

WE THANK THEE, O GOD, for the return of the wondrous spell of this Christmas season that brings its own sweet joy into our jaded and troubled hearts.

Forbid it, Lord, that we should celebrate without understanding what we celebrate, or, like our Counterparts so long ago, fail to see the star or hear the song of glorious promise.

As our hearts yield to the spirit of Christmas, may we discover that it is Thy Holy Spirit who comes—not a sentiment, but a power—to remind us of the only way by which there may be peace on earth and good will among men.

May we not spend Christmas, but keep it, that we may be kept in its hope, through Him who emptied Himself in coming to us that we might be filled with peace and joy in returning to God. Amen.

A Christmas Prayer by Peter Marshall

## The Best Christmas Gift - Stay Alive

The best Christmas gift you can give your family this year is a safe and joyous Yuletide, making sure that you don't become one of the 39 unfortunate who the N. C. State Motor Club predicts will be killed on North Carolina streets and highways during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Both holidays will be officially counted as three day holidays—78 hour periods—and the club compiled the projected forecasts of 23 Christmas fatalities and 16 for New Year's.

North Carolina will count its Christmas traffic deaths from 6 P. M. Thursday, December 24, through midnight Sunday, December 27, and its New Year fatalities from 6 P. M. Thursday, December 31, through midnight Sunday, January 3.

that so long as we live GOD will make us worthy of our friends.

Lella and Paul Grady.

Ruth

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADM. EXHIBIT.

The N. C. Museum of Natural History at Raleigh will exhibit "Photography From Five Years of Space" beginning January 1. Director Harry T. Davis says that the NASA has now made available another exhibit to complement this exhibit. School children planning to visit the museum in January will find the two exhibits coordinated in such a way that they can see these and the hundreds of other exhibits on the three floors of the museum.

## Whitaker Named March of Dimes Director

Mr. Earl W. Whitaker of Wallace, will serve as Duplin County March of Dimes Director for the 1965 campaign which will be held in the month of January, according to B. R. Batts, Chairman of the Duplin County Chapter of The National Foundation—March of Dimes. In announcing the appointment, Mr. Batts said, "We are fortunate in having a man of Mr. Whitaker's leadership abilities to direct the Duplin County's efforts against birth defects which afflict one out of every ten American families."

Mr. Whitaker is a native of Alamance County and was with the Highway Patrol for eight years. He has been Chief of Police in Wallace for the past thirteen years. Mr. Whitaker is a member of the Shrine Club and has served as president of the Lion's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, and their three sons, attend the Presbyterian Church in Wallace.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Whitaker said, "Birth defects kill and cripple more American children than any other human disorder. The March of Dimes in leading the fight against birth defects because it believes the people are ready to join in an all-out campaign against this tragic waste of human life."

Mr. Whitaker pointed out that the March of Dimes for the past six years has made important advances in the fight against birth defects. Through

While the club's estimate is based on past experience, the number of fatalities could be reduced if all motorists observe the basic safe driving rules.

Accident records reveal that the Christmas season claims more lives on the highways than any other holiday period. Christmas Eve is the most dangerous day of the year, and December is the most dangerous month.

During the short one day Christmas - New Year's holiday period last year, the state counted 19 traffic deaths, 13 on Christmas and 6 on New Year's - and 429 injured in 706 accidents.

Leading traffic violations were: speeding, 135; driving left of center, 122; failure to yield right of way, 67; reckless driving, 50, and driving under the influence of alcohol, 45.

"The wives and husbands, the eager children, the sweethearts and friends and neighbors - all of them care-care that the glowing spirit of Christmas shall not be darkened by an automobile accident," said Thomas B. Watkins, president of the N. C. State Motor Club and the National Automobile Association. "They care - so please take care when you drive."

