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149 US BASES WILL BE CLOSED

Crowd Was One of Largest Ever

Dunn Christmas Parade Draws Acclaim

Beauty queens, professional and locally entered floats, bands, clowns, and lovely young girls, totaling 54 units, composed the annual Dunn Yule parade Friday evening.

Billy Pope, president of the sponsoring Merchants Association, and over-all chairman of the event, said today that the parade was well-executed, began promptly at the designated time, 7 p.m., and ran smoothly throughout. Described by some of the spectators as the best parade in the history of the Dunn spectacle, the procession was led by town dignitaries, Mayor Bill Marshall, the mayor pro tem, town commissioners, Chamber of Commerce executives, and N. C. Commander of the American Legion, Alvis Carver of Dunn.

Area title bearers, Miss Dunn, Miss Angier, Miss Benson, Miss Coats, Miss Hobbs, and Miss Midway, rode in open convertibles, while approximately 50 other lovely young ladies adorned the 14 professional and 14 locally made floats. Interspersed throughout the procession were antique cars, Scout troops, and clowns, including the popular Dunn Clowns.

As the parade progressed the route was lighted by the Christmas street decorations, garlands stretching across the streets and glowing lanterns attached to utility poles.

Pope said that the success of the parade was largely due to the efforts and assistance of the Association members and local Jaycees.



GALA EVENT — There was something for everybody in Dunn's Christmas parade Friday night—old Santa Claus for the children and pretty girls for the grownups. Santa is shown above on the Johnson Cotton Co. float and pretty Sylvia Ann Strickland, the current Miss Dunn, is shown in the photo at left. (Daily Record Photos by Russell Bassford).

Ponies Cause Death of Tourist

A Newark, New Jersey, woman died instantly Sunday as the result of a car accident on Interstate 95 near the Pope Road exit.

Mrs. Virginia Branch, 2 year old Negro, was operating a 1960 DeSoto when she tried to swerve to miss some ponies on the Highway and lost control of the car.

Others injured were Frank Wright, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Wright, who were all admitted to Betsy Johnson Hospital here. His 11 year old son, Barney Wright, was uninjured.

Mrs. Branch, who is a friend of the family was driving the car while they were enroute to a funeral in Sumter, S. C.

There will be no inquest since the death was ruled accidental. Trooper Royce Frye assisted by the local Police Dept. and Coroner Paul Drew investigated.

TEEN-AGE CONTEST

The seventh annual "Miss American Teen-Ager" Contest and Pageant, open to all single girls 13 through 17 who are American citizens, will be held at Palisades Amusement Par. N. J., Sept. 9, 1966.

Current "Miss American Teen-Ager" s Lynnell Raye Bass of Virginia Beach, Va.

Ceremony Set For Dec. 14th

First Citizens Bank To Honor Ten Here

Ten staff members of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Dunn are to be honored on December 14th for terms of service and participation in a special systemwide sales program, according to E. H. Mahone, Vice President in charge of the banking firm's local office.

Barbara A. Byrd will receive a five year service pin and Lucy McDonald will receive a ten year

pin. They are among 131 First Citizens employees throughout the state to be honored for their service to the bank and its customers. The entire group has compiled 2277 years of total service, averaging 17 years each.

TO RECEIVE CASH Special cash awards will be presented to Myrtle Hall, Agnes Jackson, Shirley F. Bass, Maxine Whitson. (Continued on Page Six)

CHRISTMAS PACKAGE — W. H. Harrington, left, transmits from his neighbors of Erwin \$10,000 for development of Campbell College. The College officials are President L. H. Campbell and George V. McCotter, director of development. (Photo by Jim Belvins)

\$410 Million Will Be Saved By The Action

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced today that he plans to close or reduce 149 military bases at home and abroad at an estimated annual saving of \$410 million.

McNamara told a news conference that the 136 domestic bases involved, in 39 states and Washington, D. C., would be identified on Wednesday.

The 23 overseas bases, at which \$93 million of the total savings will be identified after consultation with the foreign governments involved.

