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## Ike Names Morse Undersecretary Of Agriculture



**CHRISTMAS IN A NEW LAND** — For Mrs. Robert M. Stewart and her two daughters, Renate, 12, and Elfriede, 14, of Lillington, December 25 marks their first Christmas in America. It is also another memorable anniversary. Seven years ago, Christmas Day Corporal Stewart, then in Munich, Germany with the occupation forces, was asked by his commanding officer to take home from the communications center a German girl named Rosemarie. That started a romance with the petite blond widow which culminated in their marriage last May. Corporal Stewart now at Ft. Bragg brought his wife and lovely adopted daughters to America last August. The happy family is shown with a tree trimmed the American way. The soldier is a native of Clinton, but his parents now own a farm near Durham. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart).

### Three Murders, Two Rape Cases Will Be Tried

Five capital cases, three of murder and two of rape are set on the calendar of the one-week criminal term of Harnett Superior Court which convenes Monday, January 5, with Judge H. Paul Frizzelle presiding.

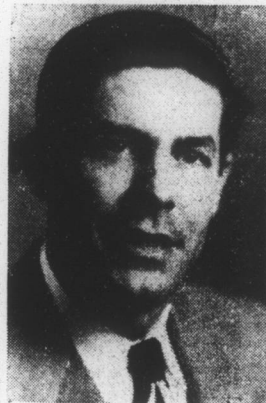
One murder case, that of Beulah Brown, charged with the murder of her husband, is slated for action by the Grand Jury. The others are those of Charles H. Haire and Charles Ferguson.

Charges of rape, both cases to be heard by the Grand Jury are those of Archie Mason of Erwin, charged with the rape of his sister-in-law and Rex Holleman.

#### GRAND JURY CASES

Other cases to go before the Grand Jury and be called at the pleasure of Solicitor Jack Hooks include: Roosevelt Matthews, forgery; Jesse Bill Ragland and Okie Bernice Monk, breaking and entering and larceny; Marie Massey, embezzlement; and Lemon Lee, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Cases set for trial Monday January 5 are: in re W. L. Senter, respondent; Talmadge H. Jernigan, forgery; Clarence (Shug) Avery and Herbert Dorman, conspiracy to violate prohibition laws; John Mack Wood, Jr. et al, trespass; Jodie Ferguson, assault with a deadly weapon; William Preston Holland, careless and reckless driving, speeding; John Davis, possession for sale; John Woodward Barnes, speeding; Joe Brewington, reckless driving; Monroe George Coats, drunk driving, no operators license; Henry A. Johnson, abandonment, etc.; Earl (Continued on page two)



EMMETT ALDREDGE



BILLY GODWIN



BERT ALABASTER

### Chamber Directors Elected

Emmett Aldredge, O. W. (Billy) Godwin, Jr. and Bert Alabaster this morning were announced as the three new directors of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce and will begin their duties in January.

All three are prominent Dunn business men and active leaders in the civic, social and religious affairs of the town.

Announcement of their election was made jointly by President Clarence E. McLamb and Manager Norman Suttles.

The three new directors were chosen from a list of 20 nominees voted on by mail during the past two weeks.

Mr. Aldredge heads the Machine and Welding Company; Godwin is president of Godwin Building Supply Company and Mr. Alabaster owns and operates the local Western Auto Supply Store.

#### RETIRED DIRECTORS

They will succeed three retiring directors, President McLamb, Earl Westbrook and Gene Smith. Their terms expire this month.

Other members of the board are: Locke Muse, Grover C. Henderson, Henry L. Tyler, Charles Skinner, Waite Howard, Henry Sandlin and two ex-officio members, Mayor Ralph E. Hanna and Willie Biggs, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The new board of directors will elect one of its members as president and the new officers will take over in January. Plans for the annual banquet will be announced at an early date.

