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ACCIDENT SCENE — The automobile that took the life of a young Moore County man is pictured at the scene Saturday night, bent and shattered almost beyond recognition. The body of Glenn Edward McCaskill, driver who died in the wreck, is beneath a blanket, still under the car, in the center of the photo. Rear of the vehicle is to the left. A portion of one of the large pine trees snapped off or uprooted by the impact protrudes at the right. (Photo Humphrey)

At Aberdeen Saturday Night

1 Dead, 2 Hurt In Wreck

Glenn Edward McCaskill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCaskill of Robbins, was killed on his 20th birthday Saturday night when the 1950 Ford hard-top model he was driving went out of control at Aberdeen in one of the most violent traffic accidents ever recorded in this area.

Two passengers, Clyde (Cotton) Brown, 21, of Robbins, and Darrell Kiehl, 19, of California, were injured. After receiving treatment at Moore County Hospital, they were transferred to the Fort Bragg military hospital Sunday —Brown with a badly mangled right hand and arm and Kiehl with back injuries. Both are servicemen. McCaskill was killed instantly.

Travelling at a rate of speed estimated by investigating officers as high as 100 miles per hour the automobile was approaching Aberdeen on US 501-15 from Pinehurst, going out of control on a down-hill curve near the Taylor Chemical Co. plant, and leaving the highway just inside the town limits, stopping about 10 feet off the road down a bank between the highway and the Norfolk and Southern Railroad tracks.

Skidded 1,332 Feet

F. W. Lucas, Aberdeen night officer who was first to arrive on the wreck scene and conducted the investigation, in cooperation with Highway Patrolman C. G. Wimberly of Aberdeen, said that tire skid marks began 1,332 feet from the resting place of the auto.

The hurtling vehicle snapped off one pine tree at least a foot thick as it left the road, rolling, and jackknifed around another pine, also a foot or more thick, tearing it up by the roots and carrying it with the car. The impact c.. the top of the car creased the top down to the floor, bending the whole vehicle like a tin can that has been stepped on in the center.

Brown and Kiehl were thrown clear and were found by Officer Lucas lying in a straight line with each other near the highway. Coroner Ralph Steed, who also investigated, said that McCaskill died of a broken neck and fractured skull. His body was removed with difficulty from beneath the automobile which finally came to rest on its top. Parts of the car were scattered over a wide area, some as far as 150 yards from the scene. A spare wheel had not been found at all early this week.

Saw Sparks, Heard Yell

Lucas said that he was checking doors in the Aberdeen business section about 11:40 p. m. and was between the Melvin department store and Dr. E. M. Medlin's office on Poplar St. when he heard a noise like a siren which was the skidding tires of the car. He said he could see sparks fly as the vehicle rolled over, and the headlights flashing. In the silence that followed the final crash down the bank, the officer said he heard one of the men cry out,

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Here's Good News For The Kiddies

The Southern Pines Elks Lodge announces that it will hold its 9th annual Christmas party for children in the ballroom of the Southern Pines Country Club next Wednesday, December 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. All children are welcome, and their friend Santa Claus will be there with candy and presents for all.

If transportation to the Country Club is not available, parents are asked to call 2-8911 and transportation will be provided.

Lights, Display In Park Add To Christmas Spirit

Lights are shining and sparkling all over downtown, and the sound of Christmas music is in the air.

On view each night during the season will be a lighted, life-size Christmas scene on the town park. The colorful scene depicts the Wise Men on their camels moving toward the distant city of Bethlehem, under the Christmas Star.

This is an original work of art painted by Capt. John Tullett, director of training aids at the USAF Air-Ground School, and erected by Capt. Tullett with the help of members of his staff.

It glows with soft floodlighting, with "black light" illuminating the City of Bethlehem.

Dominating the heart of the business district is the giant Christmas tree of the Southern Pines Garden Club, a festive sight visible from end to end of the town. The club decorated a 50-foot magnolia tree, at a cost of $300 from its budget.

