

**FUN** — In addition to the bountiful meal, area Duke Power employees enjoyed caroling and bingo during their Christmas party. One of the bingo winners was Roy Creamer, left, manager of the Mooreville office. Arthur Smith, who was in charge of the games, returned Creamer's card to him after making sure Creamer hadn't sneaked in a few extra numbers. Special guests for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Harry, manager of Duke's district office in Salisbury.

### Library Science Club At ASTC Picks 3 Iredell Students

Three Iredell county students at Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone are members of the Library Science Club, according to Mrs. Ila Justice, sponsor. The Iredell County members are Aloma Beaver, Brenda Turman, and Carolyn Walton.

The Library Science Club membership is open to any student majoring in Library Science, nonmajors who are enrolled in Library Science classes, and any student interested in books and reading.

The objectives of the club are to provide an opportunity for discussion of books, reading and related subjects, to discuss problems of interest pertinent to the group, and to provide an outlet for social contacts with the group and with students of similar interests.

### Cards Came Late In Yule

Many of today's Christmas traditions began somewhere in the dim past, but the practice of exchanging greeting cards is just a little over a century old.

In 1848 William Maw Egley, a "starving" young English artist, came up with the idea of designing a Christmas card and reproducing it on pieces of pasteboard for the public to buy.

Egley's card showed a family Christmas dinner, formal dance, skating, carolers, almsgiving, a Punch and Judy show and other aspects of a celebration resembling the one in Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol" published a few years previously. Unfortunately, Egley's friends were not enthusiastic about his idea.

The "daddy" of all holiday cards was designed and etched in 1812 by J. A. Beerner, a young Londoner, who wanted to apologize to friends for his failure to pay a New Year's Day visit. Mr. Beerner's card made it clear he was tied to his home by depicting him with his coat caught in the locked doorway of his house.

In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a busy English "missionary" of culture, hit upon the idea of sending out little missives at Christmas. John Calcott Horsley of the Royal Academy, famous for his campaign against nude art, designed the cards and Sir Henry sent out 1,000 to friends.

It wasn't until the early 1860's that cards were issued for general distribution by a large English publishing company.

Christmas greetings were introduced into the United States by the Marcus Card company of London. They became popular immediately, and in 1874 Louis Prang, a German immigrant, started a Christmas card business at Roxbury, Mass.

At the turn of the century, he ceased publishing rather than compete with imports flooding the market. For the next decade or so the custom of exchanging cards fell out of fashion.

Only after World War One did American manufacturers begin to achieve success in the card business. Then inexpensive printing and lithographing processes brought Christmas cards within everyone's reach.

Despite its relatively recent start in this country, the custom has caught the fancy of the American public to the extent that it sends billions of Christmas cards every year, according to Mrs. Peggy Gilbert of Norcross, Ga.

### Armless Girl Gets Around, Plans Future

Having conquered the handicap of being armless, Carol Woodard, of Schroon Lake, N. Y., is busy planning for the future although she is only 10 years old. She says she hopes to get a job in an office when she completes school, and later on to have a family and a home of her own.

Carol was only 2 years old when in 1895 she toddled away from her home and wandered on a railroad track. A freight train struck her, and both of her arms had to be amputated.

The little girl wears plastic arms with steel clips, like snap clothespins, for fingers. The artificial limbs are built so that she can move them and operate the fingers by movements of her shoulders.

Carol makes good marks in the third grade in public school. She dresses herself and ties her own shoelaces.

The Delaware and Hudson Railroad established a \$100,000 trust fund for the child. It will be used for surgical care and for her education.



**FOOD**—Duke Power's Mooreville office was host to employees from the company's district office in Salisbury and the sub-office in Troutman for a Christmas banquet recently at Elks Restaurant. Nearly 70 persons attended the supper affair. Two of the out-of-town couples who took part in the fellowship were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moss, left, of Granite Quarry and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Graham of Salisbury. The meal was the traditional turkey and all the fixings.

### Alfred McAlister Completes Special Training Course

Pvt. Alfred P. McAlister, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie A. McAlister, route 1, Troutman, completed a five-week airplane maintenance course in late November at the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala.

McAlister was trained to repair and maintain single engine observation and utility airplanes.

