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## Holiday Shoppers Throng City's Streets Saturday

**Gone Are The Days When It Seemed To Be Unwritten Law Among Local Merchants That No Christmas Wares Should Go On Display Until After Thanksgiving**

Time was when no Elizabeth City merchant thought of displaying Christmas wares or making an advertisement appeal to Christmas shoppers until after Thanksgiving; but "them days are gone forever."

Last week, and in fact the week before, one by one Elizabeth City stores began to fill their windows and some of their counters with Christmas suggestions and to preach on the shop early text in their advertisements.

Today you can hardly enter any store in the city that caters to Christmas trade without noticing either some Christmas display or at least some radical change in arrangement of stock in way of preparation for a showing of Christmas offerings.

Up to Saturday, however, there were still a few mighty good business men in Elizabeth City who were telling the ad-man something like this: "There's no use to say shop early. People will not buy until the last minute no matter how much you advertise or what sort of display you put on."

But the business done Saturday by the stores that are displaying and advertising their Christmas wares puts a Maxim silence on all such statements. These stores were crowded all day Saturday, and on Saturday afternoon, with Christmas trade clerks already on duty, there were more customers in these stores than could be waited on. At Melick's, for instance, the crowd resembled that of the week before Christmas. And Melick's was not the only store that was crowded. There's Mitchell's, for instance, advertising in the want ad section of this issue for more sales people.

Those who have studied the Elizabeth City Christmas trade carefully will tell you that every year the number who lay their plans for Christmas givings early is growing larger, and that every year Christmas shopping begins just a little bit earlier than in the year preceding. This is a forcible illustration of the fact that constant reiteration of the shop early preachments is having its effect.

But undoubtedly the swing in the direction of early shopping this year has acquired more than normal momentum. Business is good, and that means that buying in all lines is heavy. The number of customers now thronging the stores to supply their needs in the way of regular lines of merchandise is a warning to Christmas shoppers that they must shop early in the day and early in the week as well as early in the season if they are looking for careful and painstaking service from the sales people in the stores.

Another thing is a factor in creating a desire to shop early. Elizabeth City merchants this year have prepared for an unusually heavy Christmas trade. But with cotton prices advancing as they have done and with favorable weather for harvesting the cotton crop of this section, there seems every reason to believe that Christmas buying will go not only beyond all records but also beyond all expectations. So thrifty and foresighted buyers are making their selections now before stocks are depleted.

Early buying is wise always, from a standpoint of service and satisfaction. Indications are that this year it will be wise also from a standpoint of economy. And, as Santa Claus, no doubt, has seen what's going on and caught the shop early fever, the ad-man wants to suggest to the little folk of Elizabeth City that it is a wise youngster this year who writes his Christmas letter to old Santa early.

## AVIATION HURT BY QUAKE

Tokio, Nov. 26.—The recent disaster has destroyed the organizations of civilian aviation in Japan, at least four concerns having announced they would close, partly on account of damages directly sustained in the earthquake, but chiefly owing to suspension of subsidies from the government. Proprietors of two of these concerns announce they will resume business as upholsterers.

## MRS. J. BATEMAN DEAD

News reached here Monday morning of the death of Mrs. Johnny Bateman at Columbia. She is survived by her husband; by one son, William E., aged 14; by two daughters, aged 13, Lessie Lea, aged 6; by her father, W. F. Pritchard, Elizabeth City, R. F. D. 3; by one brother, P. A. Pritchard, Elizabeth City Route Five, and by four sisters, Mrs. Emma Harrell, Elizabeth City, R. F. D. 5; Mrs. Gertrude Sample and Mrs. G. D. Pritchard, Elizabeth City, R. F. D. 3, and Mrs. M. P. Jennings, Elizabeth City.

The body was brought here Monday afternoon and the funeral will be held some time Tuesday. The exact date had not been decided upon when this newspaper went to press.

W. T. Robbins of New Hope has accepted a position with the firm of M. P. Gallop and Company.

## CONFERENCE HAS COME TO A CLOSE

With Appointments Read and Other Business Finished—Dr. Blackwell Returns to Mt. Lebanon.

By F. W. M. Butler.

At the Albemarle Conference Saturday afternoon reports of committees were heard.

At 7 o'clock Saturday night Dr. W. W. Matthews, the missionary secretary who recently returned from work in Liberia gave a moving picture exhibition of the scenes in Liberia, telling his experiences. He stated that a direct request was made from the natives who are members of our church to come over and help them in enlightening their brethren.

