

Safe-Crackers Fail to Open Barbour Safe

Safe-crackers tried unsuccessfully Monday night to open the safe in the office of Barbour's Marine Supply Co., Beaufort.

Using saws, the burglars took hinges and pins off the door and cut the combination dial off. J. O. Barbour Jr. said that had they worked a bit longer with the dial, they would have triggered a tear gas bomb.

The safe stands 4 feet high. The damage done to it was noticed by shop men when they went to work shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. Beaufort police were called and the State Bureau of Investigation notified.

Entry to the office was gained by prying open a window on the back of the building. The window lock was broken.

J. O. Barbour Jr., manager of the business, surmises that the would-be safe-busters worked long and hard and must have made some racket. He said that people are probably used to hearing work in the shop going on at night and probably paid no attention.

Had the burglars been successful, Mr. Barbour said they wouldn't have found much of value in the safe. Deposits are made daily and little cash is kept in the office.

Mr. Barbour estimates that Monday's incident was the third or fourth time burglars have tried to get into the Barbour safe.

Entered over the weekend was the Sinclair service station, Beaufort, the Beaufort school, and at Bettie a man entered the Ronald Gillikin home, threatened Mrs. Gillikin with a knife and took \$5.

Coeds Pay for Privilege Of Absence Past Curfew

Columbus, Ohio (AP)—Paying at the rate of a penny a minute, women students at Ohio State University stayed out a total of almost 512 hours beyond curfew one night recently.

They were allowed to do so for one night—if they were willing to pay the penny a minute price. Dormitories netted \$307.14 from the venture.

Caught at Catnap

Gadsden, Ala. (AP)—It doesn't pay to sleep on the job, particularly if you're operating an illegal whisky still. Deputy Sheriffs Chester Todd and Cecil Holmes said they arrested Franklin Leatherwood while he snoozed alongside a 500-gallon still near here.

Child Contributed Idea For National Yule Tree

By MARK KNIGHT

Sanger, Calif. (AP)—An unknown little girl, who today would be a woman in her mid-40s, inspired the designation of the Nation's Christmas Tree, and with it one of the country's most impressive outdoor Christmas services.

If she can be found, the Nation's Christmas Tree Festival Committee would like to honor her at this year's 34th annual service, beneath the awesome majesty of a giant sequoia.

Norman Holt of Sanger, manager of the festival, says the story of the little girl was told to him by the late Charles E. Lee, the man who originated the annual pilgrimage.

Lee related that in 1924 he was with a party of tourists viewing the great trees in the Sierra Nevada range 55 miles east of Fresno.

He and a little girl about 10 became separated from the others and found themselves gazing up at the shimmering branches of the sequoia known as "The General Grant Tree," 267 feet above them.

Gripping his hand, she exclaimed, "My! What a wonderful Christmas Tree it would be!"

Then she slipped away in the shadows, and Lee never saw her again and never had any idea of her identity. But her remark stuck in his memory.

The next Christmas, in 1925, Lee started the services in the snow at the base of the 3,500-year-old tree, 6,500 feet up in the mountains.

Fewer than 100 persons attended the non-denominational services, but the crowd has grown each year until now it averages 2,000 to 2,500.

An act of Congress in 1955 designated the tree as a national shrine to American servicemen, living and dead. It was so dedicated in 1956 by Adm. Chester Nimitz, acting as President Eisenhower's personal representative.

While he has undertaken no organized search for the girl who inspired the developments, Chairman Holt says he would like to find her for this year's services.

"It would be a fitting tribute," he said, "to this woman who, as a child, proved the truth of the saying that 'out of the mouths of babes great wisdom flows.'"

Turnabout

Front Royal, Va. (AP)—W. J. Phillips will serve another—and entirely unexpected—term as commonwealth's attorney for Warren County. Hugh D. McCormick beat Phillips in the Democratic primary. Voters then elected Phillips as a write-in candidate.



National Shrine: This 267-foot sequoia is the centerpiece of annual outdoor Christmas services near Sanger, Calif. The services have been held since 1925.

Savings Bond Sales Reported

Savings bond county sales for November were \$74,658.18, announces J. R. Sanders, savings bond chairman. Through November, county sales for the year amounted to \$718,257.74 which is 97.8 per cent of its quota for the year.

"More people are buying more savings bonds now than in many years. This fact results primarily from the public becoming better acquainted with the higher interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent now paid on Savings Bonds," Mr. Sanders said.

During November, sales of Series E Bonds showed the greatest increase for any one month in more than four years. Compared with November 1958, sales were up 19.9 per cent.

