

Homemakers "Open House" Held Decorations For Each Room Featured

Homemakers' Christmas "Open House" staged last Wednesday evening and Thursday was sponsored by Extension Homemaker Clubs in Perquimans County. The live Christmas Tree dressed in 455 lights welcomed the callers to the County Office Building and the theme "All Thru The House". Decorations appropriate for each room in the home were featured.

Among the decorations in the entrance hall, arranged by Snow Hill-White Hat Club, were an elaborate mule muzzle covered in silver tinsel and tiny lights, the registrator table, lighted funnels in graduated sizes, and IBM Card Door Wreath. The Family Room was arranged by Bethel Club and featured numerous informal arrangements, ceramics, nativity scene, and pictures of fruit and flowers. The Beech Springs Club members held a local workshop and created a Children's Gift Tree which occupied a corner in the Family Room. The Gift Tree was a bare branched tree covered with Handmade toys, ornaments, candles, birds' nests, and similar fascinations for children of all ages. Christmas music drifted over the Living Room decorations of greenery, candles, and madona, fabric sculptured doll and a traditionally lighted Christmas Tree. Belvidere Homemakers arranged this room and tree.

The Dining Room showed suggestions for buffet and table arrangements. Among the new and unusual ideas were an Advent Wreath, two place settings of China - one informal and another formal. Silver candleabra entwined with red poppies and greenery accompanied the formal place setting. Burgess Club members had several other interesting dining room arrangements.

The bedroom arranged by Winfall Club displayed an open Bible and small trees, doll, and lamp brought in by a Bethel Club member, knitted slippers by Whiteston Club member. The Powder Room featured a collection of ideas brought in by club members from Bethel, Oak Hill-Melton Grove, and other clubs.

The Whiteston Homemakers had the kitchen arranged for Christmas with foods from the oven to wreath for the door. Big jars, little jars, graters and wooden spoons, and scales were a few of the kitchen items created for the Holiday.

Door wreaths featured shucks, fringed burlap, shells and shovel attached to wreath sprayed with snow. Paper circle wreath sprayed green, and clothes pin wreaths with ribbons, bows and greenery.

The foods table and miscellaneous table gave all clubs including Bay Branch and Winslow-Nicaner the opportunity to display their combined ideas for arrangements to be used throughout the house.

Refreshments and punch table were prepared by Helen Gaither Homemakers. They were assisted in serving by members from Whiteston, Snow Hill-White Hat Burgess and Belvidere Clubs. Mrs. George Winslow, County Council President and Mrs. Joe Towe White, Sr., County Council Vice President, presided at the Punch Bowl. The center piece for the refreshment table featured fresh sugar coated fruit. Hostesses for the event came from Winfall, Bethel, and Snow Hill-White Hat Clubs. Mrs. Donald Madre, County Council Treasurer, supervised registration and Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mrs. M. T. Griffin and Mrs. Belvin Euré welcomed approximately 300 guests.

The 1970 Christmas Open House was planned by Mrs. Ralph Harrell, County Crafts and Housing Chairman, and Club Craft Leaders.

Mrs. Paige Underwood, and Mrs. M. B. Taylor Home Economics Extension Agents, assisted club members in planning the Christmas Open House. Mrs. Underwood states that it would be impossible to mention all arrangements and persons participating, but she would like to take this opportunity to comment and thank

the many individuals and clubs who worked together to make the event a success. Special appreciation is expressed to Mr. Pete Howell and Mr. Billy Griffin who placed lights on the live tree and participating clubs who purchased lights.



Young North Carolina youth, Wayne Black, accepts \$600 scholarship from David C. Haney, Vice President, Farm Equipment Division, International Harvester Company, at 49th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Black, 19, of Lexington, was one of six national winners in the 4-H Agricultural Awards Program sponsored by IH.

A 19-year-old North Carolina youth, who considered dropping out of 4-H after he lost money on his first calf, has earned national winner honors in the 4-H agricultural program.

Wayne Black, of Route 8, Lexington, received a \$600 educational scholarship during a recognition luncheon Nov. 30, at the 49th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. He was one of six scholarship winners sponsored by the International Harvester Company. The congress opened Sunday and continues through Dec. 3.

Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Black, is a sophomore at Davidson County Community College and plans a career as an agricultural extension agent or a veterinarian. He said he became discouraged when his first calf incurred more expenses than her sale price and he wondered if he should continue in the program. Older 4-H'ers encouraged him to try harder.

The winner did and the very next year he showed a profit on his dairy calf and it won a blue ribbon at the Davidson county show. He also was awarded a medal as the coun-

ty's junior champion in the tractor project and went home smiling.

The youth was North Carolina's forage crops project award winner in both 1967 and 1968 and was state runnerup in the conservation of natural resources demonstration in 1969. He also earned county dairy judging achievement certificates in each of the last six years. Black was county agricultural award winner five of the last six years and district champion in 1968.

The youth won the coveted 1970 North Carolina 4-H Commissioner of Agriculture Award and trophy. He was county winner in the veterinary science program in 1969 and in small engines in 1968. He has been in 4-H seven years.

Black was an honor roll student in high school and made the dean's list at college. He is a member of the Student Government Judicial Board, the Freshman Advisory Council and the Operation Drug Alert Committee in college.

The 4-H program is supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service. The awards program is arranged by the National 4-H Service Committee.

Nixon Prods Hanoi With Raid; Seeks Progress In Paris Talks

Washington, D.C. -- Critics have charged President Nixon risked upsetting the agreement between Hanoi and Washington in approving the recent commando-type raid in search of U.S. prisoners near Hanoi. The President, however, believes a firm posture, and reminder of the potential of U.S. airpower, will do more to bring about meaningful ceasefire negotiations in Paris than anything else.

It is, of course, a pity that the American people have never been fully informed on the tacit agreement between Hanoi and Washington—which brought an end to U.S. bombing of North Vietnam two years ago. In brief, that agreement—which Hanoi will not publicly acknowledge for face-saving reasons—included three basic understandings.

First, the demilitarized zone was not to be used as a battlefield or for the invasion of South Vietnam. Second, the North Vietnamese and guerrillas were to end rocket attacks on South Vietnamese population centers. Third, "productive" discussions were to be held at a conference table.

The North Vietnamese agreed to these terms acting through third-country diplomats, on condition that all "acts of war" against North Vietnam were terminated. The U.S. position, which has never changed, was that acts of war were acts involving the use of force; these would not be undertaken against North Vietnam. This left the way clear for U.S. aerial reconnaissance over North Vietnam.

The North Vietnamese have objected to this aerial reconnaissance and on several occasions have shot down U.S. Air Force reconnaissance aircraft. U.S. military forces have retaliated—and the question critics of the recent commando raid asked was whether the retaliation in this case was more than just that. It was.

There is evidence that President Nixon himself did not know the full extent of U.S. air strikes in the Hanoi region until after the event. And the Pentagon, including Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, seemed unaware of some of the aerial blows struck—because it was forced to admit it had erred in saying no bombs had been dropped on Hanoi. (At first Laird had insinuated North Vietnamese anti-aircraft fire had been mistaken for U.S. bombing.)

U.S. Individual Taxpayers Ask IRS

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Q) I took a loss on some stock shares I sold this year. Is there any change in the way I handle this for tax purposes?

A) Yes, the Tax Reform Act of 1969 made changes in the tax treatment of capital losses.

Capital losses continue to be deductible and can be used to offset capital gains. In addition, capital losses can be used to offset other income up to a maximum of \$1,000 a year.

However, while short term capital losses are fully deductible from ordinary income only one half of net long term losses are deductible. For example, if your net long term capital loss is \$1,000 and there are no other gains or losses, then half of it or \$500 can be used to offset your other income.

Q) My dentist is doing some bridgework for me. Can I deduct the full cost on my 1970 return?

A) Dental expenses are subject to the same provisions as medical expenses. The total of the expenses that qualify may be deducted to the extent it exceeds 3 percent of your adjusted gross income.

\$175 when adding up medical and dental costs.

Card of Thanks

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