

### Special Services At Episcopal Church

In order that we may come to the day of the birth of our Lord in the true spirit there will be a midnight service at the Church of the Advent. The service will begin at 11:30 with the singing of carols. This will be followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion, during which Christmas music and carols will be heard. The choir has arranged special music in keeping with the season.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and take full part in the service. There is no better way of leaving behind us the busy rush of the Christmas season, than through prayer and the ecstasy of Christmas music, find the simple truth of the manger.

Christmas morning at 7:30 there will be a solemn celebration of the Holy Communion. It is hoped that at least all those who were not able to attend the mid-night services will make their Christmas communion at this time.

On Christmas morning at 11:00 o'clock there will be a morning prayer-service without sermon but with music and carols. With world conditions as they are today we should at least feel the responsibility of attending at least one service on Christmas and have a prayer for peace.

### Young Men Home From The Army For Holiday Season

Hard-boiled army regulations have bowed down to the Christmas spirit, and many of the soldiers are spending the holidays at home with their relatives. Little Pete Fowden came home Saturday for a several days' stay, but there'll be no shooting firecrackers for him. He is the trigger man for an artillery unit at Fort Jackson.

Bennie Daniels was all booked for a stay in the hospital at Fort Bragg Christmas, but he came home Saturday to be doctored and returned Sunday to answer roll call Monday morning. If he had reported to the army hospital for treatment of a cold, they possibly would have held him there through Christmas.

Quite a few of the boys have returned, but a majority of them continues in the service at various points over the country.

### Christmas Mail Expected To Set Record In Volume

Washington — Postmaster General Frank C. Walker said that the postal service would handle the largest volume in its history during the 1940 Christmas season.

He estimates that the department would spend \$10,000,000 extra to handle the volume, which is expected to be 600 per cent above the normal mail traffic.

About 175,000 temporary employees will assist in handling the Christmas mail.

### THAT BLESSED NIGHT Elizabeth Baar Haas

The night was spangled with stars, A sighing wind crept up the hill. The cattle slept in their quiet stalls By a manger lonely and still. The olive tree above the door Whispered soft gossip among its leaves.

And a mouse on the granary floor Boldly rustled the barley sheaves.

Then a light shone over the manger And music shook down from the sky. While an awed world listened, hushed and still.

For the sound of an infant's cry, "He is here," the olive leaves whispered.

"He is here," sang the wind to the hill.

And wondering cattle raised their eyes To a star at the window sill!

Ah, God be thanked, there is no spot So lowly, commonplace, or poor, That Christ may not come silently And set His star above the door; And there is no life so humble, No heart so hopeless, so forlorn, That it has no lowly manger Where love triumphantly may be born!

### Remembered by Cheer Fund, Little Tots Are Truly Grateful

The distribution of toys, food, fruits and candies and clothing has virtually been completed under the direction of the Cheer Fund committees. Reports from the workers are really touching and assure each one having a part in the good cheer movement that his gift was timely in those homes where old Santa is little known. It is fairly certain that the cheer movement has had a stirring effect in those homes, and that it accomplished possibly more than the old legendary gentleman could have accomplished himself in creating good will among men.

"The little tots were truly grateful," one of the messengers remarked, following his return from an humble home where he had left a sizable package and recored in his own heart the untold joy and a rekindled hope in the eyes of a widowed mother and her little ones.

As those who so willingly shared

the expense of the movement sit down on Christmas day to a table heavily laden with the good things to eat, surely their happiness will be enhanced by the knowledge that they had a part in carrying good cheer to the poor, the destitute, the hungry and the friendless in our community.

Unfortunately the movement was limited, and in behalf of those who could not share in it, The Enterprise humbly appeals to everyone to go direct to the less fortunate with the little remembrances that can mean so much to those whose opportunities have been limited irrespective of cause or reason.

