

### MARINE VET NEAR DEATH FROM RIDE

#### Stole Into Freight Car To Get Home, Locked In

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 21.—A 24-year-old Marine corps veteran described from a hospital bed here today the agonies of thirst at eight horror-filled days he spent sealed in a boxcar between Wells, Nev., and Fort Smith, Ark.

Earl E. Harry, an unemployed railroad mechanic, climbed into the South Pacific boxcar at Wells on Thursday, Dec. 11 on the first lap of a trip to Largo, Fla., to be with his family for the first Christmas in seven years.

He thought the car would be opened at Ogden, Utah, 176 miles away. Instead, the lumber-laden car was not opened until it reached Fort Smith Friday.

His shouting and pounding on the door at every stop failed to attract attention, and he resumed his cramped, semi-prone position.

"At the end of the second day," the blond, gray-eyed Harry said, "thirst began to dog me."

"I could not sleep because of the cramped position I was in. I did not have room to sit up, and when I was not lying down, I hunched up on my elbows."

After failing to attract aid after a few stops, Harry said he gave up hope of ever getting out alive.

"I prayed all the time," he said. The happiest moment of his life was when sunlight broke into the darkness of his prison.

"I cannot express how I felt when the door was opened and light flooded in," he said. Harry was rushed to a hospital and given two sips of water. His 150 pounds had withered to 100 pounds.

"That was the best water I ever tasted," he said, "it was wonderful."

Dr. W. L. Shippey, a veteran of World War II, immediately began giving the emaciated man intravenous injections of glucose, amino acids, fruit juices, water and coffee.

Dr. Shippey said warmth had returned to the man's frostbitten hands but not to his feet and legs to the knees which still are in danger of amputation. He is using elastic bandages on the legs and washing them with germicidal soap and alcohol to prevent infection.

#### Columbus County Offices Close For Holidays

WHITEVILLE, Dec. 20.—County offices, with the exception of the sheriff's department, will go on a three-day holiday at the close of business Wednesday.

All of the employees of the county, including the health department stationed at Columbus County Hospital, will be off the two days following Christmas and will return to work Monday morning, Dec. 29.

#### Taft-Hartley Law Here To Remain, Rep. Hartley Says

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—In the opinion of the man who has been in the legislative corner since the opening bell, labor may as well abandon any hope of an early knockout of the Taft-Hartley law.

Rep. Fred Hartley (R-NJ), ruddy-faced and nattily-dressed head of the House Labor committee, predicts without qualification "this congress will not change the law."

### He's A Grand Old Guy



CHILDREN are told as they wait eagerly for him to start distributing the 250-odd presents for workers and members of their families of the France Neckwear company at the community center, Lake Forest, Friday night. The scene was almost duplicated again last night as an equal number of employees and their families met for their Christmas tree and Santa Claus party, at the plant of the Garver Manufacturing company on South 13th street.

### DEATHS AND FUNERALS

#### MRS. SANKIE ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Sankie Bowden Armstrong, 68, widow of E. A. Armstrong, 2215 Chestnut street, died at 6:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Bulluck's clinic after a short illness.

Funeral services were to be held from the Pike Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Revs. L. Clark and James Marrow officiating. Interment was to follow in the church cemetery.

The funeral cortege was to leave Ward's Funeral home Sunday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. Mrs. Armstrong is survived by a daughter, Mrs. C. J. Plastre; one sister, Mrs. R. A. Cromwell; one brother, A. S. Bowden of Burgaw; one granddaughter, Miss Joanne Plastre, also a number of nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be P. C. Sparkman, J. J. Abbott, Roland Batson, Joseph Casey, J. C. Hutchison, Wrey Boyette, Henry Rogers, Sparkman Sidbury, F. C. Fesperman, Arnold Rhodes, J. O. Worrell, and A. A. McLendon, Evander McLendon.

