

Federation Will Pay \$37,500 In Dividends Soon

The directors of the Farmers Federation have declared the 47th consecutive semi-annual dividend on preferred and common stock to holders of record December 15th, it was announced by James McC. Clarke, president of the 36-year-old farm cooperative on December 20th.

The amount of the dividend totals approximately \$37,500. Common stockholders may pick up their dividends at the nearest Farmers Federation retail service store while preferred stockholders will receive their dividends through the mail.

Members of the Farmers Federation Executive Committee are James McC. Clarke, Charles Davis, Alec Crowell, H. A. Osborne, Grover Brown, Cal Cook and Dave M. Snelson.

Gains Made In Manufacture Of Electrical Units

Jumping from eighth to sixth rank, electronics and electrical machinery manufacturing turned in the stand-out performance in North Carolina's industrial progress picture last year.

The new edition of "Facts About North Carolina," just published by the State Advertising Division of the Dept. of Conservation & Development and free on request, also reveals increases by all the State's major industries, and a climb from 12th to 10th rank in the nation in the State's agricultural income.

Total value of North Carolina manufacturing in 1955 was \$6,482,000,000, compared with \$6,121,000,000 in 1954. Manufacturing employment rose to 470,000, compared with 441,000.

Gains were scored in the five leading industrial categories. Tobacco totaled \$2,675,000,000; textiles \$1,623,000,000; food processing \$439,000,000; furniture \$326,000,000; and lumbering \$262,000,000. Ranking sixth, electrical machinery and electronics production was valued at \$192,000,000.

In climbing from 12th to 10th rank in nation on the basis of cash income, the State's agricultural income totaled \$935,465,000 in 1955.



PROPER MEAT-CUTTING TECHNIQUES were shown to Haywood County farmers, 4-H Club and FFA members at demonstrations last week at Crabtree and Bethel. Here John Christian, meat specialist from N. C. State College, demonstrates at Bethel how to cut up a pork carcass. (County Agent's Photo.)

Education Course Planned At Canton, Starting January 2

A weekly course, entitled "Reading in the School Program," will be offered at Canton Junior High School each Wednesday, starting January 2, as part of the Western Carolina College extension program.

According to information from WCC, the course will deal with "the broad aspects of the reading program, ranging from readiness in the first grade to diagnosis and remedial techniques in the upper grades and high school. Opportunities will be provided for discovery, analysis, and attack upon current classroom problems."

Class hours are from 6:30 until 9:30 each Wednesday night.

This compared with \$931,477,000 in 1954. Tobacco led cash crops, with \$543,701,000, followed by poultry with \$99,484,000.

Launching Of Rockets In Florida Fascinates Uncle Abe, And Other Tourists

By W. C. MEDFORD

EDITOR'S NOTE—Last winter, W. C. Medford gave our readers an idea of the gigantic and wonderful experimental activities now going on at Merritt Island, Florida (near where he lives). He gave the following account—as a layman—of some of the things that are now being done at the nation's guided missile center.

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Perhaps the people of Haywood who like myself, are mostly interested in local matters and "war news", have noticed but little about the wonderful significant developments that are making history at Patrick Air Force Base near here. However, the Florida newspapers are headlining all the information they can

get on the subject.

The launching of the first test rocket for the proposed earth's satellite, which was to take place on the night of December 17th was postponed. It is said that the "high brass" had gathered. The reporters had also gathered within a distance of four miles, but nothing happened. Just why the launching did not take place has not been publicly explained.

It is thought that the special rocket which is some 70 feet long, and of three jet units, or compartments, and so designed as to carry the satellite into outer space had been perfected. The satellite which isn't much larger than a football is in the head of the projectile, and is automatically released in space when the last or third stage of propulsion is spent.

It has been reported, without official confirmation, that the much-talked-of launching of the satellite will take place here not later than July 1957.

GUIDED MISSILES

Now the launching or setting off of guided missiles, which has been going on here for some time, is quite another matter, a defense practice.

Since the writer has been here this fall, two or three of these ultra-modern weapons of war have gotten out of control. One called the Matadore failed to make a proper take-off about two weeks ago—got to "acting up" all at once in such a way that it could not be righted by radio from the control room at the base. So the officials just decided to destroy the unit in mid-air, which was done. This was accomplished instantly by radio waves.