## Bloodshed

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, December 21:

Killed To Date ..... 1520

Killed To Date Last Year 1322

**CAREER MILESTONE**—Marvin F. Teachey Jr. has completed five years under the Newport News Apprentice School program, two of them spent at the University of Michigan on a Homer L. Ferguson scholarship. Qualifying as a hull designer, Teachey also worked on the Cavalier Club and Pi Sigma Phi fraternity. The new career shipbuilder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Teachey Sr. of 200 Regent St., Hampton, Virginia.

Mr. Teachey is the grandson of the late Jake Teachey of Rose Hill, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Small) Teachey, formerly of Rose Hill.

## BRIEFS

### CLASS REUNION

The Class of 1962, James Kenan High School, reunion will be held Saturday night, December 26 at 8 p. m. in the Warsaw Armory. All former class members, their wives or husbands are cordially invited to attend. If you plan to attend notify Miss Mary Lou Reynolds, Kenansville, N. C.

### THREE STILL NEAR WARSAW

Jimmy and Wayne Harper had their plans to obtain a little extra money for the holidays upset when Sheriff Deputies Glenn Jernigan and Ervin Outlaw discovered and destroyed their 100-gallon still some two miles south of Warsaw. Destroyed were 8 barrels of mash and 16 gallons of white lightning were confiscated. The two are charged with possession of material for the manufacture of non-tax-paid whiskey and manufacturing same.

Deputies E. G. Crestnutt and Ervin Outlaw destroyed two 300-gallon vat stills in Warsaw Township, some two miles southwest of town and 400 gallons of mash in another said.

### COUNTY OFFICES CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Board of County Commissioners designated Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25 and Monday, Dec. 28, as Christmas Holidays for county offices. The offices are not normally open on Saturday and Sunday.

The Duplin County Farm Bureau advises that their office will be closed December 24 and 25 for the holidays.

### HOLIDAYS FOR LOCAL DRAFT BOARD

The office of the Duplin County Draft Board will be closed on December 24, 25, and 28, 1964, for the Christmas holidays and on January 1, 1965 for the New Year holiday.

### KENANSVILLE TYPEWRITING CLASS

The James Sprunt Institute announces that a beginning typewriting class will be held starting January 4, 1965 at 9:00 a. m. until 11:00 a. m. on Monday and Thursday mornings. Classes will be held at the Kenansville Elementary School. Cost for the course will be \$3. Mr. Dixon Hall will be the instructor. The course will last eleven weeks. Students may enroll at the first class meeting. For further information you may contact the Institute.

### SATURDAY SCHEDULE FOR POST OFFICE

The Schedule for Post Office on Saturday December 26, has been announced as follows, rural route deliveries will be made, mail will be distributed to post office lock boxes, special deliveries will be delivered and all mail will be received and dispatched in accordance with the regular Sat. schedule. No window service will be provided on Saturday morning.

## Dolls Do Everything Nowadays But Change Their Own Diapers

Dolls do everything nowadays but change their own diapers. They walk, talk, wink, drink, burp, flirt, snuffle, sneeze, laugh, and sing. They wear wings, blow bubbles, and twist. Ranging in grandness from the simplest rag baby to the most sophisticated teen model, dolls have grabbed a giant

share of the \$1 billion toy market this Christmas. **DOLLS SPEAK 7 LANGUAGES** Dolls with mechanical ability are increasingly popular, the National Geographic Society reports. One baby doll turns her head and dutifully falls asleep in her crib at the push of a but-

ton. A beatnik moppet says, "Play it cool." Another sings nursery rhymes, and a sports-minded doll roller-skates in circles. One versatile youngster speaks 216 words in French, Spanish, Russian, Italian, German, English, and Japanese thanks to tiny phonograph discs that can be played within the doll.

To bring out the nurse in every little girl, there is even a sick doll. She comes equipped with three faces—an ill one (complete with red spots), sleepy, and happy. She is dressed in pajamas, and has her own adjustable hospital bed.

One of the most lifelike dolls has "hair that grows." The hair can be washed, set, then combed out in high-fashion style. The flick of a switch changes the hair length from short to medium to long.

