



(News items this week from Wilkes, Rowan, Onslow, and Orange counties.)

SPECIAL BASKETS
Large tried chicken buckets, decorated with decoupage, make beautiful waste paper baskets. So members of the Edgewood 4-H club, Wilkes County, designed several as gifts for senior citizens at a nearby rest home.

Donna Kaye Turner, assistant home economics Extension agent, reports the baskets add a cheerful note to the rooms.

MAKES OWN CLOTHES
Attending an Extension tailoring workshop two years ago, was a turning point for Crissie Beard, a Rowan County teenager.

She made a wool suit at the workshop. "Crissie was very patient," Edith Hinshaw, home economics Extension agent, reports, "so she wanted to learn how to do it right."

Last summer she made a complete college wardrobe, including pant suits, skirts, blouses, tunics and dresses, Miss Hinshaw adds.

Crissie has her own ideas about color and knows that by sewing she can have twice as many clothes, the agent concludes.

UNDERSTAND HAWAII
Mrs. Lei Ashley, a native Hawaiian and Extension Homemakers club member in Onslow County, has done much to promote international relations, believes Mrs. Chase Padgett, home economics Extension agent.

Lei recently returned from her native home and showed club members slides of her state and explained its customs.

"Although Hawaii is a state, many feel it is a different country," Mrs. Padgett notes. But homemakers like Lei help to make our country one, she adds.

APRON PROJECT
Raising money for recreational purposes can present a problem to a small community. Unless they come up with an unusual scheme.

According to S. N. Shelton, agricultural Extension agent, Orange County, members of the Cheeks

Community did a survey and found aprons were in big demand. So women in the community are being trained to make them.

The aprons are of high quality and very durable, Shelton says. They are made for all occasions and according to a person's needs. In fact, several men are buying them to help keep their clothes neat on the job and to save on laundry costs.

Profits from the sale of aprons are being used to finance recreation programs for youth, Shelton notes.

Claiming Dependents' Hints Given

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Many parents have claimed their married children as dependents only to have them disallowed by IRS even though the parent furnished the child's chief support.

J. E. Wall, District Director, says that this situation comes about when the child signs a joint return with his or her spouse. He stated that when a taxpayer files a joint return he may not be claimed as a dependent by another regardless of who furnished the chief support. Wall also said that the filing of a joint return becomes irrevocable after the due date for the return (April 15) has passed.

He added, however, that if a joint return is filed by a husband and wife only for the purpose of receiving a refund of tax withheld and that neither the husband or wife had gross income of \$600 or more during the year, then the parent is entitled to claim his married child if he is entitled to the credit.

Nickels Program Extended For Six More Years

Final, official figures show that the Nickels for Know-How Referendum on Nov. 25 carried by an 89 percent majority.

The total vote was 42,915. Some 38,059 farm people voted to continue the Nickels program for another six years, while 4,856 voted against it.

The referendum authorizes a five-cent per ton assessment on feed and fertilizer for agricultural research and education at N. C. State University.

State Referendum Chairman E. Y. Floyd, of Raleigh, called the final vote "wonderful."

He thanked everyone who had worked on behalf of the referendum and predicted that the money—about \$165,000 annually—would do much to help farm people over the next six years.

Morehead Scholars To Be Interviewed

MORGANTON — Twenty-two high school male seniors from 10 counties in this area will be interviewed here Wednesday, Jan. 14, by the District IX Morehead Selection Committee.

The interviews will be held at the parlor in the annex, First Baptist Church.

District IX nominees include Edwin Kenneth Cline of Taylorsville; Jock Pike Ollis of Newland; John Cunningham Insko of Morganton; Thomas Gene Smith of Drexel; James Bernard Hawkins Jr. of Lenoir; James Kenneth Shepherd of Wadesboro; Larry Allen Bowman and Junius Michael Gaither of Newton; and Lester Lyndon Key Jr. and Jerry Alan Reese of Hickory.

