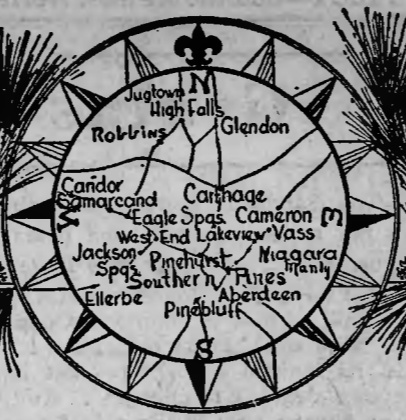


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## Home From Korea For Christmas



Walking down the station platform after that long-looked for train in, Sgt. Francis Shea and his mother, Mrs. Frank Shea of the view hotel, have eyes only for each other. His niece Anne Wilson, aged three, is more interested in the photographer. All, who is this man who has just arrived? A girl can't remember all the fellows, when they stay gone so long.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

## His Christmas Will Be Lots Better Than Last, Says Veteran of Korea

### Francis Shea Fought Out of Yalu a Year Ago

Christmas this year will be a different from last year for Francis Shea, late of the Second Chemical Mortar battalion, who was in Korea during the war.

where behind the lines, his best Christmas present the realization that his unit had made it safely out of communist encirclement near the Yalu river. Home seemed very far away—as indeed, it was.

This year he is in the midst of his family, eating meals better than most kings get these days, roaming the streets of the home town with shining eyes and noting that "a good many things have changed since I went away!"

Sergeant Shea may have changed some too—he has been through enough so this wouldn't be surprising. His mother says he's thinner but that will soon be remedied, and otherwise he seems very much the same smiling lad who sailed for Korea in September 1950.

### Waiting For Dawn

Yet in the meantime he has known real war, artillery fire, the death of companions, the look on the faces of communists wishing to kill. He has known what it is like to sleep outdoors in subzero weather for days and weeks at a time, waiting in foxholes until a grey dawn made it safe—a little safer, anyway—to build a tiny fire.

He sums it all up with "It was pretty rough."

As to how you feel when you first hear bullets zing past you, and know someone is trying to kill you, he can hardly find words. "You just sweat it out," he says with a grin. The first instinct is to look for cover. But the others go on—and somehow you do, too.

Within 20 miles of the Yalu, they had their first inkling of the communist offensive when Chinese prisoners began turning up among the North Koreans. Things hadn't been too bad up till then, (Continued on Page 8)

## Town, Civic Club May Cooperate In Teen-Age Center

### Board Discusses Various Matters In Regular Session

The regular meeting of the town board took place Wednesday night at the town hall, with the major item on the agenda a proposal made by the board to the Civic Club that the latter work out with them some means by which the club building be made available for the use of the young people.

A committee from the club, consisting of Mrs. Leon Seymour, chairman, Miss Grace Thwing, Mrs. Virgil Clark, Miss Norma Shiring, and Miss Florence Campbell, presented the club's views while Mr. and Mrs. John Ruggles and Mayor Page spoke for the recreation committee and the town. Commissioners C. S. Patch, Jr., W. E. Blue, H. L. Brown, and Lloyd Clark, and town clerk Howard Burns, were present.

Mayor Page said that the Mother's Club, a newly formed organization, had approached him on the subject, while School Superintendent A. C. Dawson, chairman of the recreation committee, was known to favor the idea. Mr. Dawson had planned to attend Wednesday's meeting but was obliged to be in Cameron.

John Ruggles said he expressed the views of the entire recreation committee in urging that something be done to set up a suitable arrangement for the Teen-agers. He described the way things had worked when, during his presidency of the Chamber of Commerce, the latter had had the use of the Civic Club, after it had been vacated by the USO. He described it as very successful.

"Many people feel," he said, "that this is one of the most important of town needs: a gathering place for our young people. We want to give them somewhere besides the streets and more undesirable places to go to. I believe it would be possible to arrange a system by which mothers and others would volunteer to act as chaperones, as the USO hostesses did, to give the needed supervision."

Members of the Civic Club delegation spoke favorably of the (Continued on Page 8)

## Deane Sees Air-Ground Show



Eighth District Congressman C. B. Deane is keeping his eye on high things—in this case, B-51 fighter planes putting on a demonstration for the staff and student body of the U. S. Air Force Air-Ground Operations school. At left, Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant of the school; center, Col. Lamar Welch, deputy commandant. Rep. Deane was a student for a day. Story on Page 12

## Christmas Is Sad Time For Many; Here Is Your Opportunity To Help

### BY CANDLELIGHT

The Church of Wide Fellowship, which is without a sanctuary this year, will hold its annual candlelight service with choral singing at Weaver auditorium at 4:30 p. m. Sunday.

