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Cold Helps Cause 3 Infant Deaths; Tree Kills Worker

The intense cold of the past week resulted directly or indirectly in the deaths of three infants of different families, in different parts of the county, according to the records of Moore County Coroner W. K. Carpenter.

The accidental death of a Negro woodcutter, pinned beneath a tree and a stump when another tree fell, was another tragedy marking this pre-Christmas week.

The three infants, all Negroes, were James Duncan McRae, six weeks old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McRae of Carthage, Route 3, found dead in bed last Thursday morning; Wayne Edwards Hines, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Belton Hines, Jr., of Taylortown, who was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital Saturday and pronounced dead on arrival there; and Elizabeth Johnson, five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson, Jr., of Vass, found dead in bed Monday morning.

Carpenter said the children had all had virus infections, and that all the families live in homes poorly heated, with little protection against bitter weather. In the McRae home, some of the windowpanes were out. At the Johnson home, while the baby was sleeping with her parents, it was in a room entirely unheated.

An autopsy was performed in the case of the Hines child, determining that the primary cause of death was a viral infection of the lower respiratory system.

In all the cases, Carpenter ruled the death due to natural causes and exposure.

Ruled accidental was the death of Lonnie Frank Little, said to be about 65, or possibly 70, of near Eagle Springs. Little was cutting wood last Thursday in Bensalem township with Willie Edward Pritchard, white, when a tree started falling and Pritchard shouted at Little to run. The elderly man ran "but he ran the wrong way," Pritchard told the coroner. The falling tree struck another, which struck Little on the back of the head and pinned him against a stump. He was instantly killed.

Baby Dies When Fire Burns Home

A four-months-old Negro baby, Joy Daniels, was fatally burned when fire destroyed the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Simmons Daniels, in the Broadway section of Aberdeen, shortly before midnight Tuesday. She was the couple's only child.

The baby's mother, Mrs. Estella Daniels, told Coroner W. K. Carpenter of Pinebluff that she ran in panic from a bedroom, in which the baby also was sleeping, seeking help from relatives in the same house, when she awoke to find fire in the room and the roof starting to fall in. She then found she was unable to get back in the room, though she cut her hand breaking a window in the attempt. The father had gone down town before the fire, but returned to help the Aberdeen volunteers fight the blaze.

Other persons who got out of the house just in time were Harry Lee Daniels, brother of the baby's father, his wife and their three young children, aged four, three and eight weeks. Also escaping unhurt was Willie T. Ray, a cousin of Mrs. Daniels. Harry Lee Daniels told the coroner that he thought at the time of the fire that Mrs. Estella Daniels had gotten her baby out, but that she had evidently been seized with panic and had run from the room, calling for help, without the infant. Coroner Carpenter ruled the death accidental.

THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the WEEB studios on Midland Road.

Table with columns for date, maximum temperature, and minimum temperature for the week of Dec 13-19, 1962.



IS IT REALLY SANTA?—Hundreds of pairs of eyes opened wide by the ever-new magic of really seeing Santa Claus seemed to be asking that question at the annual Christmas parties sponsored last week-end by the Southern Pines Elks Lodge. The group shown here is at the Southern Pines Country Club last Sunday afternoon. Another photo in today's Pilot pictures a scene at a West Southern Pines party on Saturday. In the background, above, are Walter Harper, left, chairman for the parties; and J. A. Matthews, exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge. Bags of goodies and other refreshments were distributed to all the children. (Humphrey photo)

Christmas Cheer Baskets Will Be Delivered Monday

Christmas Cheer baskets of food, toys and other items for needy families on the Welfare Department certified list will be packed and delivered Monday. Joe Garzik, commander of the sponsoring VFW post, said today. The commander is also this year's chairman of the annual program.

Members of the post will be taking cash contributions on the streets of the business section again Saturday, the chairman said, pointing out that food items given in grocery store collection barrels are never sufficient to fill the baskets.

Many fine contributions of toys have been made, Garzik said, but more can be taken in at the post home on N. W. Broad St. over the week-end. These go to selected needy families with children.

Other cash contributions are needed, he said, for purchase of perishable food items that go in the baskets. Checks should be sent to him, made out to "VFW Christmas Fund."

