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## Christmas Is Very Quietly Celebrated In Community

### Officers Report No Arrests Made Over the Week-end

### JAIL EMPTY

#### Local Merchants Enjoy Best Holiday Trade In Years

Now that the turkey and fixin's have at last disappeared, and some of us have caught up with our breath again if not our purse, it can be said that Christmas in Edenton and the surrounding countryside passed quietly but very joyfully. This is not strange, however, for except for the customary noisy pop-bang of fire crackers quiet Christmases have been a custom instead of novelty hereabouts.

It was a season of much rejoicing and gift bearing, however. The young folks were all home from school and college, are still here, and their presence in so many homes made the occasion a great family communal reunion. Other than the "novelty" that always follows when young people get together, there were no social entertainments published but one is scheduled for tomorrow night at the Hotel Joseph Hewes with Mrs. J. W. Davis as sponsor.

And the surprise announcement of elsewhere, of the unannounced wedding of Thomas Marshall Cheers, Jr., and of the little crowd of outdoor carollers, marshaled by Joe Conger Christmas Eve, and the countless gifts jammed into everybody's stockings but the old man's.

The town was decorated as never before and was beautiful in its shining radiance. This does not necessarily mean the main business section was so attractively adorned, for it was the same story there, the same string of lights that started red, white and blue but gradually burned off until mostly they were white.

But it does refer to the efforts householders made to bedeck their homes in radiant beauty. Never before, perhaps, have the homes been so attractive in their Christmas illuminations. It would be possible to describe some of those thought most attractive, but it had better not be done, for the "critic's" opinion might conflict with the awards for prize illuminations announced by Mrs. J. A. Moore and her Garden Club committee.

And what can be said of the home decorations can also apply to the way the storekeepers along Broad Street put themselves out to make their places showy. They succeeded, every one of them, and they got their reward by the volume of business done everywhere. In fact the merchants reported one of the best business seasons in years.

And despite the fact it was the first ABC Christmas the town has experienced, the trade through that channel being enormous, the authorities report the season as at great variance with other Christmases. No arrests were made for conviviality. There were no motor accidents reported, and poor Shelton Moore will have to pad his jail bill if he expects December to keep up to normal—he had no guests of any nature for any offense at all.

All this being true, here's how for a Happy New Year, a season of communion at Lent and Easter, a summer of happiness at Nags Head, a bigger turkey than ever next Thanksgiving, and then another Christmas. And so the long day wore on, as do the years—just one thing after another.

### Bank Of Edenton Will Be Closed On Saturday

Though New Year's Day falls on Saturday, the holiday will be observed by the Bank of Edenton, which will be closed all day. Patrons of the bank are urged to arrange banking affairs accordingly.

### Popular At Merry Hill School

Merry Hill school has put on a musical program for this year. Guy Smith has quite a repertoire of piano. Misses Garren, and Harrell have the Glee Club and well under way. The school and Harrington give a fine performance.

## Lost And Found!

Eight-year-old Celia Phelps, of the Pea Ridge section of Washington County, came over here to spend Christmas with her uncle, F. H. Jethro, of Court Street, and on Monday afternoon decided to get lost. The youngster had never been in a "big city" like Edenton, and more particularly had never been to the movies before coming here. But Monday a couple of the Jethro neighbor children decided Celia should have a grand and glorious time, so they took her to see "Second Honeymoon."

Celia was dazzled by the performance and the pretty colored street lights afterward, and in the crowd wandered off by herself. She went the wrong direction and soon found herself in front of Dr. Powell's house on South Granville Street. The Powell home had a Christmas tree illumination in front and a big tree inside. So naturally Celia decided to get a bit closer. Marjorie Powell saw her and invited the errant child inside. There Celia remarked she was lost. Mrs. Powell reckoned a lost child, above all else, should have a full tummy, so Celia was set down to a rip-snorting Christmas week supper, and ate herself as full the Powells had difficulty in arousing her. In the meantime the Jethros had told the police and the force went on a hunt for Celia. Young Jess Powell, however, managed to work out of the kid who her uncle was, and the rest was easy. Celia said she had a fine time.

