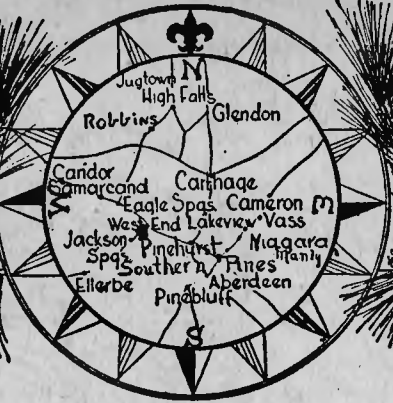


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Mail Volume Sets All-Time Record; Rush Seen Over

60,000 Pieces Cancelled In Only Three Days

Postal workers here were snowed under yesterday (Wednesday) as they handled more than 20,000 pieces of outgoing mail. It was the greatest total ever cancelled in the post office in a single day.

Max Rush, postmaster, said that some 37,000 pieces had been cancelled Monday and Tuesday.

"I think that the approximately 60,000 pieces cancelled in the three-day period will set a record here," he said, "and old time employees agree with me."

Last year during the holiday season a total of 204,000 pieces of mail was handled, he recalled, "and we thought that was a lot. This year it will be considerably more than that."

Rush said that patrons had been extremely cooperative this year and that using labels marked for in or out-of-town delivery had been a tremendous help.

More pinecones than ever have been mailed, postal workers said, and the number of packages for parcel post seems to have taken a big increase.

Rush said that the heavy part of the mailing appeared to be over but tomorrow, Saturday and Monday there would still be plenty to handle.

He expressed his appreciation to patrons for their cooperation during the snowstorm when mail was not delivered on one occasion.

Gilmore To Speak On Polar Ventures At Forum Tonight

On at least one occasion in the early part of this year the weather was colder in Southern Pines than it was on a lonely ice shelf on the coast of frozen Antarctica.

Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, one of the few people living today who has visited both Antarctica and the Arctic in one year, will describe the temperature of both places as a part of his illustrated talk, "To The Ends of The Earth," at tonight's meeting of the Pinehurst Forum.

The talk is the second in the current series: The Right Honorable Anthony Nutting, former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain, was forced to cancel his lecture last Thursday night because of the bad weather.

George Shearwood of Pinehurst, Forum program chairman, said this week that Mr. Nutting arrived by plane in Charlotte on schedule but was unable to come the remainder of the distance. He left New York yesterday for his home in England but is expected to return to this country in the near future.

Mr. Shearwood said no decision had been made as to having him address a future Forum program.

Gilmore was an observer with the Navy last winter and wrote a series of newspaper stories describing the International Geophysical Year program underway in Antarctica. He spent two weeks on the continent and another five getting there and returning.

This fall he toured the Distant Early Warning (DEW) line in the Arctic, also filling a number of stories about his impressions and experiences.

Preceding the talk will be the Country Club's weekly buffet supper to be served in the club dining room at 7 p. m. Advance table reservations are required.

NATIVITY SCENE

The "Living Nativity Scene," which is put on annually by young members of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, will be staged this year each night, Sunday through Wednesday, from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Wide Variety Of Programs Planned At Local Churches During Christmas

At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the traditional Holy Communion service will be held at 11 p. m. on Christmas Eve. A male choir and soloists will present a program of Christmas music as a part of the service.

Again on Christmas morning, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock all children and young people of the parish will attend the annual Christmas Carol service. The Christmas story will be read and, following the service, the film, "Christmas Rhapsody," will be shown and St. Nicholas will pay a visit.

Members of the Young People's Service League will leave the parish house Sunday night at 6:30 to sing Christmas Carols throughout the town. Adults are also invited.