Two Baltimore brothers have perfected a doll that can get a suntan. Dressed in blue swimsuit, "Sandy" freckles, then turns a golden brown after a minute in the sun. The secret is a special coating which makes the body sensitive to light.

Many toy manufacturers believe clothes sell the doll. Consequently, high-fashion dolls may have 100-piece wardrobes including monogrammed pajamas and miniature mink coats, sneakers and swim fins. "It costs more to clothe the doll than my child!" moaned

one mother. To make doll housekeeping easier, there are such appliances as whistling tea kettle, sizzling skillet, and perking percolator. For the career-girl doll there's a desk and two-way telephone with "liteup" dial. For the outdoor type there are golf clubs, sports cars, and boats.

### WIND-UP WRITER

Mechanization of dolls is not new. American dolls were walking and talking a hundred years ago.

And as far back as the 18th century, two Swiss watchmakers built three incredible dolls that still write, draw, and play for visitors to the History Museum in Neuchatel, Switzerland. When wound up, the little author dips a quill pen in ink and writes "Welcome to Neuchatel" in French. The artist sketches pencil portraits of Louis XVI of France and Marie Antoinette. The lady musician sits at the keyboard of a miniature 18th-century organ, and plays simple minuets, gavottes, and quadrilles.

Though a doll's life has never been better, there are still sports. A Czechoslovakian Communist youth newspaper blamed dolls for spreading "bourgeois ideas of a perfect lady." The newspaper warned: "Girls will grow up to be more interested in fashion than in the production of synthetic chlorophyll."

## Carolina Power To Reduce Rates

Carolina Power & Light Company filed rate reductions Tuesday, in accordance with requests by utility commissions in the Carolinas, to save its customers about \$1,250,000 in 1965.

The new rate schedules will become effective with bills rendered on or after February 4. They are made possible by reductions in federal income taxes for 1965.

Louis V. Sutton, CP & L board chairman and chief executive officer, said the new rate schedules call for annual savings of \$752,000 for large commercial and industrial customers, \$443,000 for residential customers, and savings totaling \$55,000 a year on municipal pumping and street lighting accounts.

This follows a reduction of \$1,150,000 made by CP&L last May, and its 25th reduction in the past 30 years.

Sutton said "CP&L's rates are low in comparison with rates of other companies in the national level. With larger generating units, power pooling arrangements and other operational economies we hope to continue this favorable position, notwithstanding probable inflation."

He referred to a current Federal Power Commission report that draws a comparison between the 1962 national average retail power price of 1.7 cents per kilowatt-hour and a projected 1.2 cents in 1980. "Our average kilowatt-hour price in 1962 was 1.48 cents per kilowatt-hour, and with our present reduction in rates is estimated at around 1.36 cents for 1965, or within 12 per cent of the average price projected by the FPC for 1980," he said.

## Jack Johnson, Jr. Named Naval Academy Alternate

Congressman David N. Henderson today announced that he has named Jack Johnson, Jr., an alternate nominee to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson of Route 1, Wallace, young Johnson is a senior at Wallace-Rose Hill High School where he is a member of the FFA and the Beta Club as well as having an outstanding scholastic record.

Henderson noted that as an alternate, whether Johnson will actually be admitted to the academy will necessarily be dependent upon whether other nominees can meet the qualifications, but pointed out that in the past the majority of cadets actually admitted to the academy from the Third District have been alternates rather than principal nominees. Johnson will take both written and physical examinations in the spring and if finally admitted to the academy will enter in the summer of 1965.

## James Sprunt Enrolls 574

The James Sprunt Institute enrolled 574 students during the Fall Quarter ending November 30. Courses of instruction included practical Nurse Education, Automobile Engines, Introduction to Business, Business Law, Salesmanship, Credits and Collections, Business Math, Business English, Typing, Shorthand, Business Reading and Writing for adults, Oil Painting, Nurses Aide, Telephone Courtesy, Peace Officer Training, Advanced Hair Cutting and Advanced Hair Styling for licensed Beauticians, General Math Firemanship Training, Administrative Management.

