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## Christmas Happy Occasion For All Edenton This Year

### Christmas Tree and Programs Add to Celebration

### POOR REMEMBERED

### Interesting Services at Churches Feature Holiday

Always alive to its festival opportunities during the period of the Holy Nativity Edenton this year is slated for a better, merrier and more spiritual Christmas than ever before in its recent history. Special church services, the celebration on the town green under the beautiful community Christmas tree sponsored by Mrs. Julien Wood, the filling of stockings and their distribution to needy little tots about town, and the giving away of baskets of groceries and fruit and candies by a delegation of town ladies helped on their way by the Lions and Rotary Clubs, are but some of the things destined to make the Yuletide unforgettable to those who might otherwise find the occasion a sorrowful one.

Edenton intends that everyone, rich and poor alike, shall have a joyous and bright Christmas, and while Santa Claus may find it inopportune to do much sleigh riding and chimney climbing in this land of supposed sunshine and lack of snow, he intends, nevertheless, or daddy and mama do with the entire town behind them, to keep the Kris Kringle myth alive in the hearts of old and young.

For after all, what would Christmas be without Santa Claus? Nothing at all and woe be to the sourpusses who would put a damper on the round-bellied old gent and his eight tiny reindeer. Of course it is sometimes difficult down this way for the jolly old fellow to haul a sled or sleigh in and out among the muddy streets.

### Employees Of Town Have Double Holiday

Edenton's street and electric and water department employees, together with almost all other employees in town will enjoy a double Christmas holiday, the street commissioner and electric and water superintendent granting their forces a holiday on Christmas Day as well as Thursday.

The regular schedule of the street cleaning crew will be maintained for collecting trash on Tuesday, and in addition the business section will be cleaned up late Tuesday night as is done on Saturday nights.

Due to the extra accumulation of trash because of the holiday, citizens are urged to cooperate and have their trash out in time so that the town may be as clean as possible over Christmas.

### Caretaker Employed For Athletic Field

Following complaints of condition of the field house and armory, a caretaker has been employed. The matter was called to the attention of Town Council at the last meeting, when Graham Byrum was authorized to employ a man to act as caretaker.

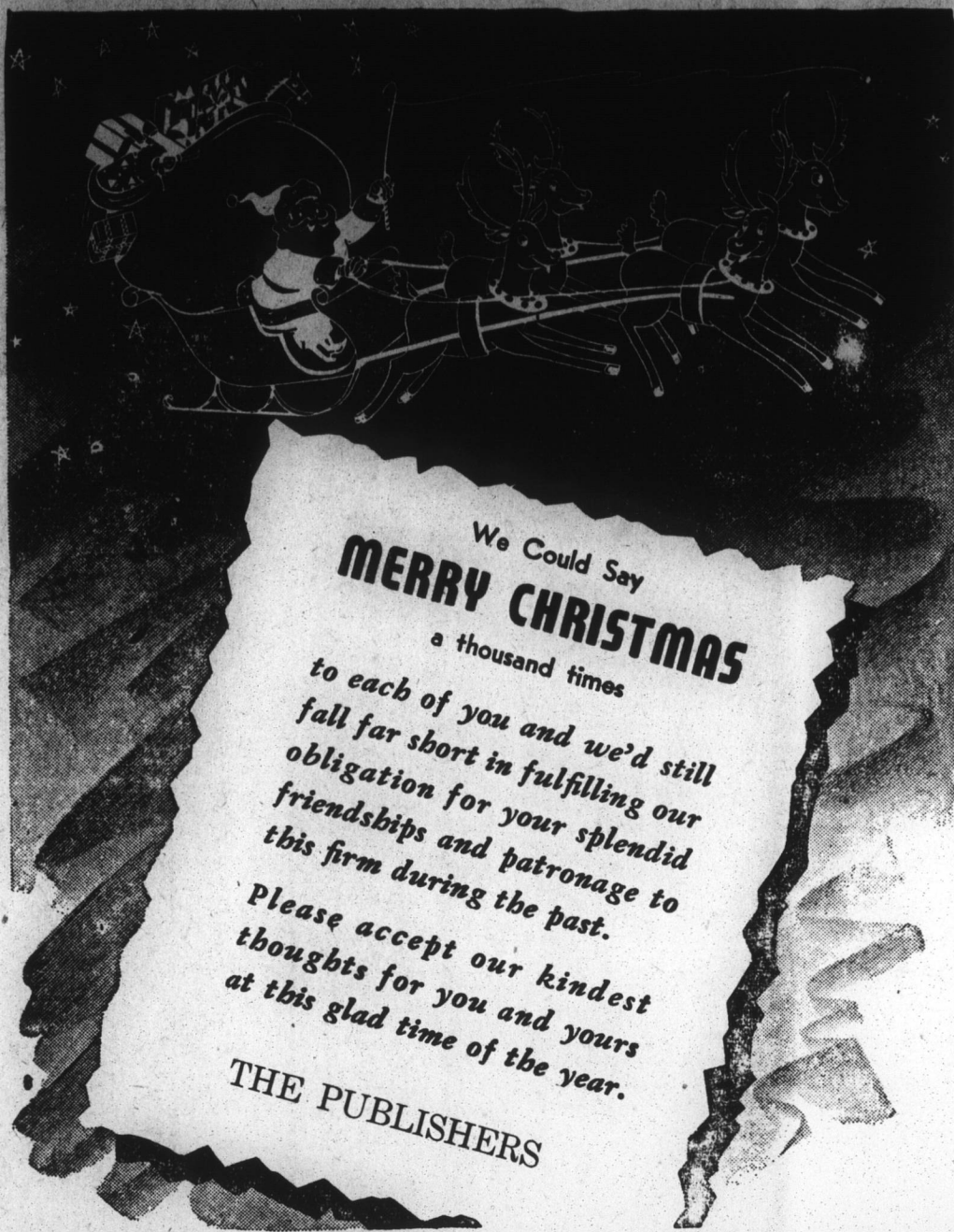
Mr. Byrum has employed J. Tom Twiddy for the job. Mr. Twiddy will be required to see that the premises of both the Armory and the athletic field are kept in order.