#### THOROUGH

HARTFORD, Conn. (P) — There's such a thing as doing your work too thoroughly, police said in arresting Edward Ahern, 39, a local drinking parlor missed \$50 from the safe. Ahern was employed there as a cleanup man.

### Last Minute News Shorts

**NEW YORK** — (P) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur's spokesman said today "there is no substance to any reports that MacArthur plans to make a trip to the Far East."

**GILBERTOWN, Ala.** — (P) — A 15-year-old schoolboy was killed in an explosion last night when he climbed to the top of an oil storage tank and opened the lid while holding a burning carbide lamp. He was hunting possums.

**PARIS** — (P) — President Vincent Auriol today asked Socialist leader Guy Mollet to see if he could form a new French government.

**METZ, France** — (P) — A French (Continued on page two)

## + Dear Santa Claus +

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy seven years old. Please bring me a set of building brick, a viewmaster, doctor set, and football. Be good to all the boys and girls.

He wants an air rifle. Please remember all the boys and girls who didn't think to write to you.  
Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.

Love, Elizabeth Nell Capps  
Pine Dale Farm  
Coats, Route 1

P. S. Santa, please drop a note in everyone's stocking reminding them that Christmas is Christ's birthday.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy in the first grade. My teacher is Miss Phyllis Buckner. She is a very good teacher so please bring her something nice.  
I would like for you to bring me a doll carriage, some doll clothes, a cash register, and anything else you would like for me to have.  
Don't forget my brother, Jerry.

Love, Charlie Pope  
800 S. Washington, Ave.  
Dunn, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 6 years old and in the first grade at Coats School. My teacher is Miss Phyllis Buckner. She is a very good teacher so please bring her something nice.  
I would like for you to bring me a doll carriage, some doll clothes, a cash register, and anything else you would like for me to have.  
Don't forget my brother, Jerry.

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## BULLETINS

**WASHINGTON** (P) — The Navy will promote about 2,500 ensigns to lieutenants junior grade on Jan. 1.

**WASHINGTON** (P) — The Defense Department announced today that U. S. battle casualties in Korea now total 128,083, an increase of 216 over last week's summary.

**BEIRUT, Lebanon** (P) — Scores of shipwrecked Christmas pilgrims who prayed for a 26th Century miracle turned today toward Holy Land shrines to give thanks for their deliverance from the sea.

**WASHINGTON** (P) — Coach Harold Bradley of Duke University, who collapsed in the dressing room at Uline Arena Monday night after Duke lost 113-97 to George Washington's basketball team, was discharged from (Continued on page two)

### Has Conference With Red Cross Leaders Today

**NEW YORK** (P) — President-elect Eisenhower received an hour-long briefing today from E. Roland Harriman, president of the American Red Cross, which Eisenhower will head as honorary chairman after he takes office Jan. 20.

Eisenhower, operating under a slowed-down holiday schedule, earlier named True D. Morse, a former Democrat who assisted in writing the farm plank of the 1952 Republican platform, as his under-secretary of agriculture.

Harriman said he "talked" to the general about the Red Cross and only the Red Cross. Under the organization's congressional charter the president serves as its honorary chairman and performs "certain duties." Harriman said.

Included in those duties, Harriman said, was the appointment of eight members of the 50-member board of governors. The eight appointed by the White House deal directly with governmental agencies, such as the Defense Department, the Treasury Department and the State Department.

**VOTES REPUBLICAN**  
The next under-secretary of agriculture said in St. Louis, where he heads the Doane Agricultural Service, Inc., that although he was reared a Democrat he has voted the national Republican ticket for the last 20 years. Morse, 56, said he viewed his appointment as "a wonderful opportunity to serve the nation and agriculture."

During the Republican presidential campaign of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Morse headed a group of farm leaders working to get out the vote for Dewey. A farm boy, he was invited to help with the GOP farm plank this year and worked on the plank prior to the Republican convention.

A spokesman for Morse said that has been his only activity in politics. He voted for Eisenhower, the spokesman said.

