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## Increase In Postal Rates Effective Jan. 7

According to instructions received by postmasters, the rate on first class letters will jump from four to five cents per ounce of fraction, and postal cards will go from three cents to four cents beginning January 7, 1963.

## Select Christmas Gifts With Care

"Daddy I want a gun for Christmas." And many boys and maybe a few girls will get their wish Christmas morning. Mother is probably wondering now is Junior Christmas morning. Mother is probably wondering if Junior is old enough to have a gun and Dad is shopping around trying to get the best buy.

In choosing a gun, keep the youngster in mind. Hugh Fields, wildlife specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, says you should pick the gun that is easiest for his inexperienced mind and hands to use.

"If he is primarily interested in squirrel hunting and target practice, a .22 rifle will do," Fields says. "But if he likes all-round hunting, perhaps you should choose a shotgun."

What are the qualities of a good first gun? The three most important ones are simplicity, dependability and safety. Most single-shot bolt-action shotguns and .22 rimfire rifles meet these requirements. So does the break-back or tip-up single barrel shotguns. They also have these points that make them ideal: the youngster can easily understand how they work; many must be manually cocked; the hammer or plunger is external, where it is easily seen; the bore can be easily and safely examined; they are easily taken apart for cleaning.

Fields says the .22 rimfire is the obvious choice when choosing a rifle caliber for the beginner. Perhaps the biggest chance for error is choosing the proper shotgun gauge. Typically the .410 is picked for a first shotgun. Fields says this is a mistake. The .410 is effective only in the hands of an expert because of the small shot load. Most .410's are full choke, which calls for accurate shooting. Also the variety of shells available is extremely limited.

"Perhaps a .20 gauge will be a better choice," cautions Fields. "The recoil is light and the shot load is adequate. Twenty gauge guns are available in several chokes and a variety of shells are available."

Fields emphasizes that you should choose a gun that will fit the youngster. It is poor economy to get an adult size and expect the youngster to "grow to fit it." Many manufacturers make youth sized rifles and shotguns that can be restocked to adult proportions.

Keep your holidays happy by giving your child a bonus gift—a lesson in gun safety. A proper respect and attitude toward gun use is more important than the gun itself. Have your youngster learn and practice safe gun handling. You can get information through the National Rifle Association Hunter Safety Program that is being carried out by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

## Presbyterian To Hold Candlelight Service

A special Candlelight Service will be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville at 7:30 P. M. on Sunday evening, December 23.

Worship through unison and prayer will be presided over by the minister of the church, Rev. Woodward Finley.

The Candlelight Service will be held in three phases: (1) Preparation; (2) Gift of Light; and (3) Service of Lights. The entire congregation will participate in the service.

All who wish to be reminded of the true meaning of our forthcoming Christmas Day should attend, and are welcome.

## Live Nativity Scene To Be Staged

A nativity scene, with a rugged stable, real characters, and live animals will be staged by the young people of the First Presbyterian Church on the back lawn of the church. Twenty-minute performances will be given at 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday evening, December 19, Thursday evening, December 20, and Friday evening, December 21.

The Presbyterian young people will act out episodes from the traditional Christmas story, narrated from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Action will evolve around a stable, constructed of coarse lumber. Characters portrayed will be Mary and Joseph, Herod, four shepherds, and three wise men. The public is cordially invited to see the three performances.

## Baptist Church To Present Christmas Music

The Church Choir of the First Baptist Church, Burnsville will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday evening, December 16, at 7:30 p. m. The program will include selections of Bach, Handel, and Mendelssohn.

Soloists for the program will include Miss Amelia Penland, Burnsville; Misses Jean Austin, Carolyn Rhodes, and Mr. Robert Sinclair and Mr. Ronald Jackson, all music students at Mars Hill College.

The choir will be under the direction of Ronald Jackson, accompanied by Mrs. Phillip C. Ray, church organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

## Cash Farm Receipts Estimated To Exceed 1961

RALEIGH — North Carolina farmers probably received more money in 1962, but little if any more "take home" pay in the form of net income.

In a year-end statement on the Tr Heel farming picture, Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballew estimates that gross cash farm receipts will exceed last year's record high by some \$10 to \$15 million. He points out, however, that the rising cost-of-production trend has continued in 1962 and the state's total net farm income will be about the same as last year's total of \$1.8 billion.

The commissioner emphasized that official statistics for 1962 have not yet been completed and that the estimates are his own projections of information available to date.

"Looking at the over-all picture," he said, "we have reason to hope that total cash receipts from farm marketings and government payments will amount to \$1.167 billion breaking the record high of \$1.155 billion reached last year."