Also, John Anderson Ballew of Kings Mountain; David Edward Jolly of Shelby; Phillip Lee Washburn of Bolling Springs; Samuel Woody Bass of Belmont; James Lorn Beam III of Cherryville; Samuel Joseph Buff of Alexis; John Darroch Cameron and John Klumminzer Molen of Gastonia; Steven Peterson Suttle of Lincolnton; James Christopher Callahan of Rutherfordton; Richard Steven McKinney of Forest City; and Jackson Walter Henson of Villas.

R. O. Huffman is chairman of the District IX Committee.

Six finalists will be chosen from District IX to appear in Chapel Hill Feb. 27-March 2, for interviews with the Central Morehead Selection Committee.

Each of the State's 10 Morehead Awards district committees will select six finalists to be interviewed in Chapel Hill, along with 52 nominees from 26 private preparatory schools.

The Morehead Foundation's Board of Trustees makes the final selection of winners. Hugh G. Chatham of Elkin is chairman. Members are Alan Dicksons of Charlotte, Frank Borden Hanes of Winston-Salem, Richard T. Chatham Jr. of Elkin and Dr. Robert Cluett of York University in Canada.

Morehead Awards provide all-expense-paid undergraduate educations at the University of North

Take Scrooge From Christmas

Take the scrooge syndrome out staying out of the 1,500 traffic accidents which the N. C. State Motor Club warns may take 30 lives and injure 900 other persons on North Carolina's streets and highways during the extended weekend.

The state will officially count its Christmas holiday toll from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, through midnight Sunday, Dec. 28, a period of 102 hours. In a 30-hour period last year when the holiday fell in the middle of the week, the cold statistics showed seven killed and 254 others injured in 452 accidents.

Leading causes of these accidents were: speeding, 112; failed to yield right of way, 53; drove left of center, 54; under influence of alcohol, 32; and reckless driving, 29.

" 'Tis the season to be jolly, but not if you're a careless or drinking driver," cautioned Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club. "The six holiday periods so far this year have brought death to 115 persons in traffic accidents as against 171 for the year before."

"Traffic deaths are still running behind the 968 pace, and we have a good chance to show a decrease for this year," he said. "Let's make our state the nicest Christmas gift of all by driving with extra care to keep ourselves and our fellow man out of the obituary columns."

KIWANIS CLUB
Rev. David Castor, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will be guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club. The meeting is advanced two days because of Christmas Day holiday.

Carolina in Chapel Hill. They are valued at \$8,400 each for North Carolina students for four year of study.

The awards were established in 1951 by John Motley Morehead, a UNC graduate and native North Carolinian who resided in Rye, N. Y., until his death in 1965.

I. R. S. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.)

Q. — When will I get the forms I need to file my 1969 income tax return?

A. — Taxpayers will receive their forms by mail around the first of the year. Extra copies of the forms and instructions will be available at most local banks and post offices and all IRS offices in January for those needing them.

Note that in the forms package you will receive in the mail are several additional forms besides the basic one-page 1040. These are provided for your convenience in case you need them.

Q. — I'm having some dental work done before the end of the year. Can I deduct this as a medical expense on my 1969 return?

A. — Items are generally deductible in the year they are paid. If you pay these dental expenses in 1969, then they are deductible on your 1969 tax return.

Q. — If a baby is born in December, can the parents still claim the full \$600 dependency exemption?

A. — Yes, the full \$600 exemption may be claimed for a child born in December, as long as the other dependency tests are met. The \$600 exemption is not prorated.

Q. — I'm going to England soon and will stay several months. What should I do about my tax return?

A. — The IRS has several offices overseas to help taxpayers,

one of them in London. If you do not receive your 1969 return forms before you leave, the London office will be able to turn them in.

Keep in mind that taxpayers out of the country April 15, have an automatic extension until June 15, to file their returns. For additional information, send a post card to your District Director and ask for a copy of Publication 54, Tax Guide for U. S. Citizens Abroad.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

"The Other Side of Christmas" will be the sermon topic of Rev. Charles Easley at Sunday morning worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

EVENING SERVICE

Sunday evening worship service will be held Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at Dixon Presbyterian church with the Rev. Robert Wilson to deliver the sermon on "Epilogue To Christmas."

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