The missile is about 26 feet long, had only gotten a short distance from the base at the time, and when destroyed intentionally, fell into the Atlantic. Only small fragments of the missile fell, as most of the weapon went up in smoke.

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Bethel School Makes Number Of Improvements

A number of major improvements have been made at Bethel School during the summer and fall. They include:

Completion of FFA Barn; improvement of septic disposal plant; improvement of libraries (including PTA matching \$600 made available by county and state for books); planting of 600 white pines around school grounds (donated by Champion Paper and Fibre Company and planted by FFA); grading primary play area (PTA has donated \$200 toward equipment); long-range plans for beautification of grounds by high school beautification committee composed of Garrett Smathers, chairman, Mrs. Alice Cathey, M. C. Nix, Richard Alexander and John W. Sloan; Addition of lunchroom, boiler room and other improvements at Cruso.

The Bethel District School Committee is composed of David Vance, chairman; James Reeves, secretary; David Edwards, Ray Mease, and Doice Rogers.

Mrs. Harley Wells is president of the Bethel PTA which meets each third Monday night at the school. C. C. Poindexter is district principal. Gay Chambers is principal of the Cruso School.

UNC President To Address Four-County Group

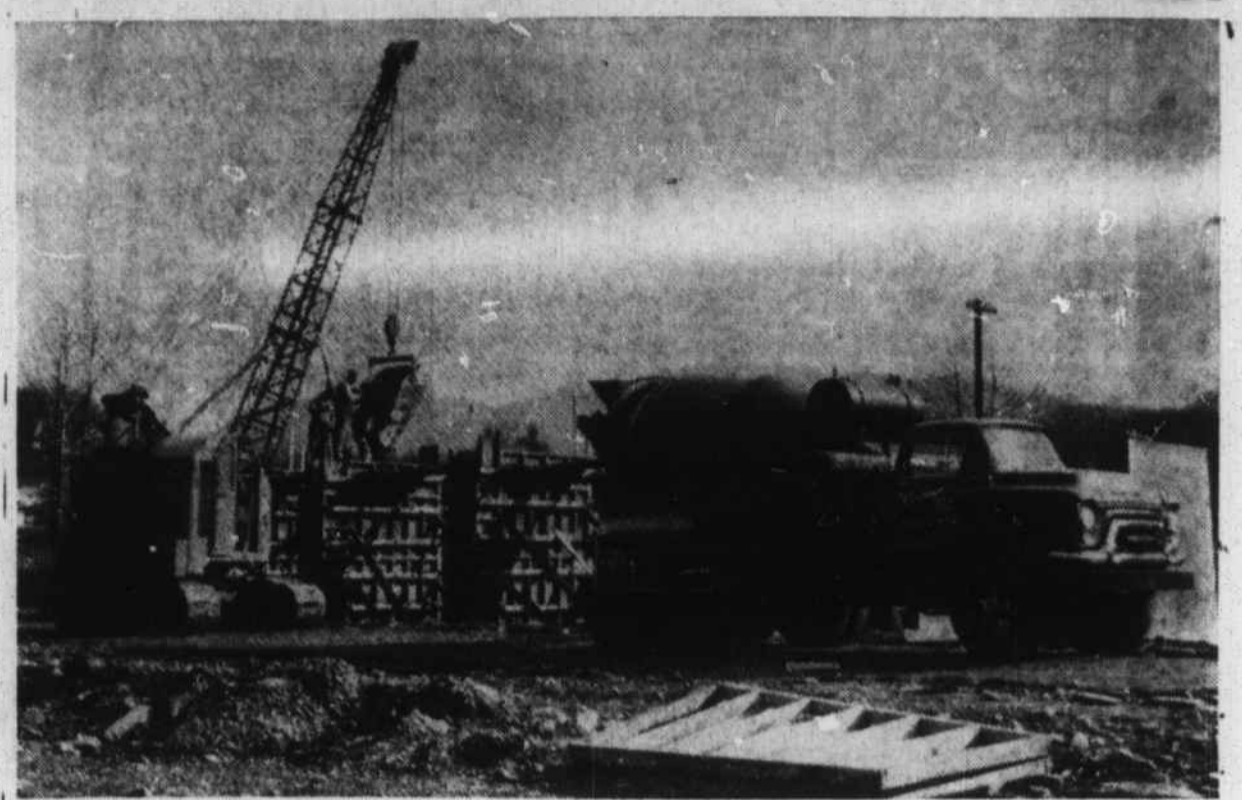
William Friday, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, is scheduled to address the alumni and friends of the three branches of the university as a feature of a banquet booked for the Central Elementary school, in Waynesville, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Friday will be accompanied to Western North Carolina by J. Maryon Saunders, general alumni secretary of the university.

