

## Fire Safety

Keep the "Merry" in "Merry Christmas" by keeping fire out of your holiday activities.

Urging attention to fire safety when planning Christmas trees, lighting, decorations and gifts, Fire Chief F. B. Nixon begins with "two rules good all year round but especially important during the busy holiday season: Never leave children alone or without proper supervision, even for a brief time; and Have a family escape plan, worked out and rehearsed for use in case of fire in your home."

National Fire Protection Association studies show that each year some lives are lost in Christmas tree fires, the Chief says, and last year in the United States alone holiday fires damaged or destroyed homes and other property valued at \$3.1 million.

Chief Nixon offers these Yuletide fire safety guidelines:

1. Natural trees should be fresh-looking and firm-needed when you select them. Saw off the butt an inch above the original cut, stand the tree in water, and keep it in water until you dispose of it - soon after Christmas Day. Don't rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatments, as none is truly effective. Set up the tree away from heat and where it won't block doorways or stairs. Artificial trees should be clearly marked as made of slow-burning materials. Look for the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label on trees with built-in electrical systems. With metal trees, use only indirect lighting to avoid the possibility of electric shock.

2. Check lighting strings for frayed wires, loose connections, broken sockets. Replace only with UL-labeled sets. Bulbs made in the U.S. generally are safe; imported bulbs may have dangerous hot spots. Electric cord sets with built-in fuses are strongly recommended. Always turn off tree and other indoor holiday lighting when leaving the house or retiring for the night. For outdoor lighting, use only sets UL-listed for this purpose.

3. Noncombustible materials such as metal, glass and asbestos should be used for decorations as much as possible. Make sure cotton batting, flock and decorating paper are flameproofed. Natural evergreen decorations dry quickly, burn readily, so keep them well removed from candles, the fireplace and other heat. Don't use polystyrene foam for table or mantle decorations where there are lighted candles.

4. Dispose of gift wrappings promptly and safely - NOT in the fireplace.

5. Be especially careful during the Christmas season to keep matches and cigarette lighters out of the reach of children, and try to keep the youngsters from playing beneath or near the Christmas tree.

Hertford Fire Dept.



EMPLOYEES OF DON JUAN ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY.

## Annual Howell Christmas Reunion Held Sunday

The Annual Christmas Party and Family Reunion of the late J.E. and Elizabeth Howell was held at the American Legion Post #126 December 13.

A regular Christmas Dinner was served to the following five generations who attended:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howell of Lawrenceville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Ogburn and son, Bobby, of Emporia, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stubbs of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Myrtle Pepper of Virginia Beach, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gregory of Chesapeake, Va.; Mrs. Cassie Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Landing of Winterville; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lane, Mr. and Mrs. William Spruill, Red, David and Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Spruill of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spruill, Susan and Robin of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Caldwell, Miss Sheila Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Snell, Hannah and Timothy of Pea Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry and Cindy of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Perry, Sheila, Gwendolyn and Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Berry, Bill and Ben, Mrs. Maude Jones and Mrs. E.Y. Berry of Hertford.

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## Perquimans County ASCS News

### 1971 Feed Grain Program Announced

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin has announced major provisions of the 1971 Feed Grain Program. "At this time, however," the Secretary explained, "there are many unknowns in the feed grain situation."

"Consequently, we are not announcing the final set-aside percentage until we have additional information on factors affecting the 1971 crops. For the purpose of the January farmers' planting intentions report, the Department will tentatively plan for a 20 per cent set-aside for feed grain. The decision on the actual percentage will be made prior to the program sign-up period, March 1 through April 9, 1971. The preliminary payment associated with a 20 per cent diversion requirement would be 32 cents per bushel for corn times the yield established for the farm times one-half the corn base."

### Make Christmas Christian This Year

Let's make Christmas Christian this year, states Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent. She further stated that we have mixed materialism with the mercy of God in such a way that the real meaning of the Christmas customs and symbols have been lost to most of us.

Take the word, CAROL. A carol is a song inspired by joy. "Noel" we sing! This means news, the good news of the birth of Christ. Christmas carols are the songs celebrating the good news - the gospel - to mankind.

The gay WREATH we hang on the door or in the window at Christmas time tells of the love of God. As the wreath has no beginning - no ending - so the love of God goes on endlessly. Christmas HOLLY reminds us of the crown of thorns Christ wore - with the red berries a symbol of drops of blood.

The very Christmas TREE - the evergreen is symbolic of the love of God that is ever fresh and vital. The star at its top recalls the Star in the East that appeared on that first Christmas night.

The Christmas CANDLE tells us of the Christmas Christ who is the light of the world. As a candle burns it gives light, and at the same time it is giving itself.

