



CHRISTMAS PARTY -- A Christmas party for exceptional children at Upchurch Junior High School was held here last week. The group was serenaded with Christmas carols by one of the classes at the school, and presents were handed out to everyone.

Christmas Concert At Scurlock School

The kindergarten and first grade classes of Scurlock School presented a program of Christmas music and poetry on Dec. 21 at the school.

Mrs. Jones' first grade opened the program with a recitation of the Christmas story from the Bible. Miss Johnson's and Miss McMaster's kindergarten classes followed with the singing of three Christmas carols.

Mrs. Howard's kindergarten then recited a Christmas poem. "Up on the House Top," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas" were sung by Mrs. Campbell's kindergarten and Mrs. Leggett's first grade.

Mrs. William's first grade then

sang "Rudolph" and "Long, Long Ago." Mrs. McNeill's first grade then recited a poem and sang two Christmas songs.

The program concluded with the combined classes of Mrs. Edmonds and Mrs. Mitchell singing "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town."

Mrs. Doris Austin, music teacher at the school, accompanied each class at the piano.

The fourth grade at Scurlock gave a concert on Dec. 20, under the direction of Mrs. Doris Austin. The group sang 13 selections in all, including: "Christ Was Born in Bethlehem," "Little Lamb," "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Deck the Halls," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."



LEGALS

NOTICE OF SALE
NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HOKE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Henry Therman Locklear and wife, Dealo Locklear to CHARLES A. HOSTETLER, Trustee, and subsequently assumed by Jimmy Locklear and wife, Mary Ethel Locklear dated the 24th day of March 1976, and recorded in Book 191, Page 273 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of HOKE County, North Carolina, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said Deed of Trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in RAEFORD, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock Noon on the 10 day of January, 1978, property conveyed by said Deed of Trust, the same lying and being in the County of HOKE State of North Carolina, Blue Springs Township, and more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being about five (5) miles South of Raeford, North Carolina, and on U.S. Highway 401, leading from Raeford to Laurinburg, North Carolina

BEGINNING at a stake in the northern right of way of U.S. Highway 401, that is located N 63-00 E 500 feet from the center of a ditch between Wilkes and Wright lines; thence N 27-00 W 200 feet; thence N 63-00 E 100 feet; thence S 27-00 E 200 feet to the northern edge of U.S. 401 right of way; thence with the right of way of U.S. 401 S 63-00 W 100 feet to the BEGINNING, and being a part of that tract of land described in Book 133, Page 50 of the Hoke County Public Registry.

This is a second Deed of Trust, subject in priority to that certain first Deed of Trust to O.S. Aiken, Trustee for Aiken Loan and Security Company as recorded in Book 152, Page 347 of the Hoke County Public Registry, and in the original amount of \$13,000.00.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding taxes, if any, and prior liens of record, if any.

CASH DEPOSITS: Ten per cent (10%) on the first \$1,000.00 and five per cent (5%) on any additional amount bid will be required at the date of the sale.

Done, this the 20 day of December, 1977.

CHARLES A. HOSTETLER,
TRUSTEE
HOSTETLER & McNEILL
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
RAEFORD, N.C.

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NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently approved \$200,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to be used in rehabilitating sub-standard homes located in the North Raeford and Tylertown areas.

All work will be done through contract agreement between the County of Hoke and bidding contractors.

The Contractor will abide by Federal and Local regulations pertaining to Equal Employment.

The Contractor will furnish evidence to the County of Hoke proof of adequate comprehensive liability insurance to include property damage.

Information pertaining to bid dates, places, and time may be obtained by contacting Bill Altman, Program Coordinator, at his office located in the Courthouse Annex building, or by calling 875-5050.

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix CTA of the estate of Sadie B. Guy, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 22, 1978 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22 day of December, 1977
Mildred G. Dunn, Administratrix
303 Bethune Ave., Raeford, N.C.
Hostetler & McNeill
Attorneys-at-Law
Raeford, N.C. 28376

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Social Security Fraud Prosecuted

Russell "Pete" Moore, a Covington (Ky.) meat dealer, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Eugene Siler to an 18-month jail term for having de-

frauded the federally administered Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program out of \$5,030.

Moore, who had been receiving monthly SSI checks because of his disability and an alleged absence of earned income, pleaded guilty to a charge of willfully and knowingly making false statements on eligibility forms required under the law.

Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI is designed to provide income for aged, blind and disabled persons who make little or no money. Lawton Rogers, assistant District Manager of the Fayetteville social security office, stated that persons receiving SSI are required by law to report changes in their income, resources, marital status and living arrangements so that the amount of their benefits can be adjusted accordingly.

"Moore's violation was detected by an alert representative of the Covington Social Security office who learned of his meat sales activities and noted that Moore had repeatedly alleged that he had no earned income," Rogers said. "The initial evidence of this fraud was turned over to the Social Security Administration's Program Integrity Unit in Birmingham, Alabama. That office developed further evidence sufficient to enable the U.S. Attorney's office to successfully prosecute the case.

"Moore's conviction and imprisonment may appear to some to be harsh but the program has to be policed and violators prosecuted in order for these benefits to go to the persons who are eligible for them," Rogers said. "These benefits do come from general tax revenues and not from Social Security trust funds. It's getting more difficult to be a thief."



