

## St. John's Church, Stacy, Starts \$21,000 Renovation Program

### Three Carteret Churches Will Have Services Christmas Eve

### Newport Rural Residents May Pay Fees to Trustees

### Miss Carraway Speaks at Party

Christmas Eve services will be held in St. Andrew's, St. Egbert's and St. Paul's churches in this county.

The service in St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Morehead City, will begin at 11:15 p.m., announces the Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, rector. A half-hour concert on the carillon bells will be presented at 7 p.m.

Miss Nancy Russell, organist, will play half an hour's prelude of carols from 10:45 p.m. until the time of the service. St. Andrew's church is located on Arendell Street, between 20th and 21st streets.

At 11:30 p.m. there will be choral celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Beaufort, announces the Rev. C. Edward Sharp, rector. St. Paul's church is located on Ann Street, between Orange and Moore streets.

There will be midnight mass in St. Egbert's Catholic church, Morehead City, Christmas Eve. St. Egbert's is located on Evans Street at 17th Street.

Most of the other churches had their Christmas services and Christmas programs during the past weekend.

St. Timothy Lutheran church, Havelock, will have a candlelight service at 7:30 Christmas Eve. The church is located on highway 70, west of Havelock, in Craven county.

Ray Lackey, president of the Newport Rural Fire Association, announces that rural residents who want fire protection may pay their fees to any trustee of the association.

The trustees are Cleveland Garner, east side of highway 70 to the Craven County line; Y. Z. Simmons, Masontown; Cecil Pringle, Mundine section; Troy Cannon, Broad Creek; Bill Pohoresky, Wildwood and Bogue Sound Road, and Lester Haskett, Mill Creek.

The rural association was reorganized last week for two more years. The first organization, which came into being in 1949, had a contract with the town whereby the town housed and operated its fire truck.

The new group hopes to renew the contract at the January meeting of the town board of commissioners.

The fee for fire protection, for two years, is \$10 per dwelling (\$5 annually, but the total fee is to be paid now) plus smaller fees for outbuildings.

The officers and trustees, meeting Monday night in the office of Hibbs' Soda Shop, decided that the lines of their rural coverage should not be changed. They plan to continue to operate as far east as Mansfield and no farther west than the Broad Creek bridge.

It had been thought that the eastern limit might be highway 24 and 70 intersection; and west as far as Bogue.

### State Will Open North River Bridge Jan. 4

### Approaches Will Be Paved in Spring

### New Bridge to Span Calico Creek

Traffic will use the new bridge across North River Jan. 4, Jack Burruss, resident engineer with the State Highway Commission, reported this week. The last span of hand-rail for the bridge was poured Tuesday.

The approaches to the bridge, approximately 1,500 feet at each end, will be paved in the spring, the pouring to start about April 15. The approaches will be asphalt. This work is expected to be done by the first of May.

The old bridge will be removed. It was severely battered by the hurricanes of the '50s, and was washed out by Hazel in 1954.

The new bridge is costing a total of \$350,534; the bridge itself \$195,816 and the roadway approaches \$154,718.

The state expects to let a contract Feb. 2 to replace the bridge on the Crab Point road across Calico Creek. Cost of the bridge has been estimated at about \$35,000. The present bridge is low and has been damaged by washouts on the approaches.

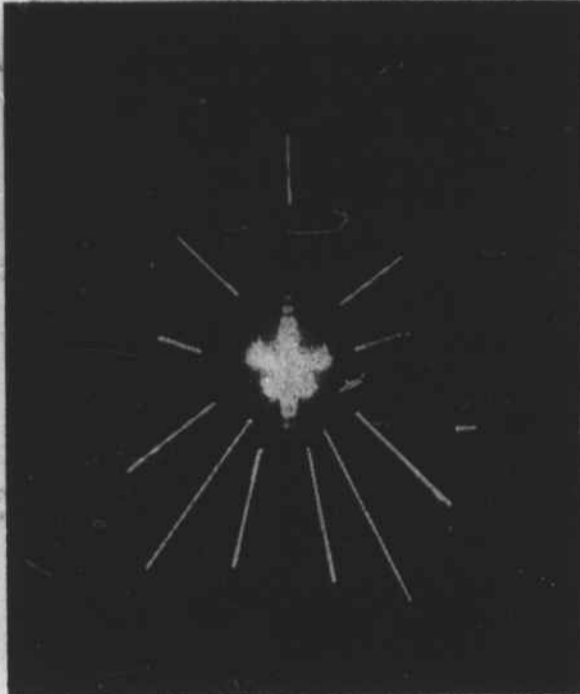
The contract price will include construction of a temporary timber bridge while the new bridge goes in.