Small Christmas trees are coming alight each night along the downtown sidewalks, representing the participation of merchants in the community lighting program. This, along with the traditional lights strung above, and the scene on the park, are projects of the Chamber of Commerce.

The John Boyd post, VFW, has lighted a living tree on its lawn. At the other end of town, Poe's Service Station also has a living tree. Christmas carols softly played emanate from a loudspeaker at Ormsby's Record Shop on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Broad.

Many homes are expected to show their Christmas decorations this weekend. Next week, the post office holly tree will come alight

Country people are selling holly and mistletoe on street corners—an unfailing sign that Christmas is close at hand.

Council Okays New Department Of Recreation

A new Department of Recreation and Parks was established by the town council in its regular monthly meeting at town hall Tuesday night.

The change does away with the town Recreation Commission as heretofore set up, includes parks under the consolidated department—permitting easier coordination of their use with the recreation program—and provides for an advisory committee of 10 members to be appointed by the mayor, thus allowing a wide range of representation on the committee of organizations and individuals interested in recreation.

The change was recommended to the council unanimously by members of the Recreation Commission as it was formerly set up. The new plan conforms with State law.

Based on a model resolution drawn up by the N. C. League of Municipalities, the plan approved this week was adapted to local needs, with one of the advisory committee's duties listed as: "To work with and cooperate with individuals, groups and organizations of the Town in all phases of recreation and recreational objectives toward the development and improvement of the town as a resort community."

As a regular town department, the new set-up comes under the general supervision, direction and control of the town manager, Tom E. Cunningham, thus permitting better coordination of recreation needs with other town departments and activities. The resolution provides for a recreation director to be appointed by the manager.

Zoning Amendment

An amendment to the town zoning ordinance came up for public hearing Tuesday night and was adopted after explanation by the manager and Town Attorney W. Lamont Brown. No objections

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Application For Hospital Funds Is Considered

N. C. Medical Care Commission Studies Expansion Program

A formal application by Moore County Hospital for State and Federal funds to help carry out an extensive improvement program at the hospital is being considered by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission in a meeting today (Friday), reports Thomas R. Howerton, hospital administrator.

Exact amount of money involved was not stated, but the request is for approximately two thirds the cost of a construction and renovation project that would come to about $300,000, as announced last week.,

The application—made to the commission last week by John F Taylor of Pinehurst, member of the hospital board of directors and head of the project committee, and Mr. Howerton—followed an announcement that Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson of Pinehurst have given $50,000 to the hospital to pay for an improved emergency service, in memory of their two sons who lost their lives in accidents.

'Feel Hopeful'

"We feel hopeful of obtaining Commission participation in the project," said Mr. Howerton this week. The formula under which such funds would be made available in Moore County is 50 per cent of the total project cost from Federal funds, 14.4 per cent from State funds and 35.6 per cent from local funds.

The Jackson gift would provide approximately half of the local share, as the project is now outlined.

Therefore, hopeful of Commission approval and resulting assurance of the Federal and State money, the finance committee of Moore County Hospital's board of directors is making plans to launch a drive to match the Jackson gift with another $50,000 in private donations.

Wonderful Opportunity

"Success of such a drive," the administrator said this week "would enable the hospital to carry through a construction and alteration program to provide all the things we now need at the hospital. This plan offers a wonderful opportunity to have each dollar given here matched by two dollars, approximately, in Federal and State funds."

The project committee headed by Mr. Taylor, met Monday and

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SPEEDING APPEAL

Complaints of speeding on Indiana Ave., an inlet and outlet thoroughfare for Fort Bragg road traffic, were made to the town council Tuesday night.

The council discussed speed law enforcement measures, which will be undertaken, but appealed directly to drivers who use this street to cut their speed and proceed with caution.

More than 30 children, the council was informed, live along this street between No. 1 highway and Bethesda Road.