Summarizing his estimate of the farm income picture, the commissioner predicts cash receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products may exceed last year's total of \$22 million by some \$5 million, while crops will probably bring about \$2 million less than the \$800 million total last year. Government payments during 1962 totaled \$42 million, \$19 million more than in 1961.

"The bulk of the increased government payments are attributable to the Wheat Stabilization Program, which was not in effect before 1962," he explained. "I understand that North Carolina farmers received slightly more than \$9 million for wheat diversion under this program last year."

"Receipts from sale of livestock and livestock products during the first nine months of 1962 amounted to \$240,986,000 — almost \$1 million more than the \$241,657,000 received during the same period in 1961. Although receipts during the early months of 1962 fell rather substantially below those same months in 1961, the reverse has been true beginning with the month of June. During the past two or three months, the monthly totals have been running between \$2 to \$3 million above corresponding months in 1961.

"After the first five months of 1961 there was a sharp break in prices which severely curtailed broiler income during the latter part of that year. In the early months of 1962 broiler prices were actually slightly below the same period in 1961, but we did not get the break in prices, so that the broiler situation for the year as a whole is better than last year. Prices for other livestock and livestock products during 1962 have been in favorable relation with 1961. I would anticipate therefore, that receipts from sales of livestock and livestock products during the last three months of the calendar year should exceed last year by at least \$5 to \$6 million.

"With an all-time record high yield per acre of tobacco and an increase of about five percent in acreage harvested, this year's tonnage of all flue-cured and burley tobacco is expected to exceed 1961 by approximately 64 million pounds. Unfortunately the financial gains through increased production by reduced prices received for this year's leaf. However, receipts from sales of tobacco this year should at least equal last year's \$556 million total.

We will perhaps have a gain of some \$3 million in receipts from sale of corn, while peanuts should provide farmers with returns slightly more than \$4 million in excess of 1961. Receipts from sales of Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes should be slightly above last year. These increased returns on sweet potatoes will be more than offset by smaller returns from

## Mrs. Dayton Re-elected Director Of Asheville ADC

Mrs. Mary M. Dayton has been re-elected a Director of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council for 1963 representing Yancey County. Her election at the Council's recent annual meeting has been announced by Mayor Earl W. Eller of Asheville, president of the development group.

The Agricultural Development Council operates over an 18-county area of Western North Carolina, promoting agricultural progress and rural community development. It was among the first of such organizations formed in the nation, having been started in 1949. There are now twelve similar area associations in North Carolina.

The Council is financed by business, industry and farmers over the area and operates under the theme of a "partnership for progress between town and country." Its activities have been widely publicized through national magazines, farm publications and by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Most widely known is the Western North Carolina Community Development Program which it sponsors jointly with the agricultural agencies in the counties. A total of 117 organized rural communities competed in this improvement program during 1962.

Re-elected as officers of the Council for 1963 were Mayor Eller of Asheville, president; Frank H. Brown, Jr. of Cullowhee and I. A. McLain of Marion, vice-presidents; Burwell Smith, Asheville, secretary and James W. G. Woodcock of Asheville, treasurer.

## Senior Scout Toy Drive Continues

By Theresa Coletta  
The 1962 Senior Scout toy drive for the needy children of the Yancey County area still continues after three weeks of hearty work operated by the senior scout troop of Burnsville under the direction and supervision of Miss Annie C. Hassell.

On Thursday, December 13, 1962, various scouts will visit many stores throughout the county collecting toys. That Thursday evening, the senior scouts will begin their door to door drive beginning for toys. This door to door drive will conclude the 1962 toy drive sponsored by the scouts. The efforts of the scouts to give to the less fortunate children at this yuletide season is made possible only through the generosity of the merchants and citizens of Yancey County.

For donations please call MU-2-2282, or MU-2-22375.

Receipts from sales of what may run from seven and a half dollars below last year's \$1.57 to seven and three-quarters million total. Smaller acreages and yields of oats, barley, and rye will cause a reduction of some \$400 to \$500 thousand in sales from these crops.

"For soybeans, cotton, and fruits and vegetables combined, receipts are expected very closely to approximate 1961 levels.

"All in all, in North Carolina farmers are to be commended for a good showing in 1962. Gross cash receipts breaking last year's record high will be no small achievement, even though we merely hold our own in total net farm income.

"But we could do much better in both gross and net incomes if we developed our agriculture to the full limit of its capacity. In some cases this would involve additional lines of production, in still others better management. Whatever the means in individual cases, we could see a big gain in the states' agricultural income if every farmer, large and small, would do all that he can with all that he has."

## Schools Closed--Snow, Below Zero Weather

Snow and cold weather struck the mountain section last Thursday, and has continued since.