Also planned for letting in February are 2.3 miles of dual lane highway 70 from Havelock east to the Carteret County line. If things proceed without too many problems, the contract for the Morehead City bridge, across Newport River, may be let in the fall of 1960.

Following that, work is expected to continue on the total program of dual-lane highway 70 all the way to Morehead City. This work will be done in short sections. After the paving to the Carteret line, the state is expected to work at the east end from highway 70 and 24 intersection to the intersection of highway 70 and 70A at Morehead City.

This will leave a section in the middle which involves Newport. The state is still considering the by-pass problem there. Evidently no decision has been made.

### Look for a Star . . .



High on the radio tower at the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp., Morehead City, is this star which shines over the town every Christmas season.

### Freak Accident Injures Three in Auto Sunday

Discharged from the Morehead City hospital Monday was Horace Owens, Kinston, who with two women was injured in a freak accident at the Beachview Servicenter, 24th and Arendell Streets, Morehead City, at 5:24 p.m. Sunday.

Also hospitalized were Mrs. Louvenia Grady and Mrs. Claudia Nunn, both of Kinston.

Involved in the accident, besides the three who were injured was Jack Westall, driver, a native of Kinston now working in Charlotte.

According to patrolman E. O'Neal Jr. of the Morehead City police force, Westall had parked his car, a 1953 Chrysler, at the gas pumps.

He turned the ignition off and got out of the car. Mrs. Grady, who was sitting in the front seat, reached over to turn the headlights off. She turned, however, the ignition switch and in stretching, her foot hit the accelerator, causing the car to bound westward, jump a concrete wall, knock down a white fence and smash into a house.

The house, owned by Esso, is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Buck Turner. They plan to move out Monday so that repairs can be made. The damage to the house is estimated at more than a thousand dollars.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$400. Its front was smashed. Mrs. Grady suffered cuts on her head and a chest injury. Mrs. Nunn suffered cuts, chest, back and side injuries and Owens had a cut on the head that was closed with stitches. He was taken to the hospital in the Dill ambulance.

The two women were taken in the police car. No charges were filed in connection with the accident.

Operator of the service station is Herbert Kelley.

### Fallen Wire Causes Power Outage Early Tuesday

Power was off in most of Beaufort from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Tuesday when a wire went down on Pollock street between Pine and Mulberry. It is not known why the wire fell, says George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light Co.

When the wire went down, it caused the circuit breaker in the substation to trip and lock, Mr. Stovall said. A line crew repaired the wire and restored power shortly after the outage.

### False Alarm

Morehead City firemen answered a false alarm Tuesday night about 8:30. The alarm came in from box 43, located at the corner of 13th and Fisher streets.



The First Christian Church, 23rd and Bridges Streets, Morehead City, portrays the birth of Christ in a manger.



An attractive scene portraying the birth of Christ has been placed in front of Camp Glenn Methodist Church, highway 70, west of Morehead City.



This nativity scene, with live animals surrounding the Holy Family in the stable, may be seen nightly until 10 p.m. at Core Creek Methodist Church on highway 101. The figures are life-size.

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The congregation of St. John's Chapel, Free Will Baptist Church, Stacy, voted Sunday to proceed with a \$21,000 renovation program. Fifteen thousand dollars of the amount has already been raised in cash and pledges, according to the Rev. Gordon Sebastian, pastor.

The renovation program was decided upon after fire extensively damaged the church Oct. 31.

Plans for the major undertaking have been drawn by John Valentine, architect.

Mr. Sebastian said that the congregation entered into the program Sunday with the thought that the improvement of His house of worship shall be a birthday present for Jesus.