James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, said Morse was "an Eisenhower supporter" during the campaign. However, in St. Louis it was said that Morse did not campaign for Eisenhower.

As No. 1 man under the secretary of agriculture, Morse will receive a yearly salary of \$17,500. He will succeed C. J. McCormick, present undersecretary of agriculture.

**LIGHT SCHEDULE**  
Eisenhower had a light schedule of appointments at his Commodore (Continued on page two)

### Christmas Sidelights

**CHICAGO** (P) — Pullman Co. officials said today a passenger apparently lost his Christmas spirit on an eastward trip from Seattle, Wash.

The man left a seven-foot undecorated Christmas tree on the train.

**JACKSON, Miss.** (P) — When Richard Cutler told his mother he killed a "big wildcat" during his hunting trip with his Christmas cap pistol she skeptically told him to "bring it home."

Half an hour later eight-year old Richard returned pulling a 30-pound bobcat in his little red wagon. (Continued On Page Five)

## Soldiers Huddle In Trenches, Bunks On Icy Christmas Morn

## Christmas Rites Set At Churches

Special services for Christmas Eve are scheduled for a number of churches in this area tonight. At each church holding services, a cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend.

The living tableaux of the Nativity, presented on the lawn of the Dunn First Baptist Church will continue through tonight. Incidents connected with the birth of Christ are presented in tableau form by a cast composed of most of the members of the church.

At St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Erwin, a special Christmas Eve Eucharist service will be held

with the Rector, Rev. W. Robert Insko officiating.

Services will start with a special song service of Christmas music and will conclude with a service of Holy Communion. Services here will start at 11:30 p. m.

A special Christmas Eve service will be held at the Dunn Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. R. R. Gammon, beginning at 11:30. This service, too, will conclude with Holy Communion.

#### MIDNIGHT MASS

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church there will be a special Christmas (Continued On Page Five)

## This Man To Have A Dry Christmas

William McNeill, 26-year-old Dunn Negro will have a dry Christmas. About five pints of white whiskey, which the unhappy Negro had dedicated, for Christmas cheer was confiscated this morning in Dunn Recorder's Court and he was fined enough so that he probably won't be able to purchase another supply.

McNeill was proceeding east on Cumberland when something about his driving of the old model truck attracted the attention of officers Aaron Johnson and John Black, late last night.

They overhauled the defendant and found the liquor, one pint in his pocket and the rest on the (Continued On Page Five)

## Christmas Observance Expected To Be Quiet

Citizens of this section today looked forward to a quiet and happy Christmas holiday season and officials joined in expressing hope it will be a safe one for all.

In Dunn and in other towns in the same area today, stores were filled to running over with shoppers preparing for Old Santa's visit tonight and for big family gatherings tomorrow.

Several Christmas church services are scheduled but, most Christmas observance will center around the home.

Travel by automobile, bus and

train away from Dunn and this section began picking up this morning as many persons who have the prospect of a long week end ahead, began leaving for visits to relatives and friends in other sections.

Erwin Mills in Erwin ceased operations at the end of the third shift this morning at 6 o'clock and will not resume operations until Monday morning, December 29. Many Erwin employees immediately took off to visit in other places.

#### OFFICES TO CLOSE

In Lillington, County employees will also have a long weekend and the county offices will remain closed until Monday. Many of the busi-

ness firms in the area have followed suit and will not reopen until Monday.

In Dunn, the city offices closed at noon today, but they will reopen Saturday morning. The Saturday reopening was decided upon at the last meeting of the city council because of the necessity of making up the weekly payroll. The Police and Fire Departments, however, will function as usual.

Store employees, tired after the last minute rush, will have until Saturday to refresh themselves and enjoy their Christmas dinners. Stores will reopen on Saturday morning after closing tonight. (Continued on page two)

### Church Holds Holiday Party

Lillington Methodists, in keeping with a long standing custom, had a Christmas tree for Sunday School pupils on Tuesday night at the church. Feature of the program was a play, "Lighting the Christmas Candles" in which around 25 children from the primary through the intermediate departments participated.

