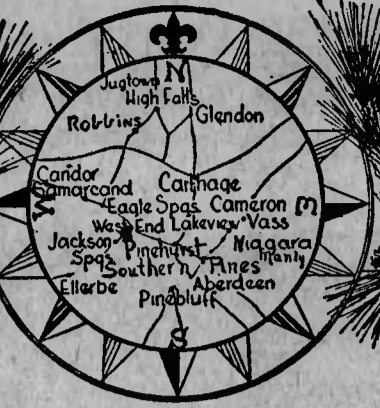




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## Danger On Highways Stressed

The State Highway Patrol's month-long December "special emphasis campaign" to cut the year-end traffic toll in lives, injuries and property damage will reach its peak over the Christmas week-end and during the final week of the month.

Patrolmen in Moore County and over the state are working extra hours and using every facility to help control holiday traffic at one of the most dangerous seasons of the year.

Thirteen persons were killed on Christmas Day last year on North Carolina highways, the public was reminded.

As of 10 a. m. Monday, 1,144 persons had been killed in traffic accidents in the state this year, as compared with 1,131 killed to the same date in 1959.

Moore County highway patrolmen who will be working during the holidays are Pfc. E. G. Shomaker of Southern Pines, Pfc. J. F. Swaim of Pinebluff, Pfc. R. R. Samuels of Aberdeen, Pfc. T. S. Clark of Robbins and Pfc. H. A. Hight, Jr. of Carthage.

The N. C. State Motor Club predicts that 27 persons will be killed in North Carolina traffic accidents during the long Christmas weekend.

The official fatality count will start at 6 p. m. Friday, December 23, and extend through midnight Monday, December 26, a (Continued on page 18)

## Office Building Being Built Near Howard Johnson's

A \$50,000 office building, with a wing to contain four new Howard Johnson Motor Lodge units, is under construction near the Howard Johnson's Restaurant and Motor Lodge on No. 1 highway south.

Voit Gilmore, president of the Storey Lumber Co. and head of the local Howard Johnson operations, said that the new building will consolidate the administrative work of both the lumber firm and the restaurant-motor lodge, permitting additional space needed. The offices are now located in the Graves Building on E. Pennsylvania Ave.

Occupancy of the new structure is expected March 1, Mr. Gilmore said. Exterior construction will be of old brick and board and batten. There will be four rooms in the office portion of the building and a wing with the four motor lodge units. The building will also make possible centralizing the teletype operations of both the lumber company and the motor lodge.

E. J. Austin is architect and Burton S. Perham the builder. Both are of Southern Pines.

The Storey Lumber Co. which does a nation-wide wholesale business, has only its administrative offices at Southern Pines.

## GILMORE TELLS ABOUT VISIT

### What's It Like at the South Pole?

Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, who on November 23 joined the growing but still small company of men who have set foot at the South Pole, is telling the story of his second Antarctic adventure (he went to the Antarctic but did not reach the Pole itself two years ago) in a series of articles for several North Carolina daily newspapers.

Mr. Gilmore, a member of the N. C. Board of Conservation and Development, flew to Antarctica as an observer with Operation Deep Freeze, the U. S. Navy's support program for scientific studies.

As a member of the Explorers Club of New York City, the Southern Pines man carried the fourth flag from the club (the custom is to carry the club's flag to



HELLO SANTA! — Last weekend was Santa Claus time for hundreds of Southern Pines children, at Christmas parties staged by local organizations. Shown here are a few of the many kiddies who met Santa at the Elks Club Sunday afternoon. Also on Sunday afternoon, at the

Veterans of Foreign Wars post home, children were greeting Santa Claus and getting rides on ponies and a town fire truck. Refreshments were served to all at both parties and there were gifts and favors. Another party was held at West Southern Pines Saturday afternoon—see photo on page 8. (Humphrey photo)

## Cheer Baskets To Be Distributed To Many Friday

Members of John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, are winding up preparations for their annual Christmas Cheer program today and plan to distribute 75 or more food baskets to needy families of the Southern Pines area Friday afternoon.

