

**CHRISTMAS EVE 'MOST DANGEROUS'**

**13 N. C. Traffic Deaths Predicted For 2 Holidays; Motorists Warned**

The North Carolina State Motor Club of Charlotte predicts 13 persons will die on North Carolina streets and highways during the short Christmas and New Year's holidays. A warning also came from the State Highway Patrol whose troopers will be out in force on those days.

Since both holidays fall in the middle of the week and will be officially only one-day periods, the club combined its predictions of eight Christmas fatalities and five for New Year's.

The state will count its Christmas traffic deaths from 6 p. m. Tuesday, December 24, through midnight Wednesday, December 25, and its New Year's fatalities from 6 p. m. Tuesday, December 31, through midnight Wednesday, January 1. However, since many

companies are giving their employees at least two days off for Christmas, and some three, the overall total for the holiday season is expected to be considerably higher.

Accident records show that the Christmas season claims more lives on the highway than any other holiday period. Christmas Eve is the most dangerous day of the year and December is the most dangerous month.

During the four-day Christmas-New Year holiday periods last year, the state counted 43 traffic deaths and 1,366 injured in a total of 2,384 accidents. Leading driver violations were: speeding, 442; failure to yield right of way, 353; driving on wrong side of road, 326; and following too close, 216.

**Basketball Report**

BY JOEL STUTTS

**PINEHURST BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS AND WEST END GIRLS ONLY UNDEFEATED TEAMS IN CONFERENCE.**

With action suspended in the Moore County High School basketball Conference until January 2, the Pinehurst boys and girls, along with the West End girls, are the only teams remaining unbeaten in conference play, all sporting a 5-0 record.

Teams losing only one game include Carthage girls and Aberdeen and Southern Pines boys.

Wiley Barrett of Pinehurst is currently leading the conference in individual scoring in the boys division with a 21.2 average followed closely by Robert McCrimmon of Southern Pines who has

a 21 point average. Geraldine Garner of West End leads the girls teams with a 14.6 average followed by Carolyn Stutts of Carthage with a 14.1 point per game average.

**GAME SUMMARIES Thursday (last week)**

- Boys**  
Westmoore 49, Aberdeen 48.  
Vass-Lakeview 46, Carthage 41.  
West End 50, High Falls 45.  
Pinehurst 71, Farm Life 32.  
Southern Pines 70, Robbins 51.
- Girls**  
Westmoore 45, Aberdeen 27.  
Carthage 42, Vass-Lakeview 38.  
West End 40, High Falls 28.  
Pinehurst 38, Farm Life 14.  
Robbins 30, Southern Pines 12.

**Armed Forces**

S-Sgt. John Dunlap, son of Mrs. Annie Dunlap of West End, has been promoted to S-Sgt.E6. Now at Fort Dix, N. J., he is scheduled for duty in the Far East.

After attending Pinckney High School, Carthage, Sgt. Dunlap entered the Army in 1958. He took basic and advanced training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and attended jump school at Fort Bragg where he was assigned as a rifleman with the 503 Infantry Airborne Battle Group, 82nd Airborne Division.

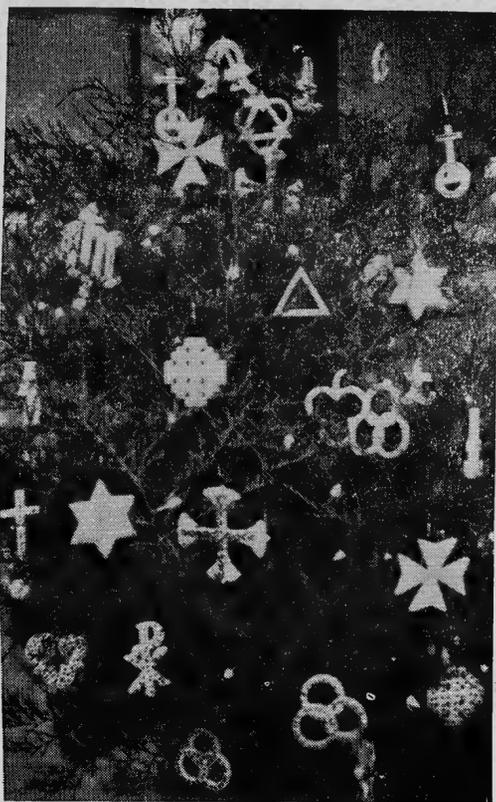
From 1960 to 1962, he was in the Canal Zone where he served as an assistant instructor at the Latin America School. He went to Fort Dix, N. J., in 1962.