One of its newest programs is the learning lab which offers programmed instruction and machine teaching to students who cannot attend regularly scheduled classes but wish to come in anytime, day or night to take a variety of courses in a self-teaching program.

Pressing needs of the institute are building space to house existing programs in a central location and expand its services to include liberal arts education for transfer, commercial art and design, building crafts, diesel mechanics, tractor mechanics, medical secretarial training, legal secretarial training, Electronics, drafting and design, agriculture, and others.

Costs for full-time programs of study is only \$10 per month with the costs of extension courses ranging from no cost to \$6 per course. In addition to a small tuition, the student must buy his books and supplies. Students may enroll four times a year at the beginning of each Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer quarter.

## New Strawberry Variety

Plants in a new strawberry variety, Earlibelle, will be available for spring planting in 1965. The variety was developed through the cooperative efforts of the Crops Research Division, USDA, and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

Earlibelle ripens earlier than the Albritton variety in eastern North Carolina and the Yields have been better. At the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Willard, Earlibelle averaged 1,665 quarts per acre in the first week of harvest as compared with 681 quarts per acre for Albritton. Over a five year period, the Earlibelle variety has outyielded Albritton by 25 per cent.

The fruits of Earlibelle are medium-large and average 62 berries per pound as compared with 66 for Albritton. The skin color is bright red turning to a deeper red at maturity. The flesh color is uniformly bright red. The surface of the berries is glossy and firm. In shape, the berries are long-conic with few rough or misshapen fruits. The flavor is tart and good.

Plants of Earlibelle are comparatively small but they set runners so freely in most soils that fruiting beds must frequently be thinned. The leaves are resistant to leaf spots and leaf scorch. The variety has not been productive at Beltsville, Maryland, and northward, while no tests have been conducted in the mountain regions of North Carolina; it would probably not do well at the higher elevations. Earlibelle is recommended primarily for planting in the lower Piedmont, eastern North Carolina and southward. The seedling selection has been named and is being introduced to commercial growers and home gardeners because of its attractive appearance, firm fruit, early maturity, and greater yielding ability than the Albritton.

## Trial & Error

If you haven't seen Santa's Workshop in the Christmas, please ride down to Beulaville, turn right at the school house and go down about 1/2 mile. Santa's workshop is sitting in the front yard at Gilbert Campbells and elves are busily at work in the workshop. When your car stops to admire the scene, Santa talks to the young boys and girls in the car. It is most amazing and well worth your time.

Bess Hines Harkins of Oxnard, California sent us a beautiful Christmas poem.

CHRISTMAS . . . once more the year Approaches the sacred time Of carol and candle-light, Of clear, sweet temple chime; Once more the Star of the East Is beckoning to men To follow, as it did The ageless moment when The Herald Angels sang . . . A golden, glad refrain, Triumphant down the centuries Rings out, "be born again!" Bess Hines Harkins

Each Christmas The Paul Gradys of Kenly send an original Christmas message. I fondly look forward to their Christmas Greeting, first to hearing from them and second to enjoy their originality. This year I would like to share their message with you.

"Christmas Greetings 1964. Christmas means different things to different people at different times, under different circumstances and in different places.

The Paul Gradys of Kenly count this not least among our blessings of this "HOLY SEASON; that it gives us the opportunity to speak sincerely and from the innermost recesses of our hearts;

On This Day Of Days when the sunshine of friendship and mutual affection shines through the every day cares and duties of our busy lives; We Wish For You And Yours, all joy, peace, hope and happiness and our earnest prayer is that you may store this away in your hearts so that you may know every day of the coming years that our sentiments remain the same, our loyalty unchanged and our love, devotion and understanding increasing as the days go by.

Our Hope is that "we shall not be as ships that pass in the night" but that our paths may cross soon and often and that we may have the continued blessing of your friendship.

Our Prayer is that while we have no gold to give, and love must make amends, we pray

