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## The Night Before Christmas

By Clement Clark Moore

Written for his children in 1822.

Twas the night before Christmas  
 When all through the house  
 Not a creature was stirring,  
 Not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung  
 By the chimney with care  
 In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would  
 be there.  
 The children were nestled all snug in their  
 beds,  
 While visions of sugarplums danced in their  
 heads.

And Mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap  
 Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.  
 When out on the lawn there arose such a  
 clatter  
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the  
 matter.  
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the  
 sash.

The moon on the breast of the  
 new fallen snow  
 Gave a luster to midday to objects below,  
 When, what to my wondering eyes should  
 appear,  
 But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny  
 reindeer,  
 With a little old driver  
 so lively and quick,  
 I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers  
 they came,  
 And he whistled and shouted and called  
 them by name:  
 "Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer!  
 Now, Prancer and Vixen!  
 On, Comet! On, Cupid!  
 On, Donner and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch,  
 To the top of the wall!  
 Now, dash away! Dash away! Dash away,  
 all!"  
 As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane  
 fly  
 When they meet with an obstacle  
 mount to the sky,  
 So up to the housetop the coursers they  
 flew  
 With a sleigh full of toys  
 and Saint Nicholas too.  
 And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof  
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head and was  
 turning around,  
 Down the chimney Saint Nicholas came with a  
 bound.  
 He was dressed all in fur from his head  
 to his foot,  
 And his clothes were all tarnished with  
 ashes and soot.  
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
 And he looked like a peddler just opening  
 his pack.

## Will You Be One Of Thirteen?

Drive with the spirit of Christmas and avoid becoming one of the unlucky 13 victims who the North Carolina State Motor Club predicts will die on North Carolina streets and highways during the short-Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Since both holidays fall in the middle of the week and will be officially counted as only one-day periods, the club combined its predictions of eight Christmas fatalities and five for New Year's holidays.

## Calypso Medical-Self-Help Course

The first medical self-help training course offered in Duplin County has just been completed at North Duplin High School with seventeen students receiving their diplomas. This course includes lectures and class discussion on various first-aid subjects including the management of bleeding, shock, burns, fractures, transportation of the injured and artificial respiration. In addition nursing care of the sick and injured is included as well as the subject of radioactive fallout and shelter. Dr. Herby B. Kornegay was course instructor. This course is approved by the U.S. Public Health Service, The American Medical Association and the Office of Civil Defense. Students completing the course were Caroline Bowman, Ann Oates, Claudette Rouse, Keith Beavers, Inga Christianson, Donald Brogden, Peggy Taylor, John Davis, Tinker Tilton, Gail Swinson, Gail Larue Swinson, Sara McCoolman, Ray Roberts, Mary Hobbs, Jimmy Jordan, Jerry Whitman and Mr. L.S. Guv.

## Holiday Open House

Rose Hill Home Demonstration Club staged an outstanding Holiday Open House December 14 and 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fussell of Rose Hill. Over 400 guests called at the home during the two days.

The entire house was decorated including living room, dining kitchen, family room, foyer, bedrooms and bath, even paper box.

Attractive refreshments, made by the demonstration members, were served to the large crowd of guests. All of the decorations were made by the club members. They used native material for many of the

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The state will count its Christmas traffic deaths from 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, through midnight Wednesday, December 25 and its New Year's fatalities from 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, through midnight Wednesday Jan. 1. However since many companies are giving their employees at least two days off for Christmas and some three, the over all total for the holiday season is expected to be considerably higher.

"Our estimate is based on past experience of motorist coupled with current driving patterns," pointed out Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club and the National Auto. Assoc. "The number of fatalities during the holiday season will be reduced to the extent that motorists observe the basic safe driving rules."

Accident records show that the Christmas season claims more lives on the highway than any other holiday period. Christmas Eve is the most dangerous day of the year and Dec. 15 the most dangerous month.

During the four-day period Christmas holidays, the state counted 43 traffic deaths and 1,365 injured in a total of 2,394 accidents. Leading driver violations were: speeding 442; failure to yield right of way, 363; driving on wrong side of road, 326; and following too closely, 218.

"Christmas won't be much fun for accident victims," Watkins cautioned. "So make courtesy your code of the road, stay alert and keep your holiday happy."