**Buy Savings Bonds Now, Urges Chairman**

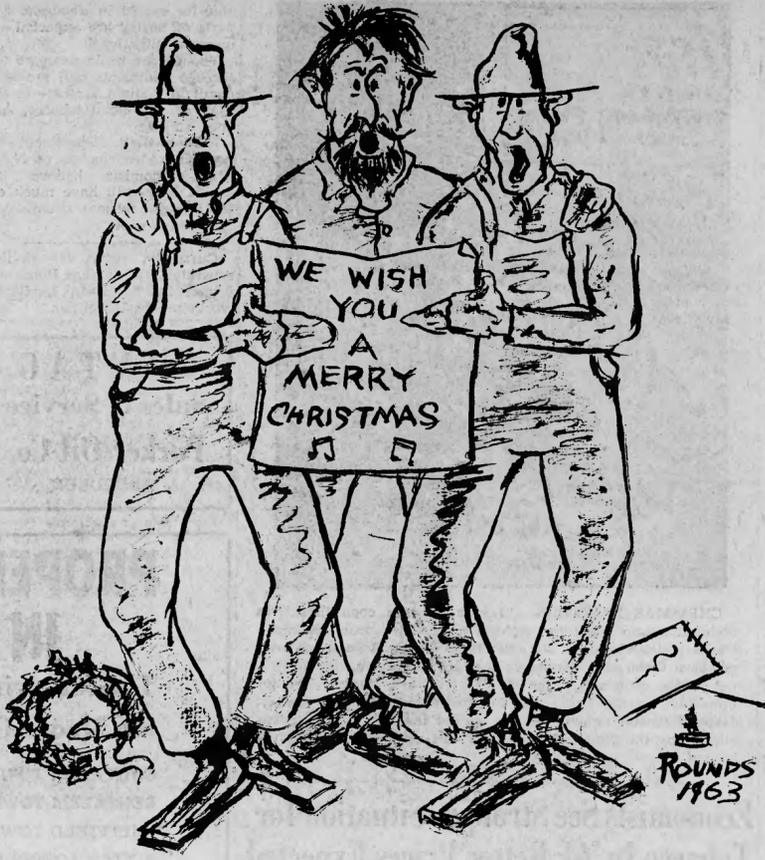
U. S. Savings Bond sales in Moore County for November were \$26,002 and for the year \$398,543, or 89.5 per cent of its quota of \$445,280, L. B. Creath of Pinehurst, Moore County volunteer chairman for the Savings Bond Program, has announced.

"Our state is within reach of making its dollar goal for this year. This would be the first annual quota made in North Carolina in the peacetime history of the program. The 'extra' bonds purchased during December can make this achievement possible," Mr. Creath said.

PILOT ADVERTISING PAYS



SOMETHING NEW in Christmas tree decorations can be seen on this tree at the parsonage of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 355 E. New York Ave., where all interested persons are invited by Pastor Jack Deal to inspect it. On the tree are 70 ornaments of 35 different designs, each a Christian symbol, all cut by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Carolyn Deal, from sheets of a plastic material, "styrofoam," on which gold trim has been sewed or glued. Small, clear lights enhance the design. This type of decoration originated at a Lutheran church in Danville, Va., several years ago and the first tree so decorated was sent to the White House in Washington when President Dwight D. Eisenhower was in office. The symbols include several types of crosses, Greek and Latin lettering, the Christmas Rose, symbols of the Trinity and many others.



**Sidewalk Serenade by Three Not-So-Merry Gentlemen**

These characters showed up outside The Pilot office to give us a serenade of Christmas Cheer. All of us listened eagerly, but after one look out the window, we just listened. We mean: "cheer" is hardly the word to use if you look at these three.

Who were they? Well, let's see—three—there were Three Kings, of course. But, though some of those gifts they brought (myrrh, for instance, with its "bitter perfume"), might be somewhat descriptive of the trio, and though the sweet incense of fatpne might hover about them, there's no gold crown to be seen. No, these can't be any stretch of the imagination

have been the Three Kings. But there's the stable and the animals, and even the sheep and the shepherds; this trio would fit in right well with them. They sang the old carols: "Silent Night" and "Deck the Halls" and "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," and they sang pretty well, too, considering. The Pilot folks, while keeping their heads low and their eyes firmly on the proof sheets, listened with gratitude to voices raised in song outside the windows.

As the carols ceased and the singers, with a "So long, folks!" turned to walk away, everybody

shouted, "Merry Christmas!" And the middle one turned back and, reluctant-like, grumped, "Merry Christmas!"

The Pilot folks looked at each other and said, "Wonder who they were?"

And somebody said: "There was that middle one who turned around—come to think if it, he had kind of a familiar look. Let's see, now: there aren't so many bearded characters among the Merry Gentlemen around here. Of course, there's that one who draws those crazy pictures—but where do you suppose he found those other two!"