The 1963 Troutman High School graduate entered the Army in June and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

### Winn-Dixie Store Employees Receive Christmas Bonus

In keeping with their policy to share-the-wealth with their faithful employees, Winn-Dixie this week released checks in the amount of \$70,000.00 to employees of their 76 Raleigh Division stores and distribution warehouse and office. Each employee who has been employed for a year or more received a full weeks salary with lesser amounts going to the part-time and newer employees.



### Santa will be late getting to the Waldrops' this year!

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Duke Power dispatchers, and other employees, are on duty around the clock — 24 hours a day, every day of the year. So holidays like Christmas sometimes get delayed at the Waldrop household. But John doesn't really

mind. For him, and for all the people who work at Duke Power, service is the important consideration. It is also a major reason why you'll find it easy and economical to live better electrically . . . Christmas time or during any other season of the year.

**DUKE POWER**



**POPULAR FELLOW** — Santa is the most sought-after fellow around these days. He is kept busy in Mooreville, running his reindeer ragged dashing from children's party to children's party. The popular old chap was on hand last week when the Transco Pipelines held a party at the War Memorial for children of the employees of Transco's compressor station 150, and of the firm's pipeline crews. Youngsters gather around as Santa prepares to distribute gifts.

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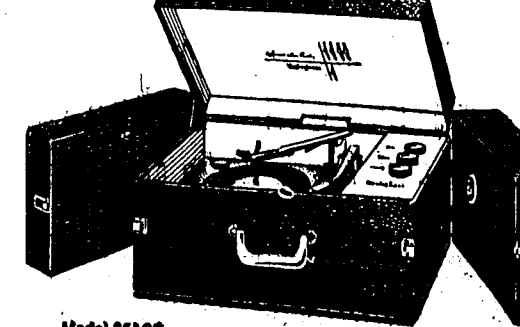
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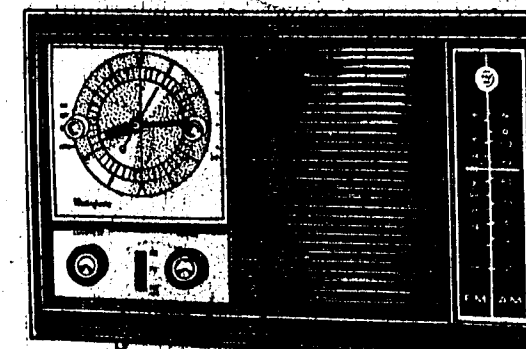


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### N. C. Cars Have Displayed License Plates Since '09

License plates, of a sort, have adorned North Carolina motor vehicles for the past 54 years.

It was in 1909 when state officials, concerned with the rising tide of "horseless carriages," decided on a state count. When it was over 1,681 vehicles propelled by gasoline engines were discovered, and plans were made to have each one registered.

The Secretary of State was assigned this duty, which was hardly arduous, for either the official or owners.

Applications were filed together with a fee of \$5.00. In turn, owners were issued a set of numbers and instructed to place them somewhere on their car. This casual approach resulted in a variety of homemade tags constructed of wood, tin, enamel and other materials.

Color scheme the first year was black on white—or vice versa. If you preferred. Numbers, however, had to be "Arabic numerals at least three inches high."

The "do-it-yourself" trend halted in 1913 when the state began furnishing (but not manufacturing) tags. It was January, 1930, that prior labor began hammering out tags, a practice that has continued to the present.

This year's plates measure 6 by 12 inches, as do the auto tags of all states. This uniformity was secured several years ago on pledge by the auto industry that eventually sealed recesses would be designed into all cars to hold the plate.

License plates, though, in the early days of motoring ran the gamut of sizes and colors.

In the past car owners have been pleased (or appalled) to get tags trimmed with white on blue, white on green, black on white, green on black, silver on blue, silver on maroon, red on silver and white on red.

War time drabness was the reason, perhaps, but motorists in 1910 were issued a black on purple tag for their Brewster-Knight, Essex or Moon.

And the big boxy cars of 1928 carried a real Slim Jim of a tag—it measured a scant three and one-half inches by 17 inches.

Color schemes settled down somewhat in 1941 when the now familiar orange-black combination appeared. The colors alternated from year to year until 1951. For the two license years 1951 and 1952 Tar Heel tags were red and white, alternately. Then in 1953 they resumed the orange and black pattern which has become standard. The 1953 tags will have orange letters and numerals on black.

