

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Edenton Digs Out Of Eight-Inch Snowfall; White Christmas Sure

Best Snow In Years Falls In Section Sunday Night

BAD TRAVELING

Many Accidents to Cars On Roads But No Injuries Reported

"I should really like to know how Santa Claus can go to Florida and Carolina, where there isn't any snow. He can't travel that way with his reindeer and his sleigh. But if he shouldn't get there, what will the children say?"

—From "Ballads of the Albemarle."

Winter weather which has been kicking teeth chatter for ten days and now added to its Zipp and Zing by the week-end with a delightful snow fall that guaranteed a White Christmas, assured old Kris Kingle a real chance hereabouts and proved the fallacy of trying to write words about the Albemarle.

Not since March 2, 1927, when a full sized blizzard whipped this section into a fury and after departure left around 16 inches of snow, has Edenton felt what a snow storm could be like. But even these two falls can't be compared with a real snow storm around Christmas time back in 1877, when the snow covered the Albemarle to a depth of 5 or 6 feet on level, and drifted in places to more than twice that depth.

Major John C. Bond, veteran of 85 years, remembers the 1857 blizzard distinctly. The snow was frozen so as to make skating upon it possible from shore to shore. The major recalls his father rigging up a like-shift sled for him which he fastened to a mule and enjoyed himself several days being hauled back and forth over the Sound.

Edenton at this time was isolated from the rest of the world for more than a week, and was without communication with any other section during that period. At the ancient Cornblow's Tavern adjoining the Court House the snow had blown up the transom of the door top on the west side, and it was with difficulty entrance into the hostelry could be effected.

The 1927 storm was a stinger, it struck town with a heavy snow, the downfall swirling about like typical Dakota blizzard, and resulting in considerable damage, among which was the collapse of the old Army building on West Eden Street. Major Edward W. Spires comes forward to report that in 1898 there was a four foot deep snow fall, that he disabled off his back porch in Elizabeth City and burrowed his way through drifts over his neck, losing himself igloo-like until rescued by his relatives, some ten feet from the place where he fell.

This sounds like a pretty tall snow story, but when one recalls how Baron Munchausen once hitched his horse to what he thought was a seat in the snow, and the next morning found a thaw had developed and the horse was hanging from the top of a church steeple, why some compassion may be shown the town executive for his recollections.

The 1935 snow, which is really safe to say about, hit this section around 11 o'clock Sunday and kept swirling and blowing about until nearly 11 o'clock that night. It was a dry snow and stuck with a conservative level measurement of 8 inches and it had ceased falling. By dawn Monday the State Highway Commission had a plow at work on the two county roads, and the town of Edenton brought in its big gang of ERA plows from the sewer project and set them at work cleaning off the town sidewalks.

Naturally automobilists who ventured forth got into trouble. Twenty reports of mishaps, mostly minor accidents, were reported to State Highway Patrolman George Dail, and others were observed by Mayor Edward W. Spires while motoring back from Elizabeth City Sunday night.

Most of the traffic accidents had to do with cars that couldn't either find

Entertainment Held Sunday Night In Methodist Church

The Christmas entertainment of the Edenton Methodist Sunday School was held before a good sized crowd in the Sunday School room on Sunday night, when a delightful program was rendered by the younger members of the School under the direction of Mrs. G. A. Helms and Mrs. Wayland C. Moore.

The room was beautiful with a lighted Christmas tree, the program closing with the presenting of gifts to the children. The Sunday School also presented the new minister, Rev. George Blount, with a large basket containing various kinds of candies, nuts and fruits.

Entertainment Held At Chappell's Hill Church

A very interesting program was rendered in Chappell Hill Baptist Church Sunday night, when the Sunday School Christmas entertainment was given. Due to the snow storm the crowd was not as large as is usually the case, but a very creditable program was presented.

