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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

SALVATION: The Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.—Luke 9:56.

JUST ANOTHER NEED FOR ORGANIZATION

Uncertainty on the part of some local merchants as to what to do about closing their stores on Saturday and join with the rest of the country in a three-day Christmas holiday, emphasizes anew the real need of a Chamber of Commerce or some sort of active business men's association.

The Herald has been trying for several days to find out if the closing order would be general. Of course, its only interest in doing so was to acquaint its readers so they could know whether to come to town or not shopping Saturday.

However, it's apparently settled—some will close and some will not, and there you are. Maybe those who come to town Saturday to get a particular thing will find the shop dispensing that particular article closed tight and vice versa.

Oh, it all merits a good pitcher of Christmas egg nog and it is hoped the pitcher keeps full everywhere! But when, oh when, will Edenton's business people realize that we do need some sort of an organization?

"XMAS" AND "CHRISTMAS"

Some inquisitive soul asked the other day how Christmas came to be so generally abbreviated into "Xmas". If we knew such things, of course, we would reckon ourselves pretty smart indeed, but we don't.

"Xmas" For "Christmas"

There's nothing new about this. Indeed it is so widely known that it is told again here only because it has been asked for again and because every year there's a new crop of newspaper readers. It's about that abbreviation "Xmas."

The use of that short way of writing "Christmas" is too sweepingly and too violently condemned. It would not be so condemned, if the why of it were generally realized. Truth is, that "X" is not intended to be the "X" of our alphabet. It is the Greek "X", which is the capital form of the Greek letter called "Chi."

Except as part of "Xmas," it is most often seen in the book-marks and hangings in churches, but then always with the other Greek letter "P" which is not our capital letter "P," but the capital form of the Greek letter "Rho."

The letter "Chi" corresponds with our "Ch" and the letter "Rho" corresponds with our letter "R" so that "XP" on church hangings represent "CHR," which is the monogram for, or of, Christ. That abbreviation "Xmas," then, while it omits the "P" or "Rho," actually stands for "Christmas."

For that reason, "Xmas" isn't so bad—if it is bad at all. It probably isn't bad at all, in view of the fact that the "mas" of "Christ-mas" also stands for "mass," so that "Xmas" means "Christ-mass."

A HAPPY OPPORTUNITY

Of course Christmas should be a season of cheer and happiness for the little folks. They should not be forgotten nor disillusioned. Their faith in the old bewhiskered Saint who "shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly," should live on and on as it has through all the centuries since the immortal morning at Bethlehem. Never, under any circumstances, should they be taught not to believe in the house top speed of Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, and their teammates Comet and Cupid and Dunder and Blixen. Awful, indeed, are the parents who would shatter this memory of childhood—awful, indeed are the parents

HEARD AND SEEN

By "BUFF"

Well, well, just look who has found that prosperity, and just around the corner, too. None other than old Santa himself. Christmas trade has shown an increase this year and Kris himself is responsible. Unfortunately Jupiter Pluvius and his cohorts cut down on the score some by providing weather handicaps but the loss from wet weather last week was more than made up by the heavier peak trading these last few days and will be more so by tomorrow night. It's good to know Old Santa is feeling more like himself again. After about six years on a reduced diet he is getting some of his avoidipolis back and it is most becoming to him. That 1929 figure that Santa Claus affected was pretty poor looking, but the New Deal fat and friskiness he is now sporting suits us, anyhow. Hope he fits all chimneys Christmas eve.

Who else came home Sunday morning from church to find a cat mocker perched a-top the holly wreath on the front door eating the pretty red berries?

The rain last Saturday put somewhat of a crimp to Christmas trade, but even at that one merchant said he never saw so many \$10 and \$20 bills since—well, that thing called the depression.

Marian was sent back to the bathroom the second time to wash the ink from Anne's hands. On hearing both children scream, Mrs. Don Francis rushed to them to find that Marian, being unable to wash the ink off, had tried to scrape it from the hands of two-year-old Anne with a razor. The baby was slightly cut in three places.

The weather at least helped out the police force. Mayor Spires ordered his policemen, and some extra ones were on duty, to crack down on the fireworks nuisance if it reached anything like the proportions of two years ago. Anyhow the police didn't have any trouble—the weather man attended to that.