Instead of the traditional cantata, directed by Mrs. L. D. McDonald, a program of Christmas carols and hymns will be presented by the choir, which will also lead in group singing. Tom Cordon and Wesley Stoltz will be soloists.

The church is in the midst of a building program. "We are handicapped in having no church auditorium this year," said Mrs. McDonald, "but we hope that, despite this, the community will join with us in our Christmas song service."

## Norway, Denmark Air Force Officers Visit USAFAGOS

Norway and Denmark are the latest NATO nations to be represented in the student body at the U. S. Air Force Air-Ground Operations school at Highland Pines Inn.

Taking the U. S. Army and Air Force indoctrination course at USAFAGOS this week are four officers of the Royal Norwegian Air Force and five of the Danish, here on NATO assignment by invitation of Thomas A. Finletter, secretary of the Air Force.

Senior officer of the Norwegian group is Col. J. A. Waage, Inspector General. He is accompanied by Col. Odd Bull, deputy in charge of operations; Lieut. Col. Erik Lynneborg, deputy for materiel, (Continued on Page 8)

## NEARING QUOTA

The Christmas Seal sale in Southern Pines, with a quota of \$1,500, had reached \$1,109.50 early this week, according to the report of the local chairman, John F. Pottle, who expressed himself as deeply gratified with the result so far.

Contributions numbered 406 as compared with 340, totaling \$1,009, for the same time last year. "We will be able to reach the goal this week if all those who received seals in the mail, but have not returned their contributions, will do so now," said Chairman Pottle.

He reminded that "this worthy cause shows direct results in aid to tuberculosis patients of our own community."

## Local Chairmen Will Speed Toys, Gifts, Cash Where Needed

Citizens of Moore county and Southern Pines are asked by the county welfare department to remember at this Christmastime their less fortunate neighbors.

Many families with young children, lonely and forgotten old people, sick and crippled persons will know no Christmas this year unless the Christ-spirit moves those who can help, to do so.

In many homes where there is no money except for bare necessities, small boys and girls will wake to bitter disappointment on Christmas morning unless you lend a hand. Some of those homes have reached their state of misery through unavoidable personal tragedy—others, perhaps, through the unworthiness of adults; but a big-eyed tot stirred with Christmas dreams can't draw these fine distinctions.

Public-spirited citizens in each community of Moore county are cooperating with the welfare department to receive the contributions which can mean all the difference, for young and old people, between happiness and heart-break.

### Community Chairmen

Cash, toys, fruit, candies, clothing, and other gifts may be given to these chairmen, for distribution by Mrs. Walter B. Cole, county welfare superintendent, and her case workers:

Graham Culbreth, for Southern Pines, Manly and Niagara; Mrs. Foster Kelly, Pinehurst; M. B. Pleasants, Aberdeen; Eutice Mills, (Continued on Page 8)

## Public Asked To Sunday Cantata At West Side School

The faculty of West Southern Pines school, augmented by singers from the general community, will present a Christmas cantata, "The King Cometh," by Stults, at the school Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The choral group will consist of about 30 men and women, from whom this week came a cordial invitation to all friends, both white and colored, to attend. There is no admission charge.

Mrs. B. M. Pitts is the director and Mrs. I. H. Moore will play the accompaniment. Some voices of unusual beauty will be heard among the soloists. Singing solo parts will be Miss Core Steele and Miss Alma York, sopranos; Mrs. A. E. Lutz, alto; R. F. Simmons, tenor; Allen Blue, tenor, and F. M. Lutz, bass. The program will last about an hour.

## 14 Moore Civic Clubs Unite In Action To Enforce Traffic Laws

### SPECIAL ISSUE

Once again The Pilot brings out its special issue dedicated to the Coming Season.

This used to be the Resort Issue, but that is so no longer. For a change has crept up on us, the way this issue has crept up on the Pilot: the Resort Season has grown and mellowed until it has merged with the Home Season into the Year-round Season.

And that's what it ought to be and what everybody has been prophesying it would become: a year-round pleasant place to visit or to live in, either one and both.

The stories and pictures of this special issue will, we believe, show why this is so: why people love to come here, why they love to live here, and why, so often, the visitors turn into the home-stayers, why they come and stay.

## Members Sign Pledge Cards, Will Aid Police

A cooperative movement of the past year among all civic clubs of Moore county reached its climax this week in action which, the clubs hope, will reduce accidents, death and damage on Moore highways and streets during the Christmas season and thereafter.

