

### News and Personals from Vass

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#### Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan entertained at a birthday dinner at their home Sunday honoring his mother, Mrs. N. J. Morgan, of Carthage, and his brother, Gentry Morgan, whose birthdays were the fifth and first of January, respectively. Others present were N. J. Morgan of Carthage and Bruce and David Morgan of the home.

Mr. Morgan carried his brother back to Chapel Hill, where he is a junior at the university, Sunday evening.

#### Attendance Awards

W. D. McGill, superintendent of the Vass Presbyterian Sunday school, presented a number of perfect attendance awards to children there last Sunday morning. Bonnie Jean Hicks received her eighth year bar; three-year bars were awarded Pauline and Edith Blue; James Jessup received a two-year bar, and pins for one year were presented to Billy Kirby, John Francis Caddell and Wanda Caddell.

#### Personals

Mrs. Ben McRae, Mrs. Thurlow Evans and Lacy McRae were Durham visitors Monday.

A3jc Floyd Thomas left Saturday on the return trip to Rapid City, S. Dakota, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thomas, 25 days.

Dr. Herman Parker and children, "Veegee" and Clark, of Warwick, Va., spent the weekend with Mrs. J. J. Parker.

Howard Callahan entered Moore County hospital on Thursday of last week for treatment.

Henry Crabtree of High Point, was a guest in the home of his brother, G. C. Crabtree, and family, from Saturday morning until Sunday. He was accompanied home by his son Bruce, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arch Honeycutt for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Edwards returned Thursday night from a vacation trip to Florida. Motoring down, they went first to Wilmington where they saw the town's famous Christmas tree, then took the coastal route to Florida. They went to Jacksonville and Silver Springs, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edwards at Palatka, Fla.

Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McMillan were Mr. McMillan's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Steed, of Maxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill M. Smith and

son, Mac, of Dobson were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. McLean. They called Saturday afternoon at the J. W. Smith and A. A. McGill homes on Route 2.

Pvt. Bobby Hoyle and Pvt. George Laubscher have returned to Camp Gordon, Ga., after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hoyle and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Laubscher.

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. McLean visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McLean and Mrs. Tooker in Southern Pines Sunday night.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Autrey and Mrs. Bobby Alexander were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wallace (Pauline Alexander) and their two daughters, of Vicksburg, Miss., and Miss Patsy Lou Alexander of Concord. They called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Cameron while here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Johnson of Raleigh visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith on Route 2 three days last week.

Pvt. Dan Stewart, Jr., of Fort Jackson, S. C., was here for a New Year visit to his parents.

Arch A. McGill entered St. Joseph's hospital for treatment last Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Thomas and Mrs. Thurlow Evans spent a day last week visiting Mrs. Alton Blue and family in the Farm Life School section.

A3jc W. R. McGill and Mrs. McGill have returned to Sumter, S. C., after spending nearly three weeks visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McGill and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Callahan and children visited Mrs. Walter Doby and family in Sanford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Edwards, Mrs. A. G. Edwards, Sr., and Joe Martin Edwards motored to Raleigh after Sunday school Sunday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bundy.

Miss Germaine Davis, a student nurse at Duke hospital, was at home last weekend.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead and son, Edwin, of Durham called on Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Borst an evening last week. They were returning home from Aberdeen.

Hill-selecting sweet potato seed stocks has increased yields from 20 to 100 per cent above those obtained when the usual method of seed selection was employed.

## "Speeding Is Crime," Declares Judge Sentencing Youths For 90-Mile Rate

### Pinehurst Drivers Admit To 70. Give Notice Of Appeal

"Speeding is not only a crime, it is the next thing to murder, and those who violate the speed laws are committing criminal acts," said Judge J. Vance Rowe in Moore County recorders court Monday, in sentencing two teenagers convicted of driving 90 miles an hour. In a 30-minute speech he took the boys, and other such violators, severely to task, declaring that "speeding and reckless driving are the worst single offenses we have to contend with in our courts today." He added that "the pity is, so many of our so-called nice and respectable people, who would scorn to lie, steal or kill, do not have their opinion of themselves lowered in the least by being arrested for speeding."

He cited the 1,100 lives lost on North Carolina highways during 1952 as compared with the comparatively minor figure of Tar Heel casualties in Korea, pointing out that "if all these had been lost on the battlefield we would be unanimous in our mourning and grief, and the determination that it must be stopped. Yet, until public opinion rises from its apathy and turns against the speeders on our highways, we will continue to have this senseless slaughter."

#### Road Terms Suspended

To emphasize the criminality of their act he gave Thomas C. Darst, III, 19, of Pinehurst, and Philip Whitman White, 18, of

Scardale, N. Y., a Pinehurst winter resident, sentences of three months on the roads, suspended on payment of fines of \$125 each and costs, and on condition that they not operate a motor vehicle during the next 12 months.

Night Officers Baker and Jones of the Southern Pines police force testified that they had started in pursuit of the two cars, of which young Darst's was in the lead, near the Southern Pines city limits last Monday evening, and that Youngs road had clocked them at 90 miles.

#### Cases Appealed

Through their attorney John D. McConnell the boys admitted to driving 70 miles an hour, but no more, and Darst's father took the stand to say he did not think the family car could get up more speed than that in such a short time. Notice of appeal was given for both young men, and their bonds were set at \$300 apiece.