A. O. Monroe, Jr., chairman of the program, said that five pickup trucks with two or three post members on each truck will make the distribution to families whose need is certified by the Moore County Welfare Department.

In addition to food, toys and other gifts are being distributed to families with children. VFW members have been busy for several weeks repairing and painting toys given to the Christmas Cheer program. Some additional toys were purchased.

Mr. Monroe thanked all who have helped the program with food donations placed in grocery store containers, with toys or with cash donations. Funds are still welcome, he said, and should be sent to "VFW Christmas Fund," Box 226, Southern Pines.

## Hospital Asking 'Neighbor Aid'

The Neighbor-Aid Fund at Moore Memorial Hospital, set up last year to give or loan money to patients otherwise unable to pay their hospital bills, is nearly exhausted, Robert S. Ewing, the chairman, discloses in letters sent out soliciting continued support of this effort.

Over 100 families and individuals have been helped in the past year with the funds raised by voluntary subscriptions, his letter states. The funds are allocated by a committee of hospital directors.

"Our initial funds are about exhausted," Mr. Ewing says in his appeal letter, "but still we must care for many who have nowhere else to turn. By helping our neighbors, we are in turn helping ourselves, for by being able to prove that they receive aid, your hospital becomes eligible for additional funds from the Duke Endowment Fund and the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, thus reducing hospital losses incurred as a result of such charitable work."

Contributions, which are tax-deductible, should be sent to Neighbor Aid Fund, Moore Memorial Hospital.

## Property Revaluation In County Authorized

To Be Done by Professionals For \$69,000

The Moore County commissioners wound up their year's work with three decisive actions at a special meeting Tuesday afternoon.

They agreed to accept the proposal of Associated Surveys, a national firm of professional appraisers with state office at Greensboro, for the decennial revaluation of real property for tax purposes, a job to be completed by October 1, 1962, at a cost of \$69,000.

They decided their next fire truck, the fourth to be purchased under their year-by-year rural fire protection program, would be designated for service in the western part of the county, and would be located at Robbins until such time as a rural station in the area could be provided. They will advertise for bids on the fire truck, since three they have on hand have become outdated.

They signed multiple copies of a project application for a \$115,000 improvement program for the airport, assuring the federal government that the county's half of this cost is ready and available and that the county owns or has the necessary easements on the property. Certificates of ownership and easements, to be prepared by the county attorney, must accompany the application papers, beating a January 1 deadline of the Federal Aviation Agency.

At Carthage, courthouse offices will close at noon Friday, to reopen Tuesday morning. The regular meeting of the county commissioners will be held Tuesday.

The Southern Pines post office was open last Saturday till 5 p. m., but will keep regular hours Saturday of this week, closing at 12:30 p. m. By the end of this week, the bulk of Christmas mail will have been handled, said Postmaster Max Rush. On Monday, the post office will be on holiday schedule, with windows closed, no home delivery but with mail distributed to boxes and out-going mail handled as usual.

The Pilot office will close after today's edition is printed and will not reopen until Tuesday morning.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cunningham, former Southern Pines residents who were killed December 11 in an airplane crash in South America, were held this (Thursday) morning in the chapel at Fort Myer, Arlington, Va., with burial following in Arlington National Cemetery.

Burial in Arlington National Cemetery was possible because Mr. Cunningham had been working under the U. S. State Department since 1956, when he left his post as town manager here and went to teach public administration—first in the University of Paraguay in Asuncion where the Cunninghams had their home at the time of their death.

The air accident occurred in Argentina when a small plane, carrying the Cunninghams and two other persons crashed, killing all on board.

Mrs. Smith told persons here with whom she was in contact by telephone that she had met the Cunninghams' two children—Tommy, 9, and Tamara, 7, at New York City Saturday when they arrived by air from South America.

The children did not know she said, but the same day buried the bodies of their parents. Though details were lacking, apparently Mr. and Mrs. Good also met the plane at New York. It was not known here this week what disposition would be made of the children.

Members of the town council sent flowers, paying for them personally, as there is no budgetary provision for such expenditures by the town.

