the local pastor, W. B. Gregory at the home of Manuel Santos Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scarborough of Norfolk spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Scarborough.



Manteo 4-H Clubs enjoyed seeing the Dare County scenes Hank Hudson showed in his film on fire prevention and safe Tuesday morning. Preserving our woods and tiny animals and flowers is a good start in making Dare County more beautiful.

Mr. Smith has been reminding all club members that there are approximately two more days left in which to plant and transplant their trees and shrubbery. Thought I'd pass this reminder on to you.

While I was in Raleigh over the past week end, I had lunch with Miss Cox, Miss Anamerle Arant, Miss Pauline Gordon and Miss Rose Ellwood Bryan. Miss Bryan entertained us with her memories of work in Dare County. She asked about everyone and said she'd like to come back down here to visit.

I was able to get enough of the 1956 recommended book lists for each of the clubs so I'll get those to you during the March meetings.

Recently there has been a lot of emphasis on dried fruits. It's said that the average American eats 4 lbs. of dried fruit each year. Drying is the oldest method of preservation known to man. You probably remember the "hard" dried fruit of grandma's time. The mechanical method of drying used today makes a "soft" pasteurized and tenderized dried fruit. All the dried fruits supply highly concentrated fruit sugars which are easily digestible and may be used as a quick source of energy. In addition, they are good sources of vitamins and minerals.

In selecting dried fruit, look for the following characteristics: Clean, Pleasing appearance; Full color Soft enough to yield to pressure. Grades are based on size, not quality. Fancy grades may be desirable for salads and special dishes, but Standard grades (smaller size) is the most economical buy for general use and is just as high in food value.

Here's a recipe for Fruit Chews that make good T.V. eating as well as a club meeting treat. ½ lb. dried prunes, ½ lb. raisins, 1 c. nuts. Remove prune pits, grind fruits and nuts together. Moisten with a little orange juice; if mixture is dry, shape into balls. Roll in confectioner's sugar. Note: other dried fruits may be substituted or added. I've had several H. D. members ask how the clubs did in the March of Dimes campaign. Here are the totals as I have them. All the clubs did an excellent job. Colington Club collected \$56.22 Kitty Hawk Club \$126.75; Nags Head \$62.77; Frisco \$21.86; Rodanthe-Waves \$46.38.

**WANCHESE PERSONALS**

Mrs. Reggie Tillett is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Ida Daniels visited her brother, Harry Perkinson, in Norfolk Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Murray have returned to E.C.C., Greenville, after visiting Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davis.

Mrs. George Daniels was in Norfolk Saturday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes and son Irving of Norfolk are visiting Mrs. Forbes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theoff Wescott.

Reggie Tillett, Mrs. Lillian Daniels and Mrs. Myrlene Scarborough visited Mrs. Reggie Tillett at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Tuesday.

Laura Daniels and Jewel Tillett have returned to E.C.C., Greenville

**MARGARET SWINDELL CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

Margaret Imogene Swindell celebrated her first birthday Friday afternoon with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Swindell, near Manteo. A green and yellow color scheme was carried out in decorations and refreshments. The birthday cake was green and yellow, topped with an Easter rabbit, and placed around the sides were plastic Easter chickens, which were given as favors. Ice cream and cake were served. The little guests were Billy Syndell, Keith and Dean Fearing, Susan and Warren Meekins, Andy Tillett and Jacqueline Tillett.

after visiting their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Daniels were in Greenville Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. Daniels has returned to her home after being a patient in the Columbia hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels, Jr., and children of Elizabeth City were week' end guests of Mr. Daniels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels.

Mrs. Ernest Hickman is in Elizabeth City. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Daniels, Basil Daniels, Mrs. Carrie Tillett and Mrs. Ethel Tillett visited Dewey Tillett at Eastern N. C. Sanatorium in Wilson Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Alcox of Norfolk spent Monday with Mrs. Willie Etheridge.

