



**THE COURT OF APPEALS**—This month's cover picture of Popular Government shows the six judges of the new Court of Appeals — Judges Naomi Morris of Wilson, James C. Farthing of Lenoir, Walter E. Brock of Wadesboro, Hugh B. Campbell of Charlotte, and David Britt of Fairmont and Chief Judge Raymond B. Mallard of Tabor City.

Judges Brock, Campbell, and Farthing and Chief Judge Mallard were appointed from the superior court bench; Judge Britt, a practicing attorney in Roberson County, resigned the speakership of the House of Representatives to accept the judgeship; and Judge Morris was practicing law with a firm in Wilson.

The judges are temporarily quartered in chambers on the fourth floor of the North Carolina National Bank building in Raleigh, where the above picture was taken. The clerk, Theodore Brown, formerly an assistant attorney-general, is occupying offices on the first floor of the Legislative Building. The court will

hold its hearings for the next few months in the Legislative Building also. The Finance Committee room has been temporarily converted into a courtroom for this purpose.

In the spring of 1968 the court will occupy newly renovated quarters in the old State Library Building, across Fayetteville street from the Justice Building.

The Court of Appeals "opened for business," jurisdictionally speaking, on October 1. Several months will be required for the appellate pipeline to channel a normal operating caseload to the court, by which time, the court's chief reason burden — should be realized.

The Court of Appeals will be expanded to a total complement of nine judges in 1969 by appointment of three additional judges by the next Governor. All judges, after the initial appointment, must stand for election to office at the next general election for the remainder of an eight-year term.

## Envisioned Carolina Hills As Greatest Apple Country

North Carolina has made tremendous strides in the production of many crops in the last half century. Among these crops is the apple, which can be grown to perfection in our upper Piedmont and Mountain counties. Let's go back now in history to the year of 1896 and review some of the comments and predictions made at that time by Professor W. F. Massey, North Carolina's first horticulturist. Then I will quote sections of a letter received yesterday which seem to give authority to Professor Massey's predictions.

Professor Massey was speaking, in general terms, of the mountain counties where apples were grown at that time and where our commercial acreage is now concentrated. He had this to say: "This region is the home of the apple and is destined to become the greatest apple growing region in America when its capabilities in this respect are fully known to fruit growers. Many apples are grown there already but the varieties most popular in the North are not grown to the extent they should be."

"The exhibits from North Carolina and Virginia at the Chicago Exposition opened the eyes of dealers to the great value of certain varieties which grow here to greater perfection than elsewhere. This is particularly true of the Winesap and York Imperial (sometimes called Johnson's Fine Winter)." He had much more to say but I have given the essence.

Now, by way of a newsletter, word comes from one of the largest marketing firms in the United States reminding the trade of the increasing importance of apple production in North Carolina: "Our studied opinion is that this state will rise to the stature demanded of the earliest major volume state in dessert variety marketing. Watch her progress."

What the writer had in mind was the very favorable position we occupy in the early marketing of some of our major varieties. This is particularly true of the red (Color) sports of the Delicious variety. While the growers are conscious of the favorable position related to the "early deal," they realize, too, that our marketing problems are not sol-

ved. Competition is becoming keener and more emphasis is being placed upon high quality fruit.

It is still difficult to impress upon some North Carolinians that apple production is big business, and it's growing. In 1965, the commercial production was close to 4,500,000 bushels and will increase rapidly as extensive new plantings begin producing.

## It's Wrapping Time

"Use Your Imagination" is the gift wrapper's theme song this Yuletide. The brilliant colors and exciting patterns of the '67 collection of Christmas wraps are an inspiration for packages that are fun to make and fun to receive.

To imaginative gift wrappings add the personal touch of imaginative ideas—and produce packages of real individuality.

Imagination, however, should take off from a practical base. The gift wrapping project begins with careful selection of gift wrappings, ribbons, seals, cards and boxes of assorted sizes.

Next step, assemble all the "extra" equipment that will make gift wrapping go faster—scissors, cardboard, cellophane tape, rubber cement or glue, string, sealing tape.

Ideally, a location in the home should be set aside as gift wrapping headquarters. At the very least, provide a flat working surface, with a side table or tray for supplies.

Awkward-sized packages can be disguised in still larger containers while small gifts might be given an added value by "hiding" them in boxes specially designed to keep after Christmas.

Tree ornaments or sprigs of greens might add a festive,

imaginative touch to packages.

Still more imaginative is the use of a gift to wrap a gift. For example, use a belt or scarf as a "ribbon"; use anything from jewelry to little kitchen gadgets as a package ornament.

Gifts too big to wrap—a major kitchen or laundry appliance, for instance—can be adorned with decorative, removable cutouts, bows or other ornaments.

Remember to wrap gifts for mailing early and securely.

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## District Court Honor To Be Held Monday

Chairman N. H. Shope announces a District-wide Court of Honor to begin at 7:30 p. m. Monday, Dec. 11, at the Boone Methodist Church.

Scoutmasters and Post Advisors are asked to mail lists of Scouts to receive awards to Dr. Shope, 508 Grand Blvd., Boone, a change in address from that distributed in the bulletin earlier.

Awards of Second Class, Star, Life and Eagle ranks and of merit badges earned may be awarded. Troop 109 of Boone

will be host Troop in charge of opening and closing ceremonies.

Parents and friends are invited to attend. A prize is offered to the Troop with the largest percentage of supporters present. A short meeting of Scout leaders will be held after the Court of Honor program.

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## ASU Exams To End On Friday

Final examinations for the fall quarter will be concluded Friday at Appalachian State University.

The quarter officially ends at 4 p. m. at which time students will commence a 25-day Christmas Holiday period.

Winter quarter classes will begin Wednesday, Jan. 3, and continue through March 12. Final exams for the winter quarter will be March 13-19.

The spring quarter class dates are March 25 to June 5, with April 12-15 being the Easter Holiday period.

## People, Places Provide Ideas for Good Giving

Stumped for gifts? Try putting a person and a place together. Then, see how the gifts ideas add up.

If the person is the head of the house, one place to look might be on his desk. A close inspection here can reveal many needs.

A staple gun, a blotter frame, a tape dispenser, plastic boxes to organize clutter, a box for stamps, a desk-side wastebasket make great little gifts. A new lamp, desk chair, even a typewriter are just some of the bigger gifts ideas.

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