The United Charities needs a mattress for a poor fellow who is now sleeping on a spring covered with corrugated paper. Want to make somebody enjoy sleeping? Let the United Charities know and they'll appreciate it.

A number of people living out of Edenton will receive their first copy of The Herald this week. They may wonder why they have received it, but this is to notify them that some friend living here has paid for the subscription as a Christmas gift. Here's hoping they enjoy the paper, for it will be a constant reminder of the happenings hereabouts as far as we can get up with.

Who is there that hasn't received a gang of Christmas greetings? But about as attractive one as I've seen is the one Byrum Bros. Hardware Company sent out. The greeting is printed in three colors and is the work of the crafty hands of Captain Leon Billington in The Herald office. Is it any wonder I'm crowing about the job? Which reminds me that you needn't shop in other towns for printing of any kind so far as quality and price is concerned.

"Who's getting a divorce?" I was asked when a visitor noticed a proof in the office of twin beds for sale. Nope, there's no divorce in connection with the sale, but a good bargain for somebody.

Shucks, who shouldn't be thankful this Christmas? In glancing over last year's files at about this time I find the following big headlines: "Edenton Digs Out of 8-Inch Snow."

Gosh darn, this Saturday after Christmas closing idea cost both Hec Lupton and myself considerable time and worry. The Herald was not the instigator of the plan to close, but

who do not themselves, still believe in Santa Claus and his Christmas eve visit! Such parents are surely "gone with the wind," and can't see fairies dancing in the morning dew and snow about their homes! Shame on them!

But there is something else to Christmas besides childish faith. The Good Book says "The poor ye have with you always." Too true. And Christmas is a season for remembering this along with all else. Nothing more terrible can be thought of than an empty mouth or empty larder on Christmas morn. This year there are plenty of channels through which Chowan unfortunates, always eager to share their generosity with the unfortunate and needy, can work. All of the churches are making stocking appeals. There is, too, a special fund organization for anything and everything that will bring joy to hearts on Christmas. Other bodies are at work, too, to brighten Christmas expectations and freshen up the hope and faith of those who have suffered.

Remember everyone you can. Be merry yourself and help to make others so. It is our happiest opportunity.

was only interested so far as letting readers know whether or not stores will be open. Anyway, one merchant said the principal reason he wanted to close was because the Bank of Edenton would be closed and his bank roll wasn't large enough to play the role of a bank in cashing checks that day.

Now that football season is over, Henry Goodwin is coming along all right with his leg. This fall a horse fell on him, badly hurting one of his (Mr. Goodwin's) legs and despite the doctor's instructions to keep off it, Mr. Goodwin made it his business to come to town to see the doctor whenever a football game was on tap, and he was on hand when the starting whistle blew, too. Anyway, Mr. Goodwin is very optimistic. He says every two years he has a bad accident. He was gored by a bull several years ago, then two years ago he lost an eye in a hunting accident, and this year a horse fell on him. Where his optimism comes in is that he said he didn't mind the horse falling on him and hurting his leg, but he couldn't see why the scoundrel didn't wait to do it until after his peas were picked.

George Leary ought to consider himself very lucky. The other night after paying me a bill of \$5 for advertising (bill collectors just skip that) and receiving a \$5 bill as change, George proceeded to his home. He wrapped the bill around the receipt given him and when he reached home it was missing. He back-tracked in double-quick time and strange as it may seem, found the money on the sidewalk in the business section. Which all may make some folks look on the ground instead of gazing at the stars as they ramble up and down the avenue.

This is supposed to be said in a loud voice: "Banks (he's our colored handy man in the shop) get me a 10 cent Robert Burns cigar." That's just a hint as to the brand I like (but don't smoke much.)

There's plenty of opportunities to help those in bad circumstances, and you needn't go very far to do your bit. There's all sorts of agencies functioning this year and there's cases that need help. For instance, the other day a man who is unable to work and has three children had only 11 cents to spend during the holidays. And there's other worthy cases, too. Don't be a tight wad!