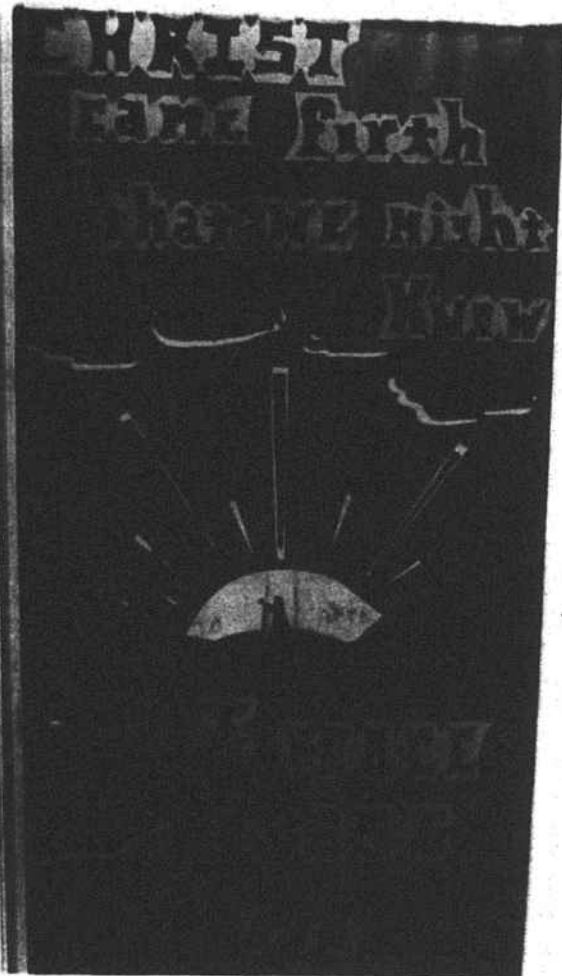
For those who think food is high in this country (and it's not when you work less time to earn it than anywhere else in the world), then you need to travel around the world and check how much better off we are than others.

Recently, an American livestock producer was visiting a Japanese supermarket and found a canteloupe priced for \$30. That sounds almost unbelievable until you find that just a few feet away in the meat counter he found beef priced at \$40 per pound, and at the bread counter, there was bread at nine cents a slice. Japan's rate of inflation is currently at ten percent and that has had a lot to do with its food prices being among the highest in the world. However, inflation is only part of the story.

Japan is an island economy, about the size of California, but with a population about half that of the United States. Farmland has always been scarce, and just like in this country, it's shrinking into parking lots and buildings. The high price of red meat in Japan is tied to this problem because they have no wide open range, or large acreages of lush pastures, and therefore their beef raising is very limited. This is why the Japanese eat only about eight pounds of beef per person per year, compared to our 120 pounds per person.

Beef would be popular there, but price understandably keeps consumption down as the Japanese stay with fish, poultry and soybean substitutes. Also, understandably, U.S. livestock producers would like to ship more beef into the Japanese market. Any increase in beef sales would be another boost in U.S. farm exports, which is already the largest single factor in helping correct our serious imbalance of trade.

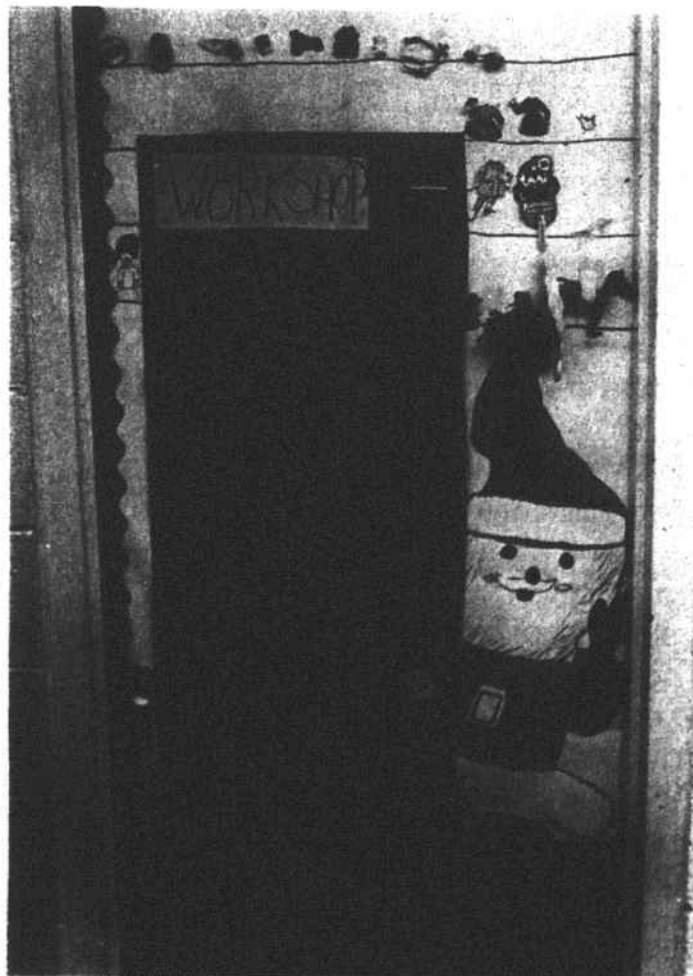
No doubt most cattle producers would be willing to sell at considerably less than \$40 a pound,



CHRISTMAS WINNER -- Mr. Sampson's eighth grade class won a prize last week in the door decorating contest at Upchurch Junior High School. The school was decked out for the holidays.



SEASONS' GREETINGS -- Students got in the Christmas spirit at Upchurch School last week by decorating the doors of their classrooms. Mrs. Dunkley's eighth grade class [door above] was one of the winners of the competition.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP -- Santa was busy in his workshop last week at Upchurch Junior High School. This door, by Mrs. Kennedy's seventh grade class, was among winners at a Christmas decoration competition at the school.



YULE MESSAGE -- Mrs. Watson's seventh grade class at Upchurch Junior High School won a prize last week in the door decorating competition at the school with the above entry.