## Joint Choirs Sing Cantata Sunday

Mary and Joseph took a crude through, where perhaps the animals had left a wisp of straw, and turned that unlovely object into a cradle. In this makeshift cradle, God enticed himself in love. A few people, on the first Christmas, were warmed by this expression of love. Angelic joy brought the shepherds to Bethlehem. A star in the sky hurried three men from the east to embrace this love for themselves.

"A Star in the Sky," a cantata of Christmas carols by Bruce Carlton, puts to song what happened in that cradle in Bethlehem. The joint choirs of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church will perform the cantata this Sunday afternoon. The production is slated for 4 o'clock in the Higgins Memorial Church.

Soloists for the performance will be Jo Lynn Urquhart, soprano; Mary Cecil Sievers, alto; Raymond Shepherd, tenor; and Jack Kelley, bass. The organ accompaniment will be provided by Mrs. Albert Williams. Mrs. Warren Reeve is responsible for the direction. The public is warmly invited to attend.

## Mrs. Mollie Bastian Dies At 77

Mrs. Mollie P. Bastian, 77, of Burnsville died in Yancey Hospital Thursday morning after a short illness. She was a native of Gainsville, Ga., and had been living in Burnsville for the past 37 years.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday in Burnsville First Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles B. Trammel will officiate and burial will be in Holcombe Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be A. P. Bryson, Horace and Jay Edge, Gus Peterson, Harold Anglin and Rush T. Wray.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Louise B. Ward of Owensboro, Ky., and Mrs. Ruth Hughes of Micaville; three sons, Herman of Burnsville, Ralph of St. Louis, Mo., F. P. Bastian, Jr. of Bramwell, West Virginia; one sister, Miss Lena Fulley of Gainsville, Ga., one brother, W. L. Fulley, Sr., of Knoxville, Tenn., and 6 grandchildren.

The body will stay at Holcombe Brothers home and will lie in state at the church for thirty minutes prior to the service.

Schools have been closed since Thursday and will continue to be closed through this week, and will open on Monday if weather permits.

Snow has come in flurries, and has been light and dry, with temperatures reported as low as 8 below zero in Burnsville on Wednesday morning and going as low as 12 below on Thursday morning. It has been reported by some of the older citizens in the county that temperatures in the past week have gone lower than has been reported in many years. The last below zero weather was reported in 1936.

Regular traffic has had little difficulty on highways but side roads have been slippery and motorists have needed chains.

Mt. Mitchell reported a low of 19 below on Wednesday. Snow has been forecast again for tomorrow (Friday).

## Boosters Club To Sponsor Wrestling Saturday

The Boosters Club of East Yancey High School is sponsoring wrestling matches at the High School gymnasium on Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 p. m.

There will be a Tag Team Match with Rip Hawk and Rook Hunter versus Johnny Weaver and "Rubber Man" Walker. The girl's match will be between Miss Penny Banner and Miss Ann LuVerne, also a match between Cowboy Sid Jones vs Pedro Zapata.

Ringside seats will be \$2.00. Children under 12 admission 75c and regular seats, adults \$1.50. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fun.

## Education Grants Announced By Esso Foundation

Grants in aid to education totaling \$1,798,500 for the 1962-63 academic year were announced today (December 12) by M. J. Rathbone, chairman of the Esso Education Foundation.

Mr. Rathbone, president of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), pointed out that with the current program, the Esso Education Foundation, since its founding in 1955 will have made grants totaling in excess of \$13,000,000.

Seven North Carolina colleges, all privately controlled, will share in the nationwide grant. They are Duke University, Guilford College, High Point College, Pfeiffer College, Queens College, Salem College, and Wake Forest College.

## United Fund Honor Roll

### 100 Per Cent Contributing

In the following organizations 100 per cent of employees have contributed to the 1962 campaign of the Yancey United Fund.

- ASCS Office
- County Agent's Office
- The Northwestern Bank
- Carolina Tire Co.
- Doctor's and Hospital Staff
- Farmers Home Administration
- South Toe School
- Oak Crest School
- Town of Burnsville Employees
- Roberts Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.



Luther E. Barnhardt of Concord, State Christmas Seal Chairman, and Dr. J. Clyde Turner, age 84 of Raleigh, visit Peggy Diane Creel, age 5 of Dover, and Joseph Paul Hinson, age 5 of Liberty, at the children's ward of the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain. Peggy and Joe represent the 50 youngsters who are being treated for TB at McCain who benefit from the Patient Service programs supported by tuberculosis associations. Dr. Turner was being treated for TB in the sanatorium 52 years ago when he was called to his first church in Greensboro. Retiring after 38 years in the Baptist ministry, Dr. Turner still leads an active and fruitful life supplying church pulpits.

## BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, December 10, 1962:

KILLED TO DATE 1223  
Killed To Date Last Year 1153

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