## Red Men Elect New Officers For Term

### Asa Griffin Will Act as Sachem For Next Six Months

Officers for the six months period, beginning January 1 were elected by Chowan Tribe, No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, at the regular meeting Monday night. Those who will serve as officers are: Sachem, Asa Griffin; senior sagamore, W. C. Hollowell; junior sagamore, Fielding Tanner; prophet, J. Edwin Bufflap; chief of records, Raleigh Hollowell; collector of wampum, A. S. Hollowell; keeper of records, W. J. Daniels.

These officers, together with those appointed by the new sachem, will be installed at next Monday night's meeting with O. H. Brown, deputy great sachem, presiding. In the meantime books will be audited and a report made as to the progress made by the Tribe during the year.

## Sale Of Auto License Plates Leading 1937

Though sale of 1938 automobile license plates is leading last year at the same time, Mrs. Leon Leary, branch manager for the Carolina Motor Club, expects a terrible rush over the week-end for the new plates. Up to the same time last year there were 872 license plates sold which compares with 1,206 sold this year. Reason for anticipating a rush business from now until the first of the year is the fact that last year 4,068 plates were sold in the local office, which means that approximately 3,000 more will have to be bought until January 1.

Mrs. Leary says no extension will be allowed and car owners must be properly equipped with license plates to prevent trouble with traffic officers.

## Mean People

Friends of the Edenton Boy Scouts are right much concerned over damage done over the week-end to the Boy Scout cabin since it was learned that the windows were broken out, the doors broken open and other minor damage done to the building inside. It is the third time in recent months that someone has tampered with the building and the Scouts, as well as many who are interested in the same, would appreciate

## 120 Children Made Happy By Efforts Of Stocking Fund

### Those In Charge Very Grateful For Cooperation of Friends

### NICE TOYS

### Gifts Sent to Children In 49 Families on Christmas Eve

The sponsors of the Christmas Stocking Fund wish to thank all those who made contributions to this fund, thereby making it possible for many little children to have a happy Christmas.

On "the night before Christmas," which is such an eventful night in the life of each little child, a truck was sent out, loaded with attractive bags well filled with good things for 120 children, each child receiving a nice new toy or present supplemented by some toys which R. K. Hall had collected and worked over and given to help in this worthy cause. Besides the truck, R. E. Leary loaded his car and delivered all the North Edenton packages, which was a great help and was greatly appreciated.

In all there were 49 families supplied with Santa Claus for their children through this Fund. These families were investigated as to their real need and recommended by the Welfare Officer.

Those who contributed to the Christmas Stocking Fund were:

Mrs. W. D. Pruden, Mrs. S. M. McMullan, Mrs. O. M. Elliott, Miss Jessie McMullan, Rev. C. A. Ashby, Mrs. C. A. Ashby, Mrs. J. M. Beatty, Mrs. J. C. Skinner, Mrs. C. E. Kramer, Mrs. B. W. Hathaway, Mrs. J. A. Woodard, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Sr., Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., Mrs. C. P. Wales, Miss Marian Skinner, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Miss Zene Elliott, Mrs. Meredith Jones, Miss Carrie Coke, Miss Louise Coke, O. H. Brown, Mrs. H. C. Jackson, W. P. Jones, Mrs. William Badham, D. M. Warren, Miss Mary Pruden, Miss Margaret Pruden, Miss Rebecca Colwell, Miss Sophie Wood, W. S. Summerell, Mrs. John Wood, Anna and Gilliam Wood, Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mrs. George Mack, Mrs. Julien Wood, Mrs. J. D. Traylor, The Rotary Club, St. Mary's Guild, Mrs. R. G. White, R. E. Leary, Mrs. H. C. Wozelka, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. H. R. Leary, Mrs. E. L. Hansen, Mrs. W. E. Baker and Mrs. H. G. Wood.

Thanks also go to R. K. Hall, who furnished so many beautifully worked over toys, and to The Chowan Herald for boosting the cause and keeping it before the public so that people were constantly reminded that their contributions were needed.

