

# Merry Christmas to All

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### Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's A Joyful, Peaceful Time

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a myriad other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic—too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

### Prevention Of Tragic Holiday Fires Urged

Householders from coast to coast were urged by the National Board of Fire Underwriters to use particular care with fire at Christmas time to prevent loss of life during the holiday season.

Last year, when Christmas fell on a Wednesday, it was reported that 35 persons lost their lives in fires in a 24-hour period.

In 1962, the preceding year, the fire toll was 107, but in that year Christmas was part of a three-day holiday for most people. However, it will readily be seen that the daily number of lives lost was just about the same.

Last New Year's, 29 persons reportedly lost their lives in fires in a 24-hour period. In 1962, there were 84 fatalities in a three-day New Year's holiday. Here again the deadly daily average is the same.

"It can be seen from the foregoing figures that fire took no holiday last Christmas and New Year's," said Lewis A. Vincent, general manager of the National Board.

"This loss of life is all the more tragic when we stop to realize that three-fourths of all fires are due to carelessness and should never have happened."



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

### Garden Club Christmas Decorations Judged, Winners Are Announced

The Louisburg Garden Club staged its annual Christmas Decorations Contest this week, with judging taking place on Monday night. The project is under the direction of the Civic

Committee of the local club and members of the club are not eligible for prizes.

First Place winner in the contest was the Herman Spencer home on Jeffreys Drive. The Garden Club reported, "The Spencer home expresses a real feeling of Christmas as one rides by and sees an open fire twinkling through the glass wall, with a large gaily lit Christmas tree nearby.

"A living picture of occupants conversing and rocking in front of the fire expresses real warmth to the viewer. The front of the house has a large traditional green and red wreath

on the front door and wreaths on all front windows, showing good taste and restraint in decorating."

Second Place was awarded the Lonnie R. Shuping home on the Henderson Road. The Garden Club says, "Like a scene from a Christmas card, the beautifully decorated house is reflected in the lake in front when viewed from the Henderson Road.

"Featured is a large green wreath with red satin apples and bow on the front door. Nearby, on the fence, Santa smiles from his reindeer drawn sleigh. The multi-lighted Christmas tree and candles in the windows add to the overall picture."

The Warren Smith home on Person Circle was awarded third prize. The Committee reports, "It is decorated with

a traditional feeling of Christmas with a green wreath accented with red on the door and red lights in the window." Winners receive their choice of plants from a local nursery.



1st Place, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Spencer

### Commissioners Hold Tax School

The Board of County Commissioners met last Thursday and held a school for tax listers, conducted by Tax Supervisor, Kenneth Braswell. The called special meeting, the first by the new Board, also conducted other county business.

Chairman George Harris presided at the meeting as the Board, with Commissioner Richard Cash absent, voted approval of a petition for road improvements in the Hillcrest Acres Development here. The approval and petition were passed on to the State Highway Department.

The Board received a certified copy of minutes of the Town of Louisburg Council meeting of December 11, in which the Town Council approved the expenditure of the sum of \$250.00 as the town's share of the cost of purchasing the land upon which is located the water tank at the new Gay Products Plant. The county had agreed to pay a

like sum provided the town approved this expenditure. The county and town hold title to the land jointly.

The Board made a part of their minutes, a resolution appointing county accountant Lee Murray as treasurer for hospital building funds. J. K. Tharrington of Youngsville had originally been designated for this position, but this appointment was rescinded by the Board at an earlier meeting this month.

The Board adjourned in memory of the late L. L. "Red" Sturdivant, a former member of the Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Jane House, Secretary for the County TB Seal drive, has requested everyone to send in their contributions to the fight against tuberculosis. Mrs. House said that seals had been mailed sometime ago and that contributions had been slow in coming in.

### Franklinton Library Closed

(Frk. B.W.) The Franklinton Public Library will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the Christmas Holidays. It will re-open on Saturday, December 26, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

### Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, December 21:

KILLED TO DATE	1520
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	1332

A warning to children and parents about the dangers of missile-throwing toys has been issued by the Committee on Eye Care of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

### Area Awaits Arrival Of Santa Claus Tonight

Citizens of all ages, throughout the area, tired from all the rush associated with last minute shopping chores, will pause tonight to await the arrival of Old Saint Nick. Practically all businesses throughout the area will be closed Christmas Day with most stores remaining closed on Saturday, December 26, also.

The post office has announced that the windows will remain closed on Saturday, something new for this department. Rural mail will be delivered Saturday but there will be no in-town delivery.

Merchants have reported record sales for the season and many have indicated that they will hold the traditional after-Christmas sales as soon as merchandise can be priced. Some are expected to start their sales on Monday, December 28.

Louisburg College closed for the holidays and the students headed to their homes last Friday. The public schools in the county ended their work on Tuesday of this week giving the children a couple of days to anticipate the coming of Santa Claus. The College and the public schools will return to classes on January 4.

Several groups have visited homes and shut-ins on recent nights with the traditional caroling and many homes in the area are beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

Most stores will remain open tonight until 7 to 7:30 p.m. for last minute shopping.

### Car Thief Caught

A 26-year-old Louisburg, Rt. 1, Negro is being held here, charged with automobile larceny and drunken driving, following his arrest Saturday afternoon on South Main Street.

John Kearney, Jr., is charged with stealing a 1964 Pontiac belonging to Warrenton Negro attorney T. T. Clayton, as Taylor was having lunch in a South Main Street cafe. The attorney had left his keys in the car while he went inside the cafe to eat. He reported the theft to the Louisburg Police Department.

Police officer Gerald Eury spotted the car about twenty minutes after the reported theft and arrested Kearney around 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Clayton and Durham Negro attorneys, Pearson and Malone, were in Louisburg for a habeas corpus hearing before Superior Court Judge Hamilton M. Hobgood, in the case of Willie Perry, Louisburg Negro charged with raping a local white woman. Judge Hobgood took the case under advisement and his decision has not been announced.

### Ivey Honored By Company

Carolina Telephone this month will honor James L. Ivey of Louisburg for having completed 10 years of telephone service.

He will receive a miniature gold emblem award signifying the number of years of service attained.

Ivey is employed by the company as a central office repairman in the Plant Department here.



2nd Place, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Shuping

### Hearing Slated On Highway 56 Work

Raleigh--The State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing in the Armory in Louisburg, N. C., Tuesday, December 29, 1964 at 11:00 a.m.

The hearing is on the proposed widening and general improvement of NC 56 from Louisburg to junction with NC 58 near Castalia.

### Police Issue Greetings

Louisburg Police Chief William Dement, on behalf of the Louisburg Police Department personnel, expressed season's greetings to the people of Louisburg from the department, today.

In charge of the hearing will be Highway Commissioner Clifton L. Benson of Raleigh, Assistant Chief Engineer R. W. McGowan of Raleigh, and Division Engineer M. T. Adkins of Durham.

A map is posted in the Franklin and Nash County Courthouses showing the location of the project.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and all interested citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard.

### Weather

Mostly cloudy and a little warmer today and Thursday. Low today, 33; high, 49.



3rd Place, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Smith