## Warsaw Boy Named Alternate Naval Academy Nominee

Congressman David N. Henderson today announced that he has named Jack R. Boney, Jr., of Warsaw as alternate nominee to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland for the class entering in June, 1964.

As an alternate nominee, his admission to the Academy is necessarily dependent on whether other nominees successfully pass both the written and physical examinations given to all candidates in the spring. Henderson noted, however, that in the past most Third District boys actually admitted to the Naval Academy have been alternates rather than principal nominees.

The son of Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Boney Sr., young Boney attended James Kenan High School during his freshman and sophomore years and is presently a student at Baker High School, Columbus, Georgia.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR--All over the county the decorations are more beautiful and more elaborate than ever. Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Jernigan, 201 Azalea Drive, Rose Hill, have the whole house decorated very attractively, but the entrance expressed The Duplin Times-Progress Sentinel's wish to you, too --Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, from all of us to all of you.

## First Electricity From Atom

Electricity from the atom coursed through power lines of the Carolinas for the first time Monday.

It toasted bread, cooked food, turned motors, illuminated homes and lighted Christmas trees the same as always. The unique difference lay in the fuel source behind the electric energy--enriched uranium which fissions to produce heat when bombarded by neutrons in a controlled chain reaction.

A turbine generator driven by steam created in the nearby atom-fired reactor came to life at 1:59 a.m. to produce the first surge of electricity. The power was channeled into the transmission system of S. C. Electric & Gas Company and by interconnections throughout the Carolinas and Virginia.

Louis V. Sutton, president of Carolinas Virginia Nuclear Power Associates, Inc., and chief executive officer of Carolina Power & Light Company, described the event as "fulfillment of a dream."

## Peace Corps Exams Jan. 11

The next Peace Corps Placement Test is scheduled to be given nation-wide on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8:30 a.m. The non-competitive aptitude tests will be administered at 825 Post Offices and other federal buildings in major cities throughout the United States. In this area tests will be given at Goldsboro and Wilmington.

All applicants for Peace Corps service are required to take the Placement Test, as well as submit a Peace Corps Questionnaire. Those who have not completed a Questionnaire will be asked to do so immediately after the testing.

## Trial & Error

The following story was received on a Christmas Card by one of our employees. She wishes to share it with you.

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS ROSE

When Jesus was born in the little town of Bethlehem, there came Wise Men from the East bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

A little shepherdess, watching from afar, wept because she had no gift to offer the Christ Child. As her tears fell to the ground flowers sprang up, which the child gathered and hastened to bring to the infant.

In adoration, she knelt so Jesus could see the flowers, and when His blessed little hands touched the petals, a delicate pink appeared. And so a flower that never bloomed before came into existence--the Christmas Rose.

To this day, the Christmas Rose blooms more abundantly at Christmas Time than at any other season.

From all of us in the Duplin Times-Progress Sentinel office to our wonderful reading public, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Murphy L. Carr, Editor  
 Ruth P. Grady, Managing Ed.  
 Louise P. Andrews  
 Winford Howard  
 Mickey Cottle  
 Mary Lou Reynolds  
 Ruby Campbell, Saleslady  
 C.E. Hayworth, Salesman

## Powell Urges Vote For Amendment

"The people of Duplin County need to understand that some issues very close to their hearts are at stake in the struggle over reapportionment of the Legislature," Carl Powell of Kenansville, president of the Duplin County Farm Bureau, said today.

"Take rural electrification," said Powell, "North Carolina's rural electric cooperatives managed to keep their independence through the 1963 legislature through rural and urban interests."

Another issue, he said, is that of the county's rural school system. "For years, people in the cities have been complaining about their share of state tax money that goes to support rural schools. If they're allowed to control the legislature, they could very easily get a law passed which would force the rural counties to support their own school systems, to a far greater extent than they do today."

A third issue is roads. "Half of the 70,000 miles of roads in North Carolina are unpaved," said Powell. "Nearly all of this unpaved mileage is in rural

areas. We must have at least one house in the legislature that is favorable to rural areas, if we expect to get the roads of Duplin County paved in good time."

