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Industrial Wages At Record High

Local Chapter Starts Fund

At its most recent meeting, Gamma Chapter of Guys and Dolls, Inc. (Winston-Salem) voted to contribute \$100 to start the national body's Scholarship Fund which was adopted by the Executive Board and approved by the various chapters.

The local chapter also voted to support the Black Panther's Free Ambulance Service by contributing gas for a limited period of time, through one of Gamma chapter's members, Guy James Shaw. The ambulance service has not been getting the financial support needed recently, so the chapter felt strongly about doing something about it.

The chapter sandwiched the business with children and adults enjoying its Christmas party at the Hilton Inn. Along with the good food, all the youths were presented gifts. The group listened to recorded music and sang carols.



Mrs. Mary Warren

Officers for 1975-1976 were installed by out-going president Rudolph V. Boone in a very special ceremony. The new officers are: president, Mary Warren; president-elect, Nathaniel Rumph; vice president, Walter Farabee; recording secretary, Viola Ward; assistant recording secretary, Doris Moultry; corresponding secretary, Ben-

jamin Warren; financial secretary Doris Moore; treasurer, Morris Thompson; parliamentarian, Vance Cabiness; sgt.-at-arms, John Moore; reporter, Ruby Walker, keeper of the scrapbook, Clifton O. Matthews, and program chairman, Billie Matthews.

The Christmas Activity committee included: Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Rumph (Mrs. Cordella Rumph was chairperson), Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Thompson and Mrs. and Mrs. Evon Reid.

Hosts for the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Sherrod, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Cabiness and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Thompson.

Drugs Seized In Arrest

According to police reports, the residence of Terry Douthit, 2429 N. Cherry St., was searched for marijuana on Dec. 15, 1974 while Douthit was absent.

During the search Mr. Douthit along with Donald Ray Lineberger entered the residence, and officers placed Douthit under arrest for possession of marijuana, the report stated. A search warrant was then read, and the search was continued.

The police reports show that two bags of marijuana, two tinfoil packages of cocaine, and a set of scales, were found in the residence.

Douthit was placed under arrest for felonious possession of marijuana and for possession of cocaine. His bond was set at \$1500.00, and his trial date was set for January, 1975.

Average salaries for new jobs created by industrial development in North Carolina this year jumped 16 percent over the 1973 average to a record high of \$7,084. Governor Jim Holshouser announced recently.

The Governor also said that capital investment by industry set a new record in 1974 of \$872 million, compared to last year's previous high of \$727 million. This represents an increase of nearly 20 percent.

"We are especially pleased about going above \$7,000 in the average salaries for new jobs," Holshouser said. "We feel these figures accurately reflect our efforts to recruit higher paying, more diversified industry in North Carolina."

The average salary for new jobs was \$6,083 in 1973 and \$5,770 in 1972. In 1967, the annual average salary per new worker was \$4,400.

Holshouser added, "During the past few years, nearly 10 percent of all new industrial

plants announced in the nation were for North Carolina. While there may be a slowdown in industrial investment next year, we intend to get that same share or more."

A breakdown of statistics further indicates the trend for more capital intensive higher wage industries coming to North Carolina.

Last year, 104 new plants had a total investment of \$267 million and created 11,789 new jobs. This year, 85 new plants were located in the State with an investment of \$345 million and 9,936 jobs.

Expansions of existing facilities this year accounted for another \$526 million in investments and added another 8,842 jobs.

Total payroll for the 18,778 newly created jobs is approximately \$133 million.

The metal working industry accounted for the largest amount of investment (\$200 million) and new employees

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Sales Good Despite Talk Of Recession

Downtown merchants, despite talk of recession, enjoyed a brisk and profitable Christmas Eve as sales increased over that of a year ago, according to some store keepers.

The Chronicle conducted a survey in downtown Winston-Salem Christmas Eve and came up with some interesting results. Although shoppers claim they spent less, several merchants said business was better this year than last. Perhaps because things cost more and the sale of fewer items brought more money.

One shopper said she "bought fewer and less expensive items. I gave presents to the same number of people but I gave less expensive gifts." Sarah Brown simply said she wasn't spending as much this year as last. A.R. Mills, a bachelor,

was downtown shopping but only bought minor items. "I'm using last year's decorations," he said. "I've only bought one gift."

Doris Sinclair, a receptionist, said she only bought her mother a Christmas present this year. "Last year," she said, "I bought a lot of gifts, but not this time." She said people did not send as many cards either.

Although many people tightened their belts in 1974, it was obvious who did not. Blacks constituted approximately 85 per cent of downtown shoppers. One large department store was almost filled with blacks eagerly spending for toys and other gifts. One merchant interviewed smiled and said, "Business is good. I'm way ahead of last year."

Gold Rush In Offing

There's a gold rush on. As of December 31, anyone who has any money left over from Christmas can legally buy gold. That's when the federal government will lift its 41-year freeze prohibiting the general public from buying, selling or owning gold.

You may already have seen ads stressing the allure of the

precious metal in a time of inflation, when the value of paper money is decreasing. What you may not have heard of is the growing number of frauds involving gold and other precious metals.

Another problem is that the price of gold is subject to

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The Black Soletaires Singles Club is new to Winston-Salem. Its approach to boredom is interesting. Front row left to right: Ronald Wallace, Gwenn Nesbitt, Jean Salter, Avis Ray and Barbara Hutchinson. Back row left to right: Alphonso Gaydon, Norman King, Willie Dixson and Leon Kay. See Story on Page 7.

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