In behalf of those who shared the thoughtfulness of each contributor to the Cheer Fund, The Enterprise and co-sponsors express a deep appreciation for each helping act and contribution advanced in the name and behalf of the less fortunate.

### RECORD MAIL

Record-size mails have been and are being handled by the local postoffice this Christmas season, the rush taxing the clerks and facilities of the office to capacity. During the past week, the office postmarked 53,000 Christmas cards and handled 2,400 out-going packages. No record of incoming mails could be had, but the desks of the carriers were not large enough to handle the thousands of cards and letters. Rural letter carriers packed their cars from top to bottom and could hardly handle the mails.

More than 10,000 one and one-half cent stamps were sold on each of the last three days of last week, and an increase was reported Monday.

Cards in large numbers are piling up in the local office on account of improper addresses, and intended messages of good cheer will in more than 100 cases find their way into the wastebasket.

### Decorations Adding To Christmas Spirit

More time, effort and money has been spent this year in decorating the town, stores and homes in Williamston than has been the case in many years.

P. P. Peel's decorations have brought glory not only to his firm but to Washington Street as well, and to cap the climax, Mr. Peel ran a special ad in this edition of The Enterprise extending greetings to the merchants on the "River Road." During the herring season Main Street is sometimes referred to by our Washington Street friends as Herring Road. Mr. Peel also has letters from Mayor John L. Hassell and G. H. Harrison and several others on display complimenting him on his Christmas displays and decorations.

An innovation in extending greetings was practiced by the Jim Statons this year. Mr. Staton has been ill for the past several days, so Mrs. Staton, due to the lack of time and the pressure of other matters, extended greetings to their Williams-ton friends in a special advertisement in the Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Riddick, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Roberson and E. Vanderford attended the funeral of Mrs. Leo Roberson, in Florence, S. C., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cresswell, Miss Mary Ann Heydenreich and Miss Gwyn Watts, of Alexandria; Mr. and Mrs. John Wadsworth, of Washington City; Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyons and Miss Elizabeth Lyons, of Chapel Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, of New Bern and Mr. Albert Wadsworth, of Ermita, Priente, Cuba.

### Health Department Offers Best Wishes

We, of the Martin County Health Department, wish to take this opportunity to wish our many, many friends a Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

We feel that our work has progressed during the year just closing and we know it has been made possible through the cooperation of all citizens who have come to know that every step we have taken has been for the best protection of all the people, as we saw it, but especially thanks are given to the unselfish physicians of the county who have assisted so nobly in those cases needing medical care, the civic and official organizations who have been so tolerant and cooperative in our endeavors to better health conditions. The Enterprise, which has printed every thing we asked them to, the Welfare Department, which has not questioned any expense we suggested, and the schools that seemed to take every service as a personal matter to each child involved.

To one and all, we again wish the Happiest Christmas and the Healthiest New Year.

### Able Support Is Given Cheer Movement Here

An able support was given the Christmas cheer movement here this season, a report, considered virtually complete, showing that \$188.11 had been contributed in cash, and that large numbers of toys, clothing articles and other items had been made available in carrying a bit of cheer and good will into needy homes.

Cash contributions not previously acknowledged: Men's Bible Class, Baptist Ch \$ 7.00 Mrs. Sadie Peel 1.00 Collected in C. Cheer cans 5.11 Bruce Whitley 1.00 Womna's Council, Christian Ch 5.00 Cantata Silver Offering 10.00 Kate Philpot 1.00 Previously Reported 158.00 \$188.11

In addition to the cash and other items contributed, local merchants supplied confectionaries and food at cost and below, the Farmers Supply Company giving a box of oranges, a box of tangerines and several bushel baskets of apples.

Mrs. Bill Valentine has returned from a visit with relatives in Savannah.

### Busy Times Reported These Days on Martin County Farms

Hardly before the 1940 tobacco marketing season is brought to a close Martin County farmers are making plans for another crop, reports from the field stating that quite a few growers are preparing land for seed beds. Comparatively few have planted seed, but the work will get underway on a fairly large scale soon after the Christmas holidays and during the month of January.

