Page 6 **4-H** Program **Helps Teens** With Driving

"Driving an automobile is on of the greatest privileges we have as American citizens," said the only girl to claim national honors last year in the 4-H Automotive program. And this year, North Carolina has a national winner in the automotive program.

gram. Jerry West, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. West, Fremont, Rt. 1. will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company West has been in club work

nine years and has completed 30 projects. He hopes to use the scholarship to enter Wayne Technical Institute for training for a career in diesel mechanics.

Right now throughout the state scores of teen-age licensed drivers and pre-drivers are undergoing practical and intensive train ing outlined in the national 4-H Automotive program conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service.

This program is the only one of its kind in the United States making an effort to reach pre-drivers. Young people do not be-come instant experts in driving when they get their license. Many boys and girls do not have the judgment necessary to cope with modern day traffic and improper driving attitude. Not having the right attitude contributes up to 85 per cent of the traffic accidents.

Young people enrolled in the 4H Automotive program learn about the mechanical function of the vehicle, develop the proper attitude and take part in traffic attribute and take part in trained surveys before they get behind the wheel. They not only have cafefully planned "lessons" but hear from experts such as auto-motion engineers two file of fig. motive engineers, traffic offic-ers, safety autorities, insurance representatives and mechanics. Information about enrollment in the 4-H program can be ob-tained from the county extension agent.

Tree-Selecting Tips Given

Almost 50,000,000 Christmas Trees, averaging about one to every four Americans, are nearevery four Americans, are near-ing their ultimate rendezvous. The U. S. Navy placed its order early for 70,000 trees. More families than ever are

expected this year to participate in the "choose and cut" method of buying. Many now like to make an outing to a commercial tree farm where they can pick their own trees while they're in the ground, then get a little exercise in cutting them.

ercise in cutting them. Wherever you get your tree, Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine, offers this advice. Look for one with balanced, pyr-amidal form, well balanced on all sides and with strong limbs. Check to see that it is fragrant and with lustrous, smooth deep-green foliage. Try to avoid a green foliage. Try to avoid a tree with dry, yellow - tipped needles, the tell tale warning that they will soon start drop-

ping to your floor. Store the tree in a cool, protected place away from sun and wind. Rain or snow outdoors will keep it fresh and moist. When you bring it indoors, saw a fresh cut on the butt end to aid absorption, then place it in a con-tainer of water. During the holi-days, the tree will look a lot better if you keep it in a large pail or jardiniere, with plenty of wa-



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Hambright Finishes **Finance** Course

FORT BENJAMIN HARRI-SON, IND. (AHTNC) — Pvt. Gary C. Hambright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Hambright, Route 1, Grover, N. C., completed a five-week finance proce-dures course at the Army Finance School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Nov 15.

During the course Hambright received instruction in Army finance procedures for use in the field and the garrison. He was trained in the use of records and in Army finance filing systems. Hambright entered the Army in July 1965 and received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. 20-year-old soldier was The graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1963 and was employed by Grover (N. C.) Indus-

Moomaw Attending **Technician School**

tries before entering the Army.

BAINBRIDGE, MD. (FHTNC) Nov. 22 — Fire Control Techni-cian Benjamin F. Moomaw, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Moo maw of Kings Mountain, N. C., is attending Naval Fire Control Technician School at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. Students study basic electric-ity, electronics and fire control equipment mechanisms. The school prepares students for work in the Navy's fire control technician rating, which is the art and science of the control of missiles, torpedoes and gun fire.

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