Mrs. Rose Tolar was in Norfolk Wednesday. Mrs. Willie Etheridge was in Norfolk Monday.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

**MANTEO PTA CELEBRATES FOUNDERS' DAY TUESDAY**

Founder's Day was celebrated by the Manteo Parent Teacher Association when it met Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. A two-act play written and directed by Mrs. B. J. Baum, depicted the organization and development of the Manteo PTA, and in the last act all past presidents were honored.

Among those present to receive special notice as former presidents were Mrs. O. J. Jones, who with the late Mrs. H. B. Hoyle founded the Manteo organization; Mrs. Louise Meekins, Mrs. Lucetta Willis, Mrs. B. J. Baum, Mrs. Hal Ward, Mrs. Lawrence Swain and Mrs. Raymond Wescott.

President Lawrence Swain appointed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for election at the March meeting. It was announced that the PTA study course will be conducted Thursday, March 8, from 10 until 12 a.m. in the school auditorium by Mrs. Lawrence Swain. All PTA members are urged to attend.

During the social hour refreshments were served in the rear of the auditorium. A table covered with a white embroidered linen cloth held birthday cakes, which were cut and served by Mrs. Lucetta Willis; and a silver punch bowl at which Mrs. O. J. Jones presided. Mrs. Louise Meekins also assisted in serving. Pink camellias were used for decorations.

**COLINGTON PERSONALS**

Vernon Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perry and Stanley Moore, son of the late John Moore and Mrs. Moore of Colington entered the air force and went to Texas. They attended the Kitty Hawk high school.

Louis Beasley and family were home from Cherry Point for the week end.

Mrs. Annie Rogers and Mrs. Raymond Perry were in Manteo Monday.

Durwood Cagraway and family of Cherry Point visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meekins Sunday.

Miss Lois Midgett has returned to Norfolk after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Pearl Gaimel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Beasley and children of Cherry Point spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Midgett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Waters of Norfolk were here Sunday to see their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Beasley.

Mrs. Zelda Shirk of Norfolk spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jepp Gaimel.

Mrs. Barbara Frederick and Nancy Lynn Miller are visiting Mrs. Beck Miller.

Mrs. Evelyn Wiggins has returned to Kinston after spending a week here since the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Gaimel.

Mr. and Mrs. Irven Clark of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Jepp Gaimel Sunday.

Remove curdy deposit from baby bottle nipples by letting them soak in a solution of baking soda.

**MANTEO ADULT CLASS HAS GOOD ACHIEVEMENT RECORD**

The Adult Fellowship class of Mt. Olivet Church, Manteo, is a wide awake group. Organized five years ago the group enjoys monthly covered-suppers and undertakes projects wherever a need is known. Additions to the church made possible by this group of some 25-30 persons are: ice tea and tablespoons for the pantry, fifty dollars to the building fund, a water heater, refrigerator (the Daughters of Wesley class contributed to this), screens for the Education Building, seventy-one dollars for repairing church roof, thirty chairs for the classroom, and a water cooler purchased after the February meeting and will be installed soon in the Education Building. To beautify the classroom the members sanded and refinished the floors of adjoining rooms before purchasing new chairs and arranging a desk for the secretary. Twenty-five dollars was given to Betty Rogers when elected student delegate to a United Nations study tour.

Twenty-five dollars was sent to the Methodist Retirement Home during its construction. Fifteen children at Methodist Home in Raleigh have received football tickets for their Bowl game. Each Christmas a needy family (usually one with several children) is selected to be cared for in Santa's role.

Officers for the class are Raymond Wescott, president; Mrs. D. A. Rogers, vice-pres.; and Miss Bessie Draper, secretary-treasurer. Alternate teachers are Mrs. Lucetta Willis and Will Hoffer. Guest teachers are heard frequently when available.

**MANNS HARBOR PERSONALS**

Mrs. Sherman Twiford has returned after visiting in Norfolk with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gard.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Twiddy were visitors in Norfolk.

T. O. Sutton and Preston Twiford attended church services Sunday at Wesley Chapel, Alligator, Mr. Twiford bringing the morning message.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Armstrong and children Lynn and Tommie visited Mr. Armstrong's parents at Fairfield.