Who specifies color schemes? The choice ordinarily is left to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Commissioner Edward Scheidt has stuck with the present orange-black combination since 1953, the year he took office. Maximum legibility, long wear, and paint economy are the principal reasons for retaining the combination year by year.

Date tabs which some states use to validate tags have been used only once in North Carolina. Wearing only two steel shortages in 1942 forced

**Sailor Given \$429,102; Lifetime Coma Possible**

After doctors testified that Philip J. Deniston, 20, of Tulare, California, may never regain consciousness, a Los Angeles jury awarded him \$429,102 in damages. His parents had sued for \$1,276,000.

Deniston, a sailor, was on his way back to his base when a bus on which he was a passenger collided with a truck north of Los Angeles. He has been unconscious for more than a year.

unauthorities to issue small squares of metal to be attached to one corner of the plate.

The one-tag system has been in place since 1959. Manufacturing is done in the prisons, industry cutting, a year-round operation of cutting, over 1,681 vehicles propelled by gasoline engines were discovered, and plans were made to have each one registered.

Plates are cut from big rectangles of 25-gauge sheet steel, stamped with numerals and letters in a powerful hydraulic press, sent through a paint vat (for background color) and then oven dried.

The contrasting color is next rolled on in an operation similar to printing newspaper. A second drying follows, after which the tags are slipped into waxed envelopes and crated in lots of 100 for shipment.

The tags are issued by the state; however, they remain state property and may be recalled if used illegally.

Illegal use, which could mean repainting, cutting, stamping, or other alteration is not unknown. The highway patrol investigates several such cases of fudging every year.

Following custom, 1963's plate Number 1 will go on the governor's limousine.

North Carolina is not the only state with a safety slogan on its license tags. Indiana plates carry the words, "Safety Pays."

Old timey vehicles, 35 years old or older, are eligible for special tags costing \$5.00. They are stamped "Horseless Carriages." One state calls them "Historical Vehicles."

When only one plate is issued there's no question about where it goes — the law book says on the rear.

And tags must by law be kept clean and free of dust and dirt. Violation of their requirements is a misdemeanor. Neither can the tags be displayed attached flat in an upright position just any old way. They must be and illuminated by a white light.

### Burglar Returns Cash And Apology

When she awoke one morning, Mrs. Catherine Kwashiborski, of Detroit, found an envelope containing \$350 under the door of her home. On the flap of the envelope was this note:

"Can't do this. First time. Forgive me, I'm scared."

Mrs. Kwashiborski said that the \$350 had been stolen the night before.

### Peek-A-Boo Guard

#### Nips Escape Plan

After much hard work, 2 prisoners completed their task of sawing a hole through a steel wall in the city jail in Nashville, Tenn., as they peeked through, they stared straight into the face of Guard Buford Hill, who had heard their sawing.

Even if the 2 had gotten through the wall, they would have found themselves in a utility room leading only to the first of several locked doors.

**Stamps Costing 14 Cents Bring \$1,736 At Auction**

Four postage stamps that cost a total of 14 cents were sold for \$1,736 at a stamp auction in Glasgow, Scotland.

The stamps are part of a Red Cross centenary issue, but the red cross on them is printed in white instead of red.

A typist bought the stamps originally, and the \$1,736 was paid for them by a stamp collector at the auction.



**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT** — Charles Robert Cowan of Mount Mourne, left, receives his official certificate of appointment as acting postmaster at Mount Mourne from George P. Carpenter, postal service officer, with headquarters in Charlotte. Cowan was named acting postmaster at Mount Mourne following the resignation of John William Caldwell. Cowan's father, the late Jesse M. Cowan, served as postmaster at Mount Mourne for some 40 years. Thirty-nine and single, the newly appointed acting postmaster makes his home at Mount Mourne with his mother, Mrs. Jesse M. Cowan.

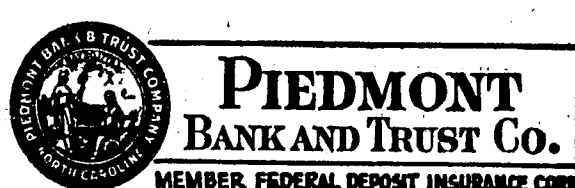


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