FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1954

## 'FORBIDDEN CITY' PUBLISHED **Moore Red Cross**

# Helps Marine With Mrs. Jernigan, Former Local **Resident, Author Of New Book**

**Crisis In Family** Typical cases of aid to needy or your brother!" distressed families by the American Red Cross were described at promising of introductions, but was active in civic affairs: and a recent quarterly meeting of the it is Muriel Molland Jernigan's Mrs. Jernigan who now lives in

board of directors of the Moore first recollection of the heroine Raleigh and has kept in touch of her novel, "Forbidden City," with a number of Southern Pines A Moore County case cited was which is the story of Tsu Hsi, the friends, was writing. They atthat of a Marine in Korea who incredible woman who rose from tended Emmanuel Episcopal was helped to obtain a "compas- concubine to ruler of China in the Church.

sionate transfer" to a base near days of the Boxer uprising. home after the Red Cross was asked by his sister to inform him was the small daughter of an Harry Pethick, who live here of the serious illnes of their fath- English missionary family in now. Both men were with the er. It was found that his father China, and her young brother Standard Oil Co. in the Orient. could never work again and that was one of the children whose life the son would have to support his was endangered by the Boxer at-parents, two brothers in school tacks. Many "foreign devil" chil-land. He also is with Standard and two little sisters. At the new dren not actually killed were sub- Oil and has represented the combase near home, he could see his jected to the perils of starvation pany in Argentina and Peru. Insurance Man family often and could aid them or improper diet, and dangerous Born in China, he attended the better.

etter. Such service, it was pointed out. travel; this was the case with the baby brother whose death could served in the Navy in World War is one of the many functions of in this sense be laid at the door II. the Red Cross in its aid to service of the despotic ruler whose policies encouraged the Boxers. Double Local Interest men.

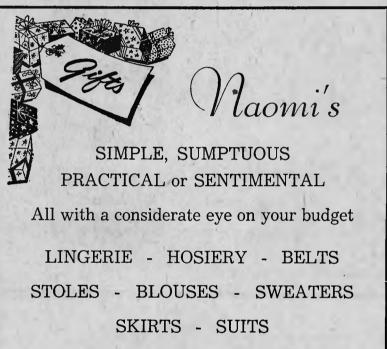
## **Junior Project**

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Junior members of the Red "Forbidden City," published Cross in Moore County schools this week by Crown Publishing married an American and lived made many original crayon Co., is of double local interest. drawings in color which were Mrs. Jernigan is a former South- fabulcus life of Tzu Hsi her favordistributed to ill veterans as a ern Pines resident, and the book ite subject of investigation. It Thanksgiving remembrance, the was edited for the publishers by was not easy, even after the death directors were told. Junior mem- Miss Wanda Whitman of South- of the Empress, to learn about says Joseph I. Scott, when a mubers are now busy making such ern Pines, a regular editor for the greetings for Christmas, it was New York firm, who does most of stated. her work here.

Mrs. Jernigan and her husband, Butter purchases in the U. S. the late Paul Jernigan who died Queen Elizabeth-whose career son he was looking for to become from April through September in Florida in 1947, lived here for of this year were seven per cent several years in the early 1940's had as wide a range of regard, higher than during the same occupying the Hart house at the from the most fulsome praise to period in 1953.



"The Empress Dowager killed Ridge St. While here, Mr. Jernigan was associated with the Occi-That may not seem the most dental Life Insurance Co. and

In China, Mr. and Mrs. Jerni-In these days Mrs. Jernigan gan had known Mr. and Mrs. A son of the Jernigans, Paul J.

> Favorite Subject Naturally little Muriel Molland grew up with an interest in the wicked Empress, and when she for years in Peking, she made the

her. There is much that is not yet tual friend of his and of Eugene

varying interpretation. No other was in some respects similar-has associated with the agency in at Carthage.

Southern Pines.

Now established here as an ased by township of residence: the bitterest denunciation. But Mrs. Jernigan was in a pos-ition to learn what could be known. She was one of the first Americans to explore the Imperi-gether and had felt it was the languages and some to know to have the function of the first Americans to explore the Imperi-sociate in the agency, Mr. Scott Kelly, Daton Hall, Odell Alford, Americans to explore the Imperi-sociate in the agency, Mr. Scott Kinley Monroe, Mason Adams, In the state of the first Americans to explore the Imperi-sociate in the agency of the first Americans to explore the Imperi-sociate in the agency of the first Americans to explore the Imperi-sociate in the agency of the first Americans to explore the Imperi-sociate in the agency of the first Americans to explore the Imperi-sociate in the agency of the first for the first first of the first for the first first for the first first for the first first for the first al palaces, and came to know kind of community in which he'd Max Blue, Preston P. Kelly, J. D. well not only the beauties of the like to live. After a few weeks Medlin.

