

Operation Santa Claus

The Mental Health Association in Craven County has mailed letters this month to organizations and civic groups to launch "Operation Santa Claus", the annual Christmas project of the association to provide gifts for residents of Caswell Center, Kinston, Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro and local groups for mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed citizens, according to Garnett Walker, chairman.

"Most of the 3500 gifts which we hope to obtain will be used to meet the needs of residents of our two institutions who will remain at the facility away from families and friends during the holidays", Mr. Walker stated. Several pick-up stations will be announced at a later date, within the county which should make it convenient for persons to drop off the gifts. Gifts may be left at Craven Evaluation and Training Center also, where volunteers will sort and deliver the gifts at the end of the campaign, according to Mr. Walker. He explained that gifts should be unwrapped, appropriate for men, women and older children. Examples of appropriate gifts are: candy, cigarettes, nail polish, lipstick, jewelry, clothing items, pocket books, wallets, hose, Some ward items which can be used by all residents are: perculators (large), ice cream freezers, radios, record players, flower arrangements, games, stationery, pictures, magazine subscriptions. Mr. Walker reminds that "these patients are similar to yourselves; most of them are not confined to a bed. They are active and enjoy the same things you do. Select a gift for them as you would any friend".

Money is an appropriate gift and checks should be written to Mental Health Association in Craven County, post office box 906, New Bern. These funds will be used to purchase larger gifts to be used on the wards, according to Mr. Walker.

"Craven County is always generous in its support of "Operation Santa Claus" and we know the citizens will be supportive again this season", Mr. Walker said.

Deadline for gifts is December 14.

Feeding Program

NEW BERN—The Craven County Department of Social Services has announced its plan to continue its policy of providing free meals to all children enrolled in the Trent Court Day Care Center, which is operated by the Department. Meals are available to all children without regard to race, color or national origin.

The Trent Court Day Care Center operates its feeding program under the auspices of the North Carolina Division of Child Nutrition. To participate in the program, the center is required to obtain from each parent an individual statement as to family size and family income. This statement is Confidential and will be used only in determining the need category of each child. This data is tallied and then used by the Division of Child Nutrition to determine the rate of reimbursement for each meal.

Eligibility Standards for free and reduced-price meals are effective between July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983.

The Trent Court Day Care Center meets federal certification standards as well as state licensing requirements. As a certified center, it focuses on the total growth and development of children, by providing a planned program of learning experiences and enrichment activities based on individual needs of children.

Children enrolled in the Trent Court Day Care Center must meet the eligibility requirements of the Title XX program of the Social Security Act. Persons interested in learning more about the Trent Court Day Care Center should contact Pinkie Moore, Day Care Coordinator, or Dinah Tingle, Day Care Center Director, of the Craven County Department of Social Services at 633-0131.



Net Hanging

John Anderson - Net Hanger



Free Speech & Hearing Test

The Speech and Hearing Center at Craven County Hospital began a new project for all infants born at the hospital beginning in November. Each infant (mother) is awarded a certificate for a free speech and hearing screening during the 12-15 month check up with the pediatrician. The screening will be administered to detect hearing losses that would require a hearing aid and /or speech delays that would require a treatment or recommendation to a day care facility for speech and language stimulation. Each mother must present this certificate to the Speech and Hearing Center when the baby is screened.

Lynn Kelly, Speech and Hearing Director, is in charge of the new project. She can be reached at 633-8565.



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Amount Of Heat In Wood Varies

Just as there are distinct differences in wood used in furniture, there are distinct differences in firewood. Different tree species vary considerably in the amount of heat they produce when burned, according to N.C. Agricultural Extension Service specialists.

The amount of heat in wood is determined by its weight and moisture content, and not by its volume. Dense species of wood like oak and hickory weigh more and have a higher heat content than less-dense species like white pine and yellow poplar at the same moisture content.

The trees species having the highest possible recoverable heat per cord are hickory,

white oak, red oak, beech, birch, ash, slash pine, longleaf pine, and red maple.

Of trees commonly used for firewood, white pine ranks the lowest in the amount of possible recoverable heat per cord-82 percent lower than the amount possible with hickory. Other trees with low firewood ratings are sycamore, Virginia pine, red cedar, and yellow poplar.

The amount of water in the wood to be burned also determines how much heat is given off. When wood is burned in a stove or fireplace, heat evaporates water from the wood before heat is given off. This is why dry wood produces more usable heat than an equal volume of wet wood at the same species.

Storm Windows

Storm windows are generally more economical than double pane windows for an existing house, says Dr. Glenda Herman, extension housing specialist at North Carolina State

University.

Storm windows cost less to install, she notes. In addition, they're more effective at reducing the infiltration of air around window frames.

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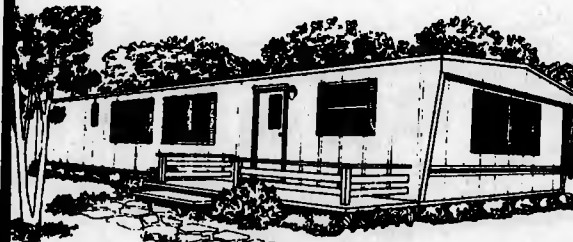


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