## Winners Named For Best Holiday Display

### Mrs. O. M. Elliott and Quinn's Take First Prizes

Awards for the most attractive Christmas decorations were announced Wednesday morning by Mrs. J. A. Moore, president of the Garden Club, which organization had charge of judging the winners. As reported previously in The Herald the Garden Club this year decided to award prizes for the best residential decoration as well as the most attractive display in the business section.

The awards as announced by Mrs. Moore gave first prize in the residential group to Mrs. O. M. Elliott, with second prize going to Misses Margaret and Mary Pruden. Quinn's Furniture Store was awarded first place among the business houses, while the W. J. Yates Service Station won second place.

In each instance first prize winners will be given \$5.00 and second prize winners \$2.50, the total amount of \$15 having been appropriated by the Garden Club.

In commenting upon the awards, Mrs. Moore said the committee in charge experienced considerable difficulty in naming the winners. There were many beautiful displays, she said, which made it extremely hard to decide which were the most attractive.

Not a passenger lost his life in a crash on the railroads of the

## Orville Wright Says Local Museum Relic Part Of 1905 Plane Used At Kitty Hawk

### A Happy New Year



### Identifies Piece as the Cradle of Second Wright Machine

### VALUABLE

### Photostatic Copy of Pioneer Aviator's Letter Sent to W. D. Pruden

Through a letter recently written by Orville Wright, pioneer aviator, the Cupola House Museum has firmly established its claim of possessing two small parts of one of the original Wright airplanes as flown 30 years ago at Kitty Hawk. Mr. Wright states there can be no question as to what these much valued relics are, and asserts he has examined them with much interest and is certain they can be identified as the cradle of the plane used by himself and brother Wilbur in the 1905 flights.

The parts in question got to the Museum from W. D. Pruden, Fred P. Wood and Rev. Fred B. Drane, the latter of Monroe and a son of Dr. R. B. Drane, who was for so long rector of old St. Paul's here. Mr. Pruden, Mr. Wood and Mr. Drane, when boys summering at Nags Head, found the pieces at Kitty Hawk, viewed them merely as playthings at that period, but in some way, peculiarly the trait of childhood, kept them and in maturity gave them to the Museum.

At the time of the presentation it was supposed the plane parts, coming as they did from Kitty Hawk, were actually parts of the original glider flown by the Wrights in their initial air experiments in 1903. Inasmuch as this 1903 glider was presented by the Wrights intact to the British Museum, London, the local institution hesitated about discussing their gifts until 1935 when George W. Bradham, brother-in-law of Mr. Pruden and at that time a reporter on the Virginian Pilot, Norfolk, Va., learned of the finds and syndicated a series of articles claiming that the London Museum didn't have the 1903 plane in its entirety and that it shared its prize with the little museum here.

In the intervening two years Mr. Bradham has told this tale variously in the press of the country, but stumbled a bit when he sought to unload it on the Aeronautical Society's official organ, "Aviation." It was to substantiate and verify Bradham's offered story that Major Lester D. Gardner, secretary of the Institute, wrote Mr. Wright to which Mr. Wright made the substantiating reply.

Mr. Bradham had said in his story, and the Museum here has always so understood, that the plane parts were found by Pruden, Wood and Drane as kids, in 1904. This "Mr. Wright says couldn't be, and that on the contrary it must have been after the 1905 plane had been stored in a building at Kitty Hawk. This plane, he says, was pretty generally broken up by shore residents and sent out through the State as souvenirs. Yesterday Mr. Pruden said Mr. Wright was undoubtedly correct and Mr. Bradham wrong, as he had no immediate recollection as to the exact year of the find, "but it was probably 1908." However, Mr. Wright explains it all in his letter, which follows in full:

"Dear Major Gardner: I find I have not returned the story by George W. Bradham nor the correspondence concerning it between him and the editors of 'Aviation.' The photographs which accompanied this story interested me very much, because they definitely reveal the identity of the piece about which the story is built.