Many of those in attendance experienced extreme difficulty in reaching home, Rev. W. T. C. Briggs, the pastor, being forced to spend the night at the home of a friend while enroute.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The following teachers in the Edenton school have gone to their respective homes for the Christmas holidays: Miss Myrtle Jenkins, Tarryville, Va.; Miss Ruby Felts, Boykins, Va.; Miss Emma Blanche Warren, Snow Hill. Miss Mary Cody, Darlington, S. C.; Miss Sarah MacDonal, Waltherville, Va.; Miss Fannie Sue Sayers, Pulaski, Va.; Miss Betty Bloxon, Drivers, Va.; Miss Ruth Davenport, Columbia, and Leon Brogden, Kinston.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

A marriage license was issued last week to George Albert Harrell and Harriett Elizabeth Boyce, white couple, of Chowan County.

A license was also issued Saturday to McKinley Welch and Hilda Mae Hassell, colored, of Chowan County.

George Major White, who is attending V. M. I., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. White.

Carlyle Webb, a student at Tri-State College in Indiana, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webb, near Edenton.

The highway or stick to it, swinging off into ditches. Dail was called out at 11 o'clock Sunday night to find Dr. William Graham, of New York, who had taken his mother's big Packard for a jaunt out the Suffolk pike. He was starned three hours by other cars being stalled ahead of him, managed to work his way out and got home unscathed.

It was while on the Graham search that Dail helped extract Elmer Ward and party of Sign Pine, Mrs. W. H. Hotchkiss, of Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. Belle Parker and three youngsters, George Morris, of Edenton, three Chevrolet trucks and a big oil truck. Sunday morning a car belonging to George Holley, of Bertie, got stalled after going off the road at the east end of the Chowan river bridge, and in the consequent excitement took fire and burned up. Several hours later a big Ford truck driven by George Tolar, of Belhaven, stopped at the same spot to see what had happened. Tolar couldn't start up again and his vehicle caught fire and burned up, also.

As far as could be learned no one was hurt in any of the accidents, but a lot of repair work is going to keep the garages pretty active.

Merry Christmas, you kids. Don't let the old man fool you this year. He has no excuse. Santa Claus can get here all right, and glory be that is so.

Masons Name New Officers Thursday

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. At this time officers for the new year will be elected, their installation taking place the first Thursday night in the new year.

A special request is made for a full attendance for the election. W. C. Bunch is the present Master of the Lodge.

Fall On Snow Results In Broken Collar Bone

Irving Gaskins, clerk in Chap's New Deal, had the misfortune to break his collar bone on Sunday night. Mr. Gaskins was on his way to supper at Hotel Joseph Hewes when he slipped on the snow in front of the building, falling violently to the pavement, which resulted in the breaking of his right collar bone. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

3,010 Bales Of Cotton Ginned In Chowan

F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that there were 3,010 bales of cotton ginned in Chowan County from the crop of 1935 prior to December 13. This amount compares with 3,817 bales ginned to December 13 from the 1934 crop.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. John Boyce has returned from St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., where she had been for treatment. She is now at the home of her son, A. C. Boyce.

PLAN A MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW ARMORY FOR CITY

WPA Officials Desire to Go Into Details of Project

GREAT NEED

Local Armory Building Condemned; No Place For Indoor Events

Nothing definite has as yet resulted from telegrams sent out last week by Mayor E. W. Spires relative to securing a new armory for Edenton. The present armory has been condemned and as a result of the December grand jury report Mayor Spires and Major M. P. Whichard have been very anxious for steps to be taken whereby a new armory will be erected, thus providing suitable quarters for the local ambulance company as well as furnishing a place for community activities such as basketball games, dances and other indoor events.

In answer to the telegram sent to E. S. Askew, WPA director for the first district, Mr. Askew informed Mr. Spires that a conference will be shortly arranged in the hope that some method of procedure can be worked out.

In his letter Mr. Askew says that unless he is prevented it is possible for him to recommend, and for it to be accepted, a special grant of \$10,000.00. The project, however, has its complications in that Chowan County hasn't enough skilled labor on relief rolls and further that the common labor cost must be the major item of expense.

Mr. Askew expressed his interest in the matter of a new armory here and will call for a conference as soon as convenient with those concerned.

