

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with continued warming Friday and Saturday.

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# THOUSANDS FLEE FLOODS IN WEST



**LIVING NATIVITY SCENE** — Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carr as they participated in the "Living Nativity" scene at the First Baptist Church last night by playing the roles of Mary and Joseph in one of last night's presenta-

tions. The nativity scene will be presented tonight and Saturday night, with two shifts each night. The rarity and beauty of the real life scenes are lasting impressions to its viewers.

### Stocks Guilty On Four Counts, In Dunn Court

Four counts of driving infractions cost Frank Stocks, Dunn, Route 4 \$135 and court costs in Dunn Recorder's Court yesterday.

He was arrested Dec. 20 for driving drunk no operator's license, speeding 65 in a 35 mile zone, and careless and reckless driving. Judge H. Paul Strickland who sentenced Stocks after he had entered a plea of guilty as charged suspended a 90-day sentence on the roads.

The court recommended that Stocks not be issued any driver's license for a year.

Other cases aired yesterday Charles Thomas Johnson, Dunn, route 5, careless and reckless driving, running stop sign, speeding above 50 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour zone; defendant pled guilty, \$25 fine and costs, 60 days suspended.

Donald Ray Lee, Benson, speeding 50 miles per hour in 35 mile zone; pled guilty through his attorney, E. A. Parker, waiving presence in court; \$5 fine and costs.

Archibald David Ferguson, Fort Bragg, speeding, 30 days suspended on payment of \$5 fine and costs.

John Worth McQueen, Route 3, Dunn, expired operator's license, 30 days suspended on payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Carl Godwin, Dunn, Route 5; speeding and running stop sign, pled guilty, 30 days suspended on payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Bobby Gilbert Parker, Benson, possession of taxpaid whisky on which seal had been broken, pled guilty through Attorney E. A. Parker, 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Robert Snead, assault on a female; court found action "malicious and frivolous," put costs on prosecuting witness, Christine Womach.



Pier Angeli

### Pier Angeli's Gems Stolen

LONDON (P)—Crooner Vic Damone and his movie actress wife, Pier Angeli, were robbed of jewels worth \$28,000 last night, police reported today.

Thieves broke into the Damones' apartment on fashionable Eaton Square while the Damones were out to dinner, police said.

"They're taken everything I possess," Miss Angeli said. Damone added that the haul included every piece he had ever given his wife.

Two maids and the Damones' 7-month-old son, Perry, were in the apartment at the time, but were not aroused. The thieves climbed a drainpipe and forced the bathroom window, police said.

### Gambling Rooms Evacuated In Reno, Nevada

SAN FRANCISCO (P)—Thousands fled their homes in Oregon and California today as raging coastal rivers inundated at least five towns and scores of other communities.

At least 10 persons were known dead and damage so far was estimated at 10 million dollars.

The Red Cross, civic authorities and National Guard were mobilized to care for at least 15,000 homeless in California where Gov. Goodwin J. Knight declared a state of emergency in the stricken counties.

Scores of persons were reported missing. The rain, which has fallen steadily for a week, continued to feed the swollen streams. Highways and railroads were washed out and communications were disrupted in many communities. Amateur radio operators were the only means in some areas for communication with the outside world.

### TOWNSPEOPLE FLEE

A community of 10,000 south of Maryville was being evacuated this morning as a levee on the Feather River began breaking up. Residents were taken from their homes to Camp Beale where the Air Force was feeding all it could and moving many to Gras Valley and Nevada City.

The towns of Wood Lake and (Continued on Page Five)



**LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE**—Since 1939 the Glee Club of West High School in Denver, Colo., has been presenting as part of their annual holiday program a living, singing Christmas tree. Some 75 young men and women form the bulk of the tree.

### Woman Sued For Property By Her Niece

Annie Mae Tyndall Grantham Hair of Harnett county is charged in a civil suit with promising to take care of a brother, Aulle Tyndall, if he would give her some property, but then turning him out of her house once the property was deeded to her.

Ruby Tyndall Williford, the only child of Aulle Tyndall, who is now dead, brought the suit in Harnett county superior court. Mrs. Williford asks the court to declare null and void the deed by which a house and lot Tyndall owned in Erwin mill village, Erwin, was transferred to Mrs. Hair. She contends that her father was not mentally competent when the deed was written.

Mrs. Williford alleges that when Mrs. Hair got the property she made Tyndall leave her house and said the county would have to look after him.

In another suit filed recently in superior court here, Ellen Benson of Harnett is suing Angus Benson and Garland H. Godwin, a minor, (Continued on Page Seven)

### Dr. John Arrested On Treason Charge

BONN, Germany (P)—Dr. Otto John, the double turncoat security chief who fled to Communist East Germany and back again, was arrested today on a charge of treason, government sources said.

John's position in the West German government was roughly equivalent to that of J. Edgar Hoover in Washington when he sought political asylum in Communist Germany. He was informed of his arrest at 10 a. m. (5 a. m. EST), 12 days after his return to the West.

The arrest warrant was issued at the request of Dr. Curt Wiewmann, the West German government's attorney general, by an examining magistrate in Wiesbaden. John had been held incommunicado through the long days of questioning, but until today he was not technically under arrest.

