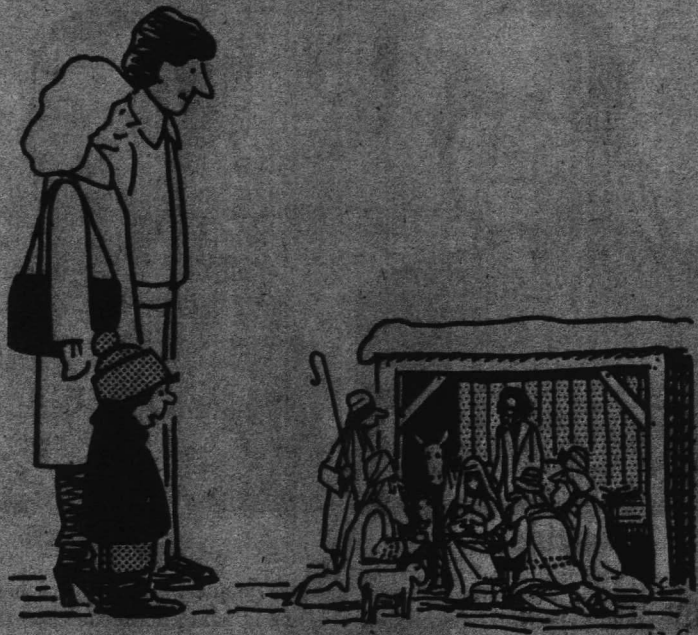


Berry's World



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Jim Berry

"This reminds me — what do you think of 'scientific creationism' being taught in public schools?"

state and federally funded must still walk 1,500 feet to the elementary campus with no covered walkways to protect them from the elements.

Only "non-plate lunches," such as hamburgers, pizza or soup, are served.

Thirteen years ago our Apollo VIII astronauts, Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders, were 23,000 miles from home. They were orbiting the moon.

And it was Christmas Eve.

They were the first earthmen ever really to explore beyond the beyond.

NASA had scheduled a broadcast from them to us — a Christmas Eve greeting from space. What would it be?

The space agency had left it entirely up to the Apollo crew, Borman in particular.

He had scribbled some notes about "peace on earth," but earth-people at that time were suffering internecine strife over our unpopular involvement in Vietnam.

Borman wanted any Christmas

shoved in and out about every 15 minutes or less in order to accommodate other groups that are standing over them. This is the only school required to feed K-12. It has the smallest cafeteria of any school in the county with this size membership.

Message from space touches all

message to contribute to universality — something to which all the people of planet Earth could relate and respond.

A Christmas message for Christians would not touch nameless millions of Chinese, Indians, Moslems.

Our spacemen were feeling the one-ness of our home planet and they wanted everyone to share that feeling.

The lonely Earth floating in all that dark, forbidding emptiness hungered for hope.

They were rich and poor down there. They were Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Mohammedan, Shinto and Buddhist...

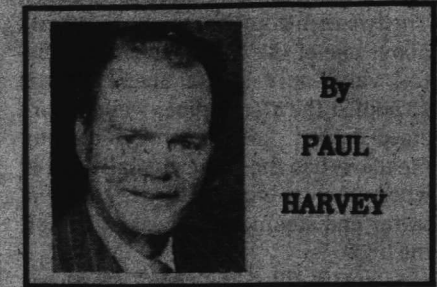
They were East and West, generations deep in separate and

has received from county funding. This school was started in 1968 and never completed. An administration wing was added in 1969 and a gymnasium without a lobby or public bathroom in 1975. Since 1968, two complete schools (Southwest and White Oak) have

frequently conflicting traditions.

What Christmas Eve message could possibly be a catalyst for so much diversity?

They were male and female,



By
PAUL
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young and old, well and ill, fed and unfed; and they were all tuned in — waiting.

Do not judge Commander Borman's choice of words critically

take all their vocational classes in sub-standard buildings on the elementary campus. The elementary students badly need the space, no matter how inadequate because their school is overutilized by 37 percent, according to 1980 state school survey reports.

until you try it yourself...

You cannot offer "Merry Christmas" where it was neither. You cannot wish "Happy Holidays" to hungry.

You cannot without hypocrisy plead the cause of peace to men at war.

Yet, this monumental opportunity to wrap your words around men and women of all nations must not pass with less...