Mrs. Marcia Nixon Loses \$10,000 Suit

Rotary Luncheon Is Called Off This Week

The regular luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club will not be held Thursday due to the day immediately following Christmas Day. Instead each Rotarian has been asked to pay the regular amount paid for the luncheon, which will be turned over to the Stocking Fund sponsored by the Young People's Service League of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

This fund is used annually to supply poor children of the community with a Christmas stocking containing candy, fruit and a toy.

At last Thursday's meeting John A. Holmes very vividly brought out the handicap of not having a gymnasium at the local school, weaving the subject very cleverly into the topic of international service.

Christmas Eve Dance At Hotel Joseph Hewes

As a Christmas holiday feature a dance will be held in the Hotel Joseph Hewes on Christmas Eve. The affair is expected to draw a large crowd, having been advertised in the surrounding towns, and the hall being steam heated.

Music for this dance will be furnished by Hal Thurston's 12-piece Orchestra of Rocky Mount, and features Roland McCallan and Tub Oliver. The dance will start at 12:01 o'clock.

CARROLL GOODWIN RECEIVES LETTER AT ROLLINS COLLEGE

Carroll Goodwin, of Edenton, was awarded a varsity football letter at Rollins College for his services on the gridiron during the past season. Goodwin performed at center for the Tars and was a reliable player.

No Cause For Action Found by Jury Against H. C. Nixon

43 BALLOTS

Trial Draws Largest Crowd of December Term of Court

No cause for action was the basis of a jury verdict returned in the Superior Court Friday night at the conclusion of the trial of a \$10,000 suit for alleged alienation brought by Mrs. Marcia Small Nixon against her aged father-in-law, Henry C. Nixon. Mrs. Nixon charged that the elderly farmer and storekeeper had interfered in her family affairs and had induced her husband, Mordecai M. Nixon, to cease living with her.

The jurymen established a double-barreled record for deliberation in this county. They are said to have taken 43 ballots before reaching a decision and were in closed conference for nearly 11 hours, turning in a verdict shortly before midnight. Outside of criminal matters it was the only civil action considered in the Superior Court last week.

The Nixon-Nixon dispute has been in the local courts once or twice before since the marriage of the principals in 1928. There has been an action for non-support and a suit for separation maintenance previously and the latest matter was instituted two years ago but not brought to trial until this term. The case was enlivened by much racy testimony directed to show an intimacy on the part of the plaintiff with other residents of the neighborhood, an alleged intimacy which her husband charged was the cause of his separation from her.

The suit was prosecuted by W. D. Pruden and Lloyd Griffin, and Herbert Leary, of Edenton, and P. W. McMullan and J. Henry LeRoy, of Elizabeth City, fought the case to a successful conclusion for the veteran defendant.

Holiday Attractions At Taylor Theatre

The Taylor Theatre management has made special provision for the entertainment of its patrons during the holidays, with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Company outbidding all others to book Eugene O'Neill's great play "Ah Wilderness" for Christmas Day. This picture furnishes excellent entertainment filled with drama, tenderness, laughter and romance. It presents a boy and girl, youths of America, their triumph, their loves and life.

On Thursday and Friday the people will have the opportunity of seeing "China Sea," the much-talked about picture with Gable, Harlowe and Beery.

Ken Maynard will grace the screen Saturday, together with Our Gang and "Call of the Savages."

Monday and Tuesday brings Elissa Landi and Robert Taylor to the screen in "Without Regret."

As the special attraction for New Year's Day will be seen Ted Lewis and his fellows in "Here Comes the Band."

Liabale To Arrest For Shooting Fireworks

Chief of Police G. A. Helms desires it to be generally known that the Town ordinance forbidding the shooting of fireworks will be rigidly enforced this year. Fireworks may be shot on one's premises, but Mr. Helms is very emphatic that arrests will be made for shooting them in the business section of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Privott, Jr., will spend Christmas Day with her parents in Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Carter and little daughter, Helen, Hunter Jackson, and Mrs. Howard Jackson will spend their parents near Elizabeth City Christmas Day.

