

Prices paid by farmers for commodities have shown small declines in each of the last three months, according to the USDA's Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Turkey prices throughout the nation averaged 33.7 cents per pound live weight in mid-November, compared with 37.8 cents a year earlier.

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we all had a wonderful time, thanks to our social committee, Joyce Stuart, Shirley McClure, and Frankie Allen, who worked very hard to get everything ready. Those invited besides the Future Homemakers and their guests were our sponsor, Mrs. Madelyn Fleetwood, and our chapter mothers, Mrs. Carlyle, Mrs. McInturff, Mrs. Mayfield, and Mrs. Robert Davidson.

Office Surprise
Mrs. Weeman surprised her office practice class by giving them a Christmas party. The class was really surprised when they opened the door to find the classroom decorated with evergreen. Mrs. Weeman served the class with home-made cookies and tangerines. She certainly is a good cook. The class listened to music while they enjoyed their refreshments. Those in the class are: Mary Moody, Shirley Lewis, Alma Bartlett, Mae Martin, Ruby Allen, Phyllis Spivey, Joyce Weatherly, Betty Lou Smith and Bobby Slagle. The class in turn is planning a little surprise for Mrs. Weeman.

S. H. S. Senior Class Has Party

The Senior class had a big Christmas party on the day school was out. A short devotional was given from Micah 5:2. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." The thought was expressed that after all it is the small things that count at Christmas time or any other time, just as Bethlehem, one to the least, came to be the greatest of the cities of the world. Refreshments were served by the social committee as James Fender and Junior Phillips gave out the gifts. Each member of the class received a gift, and all was fun and excitement with the party hats, given by Mr. Medlin, decorating the scene. The refreshments included ice cream, drinks, cookies, tangerines, and home-made candy furnished by Shirley Brown, Barbara Vanover and Joyce Weatherly. Afterwards, Jim Stroupe, chairman of the social committee and Shirley Brown "cleaned house" while Mr. Medlin was serving on Bus Duty.

Home Ec. Girls Decorate Dept.

The Senior girls decorated the Home Ec. department for Christmas. Eva Nell Ledford, Imogene Cody, Mary Moody and Ruby Allen decorated one of the bookcases with holly and white candles. Shirley Harrison decorated one of the bulletin boards. For a background they used dark blue crepe paper covered with silver stars and moon. On this they put cut-out pictures of the Night Before Christmas. It made a very pretty picture. Phyllis Spivey, Mae Martin, Rebecca Lewis and Betty Lou Pruitt decorated the other bulletin board with a picture of the wise men following the star. Betty Lou Smith, Joyce Weatherly, Doris Peek and Barbara Clark made a wreath for the door out of the FHA emblem. They put evergreen around the emblem and tied a big red bow with holly at the bottom of the wreath. One could tell by looking at the Home Ec. department that the Senior girls really have the spirit of Christmas.

This play was in an old school room. The teacher had an old desk and the children had benches to sit on. The children, who were dressed to represent a back-country school, presented their songs and Christmas recitations in practice for their annual Christmas program for their parents. And what a scream! You should have seen these 12 Seniors dressed like little kids. Mr. Medlin, Dramatics teacher, directed the plays. H S TEACHERS ASKED 10

The High School teachers were asked how they were going to spend Christmas and here is what they are going to do: Mr. Medlin, I don't know; Mrs. Wade, Eat lots of food and attend a lot of parties; Mrs. Freeman, Stay at home, relax, read, etc.; Mrs. Hamed, Having company all the time; Mr. Hornaday, Rest and relax; White, Visit family in Greensboro; Miss Wrenn, "Collapse"; Mrs. Fleetwood, Plans to visit parents in Palmetto, Fla.; Mrs. Weeman, Stay at home and rest, and Mr. Neskaug, Stay at home.

Four Plays Given

The Dramatics class of Swananoa High school presented four short plays in chapel Dec. 17. The first play was "Baby's Christmas Dinner." Characters: Mrs. Brown, Eva Nell Ledford; Susie, the maid, Doris Peek; Doctor Dosem, Donald Gant; and Mrs. Dosem, the nurse, Ruby Allen. Mrs. Brown was discovered rocking her sick baby, who had eaten too much Christmas dinner. Susie called Dr. Dosem who came right over and pumped some of the food out of baby, and with some hot clothes and castor oil the baby got well. Too bad baby had to lose the Christmas dinner, and Christmas dinners are so expensive! The second play was "Christmas Proposal." Characters: Aunt Abigail Spriggins, Barbara Clark; Squire Joe Breen, Bobby Slagle; Elsie Winslow, Imogene Cody; Oscar Benson, Jim Stroupe. It was Christmas Eve and Aunt Abigail was discovered in the living room humming "Little Annie Rooney." When Elsie enters to help decorate the room, Oscar comes over and brings some holly and mistletoe. Squire brings a tree over and they decorate it. Squire proposes to Aunt Abigail under the mistletoe and as the curtain closes they stand arm in arm. The third play was "Jus' Fore Christmas." Characters: Tom, Bobby Slagle; Mrs. Davis, Janette Banks; Aunt Susan, Barbara Vanover; Uncle Jonas, Donald Gant; Solomon Barker, Jim Stroupe; Ned, Bobby Gragg; Bess, Betty Pruitt; Nell, Barbara Clark. Tom had been Christmas shopping. Fearing that his sisters would see the gifts, he hid them under a table scarf, in chairs, and behind a picture. The fun begins when Tom leaves without moving the presents, and the family discovers them. The fourth was "Christmas at Wood Chuck Hollow School." Characters: Minnie Sloan, Barbara Clark; Agnes Blake, Eva Nell Ledford; Stella Moore, Ruby Allen; Hilda Mack, Betty Lou Pruitt; Petunia Jackson, Doris Peek; Bert Rogers, Bobby Gragg; Beeny Morse, Bobby Slagle; Charlie Nash, Donald Gant; Percy Worth, Jim Stroupe; Patsy Hogan, Imogene Cody; Miss Jennie Brink, (teacher) Barbara Vanover.

HATCH'N PATCH CLUB ENTERTAINED AT HOME OF MRS. DANENHOWER

The annual Christmas party of the Hatch'N Patch club was held Thursday night, Dec. 19, at the home of Mrs. Harrie Danenhower in the form of a covered dish turkey dinner. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home, including a beautifully lighted tree. Following supper an exchange of gifts was enjoyed and Christmas Cheer baskets were packed by the members. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mrs. Gustavo Brown, Mrs. Chester Sobol, Mrs. Carl Myers, Mrs. Ross Taylor, Miss Martha Cowin, Mrs. Ray McSwain, Mrs. Steve Uzzell, Mrs. Carl Kerlee Jr., Mrs. Ralph Humphries and the hostess.

ALLEN STYLES' PARTY IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Allen Styles observed his fifth birthday with a party given by his mother, Mrs. William Styles at their home, Rangoon Lodge, at 3:00 p. m., Friday, Dec. 19. The tables was very attractively decorated with cowboy favors which pleased the guests greatly. At the close of an enjoyable afternoon, refreshments were served to Timmy Trickett, Phil Carpenter, Woody Sobol, Billy White, and Dorothy Brooks Styles. George Gordon Greenwood could not attend because of illness but sent a gift. Allen received many nice presents.

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