

To say that the Christmas spirit was alive and well is putting it mildly. This year there were between 150-200 people outside their homes, also over the various overpasses and boat basins, all enjoying the night's festivities.

In fact, at Davis Landing, there were some 20 people singing Christmas carols for all to enjoy.

While there were only seven boats in this year's parade, all and all everyone enjoyed it. How about doubling the number of boats in next year's pageant?

BOB GALLO

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COMING UP ROSES!

A rose to John Keegan of Beechwood Drive, whose photograph of his own "Garden Party" hybrid tea rose made the cover of the "American Rose" the National rose-fanciers magazine. The exquisite photo graced the January 1989 issue and was seen by 50,000 readers throughout the country.

Another Pine Knoll Shores winner!

YOLA HANAN

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OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

It's hard to find a more North Carolina couple than Lexine and Ralph Jordan, recently moved to 144 Hawthorne Drive. They claim Rocky Mount and Wilson as their birthplaces, and although career led them afar, they always returned, and now, what better place to retire.

Ralph has worked for the past 39 years with the Boy Scouts of America, assigned to 12 cities in which they built six homes and purchased six existing homes. Comes August, Ralph will be retiring as National Director of Outdoor Programs. But in the interim, he is serving as Director of the National Boy Scout Jamboree, to be held this summer at Fort A.P.Hill in Virginia.

The jamborees are held every four years and are a show place to allow the scouts to demonstrate the skills they have learned. this year, some 3500 people will participate, including 2800 boy Scouts and 700 staffers, all having the opportunity of the enriching of friendships. For the first time in America, girls will participate as members of the Explorers, a special scout division.

At present, Ralph and Lexine commute to Virginia every week, but when the jamboree is over and retirement a reality, they will become fulltime PKS residents.

Being a very outdoors person as a result of his many years in scouting, Ralph has fishing as his most serious hobby. But many others follow, including electrical work, woodworking and model boat building. One of his models, a work boat, operates under a full head of steam, courtesy of a well-hidden can of Sterno.

Lexine has always been supportive of his hobbies and adds both gardening and bridge to the list, and both she and Ralph are looking forward to bowling together.

The Jordans have one son living in Pennsylvania along with three grandchildren, with a grandson about to become and Eagle Scout.

Ralph and Lexine are looking forward to becoming active residents of our Town and we are anxious to have them become part of our community as good neighbors.

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