Summer Palace but the grim in- here, he feels he was right in this Sandhill-C. T. Johnson, Harris terior of the Forbidden City, impression. McDaniel, F. A. Cummings, Joy which had its own treasures and its own secrets. Her friend the American portrait painter, Katharine Carl, painted the official is now doing general insurance rington.

portrait of the Empress and con- work with the Stevens agency. He Mineral Springs-Vernon Hall, tributed her own stories of the and his wife, the former Margaret Mary E. McDonald, Jesse L V. Clark of Petersburg Va., are Thomas, H. C. Staley, Percy Alfamous sitter.

Could Be Charming "She charmed Miss Carl," Mrs. the Knollwood Apartments.

living at 247 Crestview Road, in ford, K. M. Combs, James M. Williamson, Marie E. Williams, J. B VonCanon, Jr.

Jernigan recalls, "as she did the A native of Nashville, Tenn., Legation wives. They all agreed Mr. Scott was in Nashville as Carthage-W. A. Troxler, Marthat she could be utterly charm- manager for the Shenandoah Life tin Alvis Cole, Bernice Stutts ing when she wanted to be—she Insurance Co. for two years be-was one of those magnetic people. fore coming to Southern Pines Dewey Wallace, Alex McLeod Frye, J. P. Thomas, S. T. Fields, If I had been old enough to know last month. He previously had his Grady Caddell, Harry Davis, F L. Smith, Walter E. Porter. her I might have liked her too, in own insurance agency in Rich-Greenwood—Johnson O'Quinn

spite of what my mother used to mond, Va., for three years and before that had been secretary of C. W. Johnson, E. V. Murphy

# **McSwain's Variety Store At Robbins Destroyed By Fire Early Thursday**

McSwain's Variety Store at Cafe. Robbins, with all its stock, was The large one-story brick buildcompletely destroyed in an early- ing which housed the variety morning blaze Thursday. store and barber shop was owned Also destroyed was the J. N. by the E. C. McSwain Estate. No

Thomas Barber Shop which was official estimate of the damage continued its operation in the imin the same building. The Robbins volunteer fire de- Ralph G. Steed, Robbins fire products, including asphalt, with

partment, assisted by that of Car-thage, which responded quickly would be a "minimum of \$50,000, quantity of tobacco has been exto their SOS, worked for three probably more." Origin of the ported from this port during the and a half hours to subdue the blaze has not been determined, he period. fire after the alarm was turned said.

well advanced when the alarm and cold weather the fire drew was given by the night-watch-man at the nearby Robbins Mills, Robbins and nearby communities. who saw the front windows of

the store blow out and the flames Mrs. McCarr, 78,

By a valiant struggle firemen Succumbs; Rites damaging nearby buildings. Threatened for a time were the Conducted Monday liams Grocery and Upchurch

**Jury List For Criminal** Court **Term Is Drawn** Names of persons who will be

Mrs. McCarr was born in Sherrher. There is much that is not yet tual friend of his and of Eugene known, or is subject to widely C. Stevens, local insurance agency the January term of Superior late George and Sophia Seif Weisence of the county commissioners at Carthage. Here are the names drawn, list-

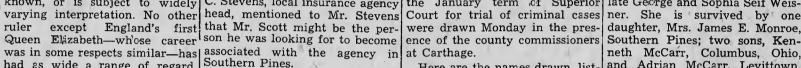
ness racing before his retirement, died here several years ago. The Port of Morehead City has

could be secured at the time but portation of oil and petroleum

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Pa., one sister, Mrs. Clara Winkes

Mrs. Amelia Weisner McCarr

78, died early Saturday morning in St. Joseph of the Pines Hos-

pital. Requiem mass was sung at

9 o'clock Monday morning from

St. Anthony's Catholic Church by

Father Peter Denges. Interment

followed in Mount Hope Ceme-



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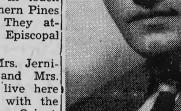
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ern Pines in 1930. Mr. McCarr, who had been prominent in har-

children.