### Holy Communion At St. Paul's Church

As is annually customary the celebration of Holy Communion will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock Christmas morning with the rector, Rev. C. A. Ashby, officiating. A similar celebration will be held at midnight on Christmas Eve in the same sanctuary.

### 3,080 Bales Cotton Ginned In Chowan

Continued increase of cotton ginning in Chowan County over last year is shown by a report by F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census. The report shows that 3,080 bales of cotton were ginned in Chowan County from the 1940 crop prior to December 13, as compared with 848 bales at the same time last year from the 1939 crop.



## Special Service At St. Anne's Church On Christmas Eve

### Christmas Mass Will Be Held at Midnight In Catholic Church

Father Racette of St. Anne's Catholic Church, announces that Christmas-mass will be held in the church at midnight Christmas eve. Friends will remember the beautiful manger display in the church last year which was reason for a considerable amount of favorable comment. Father Racette plans on having a similar display and if anything will exceed last year's for attractiveness. Another feature will be special music by a double quartette. Father Racette will preach.

Again on Christmas Day, mass will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning, especially for the benefit of those who will be unable to attend the midnight service. The public is cordially invited to attend both of these services.

### Christmas Club At The Bank Of Edenton Leading Last Year's

Though a large number are expected to join the Christmas Savings Club at the Bank of Edenton after Christmas, already membership in the 1941 club is running ahead of last year at the same time. Each subsequent year this method of saving has become more popular and this year's club is expected to break all previous records.

### Santa Claus Satisfies Lions Club Members

Edenton Lions held a very enjoyable meeting Monday night, at which time each member was given a present as near as possible to what they asked for in a letter they were required to write to Santa Claus at a previous meeting.

The gifts, secured by Kenneth Floors, provoked a great deal of laughter and merriment and resulted in one of the most pleasant meetings in recent weeks.

### Chowan ABC Store Will Move To New Quarters

With current reports that the White building has been or will be sold, Chowan County's ABC store will move from the place which it has occupied since the store was opened. Shortly after the holidays, the new location will be in the Mitchener Building on the southeast corner of Broad and Queen Streets.

## Boy Scouts Again Minus Scoutmaster As Leary Leaves

### Charles P. Wales, Jr., Will Be Urged to Take Post

Much as Edenton is gratified at the personal selection of Wade Leary for a first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Corps, the boys of the town as well as their elders, too, are mourning the fact that Lieutenant Leary's removal this week to Montgomery, Ala., where he will put in a year of service, will take him out of his position as Scoutmaster of the local Scout corps. Lieutenant Leary was obliged to relinquish this post last Friday in view of his going elsewhere.

