

# Gov. Hodges, Chief Davis Issue Holiday Safety Pleas



**CARDINAL PLAYS SANTA**—At his annual Christmas Party in New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, wears a Santa suit and holds a large Christmas tree in one hand and a gift in the other. Despite tears, note tight grip she holds on Christmas presents in each hand. Sponsored each year by Catholic charitable organizations, the party and presents are highlights of the season for the homeless waifs. (Newspress Photo)

# PATROLMAN DELIVERS BABY

### VARINA MOTHER GIVES BIRTH IN AUTOMOBILE

The story of the advent of Jesus into the world and those being no room in the Inn has been told and told throughout the years, but Patrolman George A. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

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## Hospital Report

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SET

Those who would really like to get into the real spirit of Christmas and celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace in a true Christ-like manner, will find most of the churches of the city open for worship on Christmas Day. Sister Marie Gray is inviting all who would like to enjoy a real Christmas service, commemorating the birth of Christ, to come to Grace A.M.E. Zion Church at 5 o'clock, in the morning and hear the story in a special service, when a 30-voice choir will ring forth appropriate music.

## COOPER NAMES 4-H WINNERS

GREENSBORO, W. Va. — Cooper 4-H Club Sp... A and T. Collier, announced here Tuesday that there were 23 winners in 11 counties this year. Winners in the 19 programs listed below were in competition with fellow 4-H'ers from 52 counties who completed a total of 56,394 project units in 1954. These completed units included project work in fruits, soil and water conservation and management, forestry, wildlife and nature study, entomology, farm management, beautification of home grounds, and others. The winners, their projects and their county are listed as follows:

**Achievement—Yvonne Wallace** Brown of Caswell County and Glenwood Cooper, Nash County, bread-making — (individual) Joyce Ann Tuck, Person County, and (team) Iona Lee Vick and Velma Kearney, Franklin County, canning—Carolyn Gerald, Robeson County, clothing—Laura Ellen Williams, Wayne. Dairy achievement — Arthur Felix Hooper, Rockingham dairy foods demonstration — Shirley Maxine Crawford, Guilford; dress revue — Frances Mozelle Blackwell, Rockingham; farm and home electric—Emma Lee Martin, Wayne; field crops—Lloyd Walter Armstrong, Edgecombe; food preparation—Janis Marie Powell, Northampton; frozen foods — Catherine Wallace, Robeson. Garden—Selma Ernestine Dickens, Edgecombe; health—Melvin Hardy and Florence McLawhorn, Pitt; home improvement — Virginia; leadership — Edith Beatrice Joyce, Rockingham; neat and artistic—Olivia Downing, Northampton—Arthur Council, Jr., Pitt; poultry—Joseph Hill, Pitt; safety—Nannie Ruth Cousin, Person; and tractor maintenance—Claude Draughn of Edgecombe County. The CAROLINIAN, the state's (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)



**"THE NATIVITY"**—A Christmas painting by an unknown South African art student, as Bennett College students recreated it before an overflow audience which came to see the traditional "Living Madonnas" in A. Merner Pfeiffer Chapel on the campus at Greensboro Sunday evening. One of the eight tableaux, reproducing paintings by African and American Negro artists, "The Nativity" featured the following students: left to right: Ruth Reese, Darlington, S. C.; Doris Oyeveni Salaka, Nigeria, West Africa; Margaret Hall, Atlanta, and Katherine Jennifer Jones, Greenville, S. C.

## Mate Admits Axe Murder

ELIZABETH CITY — John Carl Wood, 42, of Route 2, Elizabeth City, charged with the murder of his wife, Edna, confessed Monday to having committed the fatal deed.

## WOMAN FOUND IN SHALLOW GRAVE

WOOD SAID THAT HE KILLED HIS wife with an axe at their home on the morning of June 14, according to Elizabeth City's Police Chief W. C. Owens. Chief Owens reported that Wood, who had previously denied the murder or any knowledge of his wife's death, admitted that he buried her where her body was dug up Thursday night by local law enforcement officers, back of the Holly Grove Church in Pasquotank County. However, Wood claimed that his wife had struck herself with the axe causing her own death. On being questioned earlier this week, Wood admitted that he hit her on the head with the axe and that she died soon thereafter.