McNamara said that, more than 53,000 military and civilian jobs would be eliminated and an additional 29,000 military and civilian personnel would be relocated as a result of the closings.

All civilians affected will be offered other government jobs. Transferred nonother government jobs, transportation and retraining expenses will be paid where necessary.

McNamara said the closings which affect bases employing more than 250 persons - distinguished from reductions - would be "subject to congressional review."

Under this year's military construction act, Congress must be notified 30 days prior to the closing of a base with more than 250 persons. Full reports called for by the law will go to Congress Jan. 10, McNamara said. There will be no closures until 30 days later.

Firemen Answer Weekend Calls

A discarded 1949 Plymouth caught fire Friday afternoon and threatened a home at 704 Moore Street occupied by Mamie Parrish.

The car was parked immediately behind the house. Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the department said.

Lee noted firemen received the call at 5:50 and reported back at the station at 6:10.

Origin of the fire is unknown, Lee added. Two trucks and 25 men were sent to the scene.

GRASS FIRE

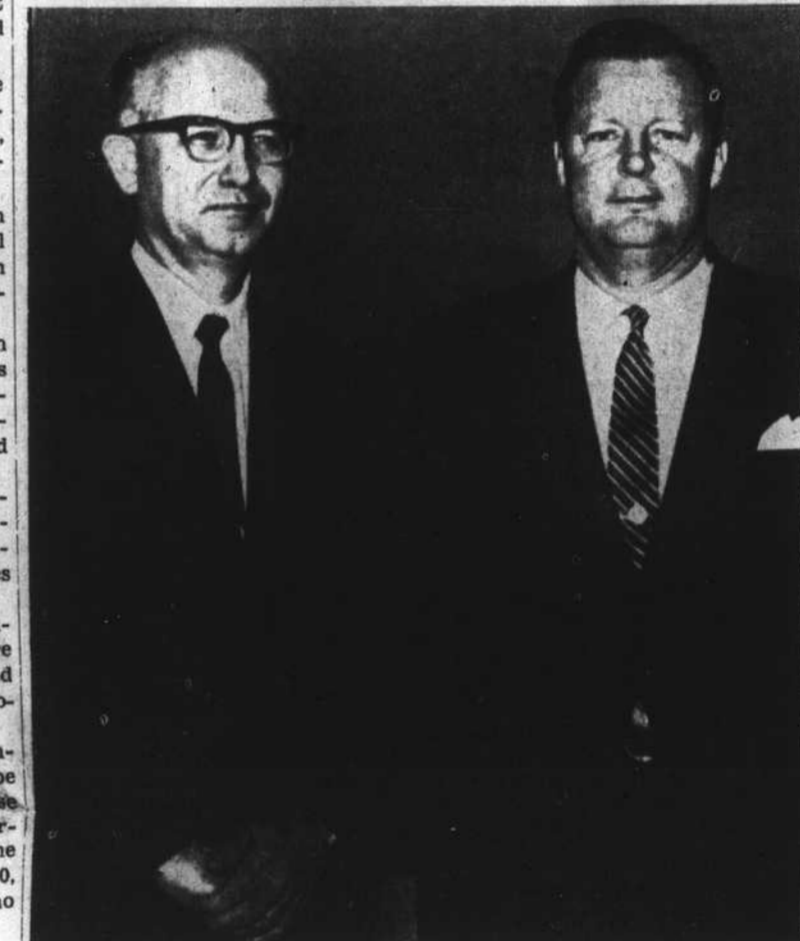
Grass fires have been plaguing the area for about a month, and Saturday morning about 12:40 firemen were summoned to a fire at Resthaven Cemetery here.

Town policemen discovered the fire on a routine patrol of the town. It took the 24 men almost two hours to completely extinguish the fire.

Three trucks were also sent to the scene, Lee concluded.

Chain Has \$75 Million Assets, Strong Farm Program

Southern Nat'l Given Strong Backing Here



TOP EXECUTIVES — Executive Vice President J. E. Sandlin and Pres. Hector McLean on visit to Dunn.