Leary has been Scoutmaster for over a year now since his return from New York life and has made a very creditable showing as such. The troop has been increased in membership, and much attention has been given to conduct and drilling. Mr. Leary's successor will be chosen by the troop committee shortly after the holidays, when it is believed Charles P. Wales will agree to take over the duties of scoutmaster.

### Food Stores And Beauty Parlors Close Thursday

Though no definite information could be secured when The Herald went to press regarding stores closing on Thursday, the food stores, beauty parlors and Ward's Shoe Shop definitely decided to close the day after Christmas.

Included in this group is Goodwin's Quality Store, Cherry's Grocery, A. & P., Pender's, Friendly Market, C. E. Byrum, Graham Byrum, W. D. Holmes Wholesale Company, Mae Jackson, Lela's Beauty Salon and Mrs. C. A. Boyce.

### Members Company D Home For Holidays

Just about the happiest group of men in Edenton are members of Company D, who are in training at Camp Jackson. They arrived in Edenton Saturday night and included all but seven of the entire outfit. The seven unlucky (and undoubtedly unhappy) boys will be given a vacation when the others return after the holidays.

All the boys are looking fine and without exception were glad to get back home once again.

**MASONS MEET THURSDAY**  
Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

## Plans Completed For Edenton Dance On Christmas Day

### Indications Point to One Of Most Successful Dances Ever Held

Present indications point strongly to the probability that the Christmas dance to be held in the Armory on Wednesday will be one of the most successful ever held in Edenton. Advance sale of tickets is exceeding expectations of the committee in charge of the affair, and with college students home for the holidays a record crowd is anticipated.

All arrangements for the dance have been completed. The Armory is attractively decorated and many tables and chairs have been provided for the convenience of those attending.

Two dances will be held, a tea dance in the afternoon from 4 to 6:30 o'clock, with the principal dance beginning at 9 o'clock and continuing until 2. During intermission at the night dance sandwiches will be sold.

Music for both dances will be furnished by Spence Hadley and his deans of music, with a soloist, Miss Dolores Hamilton, as a special attraction.

The affair is being held for the benefit of the Field House Association, in the hope that enough profits will be realized to wipe out the outstanding indebtedness on the field house at the athletic grounds.

### Bank Of Edenton Closed Two Days

Patrons of the Bank of Edenton have been notified that the institution, in conformity with Governor Hoey's proclamation, will be closed on the day after Christmas, Thursday, as well as, of course, on Wednesday Christmas Day. Bank users are warned of the two-day holiday being thus observed and are urged to plan their banking business accordingly. The bank will also observe New Year as a holiday, when the institution will also be closed all day.

### Drug Store Contests Will Close Tuesday

Two Christmas contests of unusual interest will close Tuesday and will no doubt attract a crowd. At Mitchener Pharmacy a pot of gold contest will end at 8 p. m., when cash awards will go to the winners. At Leggett and Davis drug store a group of children will be made happy by the awarding of prizes in a contest which has been running for over a month. This contest closes at 4 o'clock.

## Machinery Now Ready For Chowan Tax Listing And Revaluation Of Property

### New Job

(Ralph Parrish has been elected as vice president of the Edenton Merchants Association to succeed C. L. McCullers, who resigned about a month ago when he was elected to the position after William P. Jones volunteered to join Company D.

The presidential responsibilities will almost wholly rest upon the shoulders of Mr. Parrish for some time due to the fact that J. G. Campen, president, will be attending the sessions of the General Assembly.

## Merchants Enjoy Biggest Christmas Business In Years

### Post Office Has Heaviest Mail In History Of Office

Ideal weather and well-filled pockets and hearts loaded with Yuletide desire brought out the largest and best spending crowd in the pre-Christmas week-end shopping in the history of the town. Merchants everywhere reported Monday that all day last Saturday and far into the night, also, their places were jammed with eager shoppers anxious to beat the last minute rush ahead of Santa Claus' arrival Tuesday night, and one enthusiastic chieftain of the Chamber of Commerce said that more than \$25,000 was left behind over Saturday to enrich the coffers of the trades people.

