

Erwin Mills Speeds Up Production; Now On 24-Hour Schedule

Erwin Mills in Erwin went on a full, three, eight-hour shift schedule, starting this morning at 6:00 a. m. The first shift will start at 6:00 a. m. and work until 2:00 p. m.; the second shift from 2:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m. and the third shift from 10 p. m. until 6:00 a. m.

These hours were arranged in accordance with the results of an election held at the mills recently to determine the time at which the majority of the employees desired to start the shifts.

Until today, the first shift had started at 6:30 a. m. and ended at 3:15 p. m. with 45 minutes for lunch. Second shift hours were from 3:15 until midnight, with a 45 minute supper period, while the third shift had only worked six and one-half hours, from midnight until 6:30 a. m.

In order to avoid starting the third shift on Sunday night, this shift will start its week on Monday nights, except when there is a six day week in prospect, when they will start at 10:00 on Sunday night.

HOLIDAYS AROUND-
Since the new around-the-clock schedule does not allow any lunch

Christmas Buying Sets Record Here

Stores Report Heavy Buying, Big Traffic

It looked like Christmas Eve in Dunn stores today as Christmas shoppers filled the town and engaged in brisk buying which may set a new record for Christmas season sales here.

By 10 o'clock this morning, many stores were packed and jammed with shoppers and many of them had to call in extra sales personnel to handle the crowd.

"I've never seen so much buying at Christmas before," declared one prominent Dunn merchant.

SATURDAY WAS "WHOPPER"
Practically all merchants interviewed in a cross-section survey today by The Daily Record described business on Saturday as "a whopper."

They said business on Saturday was better than it normally is on Christmas Eve.

Marvin Raynor, manager at Belk's Department Store, said his business on Saturday broke all records for any one day.

Hugh Prince, manager at Prince's Department Store, said business Saturday was much better than last Christmas Eve.

This seemed to be the story all over town.

One of the large variety stores said today that business this December will be the best in history for his store.

NEW GOODS FLOW IN
In order to meet the demands, many stores have ordered — and already received — much additional new merchandise for the season. Merchandise has been arriving by air mail and air express, and phone lines have been kept busy between Dunn stores and the wholesale outlets.

Drug stores, which started re-stocking open units last week, have reported exceptionally heavy buying, along with furniture stores, hardware stores, food stores and every other type of business here.

Many merchants said they were surprised in view of the farm conditions this year. Most farmers have reported a drop in income for the year.

But there was no sign today of a shortage of money in the stores.

Heavy Weekend Traffic Brings Four Accidents

Four weekend accidents involving serious personal and property injury were reported today by the highway patrol during a weekend which saw the heaviest traffic here in years. There were also other minor accidents.

Corporal Rommie Williamson of the highway patrol said traffic on Highway 301 Friday, Saturday and Sunday was the heaviest in his memory.

Others who operate business firms or live along 301 made the same observation. The highway was crowded with motorists making trips for the holidays.

The traffic was so heavy that it appeared like one continuous funeral procession.

"It's a miracle," said the officer, "that we didn't have more accidents."

Saturday afternoon at five o'clock, Corporal Williamson investigated a crash on Fairground Road three miles from Dunn, involving cars driven by John Leslie Langley, Dunn Route 3 and Mrs. Regina Dare Beasley, Dunn Route 3.

The Beasley car was proceeding toward Dunn and the Langley car headed in the opposite direction. Langley went over to the wrong side of the road and it was almost a head-on collision. Injuries were minor, but the cars were damaged between \$300 and \$400.

Langley was arrested and charged with drunken driving and driving after his license had been revoked.

Sunday morning at 1:30 a car driven by Sergeant Robert Bruce McPhail, Route 1 Wade, accompanied by Corporal James W. Capps, Route 1 Wade, was proceeding toward Fayetteville, when the lights of an oncoming car blinded Sergeant McPhail.

The car was off the side of the road and overturned. Capps suffered a possible fracture of the right knee. Ironically, he had just returned from Korea, where he received four battle stars but had never been injured. Damage to the car was about \$750.