Series H Bonds showed an even stronger increase of 22.9 per cent during the same period. The combined sales of both Series E and H Bonds for November were up 18 per cent.

January-November cumulative sales totaled \$43,126,983. This is approximately 85 per cent of the state's 1959 quota.

The following counties have reached their annual quota for 1959: Bertie, Bladen, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Durham, Granville, Henderson, Hertford, Hoke, Macon, Pamlico, Rockingham and Swain.

Deputy Thanks Man of Honesty

Orlando, Fla. (AP)—Orange County Deputy Randy Ferrell says he intends to remember Pearl D. Gould on Christmas. Thanksgiving and several other times during the year.

Why? Because: Gould found Ferrell's wallet containing identification cards and \$70 in cash, then endured several hardships in returning it.

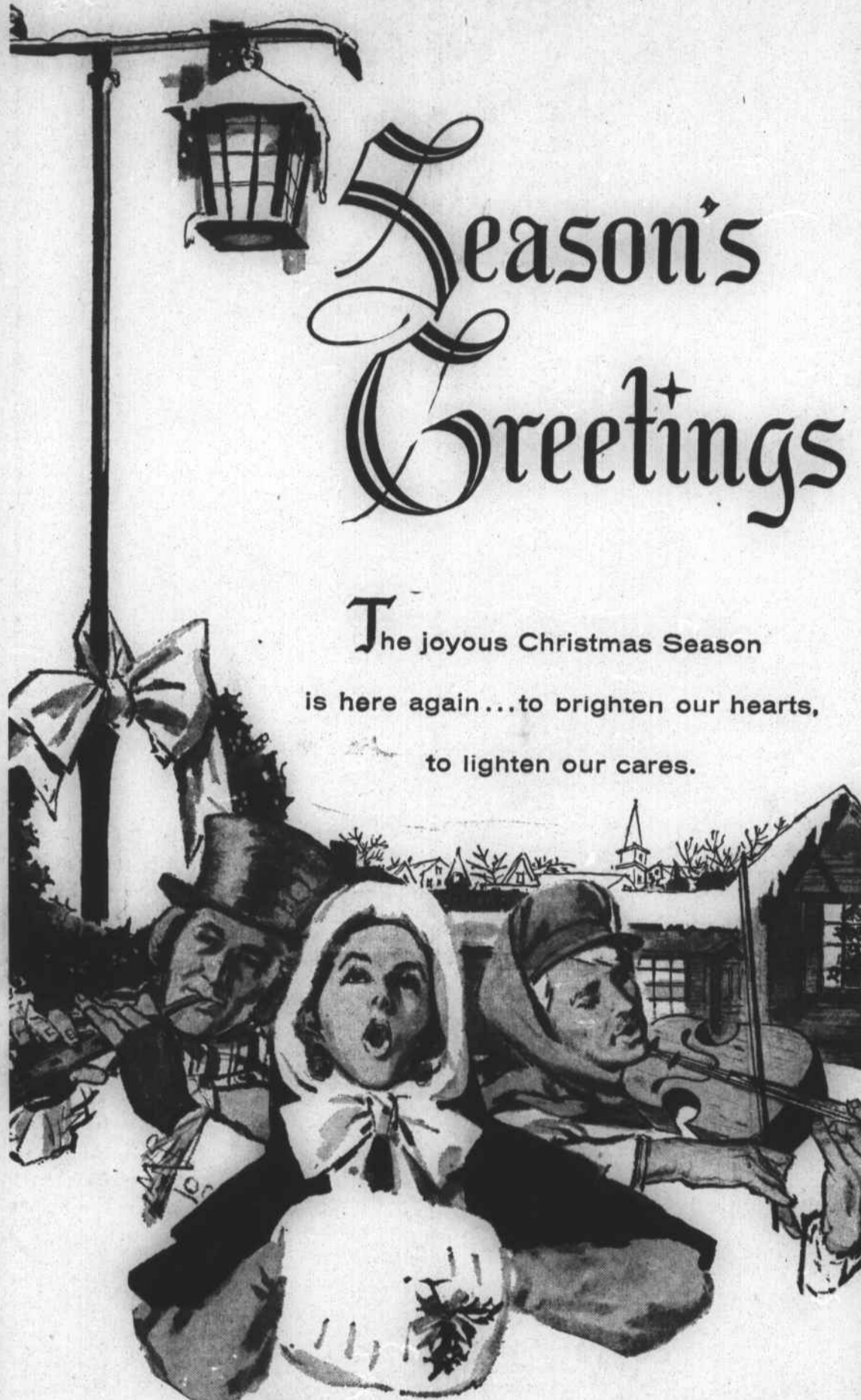
The 75-year-old Orlando man set out walking to Ferrell's house nine miles away, but got lost and paid a man to take him home. The following night Gould started walking again. This time he got caught in a rainstorm, but finally arrived at Ferrell's house soaking wet. The deputy gave him a substantial reward.