A fourth issue is taxes. Powell noted that many attempts have been made already in the legislature to levy heavier taxes on the rural people. "Unfair taxes, compared to those paid by people in the cities."

"As more people get out of farming and it takes more money to stay in farming, rural people will have to fight harder each legislative session to keep their taxes fair," said Powell. "A legislature dominated by urban people is not likely to be sympathetic to the tax problems of rural people."

Powell urged the people of Duplin County to vote January 14 for the constitutional amendment for fair representation of all the people of North Carolina.

"This will be the last chance rural people will have to insure that they are fairly represented in the State Legislature," he said.

## Modern Farming Short Course

Mr. Philip Kretsch, Jr., key banker for Duplin County has announced that the Branch Banking and Trust Company and Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company of Duplin County are offering two scholarships to a short course in modern farming at N.C. State College from January 27 to February 7. This short course is for young farmers who have finished high school and are not planning to attend college. This two-week short course will include study in: Poultry, Marketing, Field Crops, Farm Planning, Food Processing, Agricultural Policy, Soils and Fertilizers, Enterprise Economics, Insect and Disease Control, Fruits and Vegetables, Wildlife Management, Farm Mechanization, Livestock and Forestry. All young farmers between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in applying to attend this

short course can obtain an application blank from any Branch Bank and Trust Company, located in Warsaw, Wallace, Faison and Magnolia, or any Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, located in Kenansville, Beaufort, Rose Hill and Chincapin, or from the County Agricultural Agent's Office in Kenansville. The deadline for getting the entries in is January 8.

## Veteran Dividend Jan. 2

In response to President Johnson's directive for the earliest possible payment of the \$234-million GI insurance dividend for 1964, the VA today said the first checks would reach veterans by January 2.

In reporting this, J. D. DeRamus, Manager, North Carolina VA Regional Office, said payments to all of the 4,725,000 veterans participating in the dividend would be completed in record time -- by January 25.

The President, on December 8, ordered the accelerated payments as a stimulant to the economy.

In the first speed payment of a dividend, ordered by President Kennedy in 1961, payments were completed by March 17. The stepped-up payment of the 1963 dividend was completed last January 31. The VA plan to issue the 1964 dividend checks by next January 25 will cut a week from the previous record processing time of 31 days in 1963.

The dividend payments in 1962, and in the years prior to 1961 were made throughout the entire year on the anniversary dates of the individual insurance policies.

Of the total distribution of \$234-million, \$15 million will go to about 225,000 World War I veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance (USGLI) policies.

The remaining \$219-million will go to 4,500,000 World War II veterans who hold National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) policies, DeRamus said.

The VA estimates that 92,454 veterans in the state of North Carolina will receive dividends amounting to \$4,589,700.

Korean conflict veterans hold non-participating policies that do not provide regular annual dividend payments.

## BRIEFS

WARSAW A&P OPEN THURSDAY

The Warsaw A&P Store will be open all day Thursday, December 26, for the convenience of its patrons.

METHODIST MEN MEET

The December meeting of the Rose Hill Methodist Men was held Tuesday in the church basement. Twenty-five men and their wives were present, making a total of 50, to enjoy the supper and fellowship.

Bobby Lee Jones, president of the Methodist Men, welcomed the lady visitors. C.T. Fussell, Jr., gave the devotional "Now is the Time."

Ben Harrell, program chairman directed some very interesting and enjoyable games. Parts of the program was recorded. J.D. Jerome led the group in singing Christmas favorites.

A good time was had by all and it is hoped that more of the men will be able to attend the January meeting. Rev. Fann Steele, the pastor, closed the meeting with prayer.

BAPTIST CONFERENCE

More than 2,000 Baptist pastors and laymen will converge on Winston Salem, North Carolina, February 10-12, 1964, for the eighteenth annual conference on Evangelism meeting at the First Baptist Church. Sessions will get underway at 1:45 p.m. and will conclude with the morning session, Wed. Feb. 12.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE--The Home Demonstration Club decorated the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fussell throughout. The decorations were handmade by the women from native plants, walnuts, chicken wire, tin can lids, etc., and more than 400 people called to see them. Mrs. Fussell presided; left Mrs. W.T. Shandland, president of the club, (right) Miss Guss Herring.