

Merry Christmas

Orange
Peelings

COUNTY ABC LAW ENFORCEMENT Chief Burch Compton is looking for his service .38 pistol, lost last Saturday night while he was helping out at the fire that destroyed Arvie Wade's home at Cedar Grove. The five-room frame dwelling was destroyed in flames which stemmed from a kitchen flue. However, most of the furnishings were saved. As a matter of record, Chief Compton noted, the missing pistol was loaded.

THE JOLLY AIR OF SEASONS Greetings and Merry Christmas prevailing in the Chapel Hill Postoffice was abruptly dispelled on Monday. This happened when the postal force stuck up a hand-lettered sign board in the lobby declaring "Post Office Box Rent Due Now." General public reaction was "Couldn't they wait till after Christmas to tell us." However, postoffice employees noted that U. S. government auditors would raise ned with 'em if all boxes weren't paid for or locked up promptly on Jan. 1.

A WIERD TRAFFIC SMASH-up that narrowly averted being a tragedy occurred in mid-town Chapel Hill Monday afternoon. Mrs. Pat Lawing got in her car to back out of the merchants' parking lot when the starter stuck and it shot back at full tilt across the street, narrowly missing fast-hopping attorney Jack LeGrand, and plowing, wheels still grinding, into Bill Ray's parked car in front of his lawn mower shop. The parked car smashed into the side of his building, damaging it, too. In all there was several hundred dollars property and car damage.

FOLKS PAYING THEIR BILLS at the Memorial Hospital cashier's office have been brought up short this week. Behind the glass window, arrayed in the atmosphere of hi-fi Christmas carol music, is an elaborate tableau of three heavenly-size plaster angels gazing down on the holy child and a lamb. The seasonal display was set up by Mrs. Peggy Williams for the hospital's intradepartment decoration competition.

HILLSBORO ATTORNEY Lloyd Noell, using the line of Mark Twain, assures that "Reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." A rumor that he'd suddenly dropped dead spread through the county seat last Saturday night after Noell became strangled while munching some peanuts and sipping a soft drink at home. However, he recovered as a doctor was called to the home.

Merry Christmas — A simple message, a sincere and warm seasonal greeting that has carried through the ages . . . Yet no other words have ever expressed the spirit of the Yuletide better . . . In these two words The News also declares its appreciation to one and all across the Land of Orange—residents, readers, and advertisers alike—for the privilege of serving you this past year.

As we look back on 1960 and look forward to the coming year, we pledge to you our renewed effort to work for the community interest of all our citizens during 1961.

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Yet in thy dark streets shineth...



CAROLERS QUARTET — Like the everlasting light over Bethlehem, the stars of Chapel Hill's downtown set off four young carolers from the Young Peoples Fellowship of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. Left to right are Bobby Lester, Joe Spransy, Susan Barron, and Nixie Miller.

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