A letter was sent to all individuals directly involved with law enforcement in the county expressing the unanimous wish of the clubs for rigid enforcement of all traffic laws. They also outlined what has already been done, and what they are ready to do, to cooperate in such enforcement. The letter was signed by the presidents of the 14 clubs.

The record of action is an impressive one.

The clubs have practically 100 per cent of the signatures of their members on pledge cards endorsing law enforcement, and pledging themselves individually to keep the laws.

Through their safety committees, it is learned, they are signing up other groups. For instance, 100 per cent of drivers of Robbings Mills, Inc., trucks have signed the cards. For each pledge that is signed, a small windshield sticker is given, telling the world of the pledge and serving as reminder to the driver.

### Signs Are Placed

Through the safety committee of the Sandhills Kiwanis club which spearheaded the campaign last February, the State Highway and Public Works Commission has recently placed speed limit reminder signs at every highway entrance to Moore county. There are 12 such entrances.

Twelve of the 14 clubs have also received signs urging law enforcement, and are putting them up at the highway entrance to the county nearest to them. These were paid for by the county, on approval of the commissioners.

Some of the clubs, it was learned, are using their club emblems on the signs, emphasizing group support of law enforcement.

### Will Be Witnesses

Approximately 50 per cent of the civic club members signing pledge cards have also indicated their willingness to ride with a patrolman or other law enforcement officer in his car to assist him in enforcing highway safety laws, and to act as witness in the event of arrest.

The Kiwanis club acted as spearhead of the campaign in presenting the matter to the other clubs for action by their safety committees.

Each one picked up the ball and carried it forward with unanimous approval, as a matter for their full responsibility and participation and in consonance with civic club purposes and ideals.

### All Presidents Sign

The letter sent out this week bears the signatures of the following club presidents:

- W. S. Taylor, Aberdeen Lions; Paul S. Thomas, Cameron Lions; R. O. Howard, Carthage Lions; J. C. Mashburn, Highfalls Lions; N. L. VanBoskerck, Pinebluff Lions; L. Frank McCaskill, Pinehurst Lions; James F. Steed, Robbings Lions; Graham Culbreth, Southern Pines Lions; C. A. McLaughlin, Vass Lions; F. Earl Auman, West End Lions.

Also Herbert Cameron, Southern Pines Rotary; R. G. Fry, Jr., Carthage Rotary; J. C. Comer, Eagle Springs Ruritan, and L. L. Hallman, Sandhills Kiwanis.

The letter follows:

December 10, 1951  
To: The Mayors and Police Officers of Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbings, Pinebluff, Cameron and Vass, the sheriff and all Deputies in Moore County, the N. C. Highway Patrol Commander, and Highway Patrolmen in Moore County the Judge of Recorders Court and all Magistrates (Continued on Page 8)

## School Holiday

### All Start With "White Christmas"

The schoolchildren's annual "White Christmas," to be held at the school auditorium at 11 a. m. Wednesday, will be the final event before holidays begin.

All grades will take part and parents are also invited. A big Christmas tree will be the center of interest. The glee club will sing, lead in the singing of carols.

A. C. Dawson, Jr., will read "Night Before Christmas," a rendition of the event.

The climax will come when all pupils go forward by grades to their "white gifts" at the foot of the Christmas tree.

Gifts, canned goods and other appropriate gifts, including cash, are brought by others. Contributions are distributed by members of the Hi-Y to the community for whom they will make a more joyous Christmas.

The students will return to school Wednesday morning, Jan. 2, 1952.

## Ten More Days To Go!

Ten days to get ready for Christmas. Ten days to go flying and out of the gayly decorated display full of merchandise for the holiday shopper.

The Christmas windows in town are more alluring than ever this year. Full of useful and attractive things they cry out to the seeker for just the right thing. There's a shawl you were looking for Aunt May, there's a big pipe for the one Uncle Joe lost and been honing for another ever since. A wagon for Jimmy, a little dog for Anne, picture books for little Ben; fruit cakes and nuts and candy for Christmas dinner; and they all are behind the shop-plate-glass. And this is no time for window shopping. . . not with only

ten days to go. Santa Claus is getting ready and that's the slogan everywhere. We can't keep on with "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early;" it's too late for that: the accent is on "Do It Now."

That all this gaiety and glitter is having the necessary accelerating effect is evident by the crowds in every store. Merchants report more sales than for several years at this date. The cars, nosing here and there as they look vainly for a place to park, give an indication of the crowds that are coming into town, crowds of mothers and fathers and children and uncles and aunts and just friends, intent on finding just the right thing for the right one. And, up above, the Christmas (Continued on Page 8)