And it was then that Commander Borman inscribed on the flap of his flight plan the words which he would speak to that Christmas Eve 13 years ago. From Scripture, from the book of Genesis, the words: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth." End quote. And we were one.

Steam plant workers receive heroism medals

By CLINTON SCHEMMER
Daily News Staff

Three area men have been awarded the Carnegie Medal for their heroism in averting a possible boiler explosion and saving the lives of their co-workers during a March 1980 Camp Lejeune steam plant accident, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission of Pittsburgh announced Monday.

Bobby Meadows, 34, and Robert E. Moore, both from Maysville, and John Matthis, 54, of Kenansville are the three honored by the commission.

Moore was given the award posthumously. He died at the Naval Regional Medical Center at Camp Lejeune hours after the March 20 accident from injuries he received when a steam line ruptured. He had been employed at the base as a boiler-room plant equipment mechanic for two and a half years.

Meadows and Matthis, who are now back working at the steam plant, were hospitalized for their injuries. Meadows has worked at the plant since 1968. Matthis has been a base employee for 20 years.

Two investigations of the accident, one by local officials and the other by a team from the Atlantic division of

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Norfolk, were conducted, according to a spokesman for the base Joint Public Affairs Office.

Water entering a 'steam header' caused a pressure surge, which ruptured a steam line, the spokesman said. The March 1980 accident was the first time a steam line had ruptured at the base steam plant.

Meadows and the Carnegie Commission gave the following account of the accident: a sudden drop in pressure in the plant's steam lines created the threat of a boiler explosion, which Moore and Meadows worked to avert. The two men climbed up onto a catwalk above one of the boilers to close a control valve on a steam line. Meadows straddled the steam pipe, while Moore stood nearby, keeping an eye on him. Meadows had the valve partially closed when the valve ruptured, spewing water and steam, and knocked him off the line.

As steam filled the room, Meadows, drenched, searched for Moore until he ran out of air, then jumped off the back side of the boiler 20 feet to the floor. He thought Moore had jumped off the other side of the boiler. Burned and injured, Meadows continued to work with other

men in securing the boilers.

Matthis, an equipment foreman at the time, realized Moore had not escaped and ran into the room to search for him. He failed to find him the first time, but entered again and found Moore lying unconscious. Twice, despite burns, Matthis reentered and moved Moore toward the door. Finally, he and another man were able to remove Moore, who died several hours later.

Moore's widow, Jennie M. Moore, received word last week that the Carnegie Commission was honoring her husband's bravery.

"Even though he's gone, we feel his doing is being honored," she said. Mrs. Moore, who has six children, received a \$2,000 grant from the commission.

Matthis and Meadows, who are also to receive \$2,000 grants and the Carnegie Medals, were both happy to hear of their awards.

"I feel proud of it being awarded to me," Matthis said Monday. "I didn't do any more in that situation than anyone else would have done."

Meadows called the award "a great honor." "I feel proud," he added.

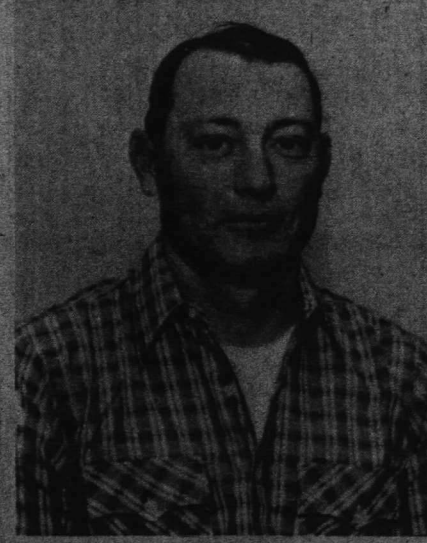
The Carnegie Medal is given annually to U.S. and Canadian residents who risk



Mrs. Moore



Matthis



Meadows

their own lives in saving others, according to Robert Off, the president of the commission.

The awards were started in 1904 by Andrew Carnegie, after he was shaken by the death of rescuers of miners trapped after a disastrous coal mine explosion near Pittsburgh. "He was so touched by the people who did this that he set up the fund," Off said.

Nominees for the honor are referred to the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission by fellow workers, news accounts and other sources and are then screened and interviewed, he said.

