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CP&L Board Holds Quarterly Meet

Directors of Carolina Power & Light company today declared a quarterly common stock dividend of 2 1/2 cents per share, a 2 1/2-cent increase.

The action came after Louis V. Sutton, CP&L president, reported that earnings for the past 12 months ran 12 cents per share above 1953. He also said that damage to property by Hurricane "Hazel" on October 15 was approximately \$650,000, in addition to revenue lost while service was interrupted.

About 20 per cent of the damage is chargeable to plant accounts and depreciation reserve, and the balance to expenses, Sutton said. Of such balance \$100,000 was included in expenses for the month of October and the remainder was charged to expenses for the month of November.

The board also declared the usual \$1.25 quarterly dividend on preferred stock. Dividends are payable February 1, 1955, on common stock held January 10, 1955, and payable January 3, 1955, on preferred stock held December 15, 1954.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

The public is cordially invited to attend a candlelighting service at the Black Mountain Presbyterian church Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p. m. There will be Scripture reading and special music by the choir.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROUND-UP

The following children have not been absent this year. Tony Curtis, Bobby Massey, Hoyt Pruitt, Wanda Blankenship, Linda Bradley, Mary Alice Clark, Brenda Davis, Lynn Hemphill, Lynn Smith, Peggy Summey, and Brenda Gibson.

Sixth Grade. Miss Tipton's class had a chapel program Friday, Dec. 10, about planets. The devotional consisted of a scripture reading and songs about stars by the whole class. A group of students displayed posters of the planets and told about each planet. Dennis Sumner and Mike Stewart told the stories of Perseus and Orion. The reader and announcer was Judy Raines.

Miss Sally Kitchin, who has been teaching art to the class, is in the hospital. They hope she will be better for Christmas. Judy Raines, reporter.

Seventh Grade. Mrs. Burgess' seventh grade are glad to have Carole Hamby back at school after having a tonsillectomy. She had been out for about two weeks.

Every week they have had an art lesson. During these lessons they listen to recordings of music of the masters. They enjoyed this very much. Last Friday they listened to familiar carols as they drew Christmas scenes.

Eighth Grade. Mr. Gouge's class have been drawing pictures and decorating their classroom for Christmas.

The pupils who have had perfect attendance are as follows: Mary Surratt, Phillip Stone, J. R. Payne, Roger Rogers, Jimmy Morrow, Margaret Parton, Dianne Nesbitt, Talmadge Roberts, Ted Tilly, Jerry Stafford and Peggy Jo Harris.

BEE TREE NEWS
By Mrs. C. M. Howie

On the sick list this past week were Radman and Jean Sawyers of Sawyers' dairy on Bee Tree road; and Mrs. Lucy Reece at the Bee Tree watershed.

News has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lunsford of Detroit, Mich., are the proud parents of identical twin sons.

Mr. Jack Adams of Summer Haven, who underwent surgery recently in a hospital in Asheville, is able to be up and about, and we are glad to say.

Visiting at the Bee Tree Baptist church Sunday morning was Mrs. McFall of Longs Branch.

Visiting the Monroe Howies Sunday were Mrs. Howie's mother, her step-father, and her sister and little daughter of near Burnsville.

Visiting the C. M. Howies Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Candler and little son of Swannanoa, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Creaman of Summer Haven, and the Howies' son Loyn of Longs Branch road.

Visiting the Loyn Howies Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Arval Lunsford and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hymns and children of Canton.

Visiting Mrs. C. M. Howie Saturday afternoon were her mother, Mrs. W. C. Burnette, and Mrs. Marion Mann and little daughter.

Mrs. Burnette went on to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burnette of Bee Tree road. She will be there for a few weeks.

Visiting Mrs. C. M. Howie last week were Mrs. Myrtle Hall, Mrs. Gertrude Howie and little granddaughter and Mrs. Frances Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Morgan celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary at their home on Longs Branch road Sunday, Dec. 5. All of their children were home with them.

Mrs. Mamie Bowen has not been very well for several weeks.

Mrs. Jean Sawyer's mother of Marshall, has been very sick for some time.

This reporter was informed this week by Mrs. Herman Morgan, who is director of the yuletide program this year, that the Bee Tree Baptist church will present its Christmas play the 25th of December at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Oteen News

By Mrs. Mae Swann

"Why the Chimes Ring" is the title of the Christmas play to be given at the Oteen Baptist church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. Every child enrolled in the Sunday school will receive a gift from "Old Santa" in person. There will also be treats for everyone present. Miss Mary Frances Clayton is director of the play.

The young people's class of Oteen Baptist church will have a Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 23, 8:00 p. m. at the Biltmore Plaza.

The Juniors Training Union of Oteen Baptist church will have a Christmas party Saturday night, Dec. 25, at the home of the James Woolleys, Grassy Branch road, W. P. Mungo is Junior leader.

