

Christmas 1980

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 first-born 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 to 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.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Flowers Named ARPDC Exec.

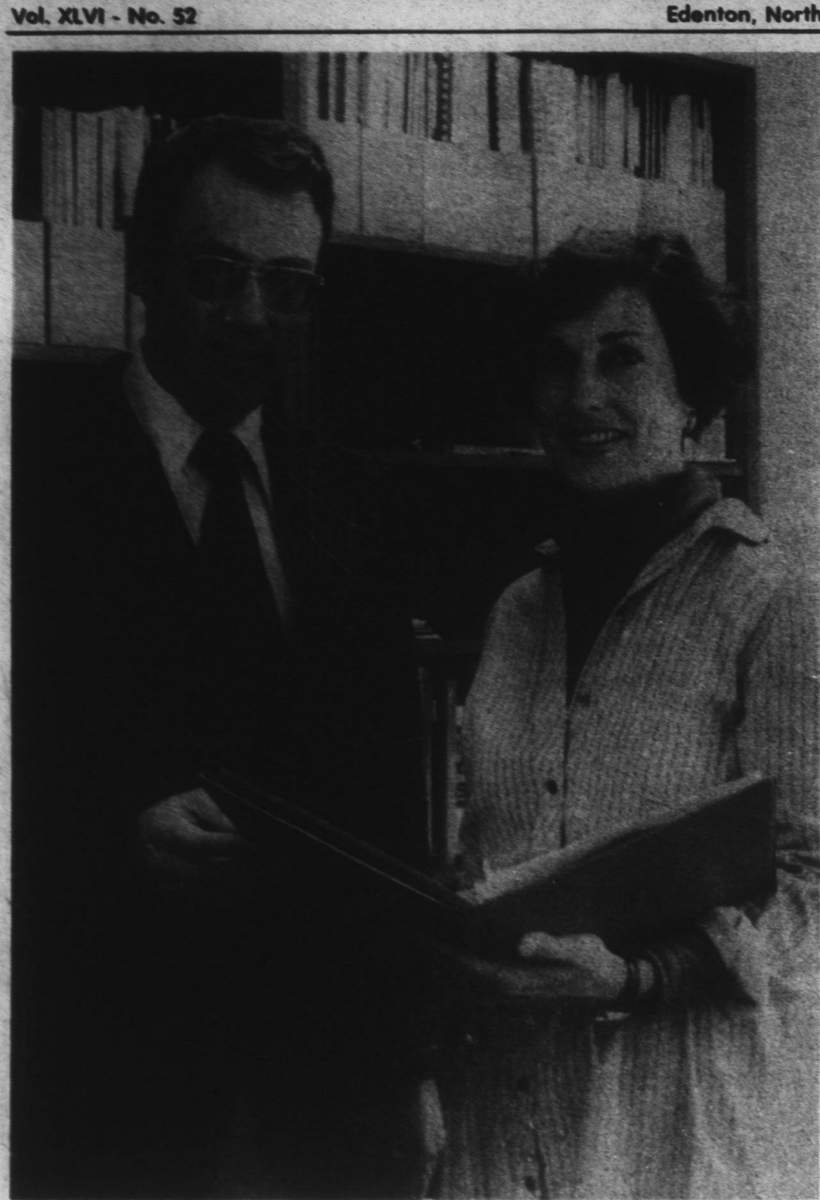
Don C. Flowers, Jr., has been employed as executive director of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission. He will assume his duties January 6 at a salary of \$26,000.

Flowers is former manager in Alamance and Brunswick counties. The 40-year-old administrator presently is a distributor for a chemical fertilizer company in Kinston.

Billy Owens of Elizabeth City, who represented the Personnel Committee at Thursday night's ARPDC meeting, said more than 70 applicants had been considered for the job.

Flowers will be the third executive director in the regional organization's history. Wesley Cullipher served until his health failed and Bob Whitley followed. Ray McCles, who had been serving as acting director since July, will be an assistant to Flowers in a position created at the meeting.