Drawn from 28 states and Canada, only 64 individuals were so honored this year, Off said. In addition to Matthis, Meadows and Moore, only one other individual was a North Carolina resident — a person from Roanoke Rapids. Off

urged people who know of a heroic act — one in which someone risks their life to save another — to send the commission a news clipping or other account of the deed.

In the the 76 years since the inception of the awards, 6,573 individuals have been given the Carnegie Medal, in addition to monetary grants totalling more than \$14 million, according to Off.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, March 22, the 82nd day of 1979. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 22, 1917, the United States became the first nation to recognize the new provisional government in Russia. That government fell to the Bolsheviks seven months later.

On this date:

In 1622, some 35 Virginians were killed in the first Indian massacre of

European colonists in North America.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, founder of "Great Wallendas" high-wire troupe, was killed in fall from wire strung between two beachfront hotels in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Today's birthday: Former Commerce Secretary and Nixon campaign aide Maurice Stans is 72.

Thought for today: A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world. — Mohammed (570-632)

the most degrading social problems of our time. It develops perverted attitudes among young and old toward love, marriage and morals.

I believe it is time to say no to the pornography industry because it attacks the very heart and fiber of traditional American values of home, religion and country.

Your editorial dated Feb. 29 is the "last straw." In one swoop of the pen, you editorially supported legalized prostitution, legalized marijuana and repeal of alcohol-sales regulation.

You expressed sympathy to the officers who must enforce these laws. It is my judgment that our fine law-enforcement officers find great satisfaction in helping rid our community of this blight, and thereby making our community a better place in which to live.

You referred to the crimes charged as being victimless. I wholeheartedly disagree with you. The victims are the ones engaged in such activities, families of those engaged, and just as important — the community.

Marijuana is a drug which affects the whole body, particular the mind. The people doing research on this drug are still not sure of all the effects it has on the human body and you want to legalize it!

Prostitution is against the laws of God and have an adverse affect on the person who engaged in the practice, not to mention the community.

Your opposition to alcohol-sales regulation is strange indeed, even for your newspaper. I can't imagine what

showing rightly but the time and hazard later in the day.

As a result of the heavy snowfall, many customers and some employees were stranded at the three locations of McDonald's here in Jacksonville without transportation.

"John and friends," who are in the service and who are four-wheelers, transported in several trips, all the employees from the three restaurants. They took Kim to Darrell's house. Darrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Walker at 303 Woodhaven Drive. Ted Walker is supervisor of McDonald's.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Darrell, knowing that Kim is a diabetic, walked through freezing temperatures and several feet of snow from his home in Northwoods to the Lauradale section on Gum Branch Road.

His walk was three or four miles but took him three hours to complete.

Darrell made this journey to get Kim's insulin for her daily inoculation. Darrell walked back to his house with Kim's medication to prevent her having an insulin reaction or shock.

"John and friends" are to be commended for their deeds during this time of hardship in the snowstorm, but it is Darrell Walker who deserves our personal gratitude for what may perhaps have been a life-saving deed.

Darrell Walker deserves our personal "Hero of the Week" award.

Mr. and Mrs. James Torbit
404 Down Lane
Jacksonville

Steam plant mishap puzzles officials

By ARTHUR O. MURRAY
Daily News Staff

The maintenance officer at Camp Lejeune said Friday that base officials are still puzzled over the cause of an accident that killed one worker at a steam power plant on Thursday and injured two others.

"We don't know what happened," Col. T.R. Baisley said Friday morning at his office on the base.

Robert E. Moore, 46, of Route 1, Maysville, died at the Naval Regional Medical Center on Thursday as a result of injuries he received when a steam line ruptured at the main steam plant.

Two other men, Bobby Meadows and John Matthis, were injured in the accident.

Both injured men are listed in stable condition by the base hospital. The men had not been questioned about the accident on Friday morning, Baisley said.