Officials did not know whether John would be transferred at once to Karlsruhe, seat of the federal Supreme Court, but Wiewmann indicated he would make an official announcement about the man (Continued on Page Seven)

### Dancing Nude Gave Her Cold

LONDON — Laborite MP Arthur Lewis, who gave Prime Minister Eden four pictures showing how belly dancer Shirley Crawford looked as she performed in a government building in nothing but a feather, demanded action today because "no one knows where this sort of thing could lead."

Shirley, 20, and a shapely 37-24-36 1/2, admits that her dance at a post office stag was "shocking," and has no doubt about what it led to. She's sniffing at home with a cold.

### Record Roundup

COMMUNION SERVICE TO BE HELD - A communion service and sermon will be held at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Erwin at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Continued on Page Seven)

### Dunn Jaycees Will Play Santa Tonite

Dunn Jaycees tonight will hold their traditional Christmas party for underprivileged children of the area.

President Bob Leak said today that all arrangements have been completed. The children to be entertained have already been invited (Continued on Page Two)



**WATCH THE HANDLES** — Baskets handed out to employees of Erwin Mills yesterday were so full that the 2,140 recipients of the annual treat by the mill management had to watch the handles to keep from spilling them. Harvey E. Byrd (above) collected his share, found it contained a dozen oranges, a dozen apples, one pound mixed nuts, one pound candy, four grapefruit and a box of raisins so big they looked a meal in themselves.

### Sacred Heart Plans Events

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Dunn will hold its traditional Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and a capacity crowd is expected.

Plans for the church's holiday observance were announced today by Father Vincent Stokes, pastor of Sacred Heart.

The Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is one of the most beautiful and impressive services held each year and is always attended by a large crowd of every denomination. Special Christmas music will be furnished by the church choir, directed by Mrs. Angela Tart. Henry Shell is organist.

On Christmas Day, a mass for children will be held at 9 a. m. and the regular mass at 11 a. m. The public is invited to all of these services. (Continued on Page Five)

### Christmas Pilgrims Plod To Holy City

JERUSALEM, Israeli sector (P)—Hundreds of Christmas pilgrims plodded today along the dusty road to Bethlehem through villages torn three days ago by rioting and gunfire.

Bright sunshine streamed down on the little town where Christ was born and there were few signs of the bloody riot that the Arab Legionnaires of Jordan suppressed with machineguns and tear gas.

By 8 a.m. some 400 Christian Israelis, Arabs, monks and nuns had crossed the Israeli - Jordan lines and moved into Jordan through ancient Mandelbaum gate.

Anti - government demonstrations by Jordanians angered at their country's threatened adherence to the Baghdad Pact sealed off Bethlehem last week, but to these services. (Continued on Page Five)

### Record Won't Publish Monday

This will be the last edition of The Daily Record until Tuesday afternoon.

Members of The Record staff will observe Monday as a holiday.

Christmas is the only holiday observed by this newspaper.

All the members of the staff join in wishing you a happy and joyful Christmas season.

### CLAIMS FORMER EMPLOYER LIBELED HIM, COST HIM HIS JOB

## Former Dunn Store Manager Files \$200,000 Libel Suit

A blazing \$200,000 libel suit was instituted at Lillington yesterday against a retail drygoods chain by D. A. Dockery, formerly of Dunn.

Through local attorneys Robert and J. Shepherd Bryan, he charges that false statements and imputations of embezzlement or other fraud against him caused a bonding company not to certify him.

Dockery, contacted at his present home at Ararat, North Carolina, spoke quietly and evenly of the charges against him today and said they were the direct cause for his not continuing as manager of Leder Brothers in Dunn.

The firm sued is one he worked for before coming to this city. It is listed in the brief filed by Bryan and Bryan as Moskins, Inc., has its headquarters at Seventh Avenue, New York City.

### HERO OF WORLD WAR II

His attorneys claim that Dockery, reportedly a captain of Marines who was wounded on Wake Island, was libeled by Moskins as part of an attempt by the firm to recoup money from the company which had bonded him when he was manager of one of their branches at Concord.

He first entered the employment of Moskins under oral contract at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Of the \$200,000 settlement which Dockery is seeking, half is for alleged actual damages to his business reputation and means of earning a livelihood. The remainder is punitive damages. (Continued on Page Seven)



ALBERT DOCKERY

### Harnett Man Is Convicted Of Driving Tractor Drunk

Jesse Chavis, 55, Negro, of Route 2, Lillington, is under a 60-day suspended roads sentence after his conviction here in recorder's court for driving a farm tractor recklessly while drunk.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Giles arrested Chavis on December 10 for before Judge M. O. Lee Tuesday, the traffic offense. Chavis was tried before Judge M. O. Lee Tuesday.

Judge Lee suspended the roads term on condition Chavis pay a \$100 fine and costs of court and

not violate the motor vehicle laws. The Department of Motor Vehicles automatically revokes a driver's license for one year after a drunken driving conviction.

Other cases disposed of Tuesday were:

Joe C. Barbour, public drunkenness, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs; Clifton Lewis Barbour, speeding 65, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs; Andiron Judson

Brinson, speeding 65, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Sherill Watson Butts, speeding 70, prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$10 and costs; Cyrus R. Black, public drunkenness, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs; Roy Edward Barbour, speeding 70; prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$10 and costs.

Ralph Wendell Browning, speeding (Continued on Page Seven)