Sunday morning at 9:20 the Sunday school was addressed by Prof. J. W. Eleberger.

At 11 o'clock so great was the crowd that an overflow service was held in the basement of the church. Morning and evening standing room was at a premium. Bishop Blackwell who was scheduled to preach, stated he felt unequal to the task because of overwork and a severe cold, but, however, he would attempt the same, as that was his mission, and that he felt better when preaching than anything else he attempted to do. The bishop's text was from Ephesians 14th chapter and 15th verse. Theme, "God's Spiritual Family." He stated that in this life many vile and low things of the family should be suppressed that the good name of the family might be maintained. He discouraged the telling of weaknesses of the family to others as it showed our own weakness as a member of the same. In that proportion that the boy or girl is disgraced to that extent is your entire family disgraced. Keep the family name undisturbed if you can.

The bishop closed his sermon amid great shouting and rejoicing. There were a number of white persons present.

At the afternoon session the bishop presented Prof. J. W. Eleberger who addressed the congregation from the subject, "The Supreme Task of the Church." He is a well prepared and pleasing speaker and delighted the congregations for about 40 minutes.

A memorial service was held at 6 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Annie W. Blackwell, wife of Bishop Geo. L. Blackwell, corresponding secretary of the home and foreign missionary department, who died during the year, by the missionary women of the Albemarle Conference, assisted by Mrs. Ida Smith, general treasurer of the department.

At 7:30 Dr. F. M. Jacobs, general secretary of the connection, of New York, preached a forceful sermon. After reading resolutions of thanks to the people generally of the community for their hospitality, the bishop proceeded to read appointments after some brief remarks.

Collection for the day was \$303. Music was furnished by the senior choir, which was very good.

In the reports to the conference it showed that Rev. D. S. Blackwell, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Church raised more than \$10,000 for all purposes. Rev. C. C. Drew was given special mention for having built a new church at Roper, his former one having been destroyed by lightning during the summer.

Rev. D. S. Blackwell was returned to Mt. Lebanon Church. Next session of the conference is to be held at Creswell.

Following are the appointments:

- Windsor District**
- Rev. C. C. Hunter, presiding elder, Mt. Hebron, Plymouth.—Rev. H. N. Drew.
- Jamesville Station—Rev. W. G. Vincent.
- Williamston Station—Rev. M. P. Sawyer.
- Bethlehem Circuit—Rev. S. S. Johnson.
- Lewiston Circuit—Rev. S. M. Etheridge.
- Harrisville Circuit—Rev. J. Sharrock.
- Windsor Circuit—Rev. A. G. Dunston.
- Macedonia Station—Rev. P. R. Washington.
- Roper Station—Rev. C. C. Drew.
- Ahoskie Circuit—Rev. J. T. Riddick.
- Robinsonville Mission—Rev. A. H. Nixon.
- Dr. D. S. Blackwell was the last name called, which brought loud applause at his return to Mt. Lebanon, the first church of the city. It is said to be the best conference since the Albemarle conference was formed.
- Elizabeth City District**
- Rev. J. E. Garrett, presiding elder, Mt. Lebanon, Elizabeth City.—Rev. D. S. Blackwell.
- Leigh Temple Circuit—Rev. E. S. Williams.
- Good Hope Circuit—Rev. P. McDonald.
- Moyle Circuit—Rev. J. N. Cuffie.
- Pitts Chapel Circuit—Rev. W. A. Mullen.
- Whiteville Grove Circuit—Rev. W. E. Hunter.
- Mary Holly Grove Circuit—Rev. W. H. C. Sykes.
- New McBride Circuit—Rev. A. S. Edwards.
- Snowden Circuit—Rev. C. H. Malice.
- Dentville Circuit—Rev. E. L. Bur-

## HOLIDAY LIQUOR CAUSES DEATHS

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—Liquor "imported" for the holiday season, is blamed by the police here for the death of the men and the sending of many others to hospitals in a critical condition.

Scores of persons who said they took only a few drinks were picked up from the streets in an unconscious condition and carried to hospitals last night.

The police announced today that they would make a thorough investigation.

## TWELVE MEN HURT IN MINE EXPLOSION

(By The Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Twelve men were badly burned and 14 still were unaccounted for at noon from Mine Number One near West Frankfort where an explosion occurred in the workings.

## NINE PERSONS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

(By The Associated Press.)

Confluence, Pa., Nov. 26.—Samuel Roscoe, his wife and seven children were burned to death today when their home near here was destroyed by fire.