In addition to preparing land for tobacco plant beds, farmers of the county are getting busy with their hog killings and with their sweet potato marketing. Some few farm-

ers are still busy marketing their peanuts. Comparatively few hogs have been killed in the county so far, but killings are scheduled day after day following the holiday season. While the meat supply is hardly as large as it was last season, it is generally reported that there will be no meat shortage, and with ample supplies of meat, corn and potatoes, Martin farmers are entering the new year in pretty good shape. The available cash supply is a bit low, probably, but as one farmer explains, "You can't eat that," and in that light this section is sailing along.

### Camel Distributes Gifts To Children In Syria

Christmas gifts are presented by a camel in Syria. The youngest camel which accompanied the Wise Men is called the Camel of Jesus. It performs the task each year of distributing presents.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

Of my dear husband and father, Noah A. Cherry, who departed from this world the 23rd of December, 1936. No one knows how much I miss you, God saw fit to take you to heaven to rest on Cannas happy shore, where heaven is your home. You are listening to the angels sing their Christmas carol songs. I will meet you never fear.

Wife and Daughters.

### WANTS

LION SALT WILL SAVE YOUR meat better. If you want the best in salt come to see us. Farmers Supply Co. d10-6t

FOR SALE — WE HAVE A NICE assortment of used suits in all styles and sizes. \$4.95 to \$12.50. Pittman Cleaners. Phone 159. s27-26t

FARMS FOR SALE. MONEY TO loan on large farms. Long easy terms. Low interest rate. Elliot Pool, 104 Hargett St., Raleigh, N. C. d10-4t

WANTED: 500 GUANO BAGS — Must be in good condition. Deliver to Abbott's Mill, near Williamston. d24-2t

### Real Property To Be Listed At 60 Percent Of Value

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but the assessors were instructed to value all properties at their true worth and then to list them at a certain percentage of that value. The 60 per cent figure was determined by the board of commissioners, and the listing ratio will be maintained for all types of real estate, including timberlands, buildings and other types of real property.

In listing town properties, the assessors were instructed to value the lots and buildings separately, to consider rental values, size of lots and buildings, types and heating systems, condition of streets, location and so on.

"We want to break the valuation down to as many items as possible, placing a definite value on each item," the supervisor said, explaining that when that is done, fire losses can be easily adjusted on the tax books. The same principle will apply to farm listings, the assessors to value land types and buildings separately.

It was explained that the list-takers will be able to serve as assessors in all but two townships, Williamston and Robersonville. In those two districts the list-takers, H. M. Buras, Williamston, and H. S. Everett, Robersonville, were instructed to make plans to start listing personal properties as soon as possible after January 1. It is believed the other list-takers can assist the revaluation work and handle the personal property listings before the end of January.

In an appeal to the list-takers, Commissioner C. D. Carstarphen asked that they describe the property so that it could be located from the description. The commissioner also stated that experts would be made available to the boards of assessors when they were unable to determine fair values for certain properties including some tracts of timberlands and buildings.

It is believed that the county property values as they are to be assessed under the program advanced at the Monday meeting will materially increase the total valuation, but that any increase in the lists will be offset by a corresponding reduction in the county-wide tax rate.

Personal property values are to be determined at a meeting of the list-takers to be held in the county 9:30 o'clock. The meeting was first set for Thursday of this week, but a change was ordered when it was learned that all county offices, stores and business houses would be closed.

### Hitler And Company Are Definitely On The Defensive Now

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who had subjected the Italians to ruin. "He is one man against his people, the king, the church," Churchill said, adding that Mussolini had advanced barbarism and ruin for Italy.

In concluding his talk, the prime minister said that England would continue to the end, alone if necessary. He warned the Italian nation that aid was to be expected from the United States and all of the Americas and from the British Commonwealth of nations. What will be the end, no one knows, he concluded.

