

Season's Greetings

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Mrs. F. L. Britt
Lab Coordinator

Learning Center Adds New Titles

A record number of local citizens are now taking advantage of the Learning Resources Center in Swain School but more courses are being added to attract up to 100 students.

Mrs. F. L. Britt, center coordinator, said 86 people are currently studying at the center. They are taking courses which range from beginning reading to advanced math. More than 100 courses are available.

The center is operated here by the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

The facility was established last year and officials have been pleased with the reception given. It is designed for students who want to further their education. The theory is to let students progress at their own pace with supervision as needed.

Some of the courses being added are basic transistors, basic electronics, basic electricity, pipe fitting, reading engineering drawings, blueprint reading, flower arranging, psychology, French, Spanish and phonics in a nutshell.

Mrs. Britt said, however, that a majority of the students enrolled at the center are adults working on high school credits.

The center will be closed through January 1 for the holiday season but Mrs. Britt encourages those interested in improving their education on any level to stop by the center after January 2.

Holiday Schedule

A special schedule of trash collection over the holiday has been announced by W. B. Gardner, town administrator.

Gardner said street department employees will collect trash throughout Edenton Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. They will not work Wednesday and Thursday.

The administrator urged citizens not to put out trash on days no collection is scheduled.

Area Citizens Prepare For Christmas

Employees in most local business establishments will have three free days during the Christmas and New Year's holiday within the next week.

The Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce has recommended closing December 25 and 26 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's. Most businesses will observe

Medical Course

Edenton has again been named one of the sites for a traveling post-graduate course in medicine offered physicians by the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. The course will also be offered in Ahoskie and Elizabeth City.

The first session will be held January 8 at Edenton Restaurant with Dr. J. Roswell Gallagher of Yale University School of Medicine as lecturer. Dr. Gallagher is clinical professor of pediatrics at Yale.

Sessions will be held in Elizabeth City on January 15, Edenton, January 22, Ahoskie, January 29, and Edenton, February 5 and 12.

Dr. Gallagher has had a long experience with adolescents. For over 20 years he has devoted his attention exclusively to this age group.

The lecturer is a member of the Committee on Health and Safety of the Boy Scouts of America and the Committee on Health Service Programs for Secondary Schools of the American Public Health Association.

The Public Parade

Christ Is Born!

Hard as one may try, it is impossible to improve on the Bethlehem scene as described in the Gospel according to St. Luke:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David):

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

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this schedule although some are planning special events for December 26.

Town, county, state and federal offices will observe this schedule as will financial institutions. Peoples Bank & Trust Company, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, and Edenton Savings & Loan Association, close at 1 P. M., Tuesday and reopen at 9 A. M., Friday. They will be closed New Year's Day.

The Chowan Herald is being published early this week (Monday) but will resume its regular schedule next week.



MERRY CHRISTMAS—It's about time for Santa Claus to stop taking orders and get back to the North Pole to prepare for Christmas Eve. He made one of his appearances Saturday at Chowan Golf & Country Club during the annual children's Christmas party. Two of the many children he thrilled are shown here. They are Emily Greer Amburn, left, and Martha Scott Harless.

Safe Holiday Driving Being Sought

A rash of minor traffic accidents during the past week has kept members of Edenton Police Department busy and Chief J. D. Parrish joined state officials in urging motorists to drive with cau-

tion during the long Christmas holiday.

The state will officially count its Christmas holiday traffic deaths from 6 P. M., December 24 through midnight December 25, and its New Year's toll from 6 P. M., Tuesday through midnight Wednesday. The Christmas count for a 78-hour period last year was 27 killed and 862 injured in 1,481 accidents, while for New Year's it was 17 killed and 515 injured in 879 mishaps.

N. C. State Motor Club officials predict that with the holidays falling in the middle of the work week, the toll will be sharply reduced.

"With traffic deaths running about 100 ahead of the 1967 pace, it becomes the direct responsibility of each motorist to drive carefully and exercise his best judgment in avoiding accidents and keeping the final 1968 death toll as low as possible, said Thomas B. Watkins, motor club president.

Meanwhile, motorists are being urged to take time out for coffee breaks during long distance drives that are customary during the holiday season.

This advice comes from Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ralph Howland who has pledged his department's support for a program which restaurant operators will be serving free coffee to motorists as a public service during peak traffic hours of the season.

CHRISTMAS 2000

Oh, Santa Claus; Oh, Santa Claus,
Don't you know you're breaking laws,
When you drive your rocket sleigh
In that swooshing, reckless way?