**WEST END NEWS**

By SALLY AUMAN

**Pageant With Song**  
Mrs. Leah Spencer presented the Elementary, Junior High and High School Glee Clubs in a concert of Christmas music, Monday evening at the school. A pageant accompanied the music, which was directed by Miss Bert McCrummen with John Blue as the narrator. The audience joined in the singing of carols and the preschool and primary children sang several songs. Janet Markham and Janice Gordon were piano accompanists and Harry Lewis and Charles Harris were in charge of the stage personnel.

**At Moore Hospital**  
Mrs. Gary Petree, popular Home Economics Teacher, has resigned as of the holidays and will move to Tarboro. Mrs. Petree will join her husband there where he has built a new barber shop which is already in operation. The community is saddened by the loss of this young couple who took an active part, not only in the school program, but in the community. He was a member of the Methodist Church and she was active in the Sandspur Club and did an outstanding job in and out of school in her Home Economics position.

**Former Residents' Message**  
Along with their season's greetings, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown of The Methodist Retirement Home in Durham, sent the following message to the West End Community: "It is impossible to write to everyone in the community so I am writing to you through the Methodist Church. For the past two years, we have missed our associations with the people of the West End community far more than we can express in words, but we have found friends with whom we associate with great pleasure as we have found every where we have lived. So, we are still enjoying you very kindly."

**Funeral Held**  
Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Marie A. Vinton in Fond-du-Lac, Wisc. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Candlish Chapel in Fond-du-Lac. Mrs. Vinton, mother of Mrs. Cecil Ritter, visited here in the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritter prior to the marriage of her daughter, Jeanette, to Cecil Ritter.

**Sunday School Program**  
Mrs. Roy Swaringen was in charge of a pageant presented by the members of the Methodist Sunday School Wednesday evening. After the program, Santa

Claus was present at a party in the Youth Building and had gifts for all the children. The Rev. Daniel Boone also remembered each child with a gift and the Sunday School presented both the Rev. and Mrs. Boone with gifts.

**Personals**  
Mike Wilson, who is stationed with the Air Force at Mountain Home, Idaho, spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson.

Allan McDonald and Hawley Poole visited a cement manufacturing plant last week in Castele Hayne.

**Pack Meeting**  
The December Cub Pack meeting will be held Friday evening, December 27 at the Methodist Youth Building and all cubs, parents and leaders are urged to attend.

**Santa Visits**  
Santa Claus arrived on the fire truck at the Town Hall Saturday night with gifts for all the children. He also made a stop at the Vineland School with gifts for the children. The Community Chest, of which Nelson Blue is chairman, sponsored the visits and the Senior Girl Scouts assisted with arrangements.

**Currie On Committee**  
Peter B. Ruffin of Wilmington is chairman of the Morehead District III Selection Committee. Committee members and places of residence are: Chatham C. Clark, Elizabethtown; Wilbur H. Currie, Carthage; Claude W. Rankin, Fayetteville; Harmon Rorison, Wilmington; Malcolm B. Seawell, Chapel Hill.

Each of the seven Morehead District Selection Committees will nominate six candidates who will be interviewed in Chapel Hill by the Central Morehead Selection Committee along with 32 nominees from 16 private preparatory schools on the Morehead Foundation's selected list. Those chosen as Award candidates by the Central Committee will then be interviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Morehead Foundation which makes the final selections.

Last year the trustees made 53 new awards. During the current academic year there are 156 Morehead Scholars-151 in residence at the University and five on leave. Of those on leave, one is studying architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, two are on scholarships at Goettingen University in Germany, one is in the military service, and one is out of the University because of health.

**Masonic Bodies Elect Officers For Coming Year**

Officers of the four Masonic bodies headquartered here have been elected at December meetings, and have either been already installed, or will be installed early in January, to serve during 1964.

Relationship is effected and continuity maintained through the reelection by all four of James W. Causey as treasurer and L. L. Woolley as secretary or recorder. They have held these offices for a number of years.

Stanley T. Dunn of Southern Pines is the new master of Southern Pines Lodge No. 484, AF & AM. Others elected and installed (all of Southern Pines unless otherwise indicated) were: Walter F. Harper, senior warden; Robert J. Snipes, Niagara, junior warden; James W. Causey, treasurer; Lloyd L. Woolley, secretary; William J. Johnson, senior deacon; Garland P. Daughtry, junior deacon; William P. Davis, William M. Curtis, stewards; Fred R. Wicker, chaplain.

All the following York Rite officers were elected for installation in January:  
Southern Pines Chapter No. 61, Royal Arch Masons—Garland P. Daughtry, high priest; J. Marvin Davis, Carthage, king; W. Howard Matthews, Carthage, Route 3, scribe; James W. Causey, treasurer; Lloyd L. Woolley, secretary; Jack L. McNeill, captain of host; Joe C. Thomas, principal sojourner; L. Russell McRae, Lakeview, Royal Arch captain; James L. Ratliff, Jr., master Third Veil; Stanley T. Dunn, master Second Veil; Robert J. Snipes, Niagara, master First Veil; Elwood E. Blake, sentinel.