ARPDC is the lead regional organization in the 10-county area of Northeastern North Carolina.



COORDINATOR — The new off-campus coordinator for College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City is Mrs. Judy H. Earnhardt. She is shown here with Norman L. Norfleet, dean of instruction.

Earnhardt Takes COA Post

Judy H. Earnhardt has been named off-campus program coordinator for College of The Albemarle in Chowan County, according to an announcement by Norman L. Norfleet, dean of instruction.

"Although Mrs. Earnhardt will be working part-time," Norfleet said, "her job is an extremely important one for both the residents of Chowan County and the college." He said the position entails planning, coordinating, and supervising both curriculum and non-credit courses for day and evening hours.

Norfleet said the coordinator will concentrate on the development of more extension credit courses in her local area in an effort to significantly expand the program. She will also continue to promote COA's non-credit, adult interest courses which have been taught in Chowan County under

the auspices of the Continuing Education Division.

Mrs. Earnhardt, widow of the late W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., is active in many local civic organizations. She is a past president of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, the Garden of Eden Club, and the Democratic Women. She also served as an officer of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

She is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Edenton Historical Commission.

Mrs. Earnhardt is a native of Wilmington and earned an associate degree in business from Wilmington College. She has also attended COA.

She says she is enthusiastic about her new association with the college. "I want people to feel free to call and discuss any phase of COA's services in order to determine how the college can

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HOLIDAY ART — Mrs. Dale Elliott Long of Plymouth is shown with a gingerbread house she made after completing a course in decorating skills sponsored by Beaufort Community College. Every bit of the house is edible and the Longs, former residents of Edenton, plan to have it as a very special Christmas treat. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Elliott, 112 West Gale Street. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

Businesses, Offices Close For Holiday

This will be a short work week in Edenton and Chowan County with an extended Christmas holiday for most workers.

Thursday is Christmas. While the Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce set no policy, it is understood that generally local businesses will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Local, county, state and federal offices will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Postmaster James M. Bond reports that the U. S. Postal Service will operate on a normal holiday schedule Thursday, in observance of Christmas Day. No residential, business, or rural delivery will be provided. Mail will be put in post office boxes as on Sundays and other holidays.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said there will be no garbage and trash collection on either Wednesday or Thursday. On Friday the Sanitary Department will pickup garbage (no limbs, boxes, etc.) all over town. The cooperation of local citizens is requested.

The Chowan Herald is being published early this week (Tuesday night instead of Wednesday night) and some news items were received too late for printing. They will be included in the January 1, 1981, edition.

The newspaper office will be closed from 12-noon Wednesday until 8 A.M. on Monday.

Approximately 50 persons may die in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the long Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends, the N. C. State Motor Club has estimated.

The state will count its fatalities during two 102-hour periods, beginning at 6 P.M. on the eve of each holiday and lasting until

midnight on the Sunday afterwards. Last year 55 persons lost their lives during two similar periods; 33 over Christmas holidays and 22 over the New Years holiday.

"Traffic will be unusually heavy, as always during both holidays as this is the traditional season of reunion and gathering of families", said Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club. "As a concerned citizen you can help reduce needless loss of life by taking a few precautions when driving; observe the 55-mph speed law, speed is still the number one killer on the highways; take time to buckle your seatbelt - a driver is 70 per cent less likely to be killed in a crash if he is wearing a seat

belt; and don't drive and drink - alcohol is involved in over 50 per cent of all fatalities in N.C." Frazier stated.

The motor club executive was complimentary of the fine job done by patrolmen last year in keeping drinking drivers off the road, and law enforcement officers will be out in large numbers again this year looking for weaving cars. You can express your friendship and concern for another person by seeing that they do not drive after drinking, and by seeing that they reach home safely.

"Help make this a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season, and make North Carolina a safer state for our people and visitors," he said.