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With each passing year I realize more deeply that the right to serve is the greatest right bestowed on any man, on any organization. Morehead City Drug Company and every member of its staff wish you and yours a happy, happy Christmas.

Respectfully and faithfully,
W. C. (Buck) Matthews

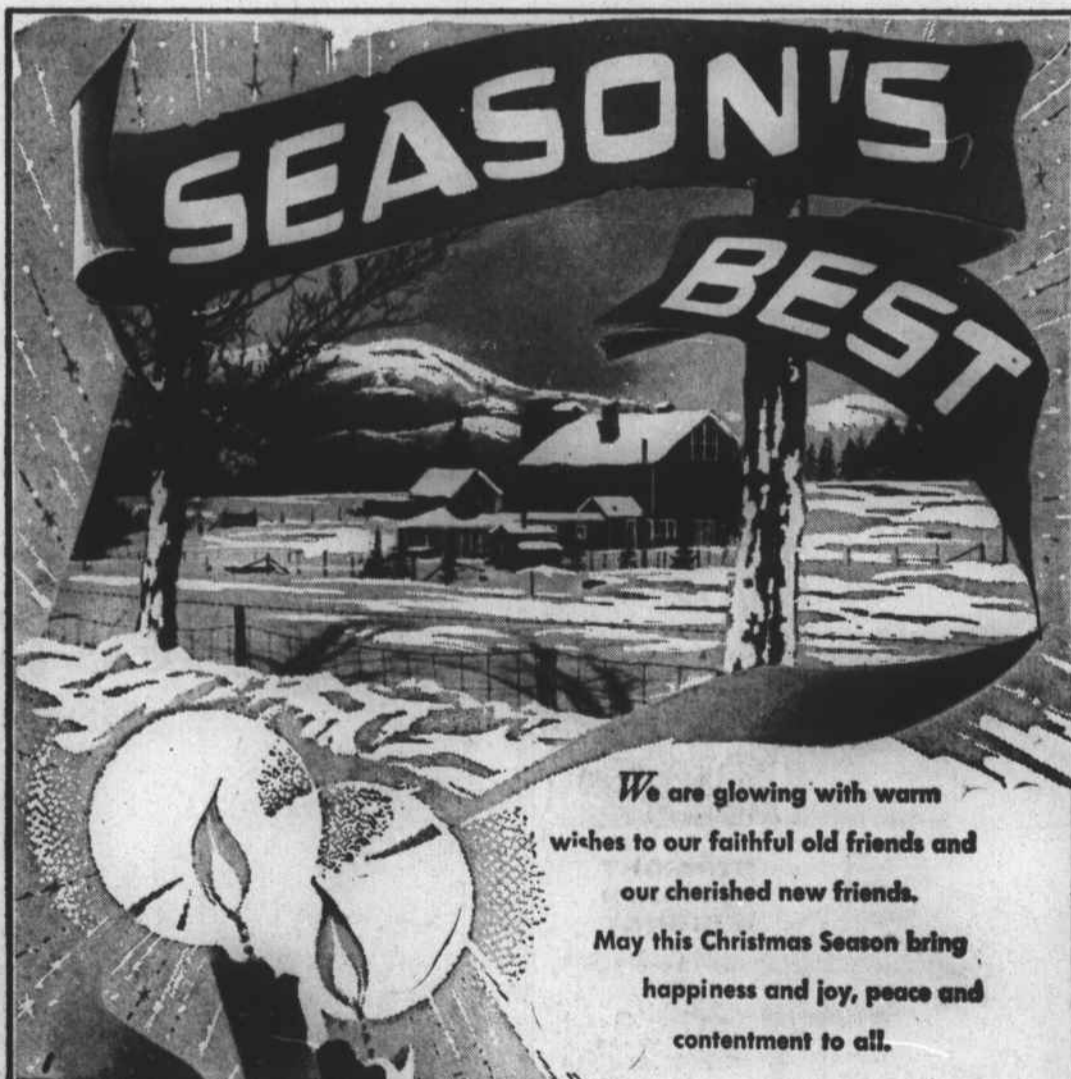
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