Southern Pines Council No. 14, Royal and Select Masters—Ira E. Bowne, Whispering Pines, master; Walter F. Harper, deputy master; Garland P. Daughtry, conductor of the work; James W. Causey, treasurer Lloyd L. Woolley, recorder; J. Howard Matthews, Carthage, Route 3, captain of guard; Thurman G. Trawick, Laurinburg, conductor of council; Robert L. Brooks, Jr., Aberdeen, steward; Robert J. Snipes, Niagara, sentinel.

Southern Pines Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar—Walter F. Harper, commander; Garland P. Daughtry, generalissimo; Joe C. Thomas, captain general; Jack L. McNeill, senior warden; L. Russell McRae, Lakeview, junior warden; Edwin L. Finch, Vass, Route 2, prelate; James W. Causey, treasurer; Lloyd L. Woolley, recorder Marshall G. McRae, standard bearer; W. Howard Matthews, Carthage, Route 3, sword bearer; J. Marvin Davis, warden; Harry N. Scott, sentinel.

**SCHOOL PLANNING**

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"I - From whom surveys or consultations requested:  
"(1) State of N. C. Board of Education, including the Department of Curriculum Study and Research and State Department of Public Instruction.  
"(2) Independent Agency—such as Division of Field Service, George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

"II - Purpose of survey:  
"To determine whether East Southern Pines High School can best serve the community by remaining an independent school or by consolidation with other high schools in the area.

"III - Contents of survey report:  
"(1) Any recommendations which, in the opinion of the consulting agency, would improve the educational opportunities for all the high school students in Southern Pines.  
"(2) A comparison of teacher assignments, curriculum, cost and any other data to substantiate the recommendations.  
"(3) Recommendations as to administrative control.

"IV - Report to be made public.  
"This request was made in good faith and we had every reason to believe it had been accepted in good faith by the Board of Education, until the questionnaire appeared the following day, asking parents to vote on issues about which all of us have had little or no information from the Southern Pines Board of Education.

"I have talked with the members of the Citizens' Committee and they have all expressed shock and dismay at the way in which the Southern Pines Board of Education went about conducting this poll. It was done at a time when the Citizens' Committee was endeavoring to have a survey made that would have produced all of the facts necessary for the citizens to make an intelligent appraisal of what we now have in the way of schools and what would be necessary, if anything, on a long-range plan to improve our schools.

"The County Board of Education had agreed to co-operate in a survey by the state and bear their proportionate share of the

expenses.  
"The Citizens' Committee for Long-Range School Planning does not take a stand in favor of consolidation or any other changes in respect to our schools at this time, but merely wishes information by which the public may be assured that the \$3 million voted in the recent bond issue will be spent in the best possible manner.

"The request of the Citizens' Committee did not specify any cost of the survey, nor did it say that it should be made by any private firm of consultants. It is possible to have a State survey made at a nominal cost which would produce all of the necessary facts to arrive at an intelligent decision about this matter.  
"All that the Citizens Committee wants are the facts which can only be obtained by a survey by a competent agency."

**BIG DAM**

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plan of some many small dams on tributaries of the Cape Fear. Cooley carried the fight for numbers of small Chatham farmers who did not wish to lose their land to the huge lake which is the heart of the New Hope plan.  
Support for the New Hope Dam and lake, however, has been constantly growing in Chatham County.

The county lies on a light layer of soil over thick shale, making the digging of deep wells difficult.  
This disadvantage was pointed up this fall when Pittsboro, the county seat of Chatham, found itself without water.

Gulf and Goldston, two other Chatham communities, recently sounded distress calls, as they are running perilously short of water.

The lack of water has held the county back economically, causing it to lose industry and resulting in some of its communities' practically withering away, its leaders report. While Moore is fortunate in its water supply, it also suffers when a neighbor county, with which many of its people have close ties, is in economic trouble. Chatham's gain in the New Hope Dam project will be Moore's, along with all its other neighbors.

**TWO ALARMS BUT LITTLE FIRE**

Two comparatively insignificant fires have been the only alarms to bring the local Fire Department on the run since last Thursday.

A small brush fire back of St. Joseph's Hospital was quickly extinguished by the local fire fighters. Starting in the Pine Needles on the site where the former Pine Needles clubhouse used to be, it had hardly burned more than a patch before the department had it well in hand.

The other fire was in West Southern Pines, and started with the fall of a stove-pipe, probably fired up to try to cope with the severe cold snap. The blaze was out by the time the truck arrived.

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