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Ramsey Opposes Committee's Recommendations

Speaker of the N.C. House, Liston Ramsey, has come out in opposition to the recommendations of legislative study committee that would limit sessions of the state legislature to 60 days.

In the report, the committee points out that neighboring states have imposed similar time limits on the length of legislative sessions. The committee also found that most southern legislatures have fewer than a third as many standing committees as North Carolina. The N.C. House has 59 standing committees while the Senate has 38.

for a second term was recently assured by a vote of House Democrats. Although he served as a full-time speaker, Ramsey receives a part-time salary for his position. He has earned a reputation in Raleigh for turning aside criticism of the present legislative system.

mended changes would be to concentrate power in a few hands and would reduce participation by some representatives. Defending his handling of the House, the speaker said, "I try to run a democratic shop."

Tis The Season . . .



SANTA AND HIS FRIENDS, the Raper sisters, posed on Main Street last week.

Growers Adopt Resolutions

The Tobacco Growers and Conservation Service of Association of North Carolina met recently and passed a number of resolutions of interest to burley growers. Chief among the changes proposed by the association was the introduction of alternative arrangements for the leasing of tobacco allotments.

Marshall Kindergarteners Asked:

'What Do You Want For Christmas?'

Ed. Note: We visited the Marshall Primary School kindergarten classes on Monday to find out what the students are hoping Santa will bring them on Christmas eve. The youngsters reported a wide range of wishes, from doll houses to toy tanks. One thing they all agreed on - they've all been good boys and girls this year.

"A Strawberry Shortcake doll because I've been a good girl. And a guitar for my little brother, Kevin." Cindy Payne

"I want some Hot Wheels cars. That's all I want. I've got three toys now." Eugene Norton

"I want a Lite Brite peg board and a baby doll, and a big car for my sister." Jami Lister

"I'd like a remote-controlled wrecker, a farm set and a GI Joe battle tank." Jerry Frisby



"A Fall Guy truck." Mark Wallin



"I want one of those games what you lay down and take the bones out, and a baby doll." Malinda Jo Hensley



"...a doll house, a pink and pretty Barbie doll and a Mickey Mouse talking phone." Beverly Allen

"...an E.T. talking doll and a Mickey Mouse telephone." Benji Fender

"I want a pump it up motorcycle and a puff car." Scotty Mars

"I want one of those cars that you mash on it goes." Nacola Wyatt

"A sled and some ice skates." Ryan Raisig

"Some roller skates and some clothes, and a Barbie doll and a tippy toes doll." Tiffany Nix

Goat Lovers Are United

By ELIZABETH D. SQUIRE

"The hour of the goat has come!" said Jean Thornton of Beech at a recent meeting of the Piedmont Dairy Goat Association which despite its name - has most of its members here in the mountains of North Carolina.

dairy of Richard and Jean Thornton outside Weaverville recently. The groups covered dish lunch featured such delicacies as goat cheese, goat meat-leaf and rice pudding made with goat's milk.

The Thorntons' Glen Cranoc dairy has 40 goats, some descended from the herd of the late poet and goat-fancier, Carl Sandburg. They have recently begun to make six kinds of French-style cheese, including one which resembles a brie. The dairy is still growing and expects to employ more people, but milk from other members of the association, and distribute cheese to gourmet, health food and cheese shops throughout the Southeast.

Richard, who is also an architect, led the group on a tour of his solar-heated milking parlor. PDGA members vary from large novices like the Thorntons to Jane Pineda of Beech, a 4-H goat club youngster who is just learning to milk. She is the first goat owner in the group to have a goat milking machine.

Madison Manor Volunteers Honored

Madison Manor Nursing Center honored volunteers with an Honorary Banquet on Dec. 16. Awards were presented to volunteers who have volunteered service of 50 hours and above. Doris Bresler, Volunteer of the Year, has a total of 609 hours of service since our nursing center opened. The following volunteers have contributed many hours: Lucille English-356, Pauline Drebalis-389, Ossie Ponder-298, Carol Sparks-184, Marty Young-399, Curtis Ledford-168, Kathy Debrahl-139 and Genell Clemens-100.

and Mrs. Hogan, Loro Hagah, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Honeycutt, Laura Ledford, Peggy Lee, Kathy Anglin, Rev. Curtis Ledford, Barry Morris, Jan Maney, Rev. George Moore, Mrs. Vivian Diercks, Ida McKinney, Lora Peterson, Barbara Robinson, Carol Sparks, Emory Shephard, Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale, Linda Sue Worley, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Wood, Tom Kuhn, Ricky McDevitt, Sharon Carter, Marty Young, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Jerrill, Rev. R.L. Price, Gail Henson and J.C. Jarvis.



BECKY ANDERSON and her first grade classmates created edible Christmas wreaths from corn flakes, marshmallow cream and cinnamon dots.

Sen. East Is Reassigned

Sen. John East, R-N.C., has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and is chairman of its subcommittee on Military Installations in the 98th Congress when it convenes in January. This assignment is especially significant for North Carolina because of the many military installations in the state, and because so many members of Congress from North Carolina currently serve on the armed services committee of either house.

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