### Christmas Bill Set At \$62 Per Family

Santa's middle men predict a \$183,000,000 national toy bill this year, which would be about the same as was spent last year to spread cheer among the youngsters.

The array around American Christmas trees this season, including toys, will cost each family an average of \$62.50, according to reliable surveys.

You're paying a part of this bill: There's another side to it. Between 250,000 and 300,000 persons are being added to the nation's payrolls during the holiday rush, and the turnover should raise total 1940 sales for the year to at least last year's volume of nearly \$40,000,000,000.

Miss Louise Cook, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives here for a few days.

TEN POUND BAG, EXTRA LARGE shelled peanuts. \$1.00 per bag. An excellent Christmas gift. Williamston Peanut Company. d6-6t

READ THE NEWS AND OBSERVER for current events, 25c weekly, 15c daily only. R. E. Peele, agent, Williamston. n12-6a T-tf

CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE — Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Pecan Grove Farm, Henry C. Green, Williamston. n8-15-22-29 d6-13-20-27-33

WE HAVE A LARGE ASSORTMENT of Christmas lights and fixtures. J. C. Leggett. d10-4t

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE — Administrix as Administratrix of the Estate of Warner A. Bailey, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at her home, R.F.D., Williamston, North Carolina, on or before the 13th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of Dec., 1940. MRS. ALLIE T. BAILEY, Administratrix of Warner A. Bailey. d10-4t

### NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by the undersigned trustee by Chas. M. Peel, on the 9th day of November, 1917, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book M-1, at page 466, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing certain notes of even date therewith, default having been made in the payment of the said notes, and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the owners of the said notes, the undersigned trustee will, on the 2nd day of January, 1941, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning in the run of Breecey Swamp at a gum marked as a corner in W. A. Peel's line, thence running W. A. Peel's line N 88 3-4 W 258 poles, thence North 4 East 56 poles, thence S 88 3-4 E 180 poles to a marked pine near the canal, thence with the canal and Breecey Swamp to the beginning, and containing 84 acres, more or less, and being the 2nd tract described in a deed from W. A. G. E. and J. H. Peel, and others, to R. J. Peel of record in Martin County Registry in Book XXXX, page 104.

This the 30th day of Nov., 1940. B. DUKE CRITCHER, Trustee. Peel & Manning, Attys. d3-4t

THE UNDERSIGNED MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS FIRMS

# WILL CLOSE

## Wednesday, Thursday

— DECEMBER 25th and 26th —

Housewives, Farmers, Contractors and Others are asked to keep in mind this Two-Day Holiday and to make their purchases accordingly

A. & P. TEA COMPANY	FARMERS SUPPLY CO.
ROANOKE CHEVROLET Co.	EAGLE STORES, Inc.
WILLIAMSTON MOTOR CO.	E. & W. GROCERY CO.
PROCTOR SHOPPE	B. S. COURTNEY
PEELE'S - JEWELERS	N. ISRAEL
ROSE'S 5c & 10c STORE	CHAS. H. JENKINS & CO.
BARNHILL BROTHERS	ANN'S VARIETY STORE
WOOLARD HARDWARE CO.	MARGOLIS BROTHERS
MARTIN SUPPLY CO.	BELK-TYLER COMPANY
PITTMAN'S	MOORE GROCERY CO.
ALPHA CLEANERS	LINDSLEY ICE CO.
DARDEN'S DEPT. STORE	D. Pender & Gold Star Store
Williamston Hardware Co.	THE HARRISON SHOPPE

THE

## Sinclair Filling Sta.

## Standard Filling Station

## Central Filling Sta.

WILL OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING HOURS

### CHRISTMAS Day

STATIONS WILL OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 12 NOON

We ask that our customers kindly keep these hours in mind and make their purchases accordingly. Your cooperation will be appreciated.