AREA ASSOCIATION OFFICERS — Bill Wheeler, second from right, holds a plaque presented to him last week in recognition as immediate past president of Albemarle Area Development Association. New officers are, from left: Bill Smithwick, vice president-south; Ed Brown, president; C.B. Smith, vice president-west; Wheeler; and Mrs. Pat Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Brown To Head AADA

Ed Brown of Perquimans County, executive with Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, is the new president of the 10-county Albemarle Area

Development Association. He succeeds Bill Wheeler of Dare County.

During the annual business meeting held Thursday night at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Perquimans County, a motion to elect officers for two-year terms was defeated. The bylaws which spell out the rotation of officers from throughout the area prevailed.

Brown is the first regional vice president of AADA to move into the presidency in accord with the bylaws.

Other officers elected were: Bill Meekins of Pasquotank County, vice president-east; Bill Smithwick of Hyde County, vice president-south; C. B. Smith of Chowan County, vice president -

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GED Testing By Appointment

Dorothy Aydlett, learning lab coordinator at College of The Albemarle, announced this week that beginning January 5, General Educational Development (GED) tests will be given by appointment only. Mrs. Aydlett stressed that no exceptions can be made to the new policy.

Tests are administered at 1 P.M. each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. They are also given at 6:30 P.M. every second and fourth Thursday.

Mrs. Aydlett said GED students can call 335-0821, extension 268 to schedule appointments for the tests, and receive information about the test locations. A \$5 fee is charged for the testing, and applicants need to have their Social Security numbers and a driver's license or a recent photograph for positive identification she said.

The coordinator reminded GED students that incomplete test scores are recognized for five years from the date of testing. She emphasized the fact that after the five-year period, the scores are no longer acceptable.

Report Clarified

Barbara White, who was listed in the report of Chowan County District Court last week, resides at 211 East Gale Street.

Four other women by the same name have notified The Chowan Herald that they were not in court. They are: Barbara J. White, 109 Morris Circle, Barbara Jenkins White, 122 Coke Avenue, Barbara White, 105 Oak Circle, and Barbara W. White, Rt. 3, Edenton.

The Chowan Herald is pleased to make this distinction.

'Buff' Hospitalized

J. Edwin Bufflap, editor emeritus of The Chowan Herald, is confined to Portsmouth (Va.) General Hospital.

Bufflap underwent surgery Monday and is reported to be in stable condition. Hospital authorities said he would remain in the hospital for several days.

The co-founder of The Herald has been troubled for some time with pain in his jaw and mouth. Doctors were saying that the operation this week should relieve future discomfort in the affected area.

Tax Books Open Jan. 2

Tax listing will begin January 2 in Chowan County and people with personal and real property have until February 1 to list. After February 1 a 10 per cent penalty will be added for failure to list.

Dallas Jethro, county tax supervisor, said list takers will sit at designated places throughout Chowan County and all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the list takers for taxation all property owned on January 1, 1981.

All property must be listed by the owner unless he is mentally or physically incapable of doing so. All property must be listed in the township in which it is located.

The following schedule will be followed:

First Township, Fourth Township, Arrowhead Beach, Chowan Beach and Cape Colony: Chowan County Office Building on East King Street, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Saturday from 8 A.M. to 12-noon. Listers are: Pattie S. Byrum, Myrtle W. Hare, Jean B. Perry and Ida R. Waff.

Second Township: Monday nights from 6 to 9 o'clock at Rocky Hook Rescue Squad Building; January 13, 14, 27 and 28 - 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Center Hill - Crossroads Fire Department; January 8, 15, 22 and 29 - 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. and January 31 from 8 A.M. to 12-noon at Rocky Hook Rescue Squad Building; with Wayne Bunch as lister.

Third Township: T. D. Berryman is lister and will set at the Family Grocery in Gliden from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturdays of January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; and 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. at Byrum's Service Center on Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29.