



Officials and dairymen at DHIA meeting were, left to right: Dr. F. D. Sargent, Mr. Cooper, both from Dairy Extension, North Carolina State University, and the Golden Belt D. H. I. A. Officers for 1977: David Iles, President; Alvis Fleming, Vice-President; and Hal Paschall, Secretary-Treasurer.

Agriculturally Speaking

Dairymen Hold Annual Gathering Session

By **L. B. HARDAGE**
The Golden Belt Dairy Herd Improvement Association held its annual meeting recently at Camp Willow Run near Littleton. Dairymen from Warren, Vance, Halifax, and Northampton Counties are members of the association.

The 1977 slate of officers are as follows: President-David Iles, Route 3, Littleton, Halifax

Delegate Tells Of Happenings At Health Meet

Leland Gottschalk, recently appointed Board Member of the Capital Health Systems Agency, attended a board orientation session held in Charlotte on Dec. 3-4.

The orientation session, held for new Health Systems Agency board members from North and South Carolina, was sponsored by the Health Planning and Development Center in Atlanta, Ga. Arthur Young and Company, a nationally known consulting firm, conducted the meeting which dealt with duties and responsibilities of governing board members of Health Systems Agencies.

Gottschalk, commenting on his appointment to the Capital Health System Board, said "I look forward to representing Warren County on this board. I want to fully represent the people in this county in all health related matters so that Warren County will have input into the five-year Health Systems Plan now being prepared by the Capital Health Systems Agency for Warren and ten other counties that comprise Health Service Area IV." He further stated, "If I am going to be successful in this effort, local residents and agencies concerned with the health and welfare of our residents should keep me informed of meetings so that I can have a better understanding of the health needs of area residents."

A second Warren County position on the board is held by John Hawkins of Warrenton. Hawkins is a charter member of the 55-member Board that was appointed in November, 1975.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Josephine H. Falcon wishes to acknowledge and thank the many friends and relations for services and every act of kindness rendered during the hour of their sorrow. Special thanks to the manager and staff of Harris and Turner Funeral Home.

White-breasted, Brown-headed, Red-breasted, Brown Creeper.

Also, Wrens: Carolina, Winter; Mockingbird, Eastern Robin, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, Indigo Bunting; Kinglet; Golden-crowned, Ruby-crowned; American Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling; Warbler; Pine, Myrtle; Meadowlark, Redwing Blackbird, Baltimore Oriole, Rusty Blackbird, Eastern Cardinal, Evening Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Red-eyed Towhee, Pine Siskin; Sparrows: Field, Eastern Savannah, Vesper, Bachman's, White-crowned, White-throated, Eastern Fox, Eastern Swamp, Eastern Song, Slate-colored Junco.

Mrs. Flannagan asks that if one sees any other birds in the winter or observes any the year round, please contact one of the Christmas Count leaders. The above list is taken from a large list compiled by Mrs. Gus Bachman of all the birds she has identified since she has lived in Henderson. It is being added by the Rangers at Kerr Lake (for example, the Indigo Bunting). One's records in addition to this list will be welcomed.

"If, because of your interest in birds," Mrs. Flannagan added, "the summer and transit list of visitors would be helpful, please contact the chairman of the Christmas Bird Count and a list will be provided you."

Yuletide Poem

A MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS
Tis Christmas, sweet smiling faces I see,
Because they care, they come to share their day with me,
That's why they are such a blessing, you see,
When it's Christmas time at my house there's so much fun,
Singing hymns, laughing, each trying to out tease the other one,
Mom, are you alright? They'd say:
Then tell some hilarious incident which began their day,
They took the time to come see me,
That's what makes my day you see,
It's not the gift, but the giver, you see,
Not the cost, or size, large or small; that's not it at all,
But their presence, the smile, the touch,
That's what means so much,
Neither completes the day without the rest,
It's just for all of them to be here, that's when its best,
Ours may not be as fine a meal, on that day, as some will eat,
But its good, we're all together, that's the treat,
When you see the love and special feeling that's here each for the other,
That really makes a fine Christmas day for a mother.
LOUISE WILSON

Selected,

Airman Sheryll G. Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie L. Pope of Rt. 1, Littleton, has been selected for technical training at Chanute AFB, Ill., in the Air Force aircraft equipment maintenance field.