DRIVER FACING CHARGES
Edward Harris, 44-year-old Smithfield Negro, today was facing trial on charges of driving drunk, speeding and careless and reckless driving as the result of an accident that occurred Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock on the Jonesboro Road.

Patrolman David Matthews said the accident occurred when the 1952 Mercury sedan driven by Harris failed to make a curve, ran off the left side of the highway, then skidded back to the right into a field and turned over several times. He skidded a total of 810 feet, the officer said.

Harris was brought to the Dunn Hospital for treatment. He was not seriously hurt.

FOURTH ACCIDENT
Another accident occurred Sunday afternoon at 3:15, about four miles north of Dunn on Highway 301 when a 1949 Chevrolet convertible operated by Elton Stewart, 26, of Coats, Route 1 was forced off the highway and hit a ditch embankment on the right side of the road and turned over.

Stewart said a motorist who pulled out of the line of traffic into his path forced him off the highway.

Patrolman Matthews ruled that Stewart was not at fault. Stewart was brought to the Dunn Hospital with head injuries.



SANTA VISITS BAPTIST MISSION — Old Santa Claus was a special visitor yesterday when the Branch Sunday School on North Clinton Ave., a mission of the First Baptist Church, held its Christmas party. The mission Sunday School was founded in February with only 29 members and now has 104 members. W. E. Cobb is superintendent and L. L. Coats is associate superintendent. Pictured here are some of the leaders shown with Santa Claus and the happy children. Left to right are: Mrs. James Tew, Mrs. Mack F. Hodges, Mrs. Coats, Lonnie R. Norris, Santa Claus, Mr. Cobb, Mrs. K. M. Wood, and Joe Norris, who was stooping down to help Santa. After Santa distributed gifts to the happy children, a special Christmas service was held. (Daily Record Photo)

AMVETS Position On Bonus Is Stated

With the convening of the 1953 session of the North Carolina legislature only two weeks away, Paul R. Hester, of Dunn, State Commander of the AMVETS, said today that he wishes to plainly state the position that his organization is taking on any bonus referendum legislation which might be introduced.

"Entirely too many versions have been given as to our position on a state bonus," said Hester, "and I should like to clarify this once and for all." Our 1951 State Convention passed the following resolution:

"Whereas twenty eight states have already paid adjusted compensation to World War II veterans for war time service, and

"Whereas the right to vote was one of the constitutional rights which we fought to preserve, and

"Whereas North Carolina AMVETS neither approve nor disapprove the issue of whether the State of North Carolina shall pay adjusted compensation to North Carolina Veterans for their war time service, now therefore be it

Churches Plan Yule Events

Churches throughout the area had capacity congregations yesterday with special events throughout the day at most churches. Events included recitals, cantatas, church and Sunday School Christmas Tree parties, and many special services.

In all churches, the emphasis was on the Christmas theme, with sermons, Scripture readings and other features of Sunday services designed to carry out the general theme of the birth of Christ.

Americans, being inordinate travelers, the majority of the churches scheduled their Christmas services for Sunday, anticipating that many of the members of their congregations would be away from home during the long holiday week-end.

However, for the stay-at-homes there will be services during the week at many of the churches, with midnight services Wednesday night at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Erwin and the Dunn Presbyterian Church and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dunn.

The musical score for the services at the Dunn Presbyterian Church has not yet been completed, the pastor, Rev. R. R. Gammon said, but the theme will be "Christ Is Light."

Scripture passages will deal with the birth of Christ and the music selected will be Christmas hymns and carols. There will be no formal sermon, and the services will conclude with Holy Communion.

No special services during the week are contemplated for the Dunn First Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. E. P. Russell said. The church, depicting scenes from the living tableaux on the lawn of the birth of Christ, will continue through Christmas Eve.

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No Road Sentences For Drunk Drivers

Drunken drivers paid fines and costs in Dunn Recorder's Court this morning. Judge H. Paul Strickland did not impose road sentences, fines totalling \$350 and costs were imposed on two defendants in this category.