## NAACP ASSURES TEACHERS AID

NEW YORK — The creation of a new department of NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund to protect Negro teachers, principals and school superintendents involved in the transition from segregated to non-segregated schools was announced here today by Thurgood Marshall, director-counsel of Legal Defense. Dr. John W. Davis, internationally known educator and former president of West Virginia State College, will head the new department. In announcing the creation of the new department and the appointment of Dr. Davis as its director, Mr. Marshall said the Board of Directors, in setting up this department, made it clear that the entire resources of this (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

## HEALTH REPORT SHOWS DIRE NEED

BY ALEXANDER BARNES An exhaustive report, released by Jaque B. Norman, of the health facilities of Wake County, not only recommended the closing of St. Agnes Hospital but deplored the conditions of all the hospital facilities of Raleigh and Wake County. The survey took into consideration that the 1950 census showed that there were 136,350 people in the county in 1950 and that the 1950 census would show 133,200. Hospital facilities not able to meet the needs now to say nothing of the situation that would be faced by 1960. The report compared Wake County with other counties within a 50 mile radius and showed that it was far behind in its hospital facilities. One of the alarming points in the report was that Negroes represented 32 per cent of the population and that out of 1,215 Negro births in 1950, 1,000 hospital facilities were not able to meet the needs now to say nothing of the situation that would be faced by 1960. The report compared Wake County with other counties within a 50 mile radius and showed that it was far behind in its hospital facilities. One of the alarming points in the report was that Negroes represented 32 per cent of the population and that out of 1,215 Negro births in 1950, 1,000 hospital facilities were not able to meet the needs now to say nothing of the situation that would be faced by 1960. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

## SUGAR BOWL IN JIM-CROW FEUD

BY ALEXANDER BARNES NEW ORLEANS, La. — Proponents of the traditional Sugar Bowl game ran into new opposition here this week when Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington office of the NAACP, made known the fact that he asked the United States Navy to repudiate the annual game on the grounds that it is now being offered for sale, which restricted attendance to Caucasians only. Mitchell pointed out that not only was this an undemocratic move, but was in direct contrast to the integrated program of the Navy. He termed it a condition which would cause gross violation of the Navy policy of racial integration. Officials, representing the Annapolis school, said that they did not plan to do anything about the protest, due to the fact that they were playing the game, on New Year's Day, at the invitation of the New Orleans Midwinter Sports Association and would be governed by the decision of its host. Further, the Navy said, the restriction was printed only on tickets sold for that section of the Sugar Bowl which is set aside for Caucasians. It is said a block of 100 tickets in a separate section of the bowl will be sold to those of other races. The general manager of the Dishy, was quoted by the Navy as saying that the policy of segregating Negroes at regular season games has been followed (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

## MISSISSIPPI IN REBELLION

BY ALEXANDER BARNES JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi voters took a step Tuesday to circumvent the ruling of the United States Supreme Court by voting for a constitutional amendment giving the Legislature standby authority to abolish the public schools as a means of continuing segregation. Even though there was a small turnout of the electorate, reports from 834 precincts, out of 1,825, showed that there were 53,291 for the amendment and 31,728 who opposed it. Voter interest was light in the balloting on an amendment designed to keep segregated schools despite a United States Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation. The amendment provides public schools for private schools if the public system is abandoned. It is similar to those approved already by Georgia and South (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)



**CAPTAIN WHITTAKER, JAPANESE BRIDE, SON, VISIT CITY** — Captain Callow, Alvin Whittaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whittaker of 15 W. Worth Street, is shown here with his wife, Kaoru, of Nagoya, Japan and son, David, who is three months old. The Whittakers reached Raleigh recently following a tour of 35 months in Kyoto, Japan. Whittaker, who entered the service as an enlisted man in February, 1945, received his present rank in April at Japan. He has been re-assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he will be stationed at the expiration of his leave. Whittaker is a graduate of Washington High School here. — STAFF PHOTO BY CLAYTON R. JONES.