## Madonna Exhibit Seen at Gallery; Library Decorated

A Christmas exhibition based on the Madonna theme is being arranged by Dan Harvat this week in the Southern Pines Library art gallery while the library itself is gay with decorations placed by Southern Pines Garden Club members, with Mrs. L. W. Miller in charge.

One portion of the Madonna exhibit is pictured on the editorial page of today's Pilot which is traditionally turned over in the Christmas edition to carols, poetry and other items in the Christmas spirit.

In the library, there are wreaths over the mantel, greenery with red candles on the window sills, a decorated Christmas tree in the children's section and a design over the main arch with a big "kissing ball."

Large candle reproductions outside the doors are spotlighted at night.

The Christmas exhibition in the gallery will remain on view into January.

## Memorial Service For Gen. Marshall Scheduled Dec. 31

The annual memorial service for Gen. George C. Marshall, sponsored by the A. E. Sally Post 350, American Legion, of Pinehurst, is being planned for 10 a. m. Saturday, December 31, at the monument in Marshall Park, Pinehurst. The commanding general of Fort Bragg has been invited to speak at the commemoration and place a wreath in memory of General Marshall on behalf of the armed forces of the United States.

Commander George Hunt of the Pinehurst American Legion post will place a wreath on behalf of the American Legion and William Maness, president of the Pinehurst Lions Club, will also place a wreath for the Lions.

The color guard will be supplied by Company D, 2nd Medium Tank Battalion of the local North Carolina National Guard commanded by Captain James E. Harrington of Pinehurst.

Mrs. George C. Marshall, widow of the late general, who is now staying in Pinehurst, is expected to attend the service.

The Rt. Rev. Louis C. Melcher, D. D., minister of the Village Chapel, will render the invocation and the benediction will be given by the Rev. Max A. Gilmore of Beulah Hill Baptist Church.

The monument is in the park across the street from the Village Chapel.

Retired generals, admirals and friends of the late General Marshall in this area are expected to attend the services. All residents of the Sandhills and guests of the hotels are invited.

General Marshall died in October, 1959, at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. The service is held December 31 as that was his birthday. The first memorial service at Pinehurst was held last year.

## ROSS TOURNAMENT

The annual Donald J. Ross memorial golf tournament, a free-for-all event for young golfers, will be played at the Pinehurst Country Club Tuesday. For details see story on page 10.

## FORMER SANDHILLS RESIDENT

### Mrs. Smith Named U. S. Treasurer

Mrs. Elizabeth Rudel Smith, 49-year-old Kentfield, Calif., resident who was chosen Sunday by President-elect John F. Kennedy to become the next treasurer of the United States, is a former resident of the Sandhills who was active and interested in politics as a young woman here some 20 years ago. Her mother, Mrs. C. M. Rudel, lives at Pinehurst in "Twin Cedars," the house the family built there about 35 years ago, having already been hotel winter visitors in Pinehurst since 1916.

Mrs. Smith, known to her friends as "Libby," lived in Southern Pines during her marriage to Frank W. McCluer, an attorney who was associated with J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen and who was killed in a polo accident at Pinehurst December 29, 1941, when his pony bolted and threw him against a tree.

She later married Frederick H. Smith IV, from whom she was divorced in July, 1959. She has a daughter, Mrs. Robert Gunn of Bedford Village, N. Y., who is the mother of two girls, and a 17-year-old son, Daniel. Her three brothers are Thomas Rudel of New York City, William Rudel of Old Greenwich, Conn., and Jack Rudel of Montreal, Canada.

Until June of this year, when the firm was sold, she was a director of the Rudel Machinery Co., Ltd. of Montreal, Canada, which she owned with her three brothers. Her father, who died in 1932, had operated the business at Montreal where she and her three brothers were born. Her mother is a native of England.

Mrs. Smith has lived in California for the past 14 years and has been active on behalf of the (Continued on Page 8)



MRS. C. M. RUDEL of Pinehurst displays a photograph of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Rudel Smith, who has been appointed treasurer of the United States in the Kennedy administration. (V. Nicholson photo)