Both are sons of respected families, with no record of any previous trouble. Darst was on holiday from college, White from preparatory school, and they were on their way to a holiday party when arrested. Darst was accompanied by a Pinehurst girl, White by his brother.

#### Rest of Docket

Traffic violations dominated the docket. Other cases were as follows (all penalties with costs added unless otherwise noted):

John Israel Holder, Vass, speeding 65 mph, \$10; Henry L. DeJardine, Providence, R. I., speeding 65 mph (tractor-trailer) and driv-

ing without license, \$35; Robert Lee Monroe, Lillington, speeding 70 mph, \$20; Magruder Dent, Southern Pines, speeding 65 mph, \$15; William Henry Smith, Ellerbe, driving without valid license and with improper equipment, 30 days at county home or \$10; Martin Ernest Bernard, West End driving while drunk, \$100, license revoked for 12 months.

Preston Waddell McPhaul, Greensboro, assault with deadly weapon (shotgun) inflicting serious injury, two years on roads; James Irving Horton, Aberdeen, carrying concealed weapon (pistol), 30 days or \$50; Bobby Jean Suggs, Fort Bragg, speeding 65 mph, \$10; William Bethune Byrd, assault with deadly weapon, assault and battery on mother, assault with deadly weapon on father with intent to kill, eight months on the roads, defendant to be examined by county health officer before being sent to roads and his advice to be followed as to kind of work, if any, he should be required to do, the court also suggesting that he be kept under observation by the health authorities during his imprisonment and their opinion be followed as to the kind of work, and place and nature of confinement; William Bethune Byrd, assault on female, temporary larceny (old cases), nol pros with leave.

Carl Lamb, Aberdeen, driving with invalid license, judgment continued; W. J. Coward, worthless check, nol pros with leave (prosecuting witness failed to appear); Clara Buchanan Bell Southern Pines, larceny of \$4 from mother, judgment continued on repayment of the \$4; Perry Smith, Aberdeen, unlawful possession of whiskey for sale and selling, three months suspended

on payment of \$50 fine and good behavior conditions for two years; John Henson, Jamaica, N. Y., speeding 70 mph, attempting to pass car in face of oncoming traffic, \$25; George Donald Nutter, Charlotte, driving on left side, careless and reckless driving, causing accident, \$25 and payment of damages; Jesse McQueen Ross, Carthage, allowing intoxicated person to drive his car, drunken driving, 60 days or \$100, license revoked 12 months.

Sallie Mae Rogers, Aberdeen, careless and reckless driving, no valid license, 30 days or \$25 (acquitted of drunken driving); Richard Glenn Lambert, Robbins, passing on curve and driving at excessive speed, \$25; Chester Martin, non-support, nol pros with leave; Howard Zimmerman, Sanford, drunken driving, ni sci, sci fa on bondsman, capias for defendant returnable Monday, January 26; Bud Garner, Robbins, public drunkenness, resisting arrest, assault on officer, malicious damage

to property, four months suspended on payment of \$75 fine and good behavior conditions for next 12 months, clerk authorized to pay for officer's glasses out of fine; Troy Garner, Robbins, resisting arrest, interfering with officer in discharge of his duty, assault, three months suspended on payment of \$50 fine and good behavior conditions for next 12 months.

Called and failed, with forfeiture of cash bonds in consequence, were the following: Raymond C. Long, Fort Jackson, S. C., speeding 65 mph, \$40 bond; Shirley Subke, Austin, S. C., speeding 65 mph, \$40 bond; Howard L. Peckham, Jr., Shaw AFB, Sumter, S. C., speeding 65 mph, \$40 bond; George Shanks, Augusta, Ga.; speeding 65 mph, no valid license, \$80 bond.

Rural youth organizations have more than doubled their membership in North Carolina in the past 10 years.

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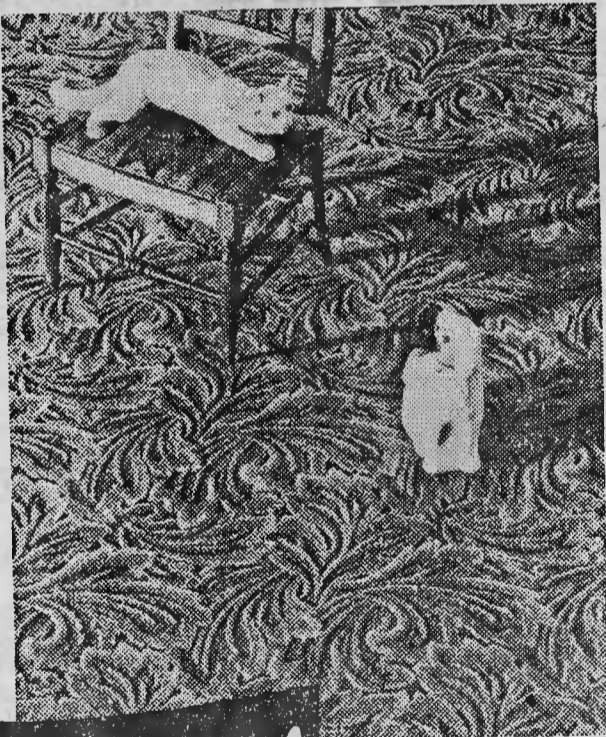


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