

Consecutive Dividend Order Federation

Consecutive dividend order Federation declared by the Farmers Federation payable January 1, 1955. All holders of Common Stock and Preferred Stock should record December 15.

The Federation was declared by the Executive Committee of Directors. Members include James McClure, James McClure, Grover C. Brown, H. A. Charles, Charles Davis, R. A. D. M. Snelson and C. C.

The Federation also announced the building of a new Farmers Federation building in Murphy to serve the present structure to serve the developing agriculture of Wayne County. Additional funds have been issued to finance the building, and construction will start in the spring.

Christmas Concert Attracts Full House

A full house was in attendance at the Christmas concert at the High School when the band and chorus presented a Christmas concert under the direction of Charles F. Robertson and Robert Campbell. The program included both popular and traditional Christmas songs such as "Sleigh Ride", "Christmas Song" and traditional carols of many kinds.

Guests were Rosalind Ammons, Hill, Faye Sease, James C. and Jimmy Fowler. Accompanying were Linda Boone on the piano, Henry Lofquist on the organ and Mary Ann Fisher and James on the harp.

A Christmas reading also was given by Gail Camlin.



CLOTHING FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED in Haywood County was collected by students of Canton High School during a "White Christmas" program Friday morning. Checking the items of wearing apparel, later turned over to the Clothing Closet Association

at the county courthouse, are (kneeling) Darrell Hawkins, Christine Fisher, Troy Mann, and Dianne Jones. Standing are Mrs. Robert Matthews, Student Council sponsor, and W. L. Rikard, principal at Canton High School. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Don't Let Accidents Bring You A 'Black Christmas'

Don't hang all your safety stockings on the Christmas tree and then ignore danger in the remainder of the house.

That was the advice today from Dr. S. W. Jabaut, Haywood County health officer.

"People who will take the utmost precautions about their Christmas tree will be amazingly careless about the other holiday decorations they have around their house," he said.

"The pitch-filled Christmas green, whether it is a tree or a branch, is a dangerous fire hazard when it has dried out." Dr. Jabaut said that every year accidents bring a black Christmas to hundreds of families.

"These tragedies, due to carelessness, can be prevented," he said.

That fresh greens are just as important as a fresh tree in reducing fire hazard. People who would never place a candle on a tree will use highly flammable greens, cotton or paper decorations near lighted candles on the table, mantle or in a window.

Dr. Jabaut also pointed out that the North Carolina State Board of Health's rules for Christmas safety should be followed. Only electric candles and nonflammable decorations, cotton or paper which has been treated for fire resistance should be used.

The greens should be located so that a chance spark from a cigarette cannot ignite them. In hanging high decorations and trimming the top of the tree, The Health Department suggests use a step stool or ladder to avoid

a fall. Trees can be kept fresh in the house if they are placed in a holder containing water. Make a fresh cut across the base of the tree on a slant to help it absorb more water. However, when greens or the tree begin to dry out (when the needles start dropping), they should be removed from the house.

Any electric Christmas lights should be approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories, and if an old set is being used, it should be checked each year for loose connections, faulty sockets, or frayed cords.

For holiday parties Santa's whiskers should be treated for fire resistance, and costumes made of flimsy material or paper should be

Library To Observe Three-Day Holiday

The Haywood County Library will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 24 through Monday, December 27, according to an announcement by Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian.

avoided unless they have been treated for fire resistance.

"A good motto for adults who expect to attend the usual round of Christmas festivities," Dr. Jabaut added, "is 'If you drink, don't drive.' It's cheaper and safer to use public transportation than to run the risk of an accident."

Canton Students Contribute To Area Clothing Closet

At a "White Christmas" program Friday morning, students of Canton High School donated 370 pieces of clothing for the underprivileged and \$105 in cash—most of which will go to orphanages in Western North Carolina.

The Canton students filled across the stage to deposit their clothing or monetary contributions in boxes.

In charge of the program was Dianne Jones, who was assisted by Ralph Worley, president of the Student Council; Christine Fisher, secretary; Troy Mann, treasurer, and Darrell Hawkins, chairman of the hall monitors.

Later the Canton students turned over the clothing and \$5 to the Clothing Closet Association at the courthouse for distribution to the needy.

Officials of the Clothing Closet

said that their organization previously has collected some 1,000 clothing items and has distributed approximately 400.

The closet is fairly well supplied on some items, short on others, it was explained. Especially needed now are money for undergarments for children or the garments themselves.

Prior to the contribution made by Canton High School, most of the stock of the Clothing Closet was collected by the Waynesville Kiwanis Club in a porchlight drive and donated by the American Legion Auxiliary following a rummage sale.

In centigrade thermometers zero is the freezing point of water (32 degrees Fahrenheit) and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees.

Episcopal Children Will Present Pageant

The children of Grace Episcopal Church will present a Christmas play and carol singing Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Members of the Parish and their friends are invited.

The children will proceed from the church to the Parish House following the pageant for the Sunday day School Christmas Tree. Mrs. G. M. Kimball is acting as advisor for the pageant.

Parts will be played by the children as follows: Joseph—Tim Rothermel; Mary—Taffey Perry; Shepherds—Austin Fergusson, Douglas Hill, Tony Hardwick; Wise Men—Jimmy Perry, Dick Kimball, Ronny Henderson; Little Maid—Emma Jean Henderson; Boy—Eon Fergusson; Inn Keeper—Janet Kimball; Angel—Sarah Thomas; Soloist—Carol Hill.

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