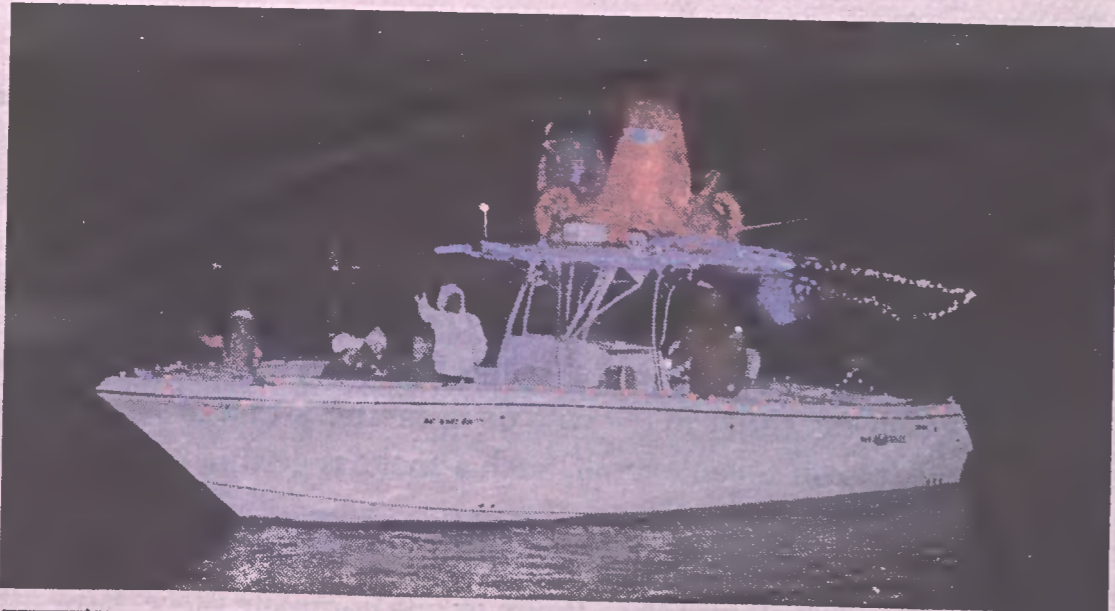


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The Pine Knoll Shores door-to-door Christmas caroling was canceled due to rain, but that didn't stop the spreading of Christmas cheer. The group met at the home of Kathy and John Tilyard and called those on the list to sing to them over speaker phone, starting with "Happy Birthday" to Artie Miller for his 95th birthday.—Photo by Kathy Falandys Tilyard



This photo of the shrimp haul from the *Capt. Nathan* in Swan Quarter was taken on December 5. Workers here had been heading shrimp for about four hours at the time of the photo, with an estimate that each of the 14 workers onsite had headed over 100 pounds of shrimp each (1,400 pounds total). At least 280 baskets of shrimp had been unloaded, with still more coming out of the hold. To put this into perspective—if the total haul turned out to be 300 baskets at 50 pounds each, that would be 15,000 pounds of shrimp. With the 21-25 count shrimp available for just \$6 per pound, it's safe to call this a good year to stock the freezer.—Photo by Richard Seale