## LEVIATHAN BREAKS THE WORLD'S RECORD

New York, Nov. 26.—America's biggest steamship, the Leviathan, today established a new world record for westbound navigation from Cherbourg of five days, seven hours, 20 minutes.

## SAY THAT FORBES DESERTED ARMY

Washington, Nov. 26.—Papers said by War Department officials to show that at one time Charles R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans Bureau, was dropped from the rolls of the Army as a deserter, were today turned over to the Senate investigating committee by the department. The record, which was sent to the committee at its request, was said also to show that later Forbes was apprehended, served out his term of enlistment and was discharged without having been brought to trial.

## ILLNESS CAUSES LOSSES IN ENGLAND'S WORKERS

London, November 26.—The value of public health to the nation may be judged from the following statistics.

During the past twelve months, persons with health insurance lost 19,500,000 week of work. Add those who are not insured, and experts say this total would reach 30,000,000 weeks of work lost to the country through ill health of the working population. At an average wage of \$10 a week, the figures mean \$300,000,000 for the year.

## ESKIMOS FIND JOY IN JAZZ

Anchorage, Alaska, Nov. 26.—A missionary has organized among the Eskimos at Point Barrow, in the Arctic Circle, what probably is the farthest north brass band in the world. These Eskimos take kindly to jazz, explaining that it harmonizes closely with their style of dancing.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, November 26.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 35.32; January 34.90; March 35.12; May 35.33; July 34.65; October 28.67.

New York, Nov. 26.—Spot cotton, cotton closed quiet, middling 36.15, an advance of 35 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 35.60, Jan. 34.98, March 35.21, May 35.43, July 34.65, Oct. 28.65.

## A. L. Chesson Injured In Explosion At Mill

Explosion Comes Near to Wrecking New Boiler Room and Brick Casing Surrounding the Boiler at Plant of Chesson Manufacturing Co. Early Monday

A. L. Chesson, 64 years of age, father of Roy Chesson, owner of the Chesson Manufacturing Company, is in the hospital as a result of injuries which he received when a tube blow out of the boiler of the saw mill at about eight minutes after 7 o'clock Monday morning.

When this newspaper went to press Mr. Chesson was resting quietly and it is not believed that he is seriously injured. There is an ugly scalp wound on the right of the top of his head and a contusion above one eye on the forehead, and a number of bodily bruises; but no serious consequences are expected as a result of any visible injury; and there is no indication of internal injuries.

Mr. Chesson was standing between a tramroad in front of the boiler room and the Norfolk Southern railroad track when he was struck, a distance of 50 feet from the boiler room. A negro, Percy Taylor, working beside him was not injured and four men in the boiler room at the time of the explosion received only a few scratches. Those in the boiler room were T. N. White, fireman, and his young son, Elgin White, Wardell Nooney, mill foreman, and Walter Wright, Sawyer. Mr. White has a cut finger, and there are some skinned shins resulting from the scramble to get out of the boiler room, but no one received injuries of consequence sufficient to put them in bed except A. L. Chesson.

The blowing out of a boiler tube is a matter of no unusual significance in a plant operated by steam, but on this occasion the explosion came very near to completely wrecking the new boiler room and brick casing surrounding the boiler at the plant of the Chesson Manufacturing Company, which only resumed operations on Monday, November 19, following the \$15,000 fire which on Tuesday night, September 18, practically wiped out the plant's saw mill.

One would think, to look at the boiler room now, that a bomb had been dropped through the roof and had exploded just above the firebox. There is a gaping hole in the roof, half of the front of the building is blown off, and in the rear the brick casing of the boiler is blown out and a hole torn through the wall of the building big enough for the boiler and casing to pass through. Brick from the casing were hurled all the way across Knobbs Creek, a distance of about 75 yards.

The explosion was done in front of the boiler, for through the front crashing through the iron door of the boiler and splintering it, came the offending tube of the boiler. It struck the front wall of the boiler room, tore half of it away bodily and hurled the wall through the air almost to the Norfolk Southern railroad track. The railroad track in front of the boiler room and fully 100 feet away, was thickly strewn with the sawdust that, used as fuel, was on the floor of the boiler room at the time of the explosion. Some of the debris from the building was found in the swamp on the other side of the Foreman-Blades road to their saw-mill, a distance of more than 100 yards from the scene of the explosion.

