

# ... Around Town continued

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course, we all make mistakes and it is so easy to blame the post office if mail service seems to be slow.

Recently Warren Johnston, editor of *The News-Journal*, showed me a letter that was delivered to his home on North Main Street. The letter was addressed to Jack Johnson, Main St., Radford, Va. It was from the Charter Federal Savings & Loan, Christianburg, Va. The Va. on the address looked very much like NC the way the writing was on the envelope. Now if the person sending the letter had used the zip code for Raeford, Warren wouldn't have received the letter.

The service by the post office was good, because it was marked Nov. 12 and received here Nov. 15.

Anyway, Warren wrote Virginia on the envelope and it should reach Jack Johnson.

The following article came across my desk and, being a former National Guardsman, I am happy to run it in this column.

**Benefit for a SP National Guardsman**

David Swain is a 19 year old

young man with Hodgkin's disease. David graduated from Pinecrest High School in June of 1983, then that summer joined North Carolina National Guard.

In Sept. of 1983 David went to Fort Knox for basic training. While in basic, he was hospitalized for 11 days for what seemed to be a virus. In January of 1984 he returned home and everyone thought he was just tired from the training courses. Really, there seemed to be no signs of illness, just fatigue. It went on through spring and summer; as David was working two jobs, we thought he was just burnt out.

In the fall David's lymphoid glands in the neck area began to swell large in size. That's when David found that he wasn't burnt out; he had a serious illness -Hodgkin's disease.

Since the first of October, David has had 2 Cat scans, 2 bone marrow tests, 2 bioscopes - intervene dye, tonsils removed and major surgery (removing his spleen) from his chest down. Now David has 20 to 40 radiation treatments ahead of him.

David's insurance doesn't cover even a small fraction of these expenses. The Cancer Society turned his application down because he made \$2,000.00 above their line of eligibility.

David still has truck and mobile home payments and has been unable to work for the last 2 months and will be unable to work until February. Plus, now he has all these medical expenses.

The National Guard Unit from Southern Pines and friends of the family are putting on a benefit Dec. 8, 1984 for David's expenses.

Please come out to the SP Armory and help us support this cause. There will be chicken & dumplings and BBQ plates, \$3.50, bake sale and bingo from 12 noon until.

We wish to thank everyone that has been supporting us on this benefit. Please come out to the armory Dec. 8, 1984. Donations toward the benefit are still being accepted if you would like to send a donation: Betty Clapp, Rt. 1, Box 124, West End, NC 27376.



**Blaze in the county**

A fire fought by North Raeford Fire Department and Hillcrest Fire Department, erupted at the rural home of Cottie Mae Edens last week. Ms. Edens was at home at the time of the fire and reported it herself. According to the victim, she had gone to get some clothes to take to the laundry and, upon returning to the house, discovered the floor on fire. "I didn't expect the fire truck to get here as fast as it did," said Edens. "It will be a long time before I get over this," she said. Shown here are firemen taking the electrical meter off the house. Faulty wiring was cited as the cause of the fire by one fireman at the scene.

## Antifreeze deadly to dogs

**DEAR DOCTOR:** My neighbor's dog recently died after drinking antifreeze. Is this common? Why do dogs drink it? What does it do to the dog?

**ANSWER:** Antifreeze is a common cause of poisoning in small animals. Dogs and cats drink antifreeze because it has a sweet flavor. Very small amounts are very poisonous-teaspoons of an-

**You And Your Pet**

Antifreeze can kill a dog and drops can kill a cat.

Ethylene glycol, the active ingredient of antifreeze, causes crystals to form in the kidneys, leading to kidney failure and death. Initial signs seen after an animal drinks antifreeze are apprehension, depression, vomiting, and incoordination. These signs progress to coma and death.

If the dog receives prompt treatment by a veterinarian, he may survive.

(This column is provided as a public service by the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association.)

## Poor pecan harvest tied to lack of fertilizers

If your pecans dropped prematurely this fall or if those that you are harvesting are of poor quality or low yield, the problems could be diseases, lack of adequate fertilizer or a combination of factors.

Scab, a fungus disease, is one of the main problems with pecans year after year. Mildew, another fungus, may be a contributing factor.

On the nuts, leaves and shoots, scab causes premature defoliation and mummified nuts. Severely infected nuts may fall prematurely or they may remain attached to the tree for an indefinite period of time.

Once the infection is established, it persists and the only method of control is to adopt a regular spray schedule which requires expensive power operated equipment and is not practical for a person with only a few trees around the home.

If you are lucky enough to be isolated and not troubled with fungus diseases, you may wonder

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March the first year, and two pounds per tree the second year. The third and succeeding years apply four pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer for each inch of trunk diameter.

**TULIP BULBS LIKE LONG COLD PERIOD**

The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is acceptable for planting tulip bulbs in Hoke County, North Carolina. The further west one lives in North Carolina the earlier the bulbs should be planted.

A practice that may help you to enjoy more success with tulips is refrigerating the bulbs for several weeks before planting them.

The hydrator of the refrigerator is a good place to put the bulbs.

Tulips like an extra long period of cold weather. In other words, typical Tar Heel winters aren't long enough for the maximum performance of tulips here, but they still add much beauty to the spring landscape.

## Myriad of events slated for Christmas in Carolina

The welcome is warm and the festivities many as North Carolina celebrates a very special holiday season.

A myriad of Yuletide merriment ranging from the customary to the contemporary make this Carolina Christmas a joyful time.

More than 130 special holiday events usher in the Christmas season across the state.

To assist you with your holiday planning, the Division of Travel and Tourism has published the "Carolina Christmas" brochure which describes the season's celebrations and events.

A sampling of the holiday celebrations include timeless Christmas traditions as enjoyed in the many historic sites and homes throughout the state. It is only fitting that North Carolina recapture the spirit of Christmas past, since it was on Roanoke Island 400 years ago that Sir Walter Raleigh and his brave colonists celebrated the first Christmas in British America.

Today these Elizabethan

Christmas customs are enjoyed during Madrigal Feasts. The Renaissance revelry features 16th century edibles and entertainment like that enjoyed by Queen Elizabeth and Sir Walter Raleigh.

Native Christmas trees adorned with handmade ornaments, the aroma of cinnamon and hot apple cider, and candles that light your way are reminiscent of days of yore. In New Bern, you find the state's first capitol, Tryon Palace, elegantly decorated in the 18th century style much as it was when Royal Governor William Tryon resided there.

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