Well, the old town is once more back to normal with the arrival of all the college boys and girls to spend Christmas at home. They're a fine set of folks and from expressions on their faces they're as glad to be home as the pappies and mummies are to have them home. They all look good, too. In fact some of the young ladies look so nice it almost makes me wish I was again back in the 'teen age. (Friend wife will see this bloom'n' paragraph first thing, but thank goodness it's Christmastime.)

That Bertie folks are gradually coming to Edenton is evident. Just this week in a local garage there were at one time seven Bertie cars lined up for repairs. Then, too, Mrs. Maurice Bunch's records show two marriage licenses issued to two Bertie couples. Both couples were colored, George Roosevelt Spivey and Priscilla James, and Alfred Holley and Mabel Sue Rouhac.

Lloyd Wilder showed me an interesting copy of the Windsor Ledger dated Thursday, February 26, 1903, in which an account of the cyclone up Chowan River which resulted in the loss of the Steamer Olive. I wondered why he wanted to hang on to it so bad, but it was because Thomas Wilder, his granddaddy, was among the list of victims.

Richard Holley in Recorder's Court Friday furnished almost as many laughs as a Laurel and Hardy picture at the Taylor Theatre. But even at that maybe he wasn't so far wrong in one of his remarks. When Judge Pruden asked him if he had any kin folks who could stand his bond for \$300. Richard said with a grin, "Yas, sub, but kin folks don't amount to nuthin' when a fellow's in trouble." Even Judge Pruden, stern as he is on the bench, burst out in a laugh when Holley was given an opportunity to ask any questions of Sheriff Bunch, who was on the stand. After several questions were asked, Holley, following the usual lawyer's custom, said, "all right, come down." But Judge Pruden wasn't willing for Holley to run the court, so the Sheriff didn't go down just then.

And now before I close up this column I want to express my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas to every single reader of The Herald, as well as to those who in any way contributed to the success and interest of the paper during the year. Yes, he gad, I want to also wish a Merry Christmas to any whom we may have made mad during the year and who don't think the editor of The Herald is so hot.

IMMORTAL ROMANCE!



Above (left to right) Kent Taylor, Loretta Young and Don Ameche in a scene from Helen Hunt Jackson's immortal romance, "Ramona," filmed entirely in the new perfected Technicolor. The picture will be screened at the Taylor Theatre, Edenton, Monday and Tuesday.

MERRY HILL

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams left Friday morning to spend the holidays with relatives in Raleigh and Henderson.

Members of Merry Hill school faculty are spending the Christmas holidays as follows: Miss Marie Kiddick has gone to her home in Chowan County; Miss Hedgepeth has gone to Morehead City; Miss Manness to Buies Creek; Miss Callis to Cole-train; Miss Mary Pruden, Windsor; and Mr. Ward Republican. Miss Mittie Phelps left Tuesday for a ten-day trip to Cuba, and will spend Christmas Day in Miami, Fla.

Dan Phelps, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his sister, Miss Mittie Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith were in Edenton Friday.

Mrs. Guy Smith and Bobby Jean, left Sunday for Cottageville, S. C., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Smith's parents.

Mrs. Milton Bowen, Misses Ethel and Elizabeth Bowen and Mattie Louise White were in Edenton shopping Saturday.

Ruth Crumpler spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Capehart were in Edenton Saturday. They were accompanied home by their son George, who spent the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cad Capehart and Clara Crumpler were dinner guests at Scotch Hall on Sunday.

Fred Bowen and Chet White, of Windsor, were with their parents for the week-end.

Miss Agnes White was a shopper in Norfolk, Va., on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith and Ruth Crumpler were in Edenton, Hertford and Winfall on Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mrs. Cad Capehart, Ruth and Clara Crumpler visited Mr. and Mrs. William McLean, in Washington, N. C., on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Grant Wells and George Capehart were visitors with relatives in Windsor on Sunday.

Woodmen Elect New Officers For Year

At the meeting of Elm Camp, No. 946, Woodmen of The World held Friday night, officers for the new year were elected, and will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Those elected were: Consul commander, R. B. Hollowell; advisor lieutenant, Robert Bunch; banker, A. L. Sexton; clerk, G. E. Cullipher; escort, J. J. Parker; watchman, Joe White; sentinel, Gilbert Hollowell; board of managers, A. D. Ward, Louis Berryman and J. Edwin Buffalup.