The Southern National Bank of North Carolina, which has assets of \$74,928,724.00 and one of the strongest farm programs of any banking institution in the state, is receiving strong support in its application to open a branch in Dunn.

A number of prominent Dunn business leaders and several officials of the town and county are spearheading the campaign in behalf of Southern National, which has its headquarters at Lumberton.

The Southern National application was filed with The Comptroller of the Currency in Washington on October 27, just nine days after the First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina filed an application to open a branch here. State Senator Hector McLean of Lumberton, son of the late governor Angus McLean, the bank's second president, now heads the big banking chain as president.

President McLean, J. E. Sandlin, his executive vice president, and Vice President Jack Watson have been in and out of Dunn during recent weeks conferring with local business groups and others regarding its application to open a branch here.

WOULD BOOST ECONOMY

Meeting local citizens in small groups, the bank executives have outlined to them just what it would mean to the Dunn community for Southern National to have a branch here.

"Bank competition is important to any community," President McLean told business leaders last week, "and helps any community to grow faster and attain a sound economy."

They point to the success of their branch at Lillington and their unique farm management program as examples of how their bank can help the entire Dunn area.

Dunn attorney William A. (Bill) Taylor, local counsel for Southern National, declared today: (Continued on Page Six)

Strips To His Longjohns

Astronaut Soaring In Space Strip Tease

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI) —Doffing his space suit, astronaut James Lovell soared through space in his "longjohn" underwear today in a "spacial strip tease". Command pilot Frank Borman remained suited up as they guided Gemini 7 toward the million-mile mark.

Going into the third day of the epic two-week space voyage, Gemini control at Houston waited for such tunes as "Fly Me To The Moon" and the voice of Frank Sinatra to help whiff away the long hours.

Lovell squirmed out of the bulky space suit during their 29th orbit.

Paul Haney, voice of Gemini control at Houston, called it a "spacial strip tease act."

"Jim's all out of his suit and comfortable," Borman radioed. Chipper and cheerful after a solid seven hours sleep - the first time two American astronauts have slept simultaneously in space - the 37-year-old space twins decided Lovell would doff his 16 pound pressurized suit while Borman kept his on.

The astronauts sailed into their 29th orbit at 11:16 a.m., EST, and had covered a distance of about 920,000 miles.

Their heart beats rose abruptly shortly after midnight, Gemini control said. The beats rose from 60 to 80, while both were asleep.

It was one of those minor space mysteries. Neither Borman nor Lovell knew anything about it and said nothing had disturbed them as they slept.

At Cape Kennedy, technicians raced the clock and appeared to be beating it in efforts to set up Gemini 6 for a liftoff and "ap-xx-tag" rendezvous with Gemini 7 by Dec. 13.

Clown's Car Catches Fire In Parade

The Crowd Laughed But It Was No Joke

The crowd attending Smithfield's Christmas parade thought it was great fun, just part of the act, when the 1930 Chrysler owned by Dunn clown Enos Parrish caught fire.

Spectators jumped up and down with glee, laughed and clapped their hands when flames shot from the motor of the antique

vehicle. But it was no joke to Parrish, and clowns Whitley Hood, William Tart and others who were performing near the car.

The fire started when Parrish fired his shotgun (blank ammunition, of course) as part of the act. The blast ignited some fuel. (Continued on Page Six)

State Democratic Chief Joins Ross For Harnett

Hospital Hearing To Be Friday

Superior Court Judge Leo Carr today set Friday morning at 10 o'clock as time to hear testimony, evidence and arguments on an injunction filed against local town and hospital officials to prevent use of the county's entire allotment of State and Federal funds for construction of a new hospital in Dunn.

Hearing from Johnston Superior Court at Smithfield, where he is residing, to Harnett Superior Court in Lillington for the convenience of Harnett citizens involved.

The action was taken Monday afternoon at a conference between lawyers for both sides and Judge Carr at Smithfield. The suit was brought by County

attorney Neil McK. Ross for the County of Harnett on instructions of the county board of commissioners at the request of citizens residing in the rest of the county who feel that a large county hospital should be built and that all the available money should not be used for a local hospital at Dunn. (Continued on Page Six)