

COME ON SANTA – Come play with me, my grandmamas will see that all three of those stockings are filled up for me. Robert Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bubby Wright could very well be saying that. One present from all of his grandparents would just about fill a whole tree. Great grandparents on one side are Mrs. Agnes Johnson and Mrs. and Mrs. Glenn Clark. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. June Johnson on his mothers side and on his father's side they are Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wright. His great grandfather on his father's side is F.F. McPhaul. There are eight in all.

### Telephone Co. Will Seek A Re-Hearing

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and United Utilities, Incorporated will ask for a re-hearing of the petition to merge the two companies, according Carolina's president. H. Dail Holderness

Yesterday, the North Carolina Utilities Commission denied and dismissed the joint petition for the merger of the two companies. While Commission's order stated that possible interest of the public would not be adversely affected by the proposed merger, North Carolina law requires competent, material and substantial evidence that the public convenience and necessity requires approval the proposed merger." The Commission contended that the evidence presented in the initial hearing was not adequate to justify the merger

approval.
We have no intention of abandoning the merger which was approved by the stockholders and boards of directors of both companies." Holderness said. "If the North Carolina Utilities Commission will grant us another hearing. will be pleased to provide the additional documentations which apparently Commission needs to meet the requirements of the state

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## Deaths And Funerals

#### James Jones, 14 Horace Stephens **Buried Saturday** Dies Saturday

Horace Johnson Stephens

Funeral services were

46, of Fairmont, died

unexpectedly Thursday

conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church by the

Rev. Tom Rich and the Rev. A.

P. Stephens. Burial was in New

Hollywood Cemetery in

He is a former resident of

Surviving are his wife, Mrs.

Raeford and Rachel and

Annie McLeod Stephens; three

daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Wensil

Kathy Stephens of the home; a

son Ens. Hugh J. Stephens of the U.S. Navy; his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Dalton Stephens of

Fairmont; two sisters, Mrs.

and Mrs. Sarah Kite of Fayetteville, one grandson.

How Swedes Celebrate

Christmas in Sweden is

actually the celebration of

St. Lucia - and held on

December 13th. On this day

the oldest girl in each fam-

ily rises early, dons a long

white dress and crowns her-

self with lighted candles.

Then she wakes the family

and serves coffee and cake.

Twin mistletoe and holly.

Sing hey! Sing hey!

For Christmas Day:

For friendship glows

And so let's all be jolly!

In winter snows

Stephens of Fairmont

Lumberton

Funeral services for James Aldon Jones, 14, who died Saturday of burns received Nov. 17, were conducted Nov. 17, were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Union Chapel Church.

Burial was in Oxendine Cemetery

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Jones; a sister, Miss Annie B. Jones of the

The boy's clothing caught fire when his home burned in the Philippi section in the late afternoon. The youth was trying to build a heater fire when the flames leapt out of control. He was rushed to Moore Memorial Hospital it was determined that more than half his body had suffered third degree burns. He was later removed to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

#### A.P. Seaford Dies Thursday

Funeral services for Albert P. Seaford, 61, a merchant who died Thursday were conducted at 11 a. m. Saturday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church by Rev. Allen Smyth and the Rev. Vance Baucom.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. The present date ac- Mary Caudle Scaford, a knowledged by the modern daughter, Mary Ann Scaford of home; his mother, Mrs. E. and Lane of Charlotte

# Set Meet

Sites for the meeting will be the Wayne County Agricultural Center and the Goldsboro Motor Hotel.

production information Thursday morning will among the highlights.

The six top growers will receive awards at the banquet and the first members of the "700 Bushel Club. will be installed, according to Henry Covington, extension sweet potato specialist at North Carolina State University, H. F.

Willis Hancock, keynote speaker on Wednesday afternoon. Bernard Imming. secretary of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable North Carolina yams.

On Thursday morning speakers from North Carolina State University will discuss production and sweet potato research. The growers of certified seed will meet

Wednesday afternoon and new officers will be named on Thursday at an 11 a. m. husiness meeting.

The cranberry is almost i jo



North Carolina sweet potato rowers will meet in Goldsboro Jan. 8-9 at the seventh annual conference of the North Carolina Yam Commission.

The presentation of awards to the state's top producers at a banquet on Wednesday night and a discussion of the latest

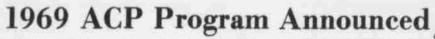
Seawell of Carthage will speak.

president of Southern National Bank at Lumberton, will be the Association in Washington, will discuss the national publicity and promotion campaign for

Thursday afternoon.

New Yam Commission directors will be elected on

feasting as the Bird, itself.



Stable soil that resists erosion; Healthy stands of trees; Luxuriant growth on pasture and rangeland; Disposal of experience. of excess water or conservation of scarce water; Plentiful habitat for wildlife and a beautiful countryside. These are goals of the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), a joint effort by landowners and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to preserve our Nation's land, water, and timber resources, states Thomas R. Burgess, Officer Manager, Hoke ASCS.