The word "hangnail" comes from the Old English, "hang," meaning pain.

Christmas Is Still A Family Affair

By **BERTHA FORTE**

In spite of all our public functions, Christmas is primarily a family affair. The things that make it most meaningful are those that go on at home.

One of our happiest traditions is decorating the house. Almost everyone has a tree. And many happy hours are spent decorating it with lights and "snow" and plastic baubles.

The giving of presents gets close to the heart of Christmas. Of course small children tend to emphasize what they get rather than what they give. But the season gives their parents a good opportunity to teach them the joys of giving. By our gifts we say to our children that we love them. And they can learn to say the same thing in the same way.

Christmas is a great time for family reunions that recapture some of the joy of the past. For many families, the big Christmas dinner, with its traditional menu, is one of the happiest events of the year. Eating together is one of the oldest and best expressions of unity.

Family traditions have great value. They help give families a sense of continuity. They help families hold on to values from the past.

Traditions help us teach our children what we really believe to be important. That is why many of our family rituals, including those associated with Christmas, are basically religious. As visible expression of

our faith, they say to our children and to the world at large that we are a believing people.

We are dominated by our emotions. We like to think of ourselves as essentially rational creatures. We think that we act most humanly when we act intelligently. But it is our emotions, not our mind, that are the unifying force in our life. We act on the basis of what we feel more than on the basis of what we think. As emotional experiences, therefore, our Christmas traditions actually strengthen family ties.

Family traditions are fun. The closer Christmas comes, the more we look forward to them. Children are anxious to hang their stockings for Santa Claus to fill. Parents enjoy

stuffing stockings year after year; and everyone enjoys the excitement of Christmas morning.

The family that is poor in traditions is poor indeed. If you have no distinctive family traditions, you would do well to begin to develop some. Experiment with holiday activities. Try out many things. Make a mental note of what the family enjoys most; and next year do it again. Soon you will find your family anticipating doing again "what we always do at Christmas."

The U. S. exports more food than any other country in the world, more than Canada, Argentina, Ireland, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand combined.

Bird Watchers Beginning Count During December

Interested citizens who can help identify and count birds of any kind are needed for the Christmas Bird Count in this area Dec. 18 through Jan. 1. Mrs. Clara H. Flannagan of 215 Young Street, Henderson, chairman of the Count said this week.

Bird lovers and watchers are asked to identify and count all the birds they can during the two-week period before and after Christmas. They are asked to write down the date, the weather conditions, the name of the bird and the number observed.

They are asked to watch for birds from their home, office or car windows, as they walk to and from work or on field trips; notice them in bushes, shrubbery, in trees or on fences or telephone and light wires; on lakes and ponds, along the shores or near rivers—water birds and shore birds.

Persons wishing to know more about the Christmas Bird Count or how to join a group for the count, or how to count with their own family or special friends are asked to call or write one of the following persons: Mrs. Shipp McCarroll, Fairview Street, Warrenton, 257-3672, or Judge Julius Banzet, Main Street, Warrenton, 257-3641; Dr. Paul Stewart, 203 Moreland Drive, Oxford, 693-7706; Howard Steward, Kerr Lake Development Commission, Satterwhite Point, 438-7791; or Mrs. Eric Flannagan, Sr., 215 Young Avenue, Henderson, 438-4002.

Mrs. Flannagan said that some of these persons will be available at a meeting Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p. m. at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church on Chestnut Street in Henderson, to answer questions and give a list of birds they may be able to see.

Birds that are seen regularly in winter in this area are listed below with year-round residents in black letters. Summer birds and transits or infrequent visitors are omitted to give emphasis to the ones bird lovers are expected to see. They are:

Common Loon, Horned and Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, American Bittern, Canada Goose; Ducks: Mallard, Black, Shoveller, Ring-necked, Lesser Scaup; Vultures: Turkey and Black, Bufflehead, Ruddy, American Merganser; Wood Duck; Hawks: Red Shouldered, Red-Tailed, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Marsh, Sparrow; Bald Eagle, Bob-white, Turkey, American Coot, Killdeer, American Woodcock, Mourning Dove.
Also, Owls: Barn, Screech, Great Horned, Barred; Belted Kingfisher, Flicker, Woodpeckers: Pileated, Red-Bellied, Red-headed, Hairy, Downy; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Blue-Jay, Southern Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse; Nuthatch;

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