Since now you've pastured poor Rudolph
And jet-propel across the sky,
We miss the good old Christmas times
Your reindeer brought in Yules gone by.

—WILBORNE HARRELL

(Editor's Note: The late Wilborne Harrell, veteran staff member of The Chowan Herald, took great pride in penning a holiday poem each year. The above verse ran in 1967 and we know of no greater tribute we could pay the author than re-print it here).

Local Unit Among First Free Schools

Nine of North Carolina's 157 school systems are entirely free of fees. Among this group are Edenton-Chowan Schools.

This is the first year all schools in the Edenton-Chowan system have been free of fees. The last high school fees were abolished by the board of education after elementary fees were absorbed the year before.

The State Department of Public Instruction has just released a survey that shows during the past decade the number of fees charged individual students in the public schools have been gradually decreasing. However, except for the elimination of high school textbook fees by the 1967 General Assembly, there has been little improvement during the past two years.

"This leveling off of the downward trend to eliminate fees apparently indicates reluctance to provide equivalent funds from tax sources," State Supt. Charles F. Carroll said. The most heavily fee infested areas of study were listed as business education, music, art, and vocational education.

Many students are discouraged from taking these and other courses because of fees, Dr. Carroll said. The survey shows 28 different fees for vocational education courses, none lower than 75 cents and they range as high as \$15. "I believe that such fees are instrumental in causing many students to eliminate these courses from their schedule and, in some instances, fees cause students to drop out of school," he declared.

The new survey reveals that a total of 105 different fees are being charged at the high school level. Different fees charged elementary children are almost as numerous. In some school systems a student could pay as many as 40 different fees from the first grade through the 12th.

The nine school systems entirely free of fees include: Edenton-Chowan, Morganton city system, Shelby city, Weldon city, Hendersonville city, McDowell County, Albemarle city, Washington city and Tyrrell County.

Mrs. Wood Dies

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Grace Lee Wood, 104 East Water Street. She was 70.

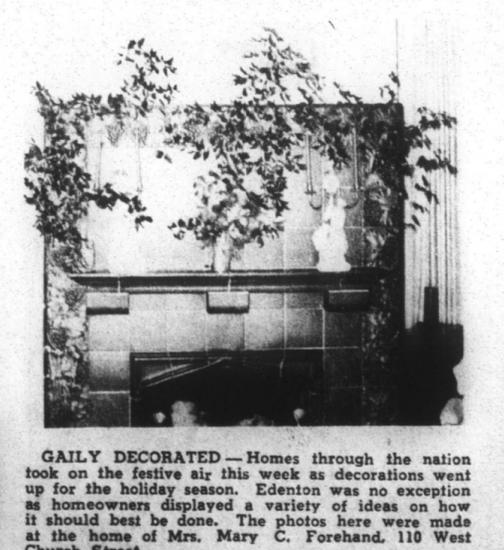
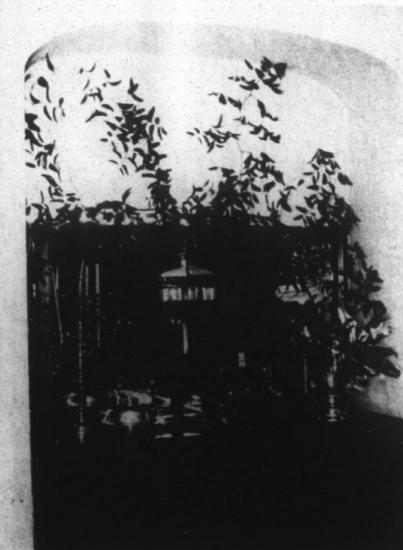
The services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Rev. George B. Holmes in charge. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Wood, the wife of Thomas Radham Wood, died Friday night at Chowan Hospital following a brief illness.

A native of Waynesville, she was born March 7, 1898, daughter of the late William T. and Margaret Rhinehardt Lee.

In addition to her husband, surviving are two sons: Thomas Benbury Wood of Raleigh; and John Matthews Harney of Belmont; one daughter, Mrs. John Edward Pittard, Jr., of Oxford; one brother, Charles Alton Lee of Mobile, Ala.; one sister, Mrs. Willis Smith of Raleigh; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: William D. Pruden, Jr., Nelson Crandall, T. B. H. Wood, Frederick Phillips Wood, Jr., George Collins Wood and Haughton Ehringhaus.



GAILY DECORATED—Homes through the nation took on the festive air this week as decorations went up for the holiday season. Edenton was no exception as homeowners displayed a variety of ideas on how it should best be done. The photos here were made at the home of Mrs. Mary C. Forehand, 110 West Church Street.