

PINEHURST

Mr. and Mrs. Casper McDonald entertained at dinner Monday for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gouger and daughter, Nancy Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Colin McKenzie and Colin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swearingen and son Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cagle and daughter Hilda of Carthage, Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Hutchinson and children Billy, Tommy and Judy of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes and daughters Carolyn and Sarah of Moncure.

Miss Katherine Sledge entertained with an egg nog party Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lane spent the weekend with relatives in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunnemann and small daughters Janet are on a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Midshipman Edgar Currie of Annapolis is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Donald A. Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merson and children of Battle Creek, Mich., are guests of Mrs. Merson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bane, Portsmouth, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Evans, Louisville, Ky. are holiday guests of Mrs. Bane's and Mrs. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gilliland.

Mrs. Eva P. Shuping of Charlotte was weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Black have announced the birth of a daughter on December 21 at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Viall, Jr., have been spending a few days with relatives in Peekskill, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiseman spent Christmas in Lancaster, S. C., as guests of Mrs. Wiseman's sister and family.

Ernest Ransdell, UNC, Miss Joan Cole, Raleigh, Miss Daisy Garner, ASTC in Boone, Miss Shirley Dana, Hood college, Cadet Sgt. Malcolm McMullen of Wset Point are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Akel of Wilmington and Pinehurst have announced the birth of a daughter at Moore County hospital on December 20.

Miss Laverne Ritter, daughter of Roger W. Curtis Ritter, and Roger B. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cole, Eagle Springs were married Sunday, December 25 at 5 p. m., at Beulah Hill Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Biggers and daughter, Patricia, of Hertford were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Cole. Also Miss Helen Ruth Cole of Lumberton and Richard Cole of Presbyterian college, Clinton, S. C. remained for a longer visit with their parents. Mrs. Richard Voorhis of New York is guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Leland McKeithen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. White and sons, Donald and Philip are spending the holidays at their home on Linden road.

Mrs. Lloyd Innes-Taylor is in Fredericksburg this week, guest of her brother, Robert Washington and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Lyman entertained at a Christmas party Saturday night.

Mrs. Herbert Ehrhardt's kindergarten gave a Christmas program for their mothers last week. Her pupils taking part were Roddy Prince, Norman McKenzie, Mary Ann Wright, Gene Maples, Ann Ehrhardt, Belinda Gilbert, Linda Henson, Sylvia Loudermelt, "Timmy" Tufts and "Andy" Andrews. Following the program the group enjoyed a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Blodgett were hosts at a large eggnog party Christmas day at the Berkshire hotel.

Miss Betsy Carter, student at Parsons School of Design, New York and Bill Carter, Woodberry Forrest are at home for the holiday season.

Miss Jean Gundry, Chatham Hall is guest of her mother, Mrs. Winthrop Williams and Mr. Williams for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harbison and children spent Tuesday and Tuesday night in the village. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cameron entertained at setback for the Harbisons and a number of local friends Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Eugene McDonald spent the weekend in Greensboro as guest of her brother and family.

Dr. and Mrs. John Collins, Baltimore, Md., are holiday guests of Mrs. Collins parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dillon.

Misses Cuma and Mina Harris of Fayetteville and Miss Nancy Campbell, High Point, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Campbell.

Misses Sally and Dorothy Cheney spent a few days this week with college friends in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benton, Miss Nancy Benton, and C. H., Jr., Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Verland Smith of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith and daughter

John Oates' All-Inclusive History of Cape Fear Area Will Appear in March

Fayetteville Lawyer Invests Time, Money In Unusual Book

The following story about John Oates and his history of the Cape Fear section is of especial interest here in view of the fact that Moore is one of the counties covered in it; also because Mr. Oates was a recent speaker here, as guest of the Moore County Historical society.

The book will give the comprehensive story of the Scottish pioneers of North Carolina and the development of the Cape Fear counties from earliest days to the present.

By George Butler

Writing a history requires about the same endurance and courage as swimming the English Channel.

This is the studied opinion of John A. Oates, 79-year-old Fayetteville lawyer and religious leader, who has been virtually buried for the past two years under an avalanche of old books, musty pamphlets, photographs, ancient maps and newspapers, and what-have-you.

Oates came up for air long enough to tell a reporter, "Never again. . . Once is enough." When the local scholar launched his project—a history of Fayetteville and the Upper Cape Fear—he had no idea it would be such a mammoth undertaking.

Or such an expensive one. . . Oates figures he'll have about \$6,000 invested in the book when it appears next March, including secretarial fees and publishing costs. It will contain more than 700 pages and 150 photographs and maps. This explains why the selling price of the book has been placed at \$7.50.

Women Will Canvass
Fayetteville Woman's club will canvass this section and results of the survey will determine the number of copies to be printed by a Charlotte firm (Dowd Publishers).

Determined to present the most ambitious and authoritative history of this section ever published, Oates has left no reference page unturned. He has ferreted out material from hundreds of sources, spent countless hours in libraries, talked with scores of old-timers and history scholars.

He has strived to make it a colorful book. . . "not just a dull history," Oates pointed out that the Highland Scotch settlers "who were colorful in their dress, their lives, in everything they did."

Plaid Binding
True to this theme, the author has chosen a bright plaid binding for his book. Cloth for the binding was made by Puritan Weaving company at Fayetteville, a member of the Burlington Mills chain, and donated without cost. "A mighty fine gesture," said Oates.