At the First Baptist Church, the Christmas season begins Sunday morning with the traditional White Christmas service being observed in the Sunday School. All young people are being asked to bring items of foods which will be made into baskets for the needy and distributed by the

young people on Christmas Eve. Sunday evening the annual program of Christmas music has been scheduled for 7:30. Three choirs—youth, adult and junior—will combine for the program. Later, all who attend will have the opportunity of joining in a group that will go carolling around town.

The Rev. Maynard Mangum, pastor of the church, will conduct the annual candlelight carol service on Christmas Eve, one of the highlights of the church year.

"Student Night at Christmas," in which young people home from college take part, will take place at the evening service December 28.

Church of Wide Fellowship
The entire series of special Christmas programs at the Church of Wide Fellowship (Congregational) will be held Sunday and Monday.

The Rev. Carl Wallace, the pastor, said that a special Christmas music program would be held Sunday morning during the regular 11 o'clock service.

At that time all members are urged to bring food packages for distribution later in the day by members of the youth groups.

Monday evening at 7:30, the Christmas party for youth groups will be held in the educational building.

St. Anthony's
The center of the Christmas celebration of Christmas at St. Anthony's will be the singing of High Mass at midnight Wednesday.

The celebrant will be the Rev. Francis M. Smith, pastor. He will be assisted by the boys and young men of the parish serving as acolytes.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Grover, will sing the Twelfth Century "Mass of the Angels." The Proper of the Mass will be sung according to the Gregorian Mode. Preceding the Mass the choir will sing the traditional Christmas carols.

Mass will also be celebrated Christmas morning at 8 a. m. and again at 10:30.

Christmas started at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church last night with the annual Santa Claus party for children. All who attended brought toys which will be distributed to the children at McCain Sanatorium.

Sunday, the regular morning worship program will include the singing of a number of hymns and a Christmas sermon by Dr. Cheves Ligon.

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 a vesper program has been planned and the adult and youth choirs will provide a program of Christmas music. Also, those attending are asked to bring food, clothing or cash for the needy.

Following the program the youth groups and college students home for the holidays will hold their monthly supper meeting.

Methodist Church
The annual Christmas program at the Southern Pines Methodist Church will be held Sunday night at 6 o'clock.

Highlight of the program will be the presentation of a play, "This Thing Called Christmas," by members with the junior choir taking part. A Santa Claus party will follow and each attending will receive a bag of fruit and candy.

The Rev. Robert L. Bame, theme in his sermon at the regular worship service Sunday morning.

VFW Post Needs Your Help!

"We have no firewood, no fuel for the stove. Money stopped coming in when my husband got sick. We have ten children and no Christmas, I guess. Could you help us to have Christmas for the children?"

"I'm 72. Can't work. Need just a little food, if you can bring some. Can't get out in the wet with my bad leg now. Hope you can come by."

These are the kind of letters being received in every mail by the VFW Post, now in full swing to make up their baskets of Christmas Cheer to be delivered out around the town and country Tuesday night.

Besides taking care of as many

of these pleas as possible, the Post has a list of 68-families-long made up by the Moore County Department of Public Welfare. This is complete with number and ages of children, for toys as well as staple food and Christmas goodies go into these baskets.

This year all members of the Post are taking part in the Christmas project. Saturday morning they will take to the sidewalks with collection jars, hoping to make up the big gap that still exists between what they have and what is needed.

Estimates are that it takes about \$6.00 to make up a basket; as for the toys, cash or a check to the Post will be welcome—or toys themselves.

Operators Of New Plant Schedule Job Interviews

Applicants May Be Trainees Or Have Experience

Preliminary interviews for workers in the new Fletcher Southern plant, to be opened here in January will be conducted January 6 and 7, the company announced today.

Applicants with experience will be interviewed the first day, which is a Tuesday, and those who wish to apply for trainee positions will be interviewed the next day.

The company, according to an advertisement in today's issue of The Pilot, is seeking applicants for the positions of wood carver, jointer and planer.

All trainees will be instructed thoroughly, the advertisement also states, and work will be on a day shift only.