Mr. Chesson, fortunately, was not in direct line to be struck by the main mass of the hurling timber with the boiler tube behind it. He is believed to have been hit by some of the shattered pieces of timber that were in the air as thick as shrapnel in a bombardment. He was not knocked down by the force of the impact of any blow that he received, but was seen staggering when the air first cleared. He sank to the ground before assistance could reach him, but was still conscious when he picked up.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. The boiler was tested and stood under 175 pounds cold water pressure before operations were resumed. A pressure of 150 pounds was indicated by the steam gauge one day last week. The gauge at the time of the explosion registered a pressure of between 90 and 100 pounds.

Fireman T. N. White tells a coherent story of what actually happened.

"I came down to work about 5 o'clock," he says, "bringing my son, Elgin, down to lay some flooring. We worked together until the night watchman, who was firing when I came down, knocked off at 6 o'clock. I then turned my attention to the boiler, leaving the boy to complete the flooring job alone.

"At 6:45 the gauge indicated a steam pressure of 60 pounds, and I closed the damper and cut off the draft. The first indication I had that anything was wrong came then when I noticed that the water gauge, which should have shown a rise of about an inch while we were getting up steam had risen about four or five inches. I went back and blew out the water, but the water gauge did not respond. I then blew the water out of the gauge and then out of the column. The water, however, immediately rose to the old level and the glass water gauge cracked. I called for help and ran for a wrench to cut the water off from the gauge. Mr. Nooney, the foreman,

## BRITAIN WILL LODGE PROTEST

At Seizure of the Rum Runner, Tomako, Outside the Three Mile Limit on Sunday.

London, November 26.—If the schooner Tomako, is proved to be a British ship with her parties—in order, the British government will probably lodge a protest to Washington against her seizure outside the three mile limit. It was said here today.

Her protest would be in order to keep clear the record on the three mile limit pending the final agreement on the rum running treaty permitting seizures outside that limit.

Washington, November 28.—Rummy Bill McCoy whom the government agents call King of the Rum runners appeared before the United States Court here today with eight British seamen, crew of the schooner, Tomako, charged with smuggling liquors.

The men, who surrendered yesterday after the Coast Guard Cutter, Seneca, had fired twice across the bow of the Tomako, will make their defense. McCoy says, on the fact that the ship was six and a half miles from the shore when captured.

## Cabarrus Got Its Name From Edenton

County in Piedmont Section Named in Honor of Stephen Cabarrus, Says History

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—"The county of Cabarrus was erected December 31, 1792, out of the northeastern part of Mecklenburg and was named in honor of Stephen Cabarrus, of Edenton, speaker of the state house of commons," according to a history of the county written for the North Carolina Historical Commission by Col. Fred A. Olds. "Its county seat, Concord, was named for the town where the opening battle of the Revolution, in Massachusetts, was fought.

"The act creating the county provided that James Harris, Joseph Moore Carpenter, William Orr, Geo. Alexander, Zacheus Willson, Paul Barringer, John Lippard, Joseph Shim, Daniel Jarrett, Alexander Ferguson, James Bradshaw, James Harris, Sr., Archibald Hunter, Benjamin Patton and Robert Smith should fix on the most central place for the courthouse and jail and that three of their number should buy 50 acres of land at such place and contract for the erection of these buildings as soon as the commissioners had fixed on the site. The first county court was held in January, 1793, at the home of Richard Russell, to divide the county and do other business.

"The first courthouse was not built until 1795, up to that time private buildings being used. The courthouse was used until 1835, when one of brick succeeded it. In 1876 this one was burned by fire which started in a dwelling, and the will books up to 1843 were destroyed, while all the deed books were saved. The present courthouse was built in 1878.

"Members of the United States Congress born in Cabarrus County were Daniel L. Barringer, Daniel M. Barringer and William C. Houston."

and Mr. Wright, the Sawyer, came in and we had just succeeded in cutting the water off from the gauge when it burst. The tube blew out almost immediately."

Mr. Chesson, the injured man, had two pocket knives in his pocket when he was struck and both of them were found on the ground near where he fell. An odd incident was that his eyeglasses were also picked up off the ground, neither lens broken and the frames nowhere bent or twisted or showing in any way any sign of the accident.

Though the Chesson saw mill resumed operations last week, the carpenter work connected with rebuilding the plant had not been completed and Mr. Chesson was there winding up this work with Percy Taylor, colored helper, when the explosion occurred.

Mr. Nooney, mill foreman, was on a ladder on top of the boiler when a wrench, which he had been working to cut off the water from the glass gauge, when the explosion occurred. None of the men were injured by the explosion as they were all to one side of the boiler and the blowout came at each end.

"I found out how fast I can get down a ladder," Mr. Nooney said later in the morning to a reporter for this newspaper, with a grim smile.