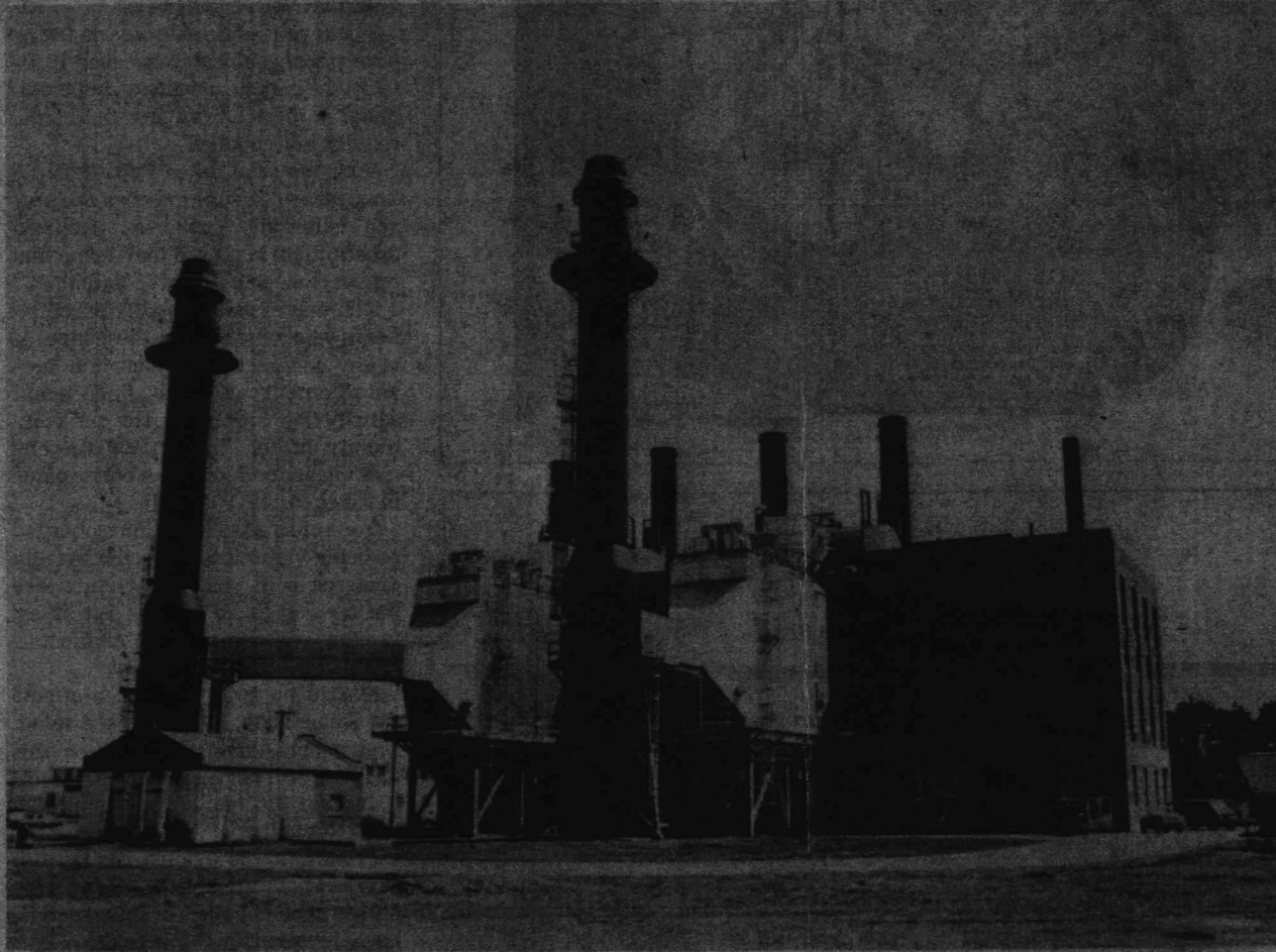
"In laymen's terms, a steamline burst," Baisley said. The cause of the accident will have to be determined by an investigation conducted by a team of engineers from Norfolk, he said.

"Steam generation is a risky business," Baisley said. "Those individuals that were involved just happened to be the closest to where it happened."

Baisley said he is also interviewing workers at the plant, asking about the circumstances of the accident.

Base officials refused to allow a Daily News reporter and photographer team into the plant to interview any workers or take pictures of the ruptured pipe.

This is the first time a steamline has ruptured at the plant, Baisley said. He said the plant's steam-generating capability has returned to normal.



Staff photo by George Orr

Steam plant at Camp Lejeune where fatal accident occurred Thursday