Active pallbearers will be J. B. Bowden, Julian Armstrong, J. H. McMillan, Evander McLendon, Jr., D. F. Sidbury, and John R. Armstrong.

#### JOHN GMYTRUK, SR.

Funeral services are scheduled Monday at 10 a.m. for John Gmytruk, Sr., 68 of Castle Hayne, who died yesterday morning at James Walker Memorial hospital. He had been ill several months.

Solemn high mass is scheduled at 10 o'clock at St. Stanislaus Catholic church at Castle Hayne with the Rev. Roland Gross, the Rev. Thomas Monahan, and the Rev. Joel Arnold officiating, following the recitation of the Rosary at the home at 8 a.m. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, six daughters; Mrs. M. A. Boryk, Mrs. Paul Puskas, Miss Sophia Gmytruk, Mrs. J. F. Heekin, Mrs. Robert Writh and Miss Frances Gmytruk; two sons John and Andrew Gmytruk, and one sister, Mrs. Lawrence Bieclender, and 10 grandchildren. Active pallbearers will be A.

Sondey, Jr., A. Schelegel, A. J. Janich, H. Vanzer Schall, J. T. Sondey and J. A. Pecora. T. Sondey and A. Pecora.

Honorary pallbearers will be Adam Sondey, Sr., A. Ludeke, J. Glod, A. Lorek, W. Dmytruk, J. M. Fedoranko, E. G. Debaylo, A. A. Keels, Sr., D. Schmidt, A. Lewandowski, Hugh MacRae, and Porter Davis.

#### SHIRLEY ANN HERRING

WARSAW, Dec. 20.—Shirley Ann Herring, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Herring, Rose Hill, died late Friday afternoon of injuries sustained about two hours earlier when she was playing and ran into an oncoming pulp wood truck driven by Charles Hall of Rose Hill. The accident was ruled unavoidable.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Mt. Zion Presbyterian church by Rev. J. C. Case assisted by Rev. F. M. Bain. Burial will be in the Rose Hill cemetery.

She is survived by her parents four brothers, Bennie Herring, Jr., William Earl Herring, Jerome Herring and Gene Herring; two sisters, Ruth Herring and Mattie Pearl Herring all of the home; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Stephen Miller of Mt. Olive.

#### GARFIELD T. VON MEYER

LUMBERTON, Dec. 20.—Garfield Thome Von Meyer died at a local hospital Friday morning at 7 o'clock after an illness of several months.

Requiem mass will be sung at St. Francis De Sales Catholic church in Lumberton Monday at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Mr. Von Meyer came here about 42 years ago from Cheboygon, Mich., was one of the organizers of Waccamaw Lumber company at Bolton. For the past ten years he had made his home in Lumberton with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allen, Jr., and had made many friends here.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Allen; three brothers, George Meyer of Visalia, Calif., Fred of Bay City, Mich., and John Meyer of Flint, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. John Brazill of Pomona, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Edmund Allen, Third, and Helen Mary Allen.

#### Students Present Musical Program Before Rotary Club

WHITEVILLE, Dec. 20. Mrs. Bobbie Paxton, public school music teacher at Fair Bluff, returned to her home town with three of her pupils to present a musical program at the final 1947 meeting of the Whiteville Rotary Club Thursday evening.

Topping the program was Mrs. Paxton's solo, "O Lovely Night," which she sang with unusual beauty. Ann Turner was the accompanist.

Guy Bailey, Jr., young Fair Bluff student, made a hit with his interpretation of "White Christmas" and then followed with a smash skit about a foreign woman's conception of a baseball game. Except for Mrs. Paxton's vocal solo, the skit placed highest on the program score. William Waller played the piano accompaniment for young Bailey's "White Christmas."

The guest artists were presented by Tom Coleman, program chairman. Birthdays were given to the Rotary Club's two unrelated Colemans — Tom and Ward — both of whose birthdays fell within the week.