The company will engage in the production of hardwood shuttles and loom parts for the textile trade. It has purchased the building formerly occupied by J. Bishop Platinum Company on the Southern Pines-Carthage Road.

Edward Taws, Jr., vice president of Fletcher Works, Inc., of Philadelphia, the parent company, will operate the plant here.

Bids Opened Today For New Childrens Building At Church

Construction bids were to have been opened this afternoon for the proposed Children's Building at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Details were not available at press time.

Six general contractors, including one from Southern Pines, were listed as bidders: W. L. Jewell and Sons, and John William Brown of Sanford; J. F. Phifer Construction Company of Rockingham; Watson and Edmundson, Lucama; L. M. Daniels, Jr., Southern Pines; and C. Douglas Jewell, Wilmington.

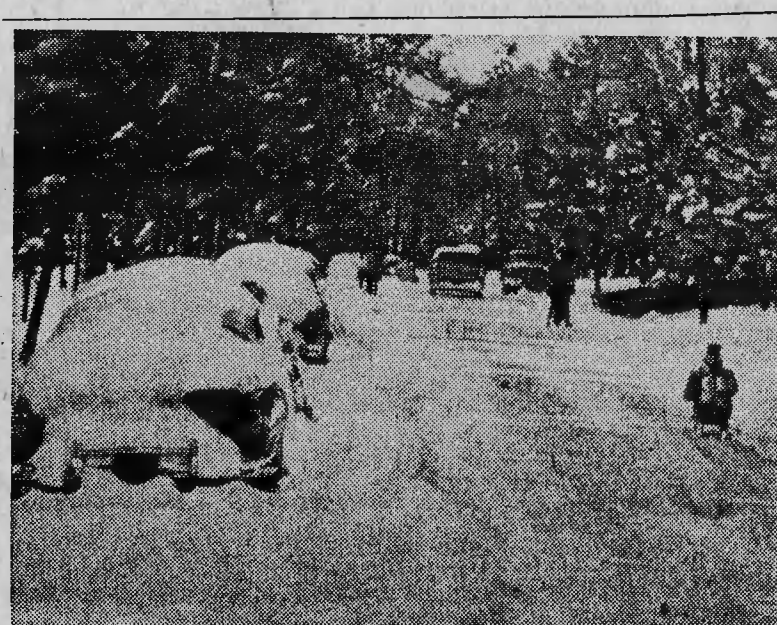
The proposed new building, which will more than double the present classroom space for Sunday school, will also provide classrooms for a week-day school which will open in September of next year if the building has been completed.

John L. Morgan, Jr., is chairman of the building committee.

Eugene C. Stevens and Dr. William Hollister have headed a special campaign for gifts for construction of the building.

The new structure will be located next to the parish house. It was designed by Charles Benson and Sons, of Wilson, the architectural firm which designed the present church building some 35 years ago.

Sandhills Drying Out After Week's Struggle With Snow



PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE looked like this Friday morning after some 18 inches of snow had been dumped on it the previous 24 hours. Youngsters were riding their sleds for awhile, but were ordered to go to a safer place later in the day. The picture was made from the intersection of May Street and Pennsylvania, looking east. (Pilot photo)

HEROIC EFFORTS FAIL

Marine Helicopter Takes Stricken Man To Hospital During Snowstorm

Marines Do The Job!
Amazing good luck and the spirit and training of the U. S. Marine Corps got a seriously ill man to the hospital in the midst of the worst snowfall in Sandhills history last week.

The tragic fact that even these could not save the patient's life do not detract from the drama. It has at least the consolatory meaning: that everything possible was done.

The storm was at its height when Jack Reynolds, of Candor, suffered the sudden attack which was to prove fatal.

Immediate contact was made with a doctor who said: "Get him to the hospital!"

And that's where the Marine Corps and that extraordinary good luck took over.