With her husband, Charles Mc-Carr, Mrs. McCarr came to South-

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# RAINCOATS

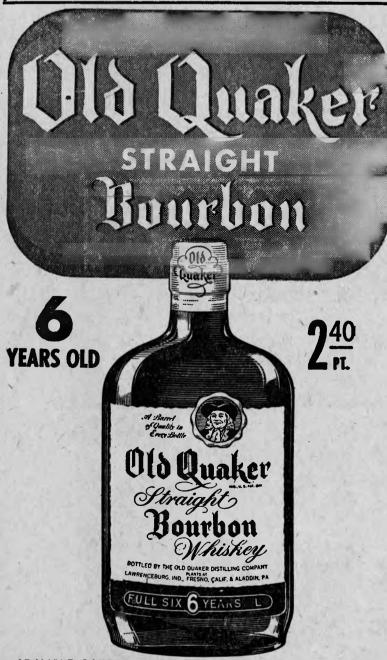
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say." Readers of "Forbidden City," will suspect that the Imperial charm did work to some extent, for it is by no means a wholly unsympathetic picture of the Em-press that the book presents. Al-though the basic political facts are clear, and are adhered to in the story, there is wide latitude for Tzu Hsi because the legends, as in the case of Queen Elizabeth, outweigh what is known. No story of her was too scandalous to ocurse at the University of Virstory of her was too scandalous to ginia on the European Recovery be told, and believed, in Peking But no charges could be made Program, acquiring information that was broadcast on radio net-

without a risk of sudden and unworks of the state. Also at Peterspleasant death. burg he was on a Jaycee commit-tee on subversive activities and In dealing with the Empress as

girl, before her grasp of power spoke at several public meetings Mrs. Jernigan's fictional approach in Virginia cities. is especially sympathetic but even In 1939, Mr. Scott became a here she is able to claim the sup-

port of facts. As should be the case with so dominant a characmember of the third oldest Masonic Lodge in Virginia, Blanford No. 3 at Petersburg. He is also a ter, the Empress even in girlhood member of Petersburg Union is presented as wilful, daring, re Royal Arch Chapter No. 7, Com-mandery No. 3 and Acca Shrine Temple, Richmond, having servsourceful-a girl eager to "eat life," as the Chinese say. In Boy's Clothes

In the early chapters of Forbid den City she explores Peking in ed as president of the Petersburg Shrine Club of Acca Temple. While in Richmond in 1951 he boy's clothes, gaining a sense of served as commander of the Lefreedom and some knowledge of freedom and some knowledge of the world she was to rule. Al-though there is no record of this Mrs. Jernigan cites a precedent in the Almas Legion of Honor of Mrs. Jernigan cites a precedent in Washington, D. C. the case of a young girl of high

Before entering Navy service in family position in Peking who did 1943. Mr. Scott was chief of the undertake similar adventures. Civil Defense Auxiliary Police at Here the author's sympathy is very evident for, after the char-Petersburg.

acter of the Empress and the high Mr. and Mrs. Scott have joined the First Baptist Church here. He drama of her story, the great concern of the book is with the vanis former superintendent of the ished Peking scene, the color and Sunday School at the First Baptist Church, Petersburg. movement of its streets, the very Since he has entered insurance

work, Mr. Scott has taken two

special courses-one at Southern

he gave the valedictory address at

the graduation exercises of his

class in the Life Insurance Mar-

keting Institute.

dust from the Gobi that blows through them. Mrs. Jernigan mourns a little

Mrs. Jernigan mourns a little Spectral content of Southern for the books and other posses-sions left behind—"The Reds have it now I suppose," she says have it now I suppose," she says of some of the source material for Forbidden City fortunately duplicated in her memory. But one thing she has—a replica of the Empress' gold ring, a wide band decorated with symbolic figures and of course bringing good for-tune to its in the symbolic figures and plays

place.

reason he is happy to be living in tune to its wearer. The ring is reason he is hap described in the book, in which it plays a part, and its counterpart

is with the author in the beautiful Many new commodities such as old house, in Raleigh, where she Egyptian cotton, fine jute from now lives. A small bit of old Europe, plate glass, cocoa and a Peking in the United States, as veriety of others have been added the book Forbidden City will to our imports at the Wilmington seem to its readers a generous State Port. Export Tonnages have slice of the life of that time and increased with the shipment of tobacco and woodpulp.

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