Christmas Services, Other Events Set By Churches In Coming Week

HONORED—Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst, right, receives the Builders Cup, awarded by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, from Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst as Norris Hodgkins, Sr., of Southern Pines, club president, looks on. (Photo by Hemmer)

Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst Given Sandhills Kiwanis Club Builders Cup

Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst became the 21st recipient of the Sandhills Builders Cup, presented by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its annual Ladies Night meeting and banquet held last Friday in the Mid Pines Club. The trophy is awarded for "unselfish personal service, without hope of personal gain" to one selected by the Kiwanians as having "outstandingly contributed to the upbuilding of the Sandhills section."

In making the presentation for his fellow members, the Rev. Dr. Thaddeus A. Cheatham of Pinehurst referred to "Dick" Tufts as one whose varied activities have justly earned him the award. He cited his interest in golf which has led to his vice presidency of the U. S. Golf Association; erstwhile member of its Implement and Ball committee, its Greens Sections committee, its Handicap and its Public Links committees.

Tufts long has been interested also in the Carolina Golf Association, particularly in promoting golf for juniors. He has been secretary-treasurer of the association since 1933.

Religious, Civic Interests

Dr. Cheatham stressed Mr. Tuft's activity in golf due to the part the game has played in the development of Pinehurst and the Sandhills, with "Dick" the guiding spirit. Apart from golf, he told of his active interest in religious and civic affairs. He is a director of the Pinehurst Religious Association, a past president and secretary of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club; he has served for 25 years as treasurer of the Moore County Educational Foundation, and as an officer and director of the Moore County Hospital for 20 years.

In accepting the award, Mr. Tufts spoke of the contribution golf has made to our method of living, in the development of honor, sportsmanship, self control, health through exercise, and companionship. He paid tribute to the Kiwanis Club as "a leader in all civic affairs, an organization which has meant much to the

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Car Smashed By Train At Manly

A 1950 Studebaker sedan belonging to Mr. and Mrs. G. Campbell of Pinehurst was demolished about 8 p.m., Wednesday when it was struck by a southbound Seaboard Air Line passenger train at the Manly intersection, after the car became hung on the rails.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, finding the car stuck and a train approaching, left the vehicle and saw the locomotive carry the automobile about 150 feet, strewing wreckage and parts along the way. The carburetor and a hubcap were found across No. 1 highway, which runs parallel nearby.

The Studebaker was turning off No. 1 highway into the cutoff road to Midland Road when it ran off the roadway over the tracks and became hung up in the rails. L. F. Garvin, Manly resident who operates a store across No. 1 highway near the intersection, said the train was unable to stop. Mr. Garvin took Mr. and Mrs. Campbell to Pinehurst after the accident. They are employed at the Donaldson estate.

Query Renewed On Navy, Marine Unit

A request made two weeks ago to persons interested in forming a Navy and Marine Corps Reserve unit in this area was renewed this week, after some response was received to the first query.

Anyone interested is asked to send name, rank or rate, serial number, address and telephone number to Box 1177 or Box 571, Southern Pines.

Public Is Invited To Programs

Christmas music, pageants, Sunday School parties, special services or other events are planned by Southern Pines churches for the week starting Sunday. The public is invited to these events.

Plans announced by the various churches include:

Baptist

First Baptist Church, the Rev. D. Hoke Coon, pastor:

Sunday, December 19, 7:30 p.m., the Christmas story told in colored slides, with carols by the church choir under direction of Mrs. C. C. McDonald.

A number of parties or programs for individual Sunday School classes will be held Sunday or during the following week, but no joint Sunday School Christmas party is planned.

Friday, December 24, 8 p.m.—Christmas Eve candlelight service conducted by the pastor.

Catholic

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, the Rev. Peter M. Denges, pastor.

Friday, December 24, midnight —High mass will be sung. Confessions, Friday from 4 to 6 and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Christmas Day—Mass will be held at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

Notre Dame Academy, parochial school on Youngs Road — Sunday, December 19, 3 p.m., a group of Christmas plays will be given with representatives of all grades taking part, Christmas carols and other sacred music. There will be a small admission charge.