"In 1923 I received a letter from Dr. Mark F. Boyd, Chairman Cupola House Association Museum, in which he said 'The Museum of the Cupola House has been given a small piece of the upholstered framework said to be a part of one of the gliders employed by your brother and yourself in your epoch making experiment at Kitty Hawk. I inclose a rough sketch of the piece in question.'

"In answer I told Mr. Boyd the part 'evidently is the cradle from one of my early gliders, or possibly it may be from the 1903 motored plane. This part was lacking in the motored plane when we assembled it for shipment to the British Museum. If you will send it to me, I think I can definitely determine for you to what machine it belonged.'

"Dr. Boyd acknowledged receipt of my letter and said that he had severed his connection with the Cupola House Museum Committee, and that he was on the eve of permanently

## Sales In Local ABC Store On Christmas Eve Register \$1,915

### Two Clerks Unable to Wait on Tremendous Crowds

### TURNED AWAY

### Despite Large Sale, Police Make No Arrests In Three Days

Passing all expectations, the business done by the Chowan County ABC store last Friday, the day before Christmas, reached a total of \$1,915. With only two clerks to make sales as well as replenish the shelves with stock, many customers left without making purchases rather than to stand for an hour or even longer to be waited on. It was also necessary at times to have police at the store to keep open walking space on the sidewalk for pedestrians, and on several instances the store door was locked until all inside could be waited on and another crowd allowed to enter.

With sufficient help, it was estimated that the local store could have done a business totaling \$2,500.

With a brisk business during the holidays preceding the Christmas eve rush, it is estimated that business for the month will pass the \$10,000 mark.

Despite the large amount of liquor sold during the few days before Christmas, not a single arrest for which liquor was responsible was made by the local police and on Monday morning the jail was empty.

## Masons To Elect Officers Tonight

### Special Dispensation Is Granted Lodge By Grand Master

Election of officers for the year 1938 will be held tonight (Thursday) by Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. These officers should have been elected last Thursday night, but due to the holiday season the meeting was called off.

Special dispensation has been granted by Watson N. Sherrod, Grand Master, to hold the election tonight and every member of the local lodge is urged to attend. The newly elected officers will be installed at next week's meeting.

### LIONS MEET MONDAY

The usual meeting of the Lions Club will be held Monday night at Hotel Joseph Hewes, at which all members are urged to be present. The regular meeting last Monday was cancelled on account of the holiday.

## Fussing Over Budget Delays Improvement To U. S. Fish Hatchery

### Measure Waiting For President Roosevelt's Signature

### IN BUDGET

### Warren Confident Rearing Ponds Will Be Ready By Spring

Delay in starting work on the enlargement of the federal fish hatchery on Pembroke Creek is due to the fussing the Congressional chieftains at Washington are having over the national budget. Representative Lindsay Warren has written in that the Edenton \$25,000 appropriation has been allotted, is included in the budget, and that as soon as the President signs the measure, the money will be available and then work will be begun at the hatchery.

It is Mr. Warren's confident belief that the work of constructing a number of outdoor rearing ponds will have been completed in time to make the ponds available for use when the fishing season gets under way next spring.

## Cotton Ginning Far Ahead Of Last Year

### F. W. Hobbs Reports 1,107 More Bales Ginned to Dec. 13

According to Mr. Hobbs' report there were 4,456 bales of cotton ginned in the County from the crop of 1937 prior to December 13. To the same date last year there were 3,349 bales ginned from the 1936 crop, an increase of 1,107 bales.

Cotton ginning in Chowan County to date is far ahead of last year, 1,107 more bales being ginned to December 13, according to F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

## Sold Out!

Anticipating a heavy demand for 1½-cent stamps for Christmas mailing, the local postoffice practically doubled last year's supply of this particular series of stamps and despite this fact there was a sell-out. Patrons of the postoffice who mailed Christmas cards the day before Christmas were obliged to buy 2-cent stamps to send greeting cards to relatives and friends.

Approximately 40,000 one and one-half cent stamps were sold in the local office during the holiday season.