Donnie Norris, for a second offense of drunken driving and resisting arrest, drew six months, suspended 2 years on payment of \$200 and costs with the recommendation that his license not be issued for two years.

Quincy McKay was given six months, suspended 12 months on payment of \$150 and costs, for drunken driving and possession. It was recommended that his license be revoked.

Marvin Edward Shipp, charged with no operator's license, drew 30 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Leo Levitov, charged with speeding 55 in a 35 mile zone, waived appearance and pleaded guilty. He was taxed with costs.

CORN STILL IN FIELD
A landlord-tenant dispute was left open for two weeks in order that the two parties might come to some amicable arrangement in the meantime. Mrs. Alton McLamb charged her tenant, Junior Bradley, with disposing of crops without making a financial settlement with her.

Meanwhile, corn remains ungathered in the field. Judge Strickland continued prayer for judgment until January 8 after finding Bradley guilty, but warned him that if he picked the corn, he must not dispose of it until a settlement had been reached.

Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of costs in the case of Lemuel Honeycutt, charged with a stop sign violation.

J. C. Leach, charged with assault and David Jones, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty to charges of affray. They admitted that they cut each other in a knife fight.

Club Raises Over \$1,200

J. Shepherd Bryon chairman of the Dunn Rotary Club's fund drive for the benefit of the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage, told the club last night that the reports were nearly complete, and that he estimated that this year's contributions would run better than \$1,200.

The amount raised this year, he said, is the highest ever. When the few canvassers that have not reported do so, the money will be converted into a cashier's check, payable to the orphanage, and the check will be presented at the orphanage board of directors meeting on January 1 at the orphanage.

As another portion of Rotary's program last night, J. Edward Johnson, superintendent of the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage, gave the group a resume of the orphanage since he took over the superintendency.

He said that the funds contributed

Graham Prays For GI Who May Die

ABOARD JUTLANDIA, Korea (AP) — The wounded man never opened his eyes as evangelist Billy Graham knelt beside his bed on this Danish Hospital ship.

Sobbing moans escaped his almost lifeless lips.

"Dear God, we pray that this man's life may be spared," Graham whispered.

While he prayed a nurse bent over the wounded man holding a pan beneath his lips. Blood dripped from a bottle through the tube leading to the man's arm.

"Save this man, dear God" Graham pleaded.

A doctor shook his head.

HE WON'T LIVE
"He won't live," he said in hushed tones.

Early this morning, a mortar shell exploded and shell fragments ripped through the man's lungs and stomach. The doctor said the wounds were mortal. The man was rushed from the front to this hospital ship anchored in a harbor near Seoul.

Graham, now on a Christmas tour of Korea, arrived aboard the Jutlandia only a few hours after the Danish doctors laid the badly-wounded American on white sheets and entered his name on the critical list.

The evangelist finished his prayer and rose to his feet.

"God bless you, son," he said. "There was no answer—only another of those haunting groans. Graham's head was bowed as he walked away from the bed.

"I wish every American could see that man," he said.

Boy, 13, Never Drove Before, Steals Car, Drives 110 Miles

Corporal Rommie Williamson of the State Highway Patrol today disclosed a story of how a 13-year-old Dunn boy who had never driven a car before in his life stole an automobile and drove it 110 miles before he was apprehended.

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+ Dear Santa Claus +

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old and my name is Mickey Hodges. I stay with my grandfather and grandmother and help them work. I want you to bring me a cowboy suit and watch for Christmas.
Mickey Hodges
Dunn, N. C. Rt. 3

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi, Santa! How are you liking the cold weather this week? I guess you are used to it since you live at the North Pole. I am so glad that the month of December has rolled around so you can visit us again. I am looking for you although I am 11 years old. A Junior projector, 6 Viewmaster films, punching bag, space fieldglasses and a surprise, is what I want for Christmas.
Love,
Donald Barefoot
508 S. Wilson Ave.
Dunn, N. C.