Mrs. Joe Hudson and Mrs. Leon Kelly directed the play in which portrayed in costume and dialogue the different ways in which the birth of Christ is celebrated in various parts of the world.

Jane Cranford had the chief role of the American mother as she explains to her daughter "Betty" played by Margaret Layton, the Christmas customs of many lands.

The young actors and actresses (Continued on page two)

### Student Event Will Be Held

Student Recognition Day, a program designed to inform church members on the role college students are playing in the church program, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 28 at the Lillington Methodist church.

Laura Mae Edwards, student at Wake Forest College will be in charge. Others who will participate in the program are Mary George Kelly, Duke; Grace Gastineau, Wake. (Continued on page two)

### Minister Held On Rape Count

**GASTONIA** (P) — A 50-year-old minister charged with raping a 16-year-old choir girl today awaited action by the grand jury Jan. 12. Magistrate D. B. Price ordered Rev. Ervin Lynch, pastor of the Jesus Christ Church, held without bond for the trial.

Price said the warrant, signed by the girl and her mother, charged the alleged assault occurred Dec. 6. Price said the girl told him she had been intimate with Lynch a number of times.

The girl, who sang on religious radio programs Lynch conducted, lived with her grandmother at Low-

The call to order by J. E. (Fats) Williams was followed by the benediction by Fr. William Howard Carter of Goldsboro, who was also the principal speaker.

District Manager Gene Hood, of Dunn, recognized the officials present, who included Braston Jackson, Head Camp Officer of Dunn Route 5 and Assistant State Manager Hiram A. Melvin of Charlotte, who organized the orphanage parties, and his wife. Mr. Melvin introduced Dr. Carter.

District Manager Hood also recognized the members of the various Camps in this area who were present for the party, and expressed the thanks of the local Camps to them and to the merchants, whose fine cooperation had aided in making the party a success.

Special music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dupree of Raleigh and Mrs. Lenwood Hall of Dunn.

At the conclusion of Dr. Carter's talk, Santa Claus took over and presented individual gifts to each of the orphans from the two orphanages, together with candy, fruit and nuts.

Thirty door prizes were distributed to adult holders of tickets drawn from a box and then a huge box of smaller toys, candy, gum and similar items were distributed to every child there, those from the orphanage and the children of the Woodmen present as well.

## Negro Bound Over On Murder Charge

Judge M. O. Lee found probable cause Tuesday in Harnett Recorder's Court against Bailey Lee McNeill, 38 year-old Negro charged with the murder of his wife Rachel Mae McNeill near Linden on Dec. 19.

McNeill is held in jail on a first degree charge without the privilege of bail.

The judge also overruled the motion for arrest of judgement of the six months prison sentence imposed in the case of Mary Bailey McNeill, accused of possession of whiskey for sale. Motion was made on grounds of the improper wording of the warrant. A. R. Taylor, defense counsel, immediately posted notice of appeal to the superior court and bond was set at \$500.

Meantime, Solicitor Neil Ross informed the court he had asked Attorney General Harry McMullan for new rulings on two points raised by the McNeill case in search and

seizure. The requests were made by the solicitor in behalf of the sheriff and other law enforcement officers. So far no reply has been received.

**GUILTY OF ASSAULT**  
Robert Lee Morris, 17-year-old Negro youth of Coats, entered a plea of guilty to assault with a knife on Leroy Holiday following arguments in a Coats cafe. He drew 60 days on the roads, suspended on good behaviour and payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Fatter fines for highway traffic violations, particularly driving with no operator's license, were noted in other judgements of the court.

Fritz Norwood, found guilty of operating a car with no driver's license, was fined \$25 and costs. But Arron A. Gilbert who entered a plea of guilty to same offense was fined \$50 and costs. But Gilbert earlier had been charged with driv-