## "Dead" Man Revived

### HEART MESSAGE RESTORES ACTION

BY CHARLES R. JONES FAYETTEVILLE — A Fort Bragg race soldier was revived by surgical treatment Monday when he apparently "died" after suffering five stab wounds around the heart at Fayetteville. City police said the stabbing victim's heart stopped but doctors at the nearby military reservation massaged it and started it beating again. Col. Frank E. Hanson of Fort Bragg performed a five-hour operation on the stabbing victim. The soldier, identified as Cpl. Eddie Sprangle of the Fifth Evacuation Hospital, was reported still in critical condition following the operation. Attaches said he has been given several blood transfusions. It was found by the surgeons that knife wounds in Sprangle's chest had collapsed his heart. They made an incision in his right side. Just as they began this, his heart ceased to function. They then made an incision in his left side and found that his heart had been wounded. A message technique started his heart beating again. The surgeons minimized the "miracle" phase of the operation, stating that it was fairly common in medical cases. Police are holding W. A. Smith of Fayetteville on charges of stabbing Sprangle. Sprangle, 33, who is reported by a native of Dunn, was found Monday at about 4 p. m. lying (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

## Gov. Hodges' Message

December 22, 1954 This is the time of the year when thousands of North Carolinians will travel long distances to be home for the holidays. Many of these people will be military personnel and students. This increased travel, especially on our highways, greatly increases the danger of highway accidents and highway fatalities. I urge everyone one to observe the traffic laws and drive safely and sanely. Please help make this HAPPY holiday a SAFE holiday for everyone. I commend THE CAROLINIAN for its interest and support in highway safety, and wish for all its readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The CAROLINIAN is anxious that everyone, both driver and pedestrian try to make this a safe and sane Christmas. The above statement by Governor Hodges is commended to everyone. Don't let death be your Santa Claus. Observe every rule of safety, in your home, on the street and on the highway. Accidental death is too big a price to pay for a little Christmas joy. Join the crusade for safety this Christmas. Chief of Police Davis had the following to say: "Everyone realize that this is the most dangerous period of the year. There is more darkness, more traffic on highways and more carelessness. "It is my sincere wish that the people of Raleigh will employ every caution when driving, in order to halt the number of traffic deaths now recorded in Raleigh. Last year there were no traffic deaths in Raleigh. Let's begin immediately another year of death-free traffic."

## State News Brief

**TRACTOR KILLS WAKE RESIDENT** — VARINA — Sylvester Davis, 23, of Varina, Route 1, was killed instantly last Saturday when he was run over by a tractor near here, according to a report by Wake County's Coroner Marshall W. Bennett, who said that Davis was riding on a tractor driven by William McDowell and fell from the tractor under the machine's back wheel. The fatal ruling was that Davis died accidentally from internal injuries. He was an employer of the Babcock Lumber Company at 9 a. m. the approximate time of the accident, he and McDowell were handling lumber. **BOY CHARGED IN ROBBERY** — HIGH POINT — Police say a 16-year-old local youth, awaiting (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

## Wealthy White Brothers Sentenced: Negro Brothers, Held Slave, Freed

BIRMINGHAM — (AP)—Two prosperous white brothers who held two men as slaves were sentenced to 1-1/2 years on federal peonage charges. The brothers, farmers in west-central Alabama, were sentenced by U. S. District court Judge Lynn. They were convicted in May. Judge Lynn ordered Oscar Edwin Dial, 34, to begin serving his prison term Christmas eve, but allowed his brother, Fred, 25, to postpone his imprisonment until August, after their attorneys pleaded that Fred was ill and that one of the brothers was needed to work the family farm. Originally, four Dial brothers and two cousins were indicted on (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)



**WHERE 5 KIDS DIED**—Woodrow Held (left) and Reuben Stewart, who lived on the first floor of the building, look into one of the apartments of the frame building where five children were burned to death on Cleveland's east side recently. The building housed 29 persons. All escaped into sub-freezing temperatures except the five children. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined. As the result of a rash of similar fatal fires in Harlem, New York Congressman Adam C. Powell has rallied official support in a drive to jail landlords of fire-trap tenements. (Newspress Photo)