Many Here For The Holidays

Mrs. Walter Jones and little daughter, of Fayetteville, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Spencer and son, Clyde, will spend Christmas Day in Suffolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Parke Ashburn.

Miss Andrea Rowell, who is a student at Carolina, Chapel Hill, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Rowell, for the holidays.

Miss Adrian Nicholson, of Norfolk, Va., will arrive Thursday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Ward, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Ward and little daughter, Lelia Faye, of Ryland, visited their aunt, Mrs. W. J. Tweedy, and Mr. Tweedy in Elizabeth City, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Wood have returned from a short visit in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Louise Dail, a member of the school faculty, at Wilson, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson Dail, near Edenton.

Miss Myrtle Hobbs, a student at Massey's Business College, Raleigh, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hobbs, near Edenton.

Friends of Mrs. J. Henderson Haskett will be glad to learn that she is steadily improving after being ill for some time.

Rev. George W. Blount will spend Christmas at his home in Wilson.

Herman Harrell, of Norfolk, Va., spent the past week-end with relatives and friends in town. He expects to return for Christmas Day.

Worth Spencer and Harry Stokey visited friends in Hertford Sunday night.

Governor and Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus and sons, Blucher, Jr., and Horton, arrived Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, at Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Jolly, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Randolph, and Mrs. F. H. Bryan will visit Mr. and Mrs. George Wood on Christmas Day, and will remain until the end of the week.

Hubert Williford, who is attending

Louisburg College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Williford.

Frank Williams and George Wood, who are attending a military school in Porter, S. C., arrived Saturday night to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wood, at Greenfield, during the holidays.

Carroll Cason Goodwin, who is attending Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Goodwin, near Edenton.

Sidney McMullan, of Columbia, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Sidney McMullan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson, of Roxboro, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Dickerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cozart.

Edmund Forehand, a student at Fishburne Military Academy, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Elton Forehand, for the holidays.

Clyde Lee Cates, who is attending Hargrave Military School, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cates.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Spivey and daughters, of Oxford, will visit Mrs. Spivey's mother, Mrs. H. C. Privott, during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Privott, Jr., are spending Christmas with Mrs. Privott's mother in Kenansville.

Miss Anna Mae Overton, a member of the Mars Hill School faculty, is at her home near Greenfield for the holidays.

Miss Ada Cozzens, of the Mars Hill school faculty, and Miss Julia Belle Cozzens, a student at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, are spending the holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cozzens.

John Mitchener, a student at the University, Chapel Hill, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Emma White, of Elizabeth City, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White, in North Edenton.

John Pruden, of Newport News, Va., is here to spend Christmas with his sisters.

Miss Glenn Ward, a member of the Winston-Salem school faculty, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ward, on the Virginia Road, for the

holidays.

Maurice Broome, of Morehead City, is spending Christmas in Edenton as the guest of friends.

Charles Wales is at home from Deerfield Academy, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wales.

Miss Lillie Wood will spend Christmas Day with her parents near Woodville.

Jess Powell, a student at V. M. I., is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sitison, of Alenettown, Pa., will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Shelton W. Moore.

Mrs. J. C. Sitison of Bethel, will spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton W. Moore.

Mrs. J. H. Conger and children left Sunday for Henderson to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Parrish spent Saturday in Norfolk, Va.

James K. Henderson, of Durham, and Miss Marian Kirk Henderson, of Washington, D. C., will spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson.

Bill Redding spent the week-end at his home in Lucama.

Sherman Parks, of Greenville, will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. C. Parks, in North Edenton.

Robert Savage, of Whaleyville, Va., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lewis.

Dick Goodwin, who is a student at Citadel, and Miss Helen Goodwin, a member of the Oxford School faculty, are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. G. W. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hoskins are having as their guests over Christmas, Mrs. Hoskins' mother, Mrs. F. W. Hobbs, Sr., of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. George Tudor, of Burnsville; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hobbs, Jr., and son, Worthington, of Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Muth and sons, of Newport News, Va., are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Muth, on West Eden Street. Miss Marguerite Muth, of the Gatesville School faculty, is also at home for the holidays.

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