A similar program operates throughout Moore County, using Welfare Department lists of recipients. Names of all community chairmen appeared in The Pilot last week.

KIDDIES TO MEET SANTA ON SUNDAY

Local children are invited to the annual Santa Claus party of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be held at the post home on N. W. Broad St. Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be treats for all in the usual festive atmosphere of the occasion.

Kaylors Will Be Feted At Dinner

Fire Chief Frank Kaylor, who retired Saturday as resident fireman after 23 years in the post, and Mrs. Kaylor will be honored tonight (Thursday) by the volunteer fire department, with a dinner at Dante's Restaurant. Attending will be the volunteers, with their wives. Mayor J. S. Ruggles and Town Manager F. F. Rainey have been invited.

Mr. Kaylor remains a member of the department and chief, although he and Mrs. Kaylor have left their quarters at the fire station, and have occupied a new home in Manly.

FIRE CHIEFS TO MEET

A meeting of all chiefs and assistant chiefs of Moore County fire departments will be held at the Carthage Fire Station on Monday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Motorists Warned Of Traffic Peril During Holidays

Caution on crowded holiday roads was urged this week by the N. C. State Highway Patrol, as the N. C. State Motor Club of Charlotte predicted that 29 persons would be killed in North Carolina traffic accidents during the 102-hour "fatality period"—6 p.m. Friday to midnight, Tuesday, December 25.

Twenty-two traffic deaths were recorded in North Carolina during last year's 78-hour period. A total of 730 persons were injured in 1,065 accidents at that time.

According to the Highway Patrol, "Speeding with no regard for road, weather and traffic conditions was the most frequent driver violation contributing to holiday accidents last Christmas." December has been the peak month for auto accidents in North Carolina for many years, a warning from the Department of Motor Vehicles points out.

LIST TAKERS NAMED

List takers for listing of real and personal property for taxes in all the townships of Moore County have been named by the county commissioners. Listing of the property will begin January 2. The list takers are named in a public notice elsewhere in today's Pilot. Full details will appear in a story next week.

Sale Of Watson Property, Adjoining Tracts Closed For Over \$500,000

The acquisition of more than 1,100 acres of land, at a cost exceeding half a million dollars, by the Royal Dornoch Golf Village, Inc., between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, was announced today.

The purchasing corporation, formed by a large group of North Carolina business and professional men who reputedly include some of the state's wealthiest and most successful figures, will develop the property for private residential use, along with construction of a clubhouse and an 18-hole golf course, to be called the North Carolina Country Club.

Of approximately 1,153 acres involved, 896 were bought from the John Warren Watson estate for \$450,000. Included in the sale is a large lake, known as Watson's Lake, the nearby residence and boathouse; and the gatehouse farm, with a dwelling occupied by the John McCrimmon family, on the old Southern Pines-Pinehurst road. The Watson property has been known as "Sunny Sands."

Jim Harrington Resigns As GOP County Chairman

James E. Harrington, Jr., of Pinehurst, turned in his resignation as chairman of the Moore County Republican Executive Committee last Friday and called a meeting of the committee at the courthouse in Carthage, Tuesday, January 8, at 8 p.m. The resignation is effective in January.

At the meeting, the committee will act on the resignation and elect a new chairman.

In his letter to committee members, Harrington said:

"The organization you have built is strong and effective—you will find in it many individuals who can capably lead the Republican Party in Moore County. I'm writing this in advance so that you will have time to consider your choice for a new Chairman. Your new Chairman will then have a full year before the next county convention in which to improve our organization for the 1964 election year.

"I would like to say, too, that I value the association and friendship with each of you, and that I hope you will call upon me for any advice and assistance I may be able to give."

Lanterns, Scrolls Will Be Lighted; Contest Noted

Christmas lighting lanterns and scrolls, in the business section, are expected to be lighted tonight, J. W. (Bill) Blue, president of the Jaycees, sponsor of the lighting project, said today. He said that delay in erecting the lighting decorations and in getting them going was due to repairs which had to be made at the Hickory factory from which they were obtained last year. The devices were late in being returned from there, he said.

The Jaycees are again conducting their home and business lighting and decorations contest, with cash awards to be made in January for decorations that will be judged within the next week.