Dear Santa,
I am a little 6 year old girl and I go to school every day and like
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Report Is Made By City Manager

A report of the activities of himself and the city departments under his direction, was turned in to the City Council at its meeting Thursday night by City Manager A. B. Uzzle, Jr.

The activities report, covering the period from December 4th to December 18th, is as follows:

Public Works Department — Reported by Sup't J. A. Bass:

1. Cut tree limbs hanging over street so new Elgin Sweeper could operate.
2. Put up two "SLOW" signs on N. Fayetteville Ave. near Durham and Southern Railroad shops.
3. Started installation of storm sewer on N. Gen. Le Ave. Property owners paying for pipe. Town furnishing labor.
4. Cemetery and Parks Department — Reported by Sup't Joe T. Jackson:

1. Routine maintenance and operation of two cemeteries.
2. Worked on the making and installation of street sign posts in ward No. 2.
3. Maintenance and operation of Christmas lights. City labor costs for installing lights was \$332.90.
4. Water and Sewer Department — Reported by Sup't. Fernie Hartley:

1. Installed 210 feet of Sanitary Sewer for C. T. Latimer on Little Ave. from Pope St. toward Pope road. Mr. Latimer paid for materials \$79.51. Town paid for labor and equipment \$284.00. Total cost was \$363.51.
2. Unloaded 300 bags of alum at water plant.
3. Cut off and on 150 delinquent water customers.
4. Repaired break in C. C. I. water main on S. Wilson Ave.

City Manager's activities:

1. Inspected "STOP" sign at corner S. Wilson Ave. and Canary St. to see if it should be removed. It was placed there several months ago to slow down fast drivers on Wilson Ave. in vicinity of Colonial Frozen Food Locker Co.
2. Worked on the Storm Sewer crossing N. General Lee Ave.
3. Ran City Limit Line N. Gen. Lee to L. H. Sills residence.

Catholics Slate Christmas Mass

Father Francis A. McCarthy, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church here has announced the complete plans for the annual Christmas Midnight Mass to be offered in the local Catholic Church commencing at 2:01 a.m. Christmas Morning.

The local priest also stated that Christmas Carols and Organ music will begin at 11:30 p. m. on Wednesday evening.

LARGE TURNOUT EXPECTED
Father McCarthy has suggested that those planning to attend this Christmas Mass should arrive at the Church early as a large turnout is expected to come. The local pastor has declared that "this Mass invitation is extended to the Protestants, Jews and Catholics of Dunn and Harnett County. He also noted that the Mass to be offered on Christmas morning at 12:01 is the same Holy Mass that is offered every Sunday and weekday in the local Church. "The only difference in the Christmas Midnight Mass," Father McCarthy stated, "is the extra ceremonies that surround the Holy Sacrifice."

TRANSLATIONS TO BE GIVEN
Because of the many non-Catholics who will attend the Midnight ceremonies a special translation of the Mass prayers will be given to all those attending. "The Holy Mass Prayers are said in Latin by the priest throughout the world to signify the Unity of the Church," the priest stated, "but translations are available for the congregations so they can pray the Mass with the Priest offering the Holy Sacrifice."

BLESSING OF THE NEW CENSERS
Part of the pre-Mass ceremonies will consist in the Processional into the church by the Altar Boys, the Celebrant of the Holy Mass and

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BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's farm loan agency approved \$212,242,141 in loans to 96,500 farm families in 1952, it was announced today. Dillard B. Lasser, chief of the Agriculture Department's Farmers Home Administration, said about half of the loans went to veterans.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Security Resources Board recommended today enactment of legislation to encourage private industrial production of electric power from atomic energy.

CAMDEN, N. J. (AP) — Someone in or near a 500-apart-

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MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY
RALEIGH (AP) — Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers weak; Supplies plentiful trading very light. Heavy hens steady, supplies plentiful, supplies at farm up to 10 a. m. today. Fryers and broilers 24-3 lbs. 27-28 heavy hens 23-25, mostly 24-25.

EGGS: Steady. Supplies short to adequate, demand good. Prices paid producers and handlers FOB local grading stations: A large 57, A medium 48-50, B large 46-50.

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