Wide Fellowship

The Church of Wide Fellowship (Congregational Christian), Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor:

Sunday, December 19, 4:30 p.m. —Candlelight vesper service, with Chancel (adult) and Chapel (junior) choirs, under direction of Mrs. Jean Olive Wood, and with Mrs. L. D. McDonald as organist. The choir program will include selections from Handel's "Messiah" and the Chapel Choir will present three numbers, with David Prim as soloist. Mrs. Wood will sing a folk son "I Wonder As I Wander."

Wednesday, December 22, 7 p.m.—Party for entire Church School, with Christmas tree, white gifts for the needy and a moving picture, "The Greatest Gift."

Episcopal

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the Rev. C. V. Covell, rector:

Sunday, December 19, 5 p.m.—Church School Christmas party, with the Christmas story told in Bible verse, song and pictures, with a "surprise for each child at the end," Each child is asked to bring a new or used toy to be placed under the tree as a gift for a less fortunate child at Christmas.

Friday, December 24, 11:30 p.m. —Christmas Eve, candlelight Communion service, with Gounod's Christmas Communion music and an anthem, "He Shall Reign Forever," by the choir.

Saturday, December 25, 11 a.m. —Holy Communion service on Christmas Day.

Methodist

Southern Pines Methodist Church, the Rev. Robert L. Bame, pastor:

Monday, December 20, 7 p.m.—Christmas party for children at the Civic Club, where the church holds its services, with Santa Claus, white gifts for the needy

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Gifts For Needy Asked By VFW

Continuing with preparation for its annual Christmas Cheer basket program for the needy, John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has placed grocery collection barrels in local food stores and is soliciting cash contributions to buy more food for the baskets. The Post also has been collecting toys to be repaired and painted for baskets to families with children.

The baskets are sent to families certified as needy after investigation by the county Welfare Department. Contributions should be sent to Fred Hall, chairman of the program for the Post.

LOCAL GROUPS HELP PATROL ON S-D DAY

Simulated Accident Display Shocks Drivers

Local groups cooperated with the State Highway Patrol Wednesday in observing the nationwide Safe Driving Day with a simulated traffic accident display so spectacular that the mouths of approaching motorists popped open and at least one woman driver said she felt ill.

Set up on No. 1 highway, between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, overturned cars which had been in real traffic accidents previously—including one in which a Moore County young man was killed last Saturday night—were placed on each side of the highway. Life-size dolls, appearing to be children, were placed on the ground by one car and an ambulance with an adult-size clothing store dummy on a stretcher, was stationed near the other wreck. During a portion of the display the doll "bodies" were covered with sheets.

At approaches to the scene from each direction, Highway Patrolmen stopped all motorists, speaking words of warning about traffic accidents and pointing out traffic regulations.

Patrolmen alternating on the scene were Cpl. M. S. Parvin, Patrol chief in Moore County and Patrolmen C. G. Wimberly and E. G. Shomaker. They were joined during a portion of the day by Sgt. Victor Aldridge of Siler City, District IV Patrol commander.

Members of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and personnel from the USAF Air-Ground Operations School assisted patrolmen in handing out traffic safety booklets and "A Motorist's Prayer," which was distributed state-wide by the Patrol on "S-D Day."

The display began about 10:30 in the morning and ran into the afternoon. Assisting as the display started were Alton Monroe, Jr., and Eugene Maples, for the VFW, and M-Sgt. Everett Gooch and A 1-C Delmar Dobecki of Air-Ground School. Other members of these organizations were to replace these men later in the day, and representatives of other civic organizations were also expected to assist, but names of these individuals were not obtained.

No traffic accidents were reported Wednesday in Southern Pines.

Watson Scott New SVA Head

Watson Scott has been elected president of the Sandhill Veterans Association, succeeding Thomas R. Howerton, it was announced this week.

Other officers chosen by SVA members for the coming year are: Voit Gilmore, secretary and treasurer; Richard Greer, drive chairman; Bert Premo, assistant drive chairman; and Don Traylor, publicity chairman. All are from Southern Pines except Greer who lives at Aberdeen.

The SVA is a small group of World War II veterans whose chief project is the annual nurse's scholarship drive, conducted on a county-wide basis to provide nursing school scholarships for Moore County high school graduates.