Significant progress has been made in natural resource conservation over the past thirty years, but a great deal of work remains. In fact, most of the Nation's privately owned land is not yet receiving adequate conservation

Conserving these resources is

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MORGANTON -- The

Senate Subcommittee on Separation of Powers in its

review this year of the

administrative actions of the

National Labor Relations

Board found an interesting

situation has developed in the

recognition of unions for

collective bargaining purposes. This administrative practice

falls under the term of the "check-card" case which

requires an employer to recognize and deal with a labor

organization that alleges

employee support on the basis of authorization or pledge

Prior to 1947, the Board used a variety of means to

determine when a union had

sufficient strength to warrant its being recognized. One of the most notorious was the use

of authorization cards. Congress thought that it had

put an end to that practice by

deleting the statutory language

under which this was

permitted. For years, the matter was settled. Then,

recently, the Board decided to

change its doctrine on the

card-check. It ruled that if a

union gathered sufficient cards,

this could be used to show that

a majority of the employees

want the union despite the fact

that the union had been

defeated in a Board-supervised

In effect, the Board said:

"Go through the election, and

if you lose, we will let you use

the card-check to prove your

justify this change in the law

by saying that it is necessary when the employer has destroyed the fairness of an

election by "unlawful" means. In truth this ignores other basic

doctrines of fair play. I do not

helieve that the employees freedom of choice should be

ignored in an effort to punish

the employer for violating the

aw. What is more, the Board

has chosen to subordinate the

free election process Congress

card-check system legislatively

Card soliciting of employees

by union has none of the

preferred in favor of

condemened 20 years ago.

The Board attempts to

election.

status.

water and shelter

Government assists agricultural producers to combat their more pressing conservation problems by sharing the cost of performing needed nservation work on the land.

While the farmer bears the primary responsibility conservation of the land, the public seeks to assure itself that the Nation's natural resources will be available for productive use for future generations. That is why Congress has consistently determined that a portion of the cost of conservation practices shall be assumed by the general public.

Typically union representatives

approach employees in situations where it is very

difficult for them to resist

pressures to sign authorization cards and in circumstances

where they are not likely to

know the significance of signing a check or a pledge

card. Despite the fact that the

card system is notoriously

unreliable as a means of

determining true employee

intent, the Board restricts the

employer in the kind of proof

that he can present to rebut

"authorization cards" has been

deplored in Congressional

committees prior to this year's

Separation of Powers Subcommittee study. It has

been the subject of critical editorial comment in

newspapers throughout the

country. Several years ago, a House Labor Committee

conducted a special one-day hearing on the practice, and the Senate once had a hearing

on the problem during confirmation of the Chairman

The real problem is two-fold. The NLRB policy

negates the intent of Congress

in respect to union recognition

as a collective bargaining agent.

Moreover, the Board has

authorized a system that is not

the equivalent of the secret ballot. Employees ought not to

be placed in a position of having to explain what they meant when they signed a card,

nor should employers have to

gather evidence to rebut such a

fallible procedure.
All this points anew to a

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Union recognition

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rancher to accomplish on his own. Yet the job must be done if we are to provide food, fiber, necessities of life - for this and

future generations. Under ACP, The Federal

fifty-fifty basis but this may vary among practices, different conditions, or the farmers ability to contribute to the cost of performing the needed practices.

Costs are shared with farmer or rancher with the understanding that he must maintain the practice and use it for its conservation purpose for

its normal life span.
Practices available in the 1969 Hoke County ACP are A-2 Establishing Permanent

Vegetative Cover A-3 Increased Acreage of Vegetative cover in Crop Rotation

A-4 Application of Lime A-7 Tree Planting for Forestry Purposes A-8 Planting Trees B-7 Farm Ponds B-10 Improving a Stand of

Forest Trees C-9 Permanent Open Drainage System C-10 Underground Dramage

D-1 Winter Cover Crops D-2 Summer Cover Crops E-5 Home Gardens

G-1 Wildlife Food Plots. Habitat, or Cover. F-1 (B-9) Constructing Permanent Fences
Detailed information on

ACP works is available at the local ASCS County Office. \_\_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget that children love to receive Christmas flower arrangements designed especially them. Consider a child's-size tree fashioned of boxwood and garlanded with carnations and silver beads, or even a flowering lollipop bush created to be eaten.



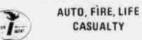
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#### safeguards of a free election Army Offers Scholarships To Recruits

Young persons wishing to further their education have many scholarships, fellowships, grants available to them, according to Army Recruiting Officer SFC John A. Mascho.

Among those that provide financial assistance is the Army's Student Nurse Program. This program offers a salary of \$274.70 a month plus tuition, books and supplies for students attending a collegiate school of nursing.

The same salary applies for students attending a hospital school of nursing except in those instances where room and board are provided by the school. The student in such schools then receives \$137.70.

The student nurse remains in the school of her choice. There is no requirement to wear a uniform or attend military meetings. However, the student is entitled to medical and dental care, shopping privileges at military exchanges, and a 30-day paid vacation.

Upon graduation, a nurse receiving one year of financial assistance serves two years in the Army Nurse Corps as a commissioned officer drawing full pay and allowances.



Let us rejoice in the message of the season!

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THEY TAKE 'EM DOWN - List takers were sworn in last week in preparation for tax listing time which begins January 2. They are right to left, Miss Betty McFadven, county auditor's office; Eli Shankle, Stonevall, Julian Love, Blue Springs; C. C. Conoly, Antioch, Mrs. Alma Lovette, Wayside; and Miss Willa McLauchlin, Allendale. They were sworn in by Clerk of Court E. E. Smith. Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, tax collector's office, was previously tworn in.