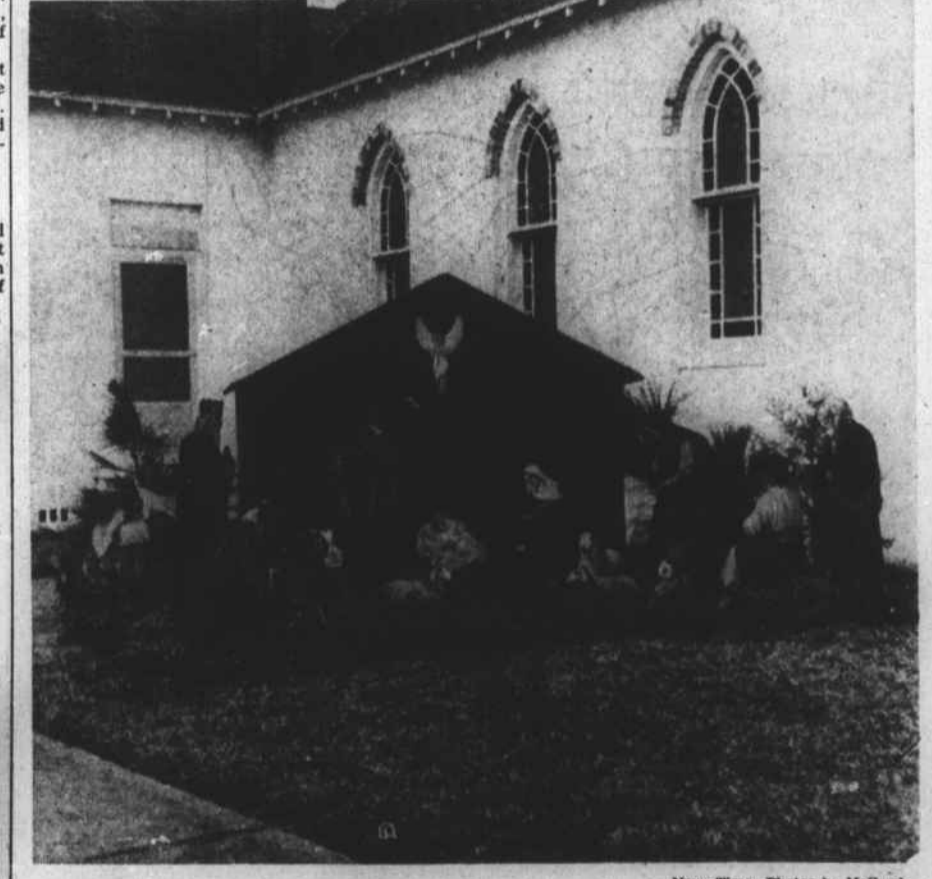
The building committee, Romaine Gaskill, chairman, presented 12 proposals to the congregation, all of which have been approved. The proposals follow:

1. The church will be moved back from highway 70, raised and underpinned.
2. The interior of the auditorium (gutted by fire) will be repaired and rebuilt to conform to its original plan and design. (Since the fire, the worship services have been held in the educational building.)
3. The chancel will be changed and rebuilt to conform to the suggestions of a professional architect.
4. The front of the church proper will be extended 14 feet for the purpose of adding two classrooms, one on each side, and to provide additional auditorium space when needed.
5. A porch, extending from 10 to 12 feet out from the building, will be added to the front of the church.
6. The present steeple will be replaced with a new steeple, conforming to the suggestions of a professional architect.
7. The church, including sanctuary and educational building, will be brick-veneered.
8. A nursery will be provided and furnished.
9. The present office will be rebuilt to provide for two rest rooms.
10. The present heating system will be replaced by a central unit adequate for heating both the auditorium and educational building.
11. The building committee will be given the authority to dispose of fire-damaged furniture.
12. The building committee will have the responsibility for all plans and decisions concerning the renovation proposals.

On the building committee, in addition to Mr. Gaskill, are Monnie Willis, W. L. Mason Jr., Ralph Pittman and Doity Gaskill.



This is the architect's drawing of St. John's Chapel, Free Will Baptist Church, Stacy, as it will appear after improvements are made.



On the lawn of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, is a creche, using figures that were on the float entered by the church in the Beaufort Christmas parade.

