

News For The Women

AAUW Hears
Rep. Taylor Speak

Members of the Brevard Branch of the American Association of University Women and their guests heard State Representative Charles Taylor speak on "North Carolina Tax Payers' Money and How It Is Spent" on December 14 in the Brevard College Faculty Lounge.

Representative Taylor, a member of the Appropriations Committee, warned those present, "Increasing taxes may not mean progress. Tax payers need to become concerned enough to study budgets and to know how tax money is used. The state budget is generally unknown because much of the Appropriations Committee work is done behind closed doors and because, to most citizens, the budget is dull reading."

North Carolina's total budget for 1971-73 is \$4,327,499,234. Of this amount 53% comes from the General

Fund, 16% from the Highway Fund, 21% from the Federal Government, and 9% from other sources.

A study of General Fund appropriations for 1969-71 and 1971-73 reveals that appropriations for Education decreased, appropriations for General Government operations increased and appropriations for Public Welfare increased.

A review of General Fund tax revenues reveals that 3/4 of all general tax revenue comes from Income and Sales Tax. Education receives the largest percentage of all state operations with 68.31% of General Fund appropriations.

The State Representative noted that even though more is appropriated to education, the appropriation is actually less than that stipulated for 1969-71, a decrease from 70.40% to 68.31%. Taylor pointed out that this money includes all phases of school operation, buses and mechanics as well as teachers and those activities having to do with teaching and learning. He further pointed out that most states' education receives much of their support from the local community. This is not so in North Carolina. Property taxes are much lower in North Carolina than in most states.

Representative Taylor spoke also about efficiency in government. He reported that the Highway Department has not had an efficiency study within recent years and that there are no plans for such a study in the future. "It is probably the most inefficient division of government," he contends.

"An annual General Assembly instead of biennial would increase efficiency in all government affairs," Taylor suggests. "It is difficult to appropriate funds which are to be used 2 1/2 years in the future. There may be too many changes in the meantime."

The Brevard Branch of AAUW will meet next on January 11 in the Brevard College Faculty Lounge at 8:00 p.m. Dr. J. D. Tyson will present the topic, "Crisis and Challenge." Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Edwin Wike and Miss Mary Scott.

Bridge Winners
Are Announced

Winners at the regular Tuesday evening duplicate bridge game of The Ace of Clubs were the following pairs:

- 1 - Jerry Tinsley and Robert N. Hill
- 2 - Mrs. M. F. Johnson and Dr. George B. Dysart
- 3 - Mrs. Eck Sims and Mrs. Miguel Miquel

Hill And Dale
Homemakers At
Yule Dinner

The December meeting of the Hill and Dale Extension Homemakers was observed in the lovely setting of a Christmas atmosphere on Tuesday in the Colonial Inn.

The occasion marked the homemakers "taking a day off" to enjoy some one else's cooking, relaxation in a setting provided with lovely decorations amidst the fun and fellowship of sharing the Season's Happiness with those we like so much.

The president, Mrs. John Michael, presided over the gathering with Mrs. Dixon Lyday, as food's leader assisted with the arrangements.

A Christmas Prayer - St. Francis of Assisi, was read by Mrs. C. F. Allison, as the devotion.

Following the delicious dinner, the group enjoyed their annual Christmas party. Games were played under the leadership of the recreation leader, Mrs. V. D. Chapnerkar, who awarded a number of appropriate prizes.

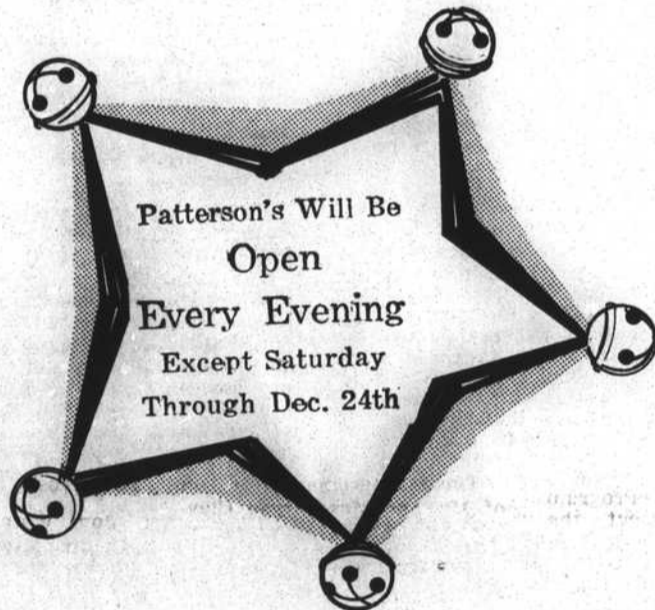
"Pollyannas" were revealed and an exchange of gifts added to the festive event.

Miss Jean Childers, County Home Economics Extension Agent, was presented a gift certificate as she shared. How o Make Your Christmas Merrier. Miss Childers also gave some holiday safety hints, electrifying ideas for Christmas time, and Merry Christmas Recipes.

Mrs. Howard Schmidt's mother, Mrs. Emily Grosse, of Jersey City, New Jersey, was a visitor. Some 15 Homemakers shared in the December meeting with Mrs. Edna Rackley to be hostess in her home for the January meeting.

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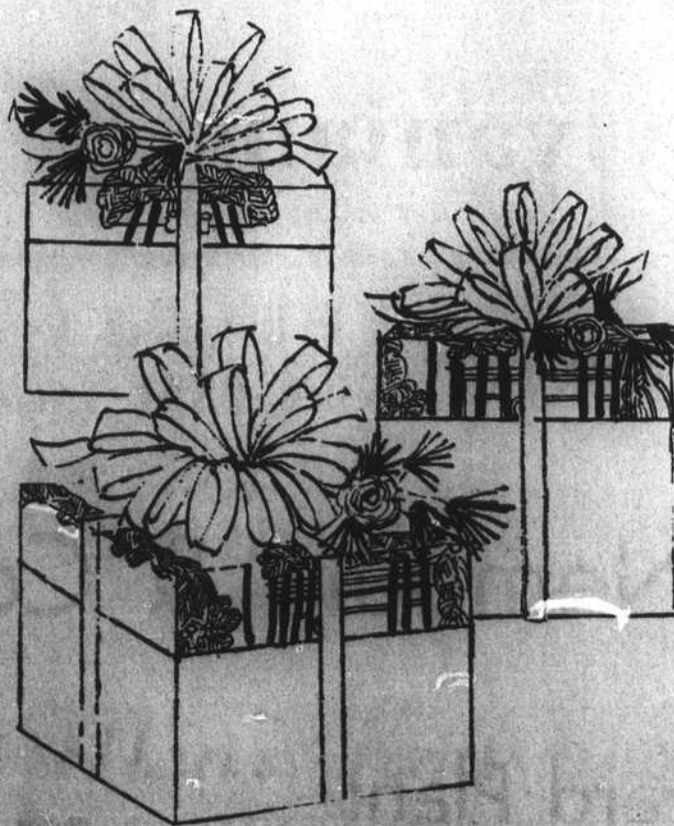
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