The camp also voted to meet twice a month in the future rather than weekly, the meeting nights decided upon being the first and third Friday in each month.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting at which six new members were initiated.

Loses Driver's License For Drunken Driving

W. P. Truitt, Jr., of Georgetown, Del., was found guilty of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor in Recorder's Court Saturday morning. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs and his driving license in North Carolina revoked for 12 months.

At a session of Recorder's Court Monday Carey Vann, local colored man, was taxed the cost of court for transporting liquor.

METHODIST S. S. HOLDS ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT

The Methodist Sunday School Christmas entertainment will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Sunday School room. A program of recitations and Christmas songs has been arranged by Mrs. G. A. Helms, to which the public is cordially invited.

A special offering will be taken at this time which will be sent to the Methodist orphanage.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davenport spent Friday in Suffolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Futrell, of Rich Square, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Colon Jackson.

Mrs. Roscoe Kirby and children spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Brabble, and Mr. Brabble. Mrs. Travis Jackson and children spent the week-end with her parents near Hertford.

Miss Mary Harrell, of the Hamilton school faculty, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrell.

George Smith, of Norfolk, Va., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Overton.

Mr. and Mrs. Rondell Barrington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrell spent the week-end near Winfall as guests of Mrs. Harrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stanton.

Miss Nannie Davenport spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Colon Jackson.

Mrs. J. A. Webb visited her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Campen, in Edenton, Saturday evening.

Dance at Edenton Cafe On Saturday Night

Hosea Sapp and his Swing Kings from Tampa, Fla., will appear at the Edenton Cafe Saturday, December 26, from 8:30 to 12. This organization includes America's greatest swing trumpeter and will no doubt draw a large number of local dance fans.

The same orchestra will play for a colored dance at the Norwood Auditorium on Sunday night, dancing to begin at 12:15 o'clock.

OUR Christmas MENU

Has been carefully prepared to make you feel that you are, indeed, eating a home-cooked Christmas dinner.

We Invite You to Eat Your Christmas Dinner In the Hotel Joseph Hewes Coffee Shop

There Will Be No Increase In Prices We Wish You All A Merry Christmas Hotel Joseph Hewes W. R. HORTON, Prop. Edenton, N. C.

AN APPRECIATION

I desire to take this means of expressing my appreciation for the business you have given me during the past year. I wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and the best that the New Year can give.

Bernice Williams

Representing Blair Laboratories

MISS BYRUM AT HOME Miss Montaze Byrum returned to her home near Cannons Ferry Friday from Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va., where she had been very ill for several days. Her condition is much improved and she is getting on nicely.

TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C. WE HAVE THE SHOWS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

Wednesday, Dec. 23— Eddie Quillan Charlotte Henry Charles "Chic" Sale

"The Gentleman From Louisiana" Act — Comedy

BANK NIGHT—\$50

Thursday, Dec. 24—

Simone Simon Ruth Chatterton Herbert Marshal

"Girl's Dormitory" News — Act

Friday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)—

Eleanor Powell

"Born To Dance"

With James Stewart, Virginia Bruce, Una Merkel, Sid Silvers, Buddy Ebsen, Frances Langford. News — Vitaphone Stage Show

Saturday, December 26—

Bob Steele

"The Gun Ranger"

"Fighting Marines" No. 11 Comedy

Monday Tuesday, Dec. 28 - 29—

GLORIFIED BY COLOR! RAMONA LORETTA YOUNG DON AMECHE KENT TAYLOR PAULINE FREDERICK JANE DARWELL KATHERINE DE MILLE JOHN TERRANCE DARRYL F. ZANUCK in charge of production

Wednesday, Dec. 30—

Wallace Beery

"Old Hutch" Act — Comedy

BANK NIGHT

Miss Adelaide Tuttle Project-Supervisor of National Youth Administration Will be in her office at 105 West Queen Street From 2 to 5 O'clock Tuesdays and Thursdays Every Week Any information relative to this movement will be gladly given during office hours.