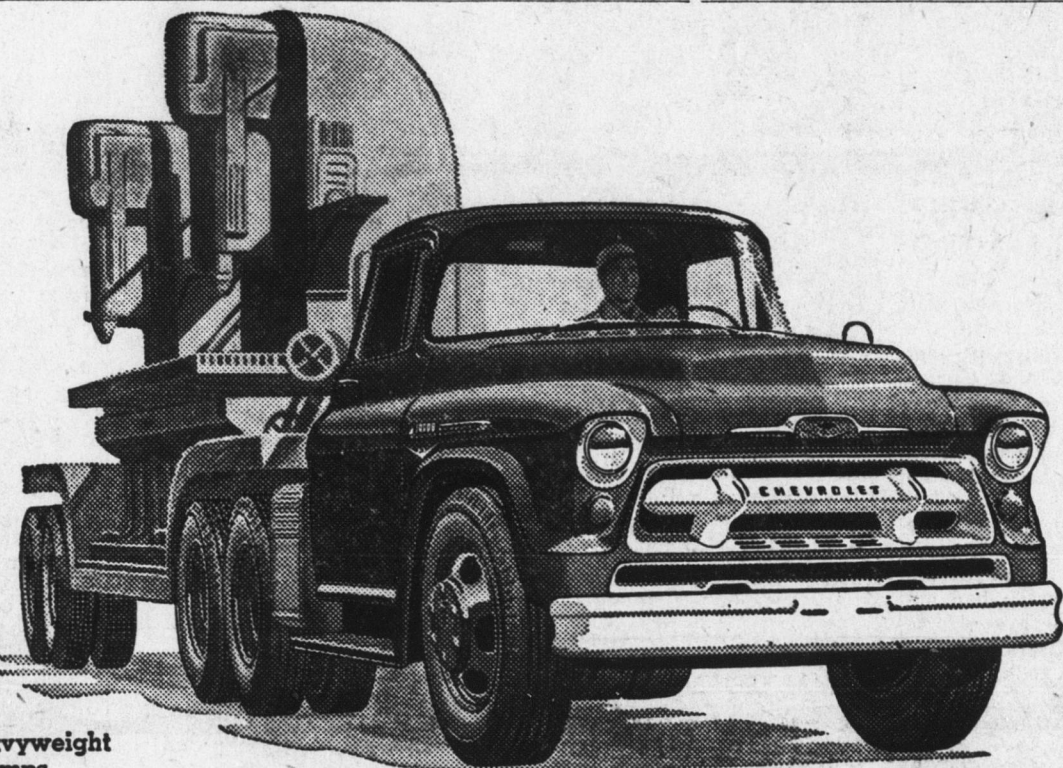
Mrs. Billy Thomas of Norfolk spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Midgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Creaf and son Bruce spent Sunday in Edenton, as the guests of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Hassell.

Mrs. Thelbert Tillett and daughter Sandra have returned from a week end visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hassell and Mrs. George Hassell of Norfolk. Mrs. Tillett's grandson, Russell, accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford White were recent visitors in Plymouth.

Mrs. Wallace Taylor and Mrs. A. L. G. Stephenson visited in Norfolk during the week end.



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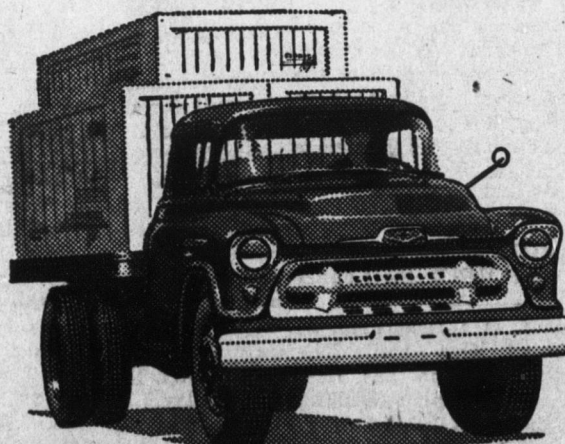
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