At the very moment when Mr. Reynolds was taken sick, there were two Marine Corps helicopter pilots right there in his house. It seems that the Corps, in times of disaster, stations some of its helicopters around the countryside wherever there are airports, to perform such sudden rescue trips during the emergency—a service of which few are probably aware.

The two pilots had been out at the small field in Candor where the planes which do crop-dusting for that area—some of whom Mr. Reynolds himself had employed on his farm—were holed up. They had gotten so cold that they gratefully accepted Mr. Reynolds' invitation to come in and warm up by the fire.

When the call came, they were there and ready. Lieutenant Kent L. Roberts of the Marine Base at New River, volunteered to make the trip. Only snag was, he didn't know the way to the hospital's location. What to do?

It was known that Fred Monroe, Jr., of West End had chains for his car and he was immediately contacted. He offered to drive in to Moore Memorial Hospital to guide the pilot, who, by flying low, could follow the shine of the car's lights.

Thus the perilous journey was made, Mrs. Reynolds accompanying her husband. The car crept along the frozen roads, its headlights cutting a dim swathe through the night, while close above, hovering low, the helicopter flew the route.

On nearing the hospital the copter flew in circles while Mr. Monroe, who had driven around to a fairly open place near the

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Schools in Southern Pines re-opened yesterday after an enforced three day vacation due to the heavy snowstorm.

Superintendent A. C. Dawson said this morning that the regular Christmas vacation begins tomorrow and will continue through December 28. Students will return December 29, 30 and 31, he said, and would then have New Years Day as a holiday.

A faculty meeting this afternoon was to determine whether students would also have January 2, which is a Friday, off.

Dr. Dawson said that attendance had been exceptionally good this week.

County schools have been closed since last Thursday and will remain closed until December 29. Students in the county system will have no vacation New Years Day.

Traffic Tied Up Entire Week, But Roads Clear Now

The Sandhills were rapidly drying out today after a solid week of fighting icy roads and cold weather as a result of the 18 inch snow fall recorded here last Thursday. It was the heaviest since the 24 inches recorded in March, 1927.

Schools were closed down all over the county for the greater portion of the seven-day period, though Southern Pines children went back Wednesday morning.

Police and the State Highway Patrol reported that an "amazingly small" number of traffic accidents were recorded. One youngster, Carlton Clippard, Jr., of Pinebluff, lost his life Thursday night when he was hit by a truck as he was riding his sled on US Highway 1 in Pinebluff.

Temperatures dropped below the freezing point several times and motorists had to cope each morning with frozen over streets as they attempted to move about.

The downtown section of Southern Pines was a snarl of traffic for two days—Friday and Saturday—but traffic was moving easier Monday morning.

Most people who discussed the snow (of such a consistency that it prevented any widespread making of snowballs and snow men, incidentally) were of the opinion that the most amazing thing about it was that it came so fast, so unexpectedly, and produced so few accidents and hardships.

One street here was put to use by youngsters with their sleds. Town officials blocked off a portion of New York Avenue between Page and Bennett for the youngsters' pleasure.

Tire chains were at a premium: there just weren't any to be had on Friday.

Pinebluff Youth Meets Death While Sledding On US 1

Carlton Thomas Clippard, Jr., 14, was killed by a truck on US 1 in Pinebluff last Thursday night while sledding.

He was Moore County's seventh highway fatality of the year.

It was the only fatal accident in this area during the storm, worst since 1927, when several others were elsewhere in the state.

The youngster's son, Mrs. C. T. Clippard, Jr., was soon after the accident about 8 o'clock and they were on a long slope.

A last-minute effort by C. A. ... was ... your ... H ... an ... a ...



TRAFFIC DIDN'T COMPLETELY STOP, but it might as well have Friday morning. This photo was made about 10 o'clock as people started arriving downtown to see what the snow did to the business area. In an old picture in Pilot files, made during the ... Street looked about the same ... during that storm were being ... This time, they were being ... handy. (Pilot photo)