The historian is first to admit that the book would have been impossible without the assistance of many persons. In an acknowledgement at front of the book he will state: "The tedious and long-drawn-out research in preparation of this story has been largely compensated for by the gracious and valuable assistance rendered by friends."

Some 25 persons will have chapters of their own, under their signature, on a variety of subjects. Oates explains that the book is "more a compilation than a running history."

Although Fayetteville and Cumberland county will be focal point of the saga, it will touch upon 10 counties in the Cape Fear section.

Among persons who have contributed material from their counties are: Sampson, A. McL. Graham of Clinton; Bladen, Hector Clark of Elizabethtown; Harnett, Malcolm Fowler of Lillington; Hoke, D. Scott Poole of Raeford; Moore, R. E. Wicker of Pinehurst; Robeson, Mrs. Cornelia McMillan of Red Springs; Scotland, O. L. Moore of Laurinburg; Lee, John H. Monger of Sanford.

Church Historians, Too
These are just a few of the contributors. Church histories have been written by Miss Lizzie Lamb, Methodists; Mrs. Charles Rankin, Presbyterians; Joe T. Maloney, Catholics; Joseph S. Huske, Episcopalians. History of the Baptists is being written, of course, by Oates himself, one of the state's leading Baptists figures for more than 50 years.

Mrs. E. R. McKeithen of Fayetteville has edited the biographical section, which contains about 200 sketches, on prominent fig-

ures of the Cape Fear section. Other contributors include W. O. Huske, who has written about the Cape Fear river; Miss Lou Rogers, about county schools; and Miss Kate Broadfoot, the life of Dr. Shepherd.

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BLOODSHED BOX SCORE

ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

KILLED December 20-26	21
INJURED December 20-26	346
KILLED thru Dec. 26, 1949	826
KILLED thru Dec. 26, 1948	729
INJURED thru Dec. 26, 1949	9,467
INJURED thru Dec. 26, 1948	7,393

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Shortsighted Officials
He learned the full import of shortsighted city officials' decision to build, following the Civil War, plank roads instead of railroads. It stymied the city's growth for decades.

He found out that one of the state's three signers of the U. S. Declaration of Independence—William Hooper—once owned a house at Society Hill on Cross creek. He ran across the city's oldest map—dated 1770—which shows no streets and very few buildings. Hay street, now the main thoroughfare, was then known as Salisbury road.

Oates will tell about Judah P. Benjamin, who attended school at Fayetteville and later became Secretary of War, Attorney General and Secretary of State in Jefferson Davis' cabinet. He escaped to England and became one of that country's leading lawyers. He declined a judgeship there because his legal practice was so profitable.

Authors Mentioned
He mentions two novelists, one white and the other a Negro. The former was Dr. Benjamin Robinson; the Negro was Charles W. Chestnut, former teacher at Fayetteville State Teachers college, who wrote several successful novels.

Perhaps no one in this section was more qualified to write such a history than Oates. He was born in Piney Grove section of Sampson county, attended Wake Forest and received his degree in 1895. He taught school for a while then entered the newspaper business. He became editor and owner of the North Carolina Baptist, a weekly publication which attained a circulation of 6,000—a remarkable feat in those days. Later he sold the weekly to the Biblical Recorder.

Bakery Is Robbed, Pilot Window Broken

One robbery and an attempted break-in marred an otherwise peaceful Christmas weekend here—one of the quietest they have ever seen, police said.

Thirty dollars was stolen from a cash box in Howard's Bakery by someone who cut a screen, broke a back window and entered between 7:45 and 9:30 Friday night. City police are investigating, as they are also an attempt at entering The Pilot, where a glass pane in a door at the back was broken, the glass shattering inward. If the would-be intruder could then reach the knob, he could not enter as a table placed against the door effectively blocked entry.

The population as a whole behaved extremely well over Christmas, Chief C. E. Newton said, noting that the only inhabitant of the bastille was a Negro picked up for drunkenness and cursing. This was the only arrest of the weekend.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

EVERYTHING IN THE STORE REDUCED SHOP AT THE QUALITY SHOP AND SAVE

Below We Are Listing Just A Few of the Many Bargains We Have in Our Store

Ladies' Nylon Hose

\$2.79 Reg. Price, Now	\$1.49
\$2.98 Reg. Price, Now	\$1.69
\$3.50 Reg. Price, Now	\$1.89
Values to \$1.39, Now	97c

Men's Sweaters

\$8.95 Value, Special at	\$5.95
\$7.95 Value, Now	\$4.95
\$3.95 Value at	\$2.19

Men's Shirts

\$5.50 Value, Special at	\$4.39
\$4.95 Value, Now	\$3.79
\$4.95 Value, Now	\$2.79

We will sell our Entire Stock of Ladies' Dresses at One-Half Price

Ladies' Dresses

\$9.95 reg. price at	\$4.95
\$11.95 reg. price at	\$6.79
\$14.95 reg. price at	\$7.95
\$17.50 reg. price at	\$8.95

Ladies' Coats

\$49.50 Coats, Special at	\$29.95
\$39.50 Coats, Special	\$23.50
\$29.50 Coats, Special	\$19.95
\$24.50 Coats, Special	\$17.50

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS 1-3 OFF

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