Dave Felmet, Waynesville insurance man, is in charge of banquet arrangements. Felmet expressed the hope that the meeting would not only embrace the counties of Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain but that alumni and friends of Carolina, State and alumnae of the Woman's College would feel welcome to attend and make advance reservations, through him at their earliest convenience.

Charles E. Ray, Waynesville business man and trustee of the University of North Carolina, will present the guest speaker.

Wives and other guests also are urged to make reservations through Felmet, in Waynesville.



A NEW CONCRETE TRESTLE for unloading railway cars in this area is expected to be completed this week by the Ready Mix Concrete Co. near the Recreation Center grounds. Construction of the vents is being done by the W. C. Norris Co. of Waynesville. (Mountaineer Photo.)

License Tags Go On Sale Jan. 2

New 1957 automobile license plates will go on sale in Canton Wednesday, January 2. Ralph Bailey, Chamber of Commerce secretary, and manager of the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club has announced.

Many requests for the new plates have already been made, he said, even though the announcement was made some weeks ago that they would not go on sale until January.

Two-Day Program Planned For Hodges' Inauguration

The Governor's Inaugural Committee has announced that it is making plans for a full, two-day program covering the inauguration of Governor Luther H. Hodges next February. In the past, all events of the inauguration have been held on one day.

State Senator James M. Poyner of Wake, general chairman of the committee, reported that his group is hard at work on plans for a program that will begin on Wednesday, February 6, the day for the convening of the 1957 General Assembly, at which time the members assume their oaths of office.

This will allow ample time following the opening session of the General Assembly for social and cultural events which may be planned by private groups and others as appropriate for such a State celebration. The committee itself may sponsor a social event on Wednesday afternoon.

The Junior League of Raleigh and the American Legion, Post No. 1, of Raleigh, have notified the

Governor's Inaugural Committee of their plans to co-sponsor the Pre-Inaugural Ball on Wednesday evening honoring Governor and Mrs. Hodges, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Luther E. Barnhardt, and the Council of State.

The ball will not be sponsored by the State, but will be a privately planned social event for the public with net proceeds going to selected charities of the sponsoring organizations. Senator Poyner and Secretary of State Thad Eure met with representatives of the Raleigh Junior League and the American Legion, Post No. 1, of Raleigh, to discuss plans for the Ball and they reported that elaborate plans are

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TAX LISTING FOR THE YEAR 1957

IN THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS OF HAYWOOD COUNTY

ALL COUNTY TAXES AND FARM REPORTS MUST BE

LISTED IN JANUARY

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DO SO IS REQUIRED BY LAW

BOOKS WILL BE IN TOWNSHIPS AT HOMES OF LISTERS THROUGH JANUARY 31

Township Listers That Are Listed Below Will Be At Homes and Designated Places

Cataloochee Township
Mack Caldwell

Pigeon Township
Mrs. Dave C. Edwards

Cecil Township
Mrs. Clyde Caldwell

Fines Creek Township
Mrs. Carl Rogers

Clyde Township
Spurgeon Byers

Jonathan Creek Township
Mrs. Fred Allison

East Fork Township
Bryan Heatherly

Waynesville Township
Commissioner's Room, Court House
Mrs. Ruth Kelley, Mrs. Bob Williams

Crabtree Township
Mrs. Bob Fisher

White Oak Township
Mrs. France Teague

Ivy Hill Township
Albert Siler

Beaverdam Township
Chamber of Commerce, Fred Williams,
Mrs. Marie Smathers and Vaughn Byers.

Iron Duff Township
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