And at the post office the heaviest incoming mail ever known in the history of the office was reported, with no figures at the moment on the amount of outgoing mail, though that was announced as "stupendous." Postmaster Kramer found it necessary and helpful Sunday for the clerks and carriers to work late at night Saturday and Sunday in relieving the congestion. Especially was this a gratuitous bit of Christmastime work on the part of the carriers and much favorable comment has followed as a result.

But in addition to the post office rush the town business up to date has been enormous and if spending counts this bids fair to be a very joyous Christmas for everyone. There may be much unemployment, there may be much need as always, but the fact remains that 1940 has been a prosperous year for the majority and the spirit of giving has been given an ineptus this Christmas unequalled in Edenton annals.

Those down town Saturday night, if they used their eyes, got a taste of this by the great number of autos parked here, there and everywhere. On Main street alone there was a long line of pleasure vehicles parked on both sides from the water front clear beyond the Catholic Church, and the same was true of adjoining side streets.

And best of all, business interests talk as though it is but the harbinger of an equally stiff trade after the holidays are over, and that instead of business going stagnant, as is frequently the case, the week after Christmas, the spending and the buying will continue on through the winter. Which is a grand prognostication if correct. Let everybody hope so.

### Local Health Officer Weds On Saturday

Dr. John S. Chamblee, health officer for the Bertie-Chowan health department, and Miss Willie Elizabeth Evans, of Woodard, were quietly married in the parsonage of the Windsor Baptist Church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Evans of Woodard, and Dr. Chamblee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. T. Chamblee of Red Oak.

After a northern wedding trip, the newlyweds will make their home in Windsor.

### All Property Must Be Listed During Month Of January

### FARM CENSUS

### Poll Tax Dodgers Subject to Action By Court

According to the machinery act, which calls for either a revaluation or horizontal increase or decrease of taxes in 1941, Chowan County Commissioners have ordered a revaluation, the machinery for which is now ready for operation. In ordering the revaluation, the Commissioners appointed Philip McMullan as tax supervisor, and he has been very active in carrying out the wishes of the Commissioners in an effort to get all taxable property on the books as well as to have more equalization of taxes throughout the county.

The revaluation has been reason for a considerable amount of discussion on the part of the Commissioners for some time, for they are frank to admit that they believe there is some taxable property now going untaxed, and on the other hand, there is some property which is valued too low, and some which is valued at too high a figure.

Property must be listed for taxes during the month of January in each of the four townships. The tax listers and the time of their sittings follows:

First Township—George S. Harrell, list taker. Mr. Harrell will be at Clarence Harrell's store on January 8 and at the Municipal Building, Edenton, all other days during January.

Second Township—Percy L. Smith, list taker. Mr. Smith will be at Henry Bunch's store on January 8 and 22; at Z. W. Evans' estate office January 15; at L. W. Belch's store on January 9 and 23, and all other week days at his home.

Third Township—T. A. Berryman, list taker. Mr. Berryman will be at Spivey's store, Ryland, on January 8 and 15; at G. A. Hollowell's store on January 22; at L. C. Briggs' store on January 4, 10, 18 and 25, and all other days at his home.

Fourth Township—Joe A. Webb, Jr., list taker. Mr. Webb will be at N. C. Hobbs' store on January 11 and 25, and all other week days at his home.

All of the above, except Mr. Harrell, will also act as appraisers, who, together with two appraisers at large, will fix values in their respective townships. Due to the large amount (Continued on Page Seven)

### Dance Will Be Held In Armory December 30

On Monday night, December 30, a dance will be held in the Edenton Armory for the benefit of the band uniform fund. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McCullers will have charge of the affair which is expected to be attended by many of the younger set.

### Chowan Herald Office Closed On Thursday

Along with many other places of business, The Chowan Herald will observe Thursday as a holiday, thereby affording employees a double holiday after a strenuous pre-Christmas rush. The office will open Friday morning as usual.

### Chowan High Program Attracts Large Crowd

Chowan High School's auditorium was filled with an appreciative audience last Thursday night when a Christmas program was presented, the latter part of which was a cantata, "Child Jesus," by the Chowan Glee Clubs directed by Mrs. Gordon Blow.

### Watch Night Service At Methodist Church

A Watch Night service will be held in the Methodist Church on New Year's eve, the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Benson, announced Sunday. This service will begin at 11 o'clock and continue until midnight. Last year a similar service was well attended and it is hoped many will again attend this year.