



COME ON SANTA - Come play with me, my grandmas will see that all three of those stockings are filled up for me. Robert Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby 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 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Clark. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. June Johnson on his mother's 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 to 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 the 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 of 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, we will be pleased to provide the additional documentations which apparently the Commission needs to meet the requirements of the state statute."

The present date acknowledged by the modern world as the birthdate of Christ is December 25th. This was established as late as the sixth century.

Deaths And Funerals

James Jones, 14 Horace Stephens Dies Saturday Buried Saturday

Funeral services for James Aldon Jones, 14, who died Saturday of burns received 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 home.

The boy's clothing caught fire when his home burned in the Phillips 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 where 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 the Rev. Allen Smyth and the Rev. Vance Baucom.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Caudle Seaford; a daughter, Mary Ann Seaford of the home; his mother, Mrs. E. G. Seaford of Concord; five brothers, Boyd and Robert of Kannapolis, Edward of Concord, Fred of Spruce Pine and Lane of Charlotte.

Yam Growers Set Meet

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

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

The presentation of awards to the state's top producers at a banquet on Wednesday night and a discussion of the latest production information on Thursday morning will be 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. Seawell of Carthage will speak.

Willis Hancock, vice president of Southern National Bank at Lumberton, will be the keynote speaker on Wednesday afternoon. Bernard Imming, secretary of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association in Washington, will discuss the national publicity and promotion campaign for 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 Thursday afternoon.

New Yam Commission directors will be elected on Wednesday afternoon and new officers will be named on Thursday at an 11 a.m. business meeting.

The cranberry is almost as much a part of holiday feasting as the Bird, itself.



1969 ACP Program Announced

Stable soil that resists erosion; Healthy stands of trees; Luxuriant growth on pasture and rangeland; Disposal 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 treatment. Conserving these resources is

a big job - often to big and expensive for a farmer or rancher to accomplish on his own. Yet the job must be done if we are to provide food, fiber, water and shelter - the necessities of life - for this and future generations.

Under ACP, The Federal Government assists agricultural producers to combat their more pressing conservation problems by sharing the cost of performing needed conservation work on the land.

While the farmer bears the primary responsibility for 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.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



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 cards.

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 election.

In effect, the Board said: "Go through the election, and if you lose, we will let you use the card-check to prove your status."

The Board attempts to 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 believe that the employees' freedom of choice should be ignored in an effort to punish the employer for violating the law. What is more, the Board has chosen to subordinate the free election process Congress preferred in favor of a card-check system legislatively condemned 20 years ago.

Card soliciting of employees by union has none of the safeguards of a free election.

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 invalidly obtained cards.

Union recognition by "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 of the NLRB.

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 problem that Congress should take cognizance of to cure an administrative practice that it never approved.

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Army Offers Scholarships To Recruits

Young persons wishing to further their education have many scholarships, fellowships, and 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.

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

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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 McAdven, county auditor's office; Elv Shankle, Stoneville; Julian Love, Blue Springs; C. C. Conoly, Antioch; Mrs. Abna Lovette, Wavvle; and Miss Willa McLaughlin, Allendale. They were sworn in by Clerk of Court E. E. Smith. Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, tax collector's office, was previously sworn in.