Glee club entertains BURGAW, Dec. 20.—The Burgaw High school Glee club presented a program of Christmas music at the meeting to the Parent-Teacher association this week. Mrs. C. F. Mallard, Jr., directed the glee club. Miss Helen Johnson was pianist.

### City Briefs

#### Boy Scouts with safety placards helped police at business downtown intersections yesterday, aiding in keeping pedestrians in line to wait for red lights to cross the streets.

The city council is scheduled to hold its second December meeting Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, but because of the proximity of Christmas the meeting may be postponed in view of another definitely scheduled special meeting Wednesday, December 31, on a proposed zoning ordinance change.

New Hanover county commissioners will hold their next to last meeting of 1947 tomorrow. Only routine business was listed on the weekly calendar yesterday.

"The Child of Bethlehem" and other sound motion pictures, including a number of hymnals, will feature the religious program to be held at the Salvation Army hall, 215 S. Front street, tonight at 8 o'clock.

Sixty-seven Christmas boxes for needy in the community were contributed by the B. B. Leonard Hi-Y club at Williston Industrial school as its annual Christmas project for the 17th consecutive year.

Pvt. John T. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King, and Pvt. Cecil R. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Wilkins, both of Wilmington, have left Osaka, Japan, for discharge and home. Both were members of the 25th Infantry

(Tropical Lightning) division. They entered the army Aug. 29, 1946, received basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., and departed for overseas duty Dec. 7, 1946.

Cadet Herman N. Hayden, Jr., son of H. N. Hayden, Wilmington, has returned for the Christmas holidays from Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Ga. He will return January 5 to Riverside's winter home at Hollywood, Fla.

One of 32 map plat which the British government is giving to the United States was sought yesterday by Louis T. Moore, secretary of the New Hanover Historical commission, who wrote Senator Clyde R. Hoey asking for one that showed an outline of the North Carolina coast.

Santa Claus will visit the John H. Shaw Boys' club tomorrow, with all club members invited to be present. Midgets will be entertained from 5 until 6:30 o'clock. Juniors, seniors, and intermediates will be feted from 6:30 until 9 o'clock. The public is invited to attend these social functions or visit the club on any other occasion during the holiday.

#### Students Greet Christmas Holiday With A 'Whoop'

WHITEVILLE, Dec. 20.—With the normal exuberance of youth, 1200 school children greeted the arrival of Christmas holidays with a mighty whoop Friday and turned to the lighter tasks of preparing for the visit of Saint Nick.

### SCOUT GIRLS AID THE NEEDY

#### Whiteville Troop Two Makes Clothes For Babies

WHITEVILLE, Dec. 20.—Efforts of the members of Whiteville Girl Scout Troop No. 2 to obtain a proficiency badge in "Child Care" have resulted in benefits to needy families of the county this Christmas.

The troop, under the leadership of Mrs. LeGrand Lyon, Jr., elected, as one of the activities in earning the proficiency badge, to make articles of clothing for babies.

The girls, who are from 10 to 11 years of age, completed their garments last week. Mrs. John Nunn, county welfare superintendent, visited the troop at their regular meeting and accepted the clothing, which she assured the girls would be put to excellent use in the county. Mrs. Nunn addressed the troop briefly, explaining how the gift would be used.

Members of Mrs. Lyon's troop who worked on this project are Ann Lewis, Joanne Blanchard, Libby Ann Lane, Nancy Lyon, Jerry Nance, Joanne Ashley, Phyllis Gold, Pat Garrell, Shirley Bright, Betty Jo Register, Billy Boger, Virginia Woolard, Jean Gore, Christine Wooten, Adelaide

Smith, Kayward Fore, Nancy McNeill, Carolyn Sore, Carol Lee Pridden, Marilyn Cunningham, Mary Glen Culpepper, Frances Smith, Pat Thompson, Juanita Stevens, Betty Rose McKee, Elaine Hathaway and Mildred Stephens.

#### AWAIT GIRL, GET SON

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