Dr. Chester In Hospital After Stroke On Sunday

Dr. P. J. Chester, well known local physician, is a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital, following a stroke suffered at his home on Pine Grove Road Sunday.

The attending physician said today that Dr. Chester is very ill but has shown slight signs of improvement.

Banks, Stores, Public Offices To Have Variety Of Holiday Closing Schedules

Public offices and private businesses will have a variety of closing times, in observance of the Christmas holiday, next week.

All banks in the county plan to close Tuesday (Christmas Day) and Wednesday.

In Southern Pines, numerous stores and offices will close for both Tuesday and Wednesday. However, some food stores, including A & P and Colonial, will be closed on Tuesday only. Drug stores also will be closed only on Christmas Day.

The local post office will be closed only on Christmas Day, but special delivery items and perishables will be delivered that day. Postmaster J. W. Causey said that a window at the post office will remain open from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, to permit pick-up of packages.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board stores in Southern Pines and Pinehurst will both be closed on Tuesday. In addition, the Southern Pines store will close Wednesday and the Pinehurst store will close Thursday.

Town offices here, including the Information Center and Southern Pines Library, will close for the holiday at noon Monday, and will reopen Thursday morning.

County offices in the courthouse at Carthage will have the longest holiday—from noon, Saturday until Thursday of next week. An extra day was granted by the commissioners because county employees did not take a Veterans Day holiday in November.

The Moore County Library at Carthage will be closed Monday through Wednesday.

Services, Events Scheduled By Churches For Christmas Season

Churches throughout this area have scheduled special services and events this coming weekend, through Christmas and beyond.

Here is a brief summary of happenings in Southern Pines churches during this period:

First Baptist Church, the Rev. Maynard Mangum, pastor. Tonight, Thursday, December 20—Brotherhood fellowship supper at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 22—Junior Choir rehearsal at 11 a.m.; Primary Sunday School Dept. Christmas party, 3-4 p.m.

Sunday, December 23—"White Christmas" offering of groceries for needy families from the Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; sermon, "Feed My Sheep," at the 11 a.m. service; Training Union, 6:15 p.m.; evening sermon, "The Little Moon Story," at 7:15 p.m., with special music by the Primary Choir.

Christmas carolling caravan to leave from front of sanctuary at close of evening service. Fellowship hour in Fellowship Hall on return from carolling.

Monday, December 24—Young people to meet at 9 a.m. at the church to deliver boxes to needy families; brief candlelight-carol service in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m., with special music by Mrs. Dewey Mims.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Father Francis M. Smith, pastor. Sunday, December 23—Usual Sunday schedule: Masses at 8, 9:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 24—Mass at 8 a.m.; Sacrament of Penance, 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Christmas carolling at 11:40 p.m., preceding the Blessing of the Crib at midnight and the Midnight Mass, with the pastor as celebrant, assisted by Acolytes Michael Smithson, Kenneth Smith, Patrick Dougherty and Andrew Buchholz and boys from St. Anthony's Choir. The vesting choir will be under direction of Sister Anne St. Joseph, S.P.S.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, W. Pennington, pastor. Christmas Eve, December 23—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Family Service, 9:30 a.m.; Parish Service, 11 a.m.; carolling by Young Churchmen, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Ascopal Church, the Rev. Ma. Caldwell, rector. Friday, December 21—Holy Communion and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. of college students. Sunday, December 23—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Family Service, 9:30 a.m.; Parish Service, 11 a.m.; carolling by Young Churchmen, 7 p.m.

Southern Pines Methodist Church, the Rev. R. C. Moseley, Jr., pastor. Sunday, December 23—School at 9:45 a.m., with Christmas offering to be used for the needy; morning worship service at 11 a.m., with baptism of children and admission of new members into the church. Christmas Candlelighting at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Dewey will sing, "O Holy Night." There will be no Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services. The church will have a Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service with sermon at 11:15 p.m. by the Methodist Youth League which will have preceding the service.

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School Holidays In Area Listed

The Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Moore County public school systems begin their Christmas holidays at the end of classes today, to reopen on Wednesday, January 2, at the usual hour. St. Anthony's Catholic School and our Lady of Victory School in West Southern Pines will have classes through Friday of this week and then will be on vacation until Monday, January 7.

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