Even SANTA CLAUS is a symbol of the good will, the kindness, the generosity that are typical of this happy season. Santa Claus is our name for good Saint Nicholas who lived in Asia Minor 300 years before Christ was born. He was so kind to little children that we associate him with the spirit of Christmas giving.

the Secretary said. "The set-aside program will give producers more options in the uncertain situations for corn than previous programs since it places no limits on the plantings of crops except those for which marketing quotas are approved by farmers. These crops are peanuts, rice, tobacco, extra long staple cotton, and sugarcane."

In 1971, participants in the set-aside program will be guaranteed a national average of \$1.35 a bushel on the production from half their corn base.

### Take A Moment Now To Prevent A Holiday Fire Tragedy

Take a moment - now - to prevent a holiday fire tragedy.

Here are a few suggestions from the Perquimans County Fire Marshal for keeping your home safe during the Christmas holidays. Trees - Check your Christmas tree daily to see that water is around the base of the tree to retard drying out. Locate the tree away from a heat source. Do not block any exit with the tree, and take the tree down as soon after Christmas as possible. Lighting - Check your sets of electric lights closely, for worn insulation, broken plugs, loose bulb sockets, a check extension cords used. Make sure all lights and cords used have a Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label. Never hang electric lights on a metallic artificial tree, to avoid shock hazard, use only indirect lighting with a UL label. Turn off lights and decorations when you leave the house or retiring for night. Outdoor lights should have a special wiring. Decorations - Use materials which are non-combustible, such as glass and asbestos. Keep natural evergreens and polystyrene foam decorations away from candles, fireplaces, or any open flame. Gifts and Toys - All electric gifts and toys should carry the UL label. In general, be extra careful of smoking around the house, and review your family's escape plan for a quick exit in case of fire. Never leave the children alone or without proper supervision. Above all do not let Santa Claus get hung up in the chimney.

There have been over 75 fire alarms answered by fire departments in Perquimans County this year. Please help the fire fighters have a merry Christmas by not having to answer a fire alarm during the Christmas holidays to your house.

Andrew Jackson commanded the American forces at the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812.

## Keep Your Social Security Adm. Informed On Proper Address

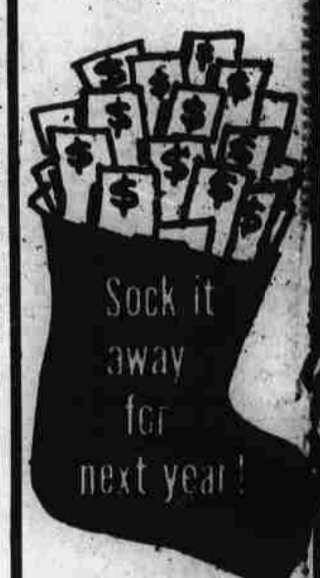
If you are receiving a social security check, the Administration has the responsibility of prompt delivery of a correct check to your proper address. Effective communication will help us in our task, an enormous one, due to the magnitude of our program. Life is complex and so is social security!

We want you to keep us informed. If you move, we must know where to deliver your check. If you go back to work or exceed an earlier earnings estimate, we must adjust our benefit to avoid costly overpayments. If you remarry, your child marries, or drops out of school, we must know so further

Entertains Club Mrs. C. R. Holmes entertained her bridge club Tuesday night at her home on Front Street. Players included Mrs. T. L. Jessup, Mrs. H. C. Stokes, Mrs. W. C. Dozier, Mrs. J. T. Biggers, Mrs. G. W. Barbee, Mrs. John Coston, Miss Mary Sumner and the hostess.

eligibility may be considered. Many situations require reporting and we must rely upon responsible notification as required by the Law. If you are uncertain about reporting events, please call the Elizabeth City Branch Office. The people there will be pleased to give you all the necessary information.

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## Tree Seedlings Available

County Ranger "Luke" Stallings announced today that the North Carolina Forest Service nurseries will have plenty of tree seedlings available again this year. The State nurseries will raise about 50 million seedlings. Pine, walnut, sweetgum, red cedar, sycamore, fraser fir and ash are a few of the different species for sale to the public. The normal planting season is from January to the last of March, although later plantings are proving successful. The seedlings are very reasonable. Loblolly pine seedlings are only \$7.00 per thousand delivered. Recommended spacing is 7 x 10 feet which requires 622 trees for each acre planted. Planting bars are available from the Forest Service.

Federal cost-sharing assistance is available for planting tree seedlings in fields or cutover woodland at the rate of \$14.00 per acre. Application for assistance should be made at the local ASCS office. Cost-sharing is not available for planting ornamental trees or orchards.

If you have cut-over woodlands or small inaccessible fields that should be planted in trees call County Ranger Stallings at 426-5551 or 426-5291 and he will be glad to help you determine how many seedlings you need and help you to order them. Seedlings orders are also available at the SCs office, ASCS office and County Extension Chairman's office.

**SLEIGH LOAD OF FOOD VALUES**

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