"Fundamental Facts of the Faith," was the subject of the Rev. W. L. Bierer, pastor of Oteen Baptist church Sunday morning, Dec. 12. The Sunday evening subject was "The King Who Lost His Thumbs."

Mrs. Mae Swann was the dinner guest of Mrs. Ben Brigman and family, Black Mountain highway, Sunday, Dec. 12.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethesda Methodist church held their Christmas program at the church Thursday evening, Dec. 9, with Mrs. Charles Webb presiding. An organ prelude of traditional Christmas carols were used, followed by quiet meditation and prayer.

The call to worship was given by Mrs. Webb. The hymn "Joy to the World" was sung by the congregation. A prayer for peace was offered by Mrs. V. H. Buckner. Mrs. H. C. Miller read the scripture, Luke 2:1-14. A quartet number "Love Came Down at Christmas" was rendered by Mrs. Edward Swann, Mrs. George Culbreth, Miss Clara Webb and Miss Betty Deaton, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. H. Powers.

Mrs. Webb introduced the program topic "The Prince of Peace," sub-topics and speakers as follows: "Peace Among Nations," Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw; "Peace in Business and Politics," Mrs. James Murray; "Peace in the Community, the Church and the Heart," Mrs. George Culbreth; "Children, the Important People," Mrs. James Tuck; "Children in the Home," Mrs. Carl Deaton; "Children Around Us," Mrs. J. W. Smith; "Children in Africa and Other Parts of the World," Mrs. E. W. Armistead.

The group placed gifts on the altar for a needy family in the community and prayed "The Prayers for Children" in unison, with Mrs. Webb leading. After the closing hymn "Silent Night," Mrs. J. H. Buckner pronounced the benediction.

The senior and older youth groups of Bethesda Methodist per and Christmas programs given by each group.

The Latin students will present a play called "Saturnalia," a Roman Festival celebrated at this time of year. The cast includes Anne Leatherwood, Patty Tyson, Joyce Justus, Sara Dickens, and Julia Kerlee. Ann Whitaker will be mistress of ceremony.

Officers of the Latin club are: president, Julia Kerlee; vice president, Kenneth Elliott; secretary, Ann Whitaker, and treasurer, John Cooley.

The Spanish students are going to sing Christmas carols in Spanish and will have a Pinata.

Most exciting, of course, is the start of a new basketball season, and seeing our team in action again.

As time speeds by there is only one thing which keeps us studios. It is the dread of our mid-term exams, which will be after Christmas before we consolidate with Swannanoa. We are greatly anticipating attending the new school. Some of us will have only one semester at Owen high, but these students will be the first to graduate from the school.

As this goes to press who should come in but John Corkran, valedictorian of last year's graduating class, who has been attending Wesleyan college, Middletown, Conn. John will spend a few days in Black Mountain before joining his family in Chicago for the holidays. We are all so happy to see you again, John.

Until next week this is the news!

BURGIN'S CHAPEL BAKE SALE WILL BE FRIDAY

The Ladies' Aid of Burgin's Chapel will have a bake sale at the home of Mrs. Clarence Davis on Cragmont road (across from Garland Reed) Friday, Dec. 17, beginning at 6 p. m. There will be cakes, pies and many other baked items on sale, as well as hot dogs, coffee, and cold drinks.

Come and eat and take home several cakes and pies for your Christmas dinner.

CO-WORKERS CLASS CANCELS SUPPER

The Co-Workers Sunday school class of the Methodist church will not hold its supper meeting Friday, Dec. 17, as scheduled, due to the Christmas rush.

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The Swannanoa PTA will present and on program were: T. D. McDaris, Rev. A. D. Smith, Mrs. H. H. Ingle, Mrs. M. Penland, Mrs. Glenn Ray, Mrs. D. Creaman, Mrs. A. D. Smith, Mrs. Vance Shope and Mrs. J. Cordell.

A Christmas play will be presented at Berea Baptist church Sunday night, Dec. 19. There will be a tree and presents and a treat for the children.

The Christmas Vesper services will be held at Bethesda Methodist church Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p. m. The Christmas play "No Room In The Inn" will be presented by the youth group. Characters are: Jacob, the inn keeper, Alton Kobbett; Ruth, his daughter, Patty Rebecca; Joseph, William Smith; Mary, Billie Deaton; shepherds, Allen Holden, Edward Byas; Wise Men, J. Ernest Miller, Jr., Winky Powers and Lewis Swann; Christmas music will be rendered by the church choir. Edward Swann is adult advisor and Miss Clara Webb, director of the services; costumes are by Mrs. George Culbreth and Mrs. Carl Deaton; props and scenery by Mrs. N. B. Sheppard.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Berea Baptist church met Friday, Dec. 3, for a World Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The meeting was held in the church basement from 10-2 o'clock and a buffet luncheon was served at noon. Mrs. R. H. Jackson had charge of the program. Others

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