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Two More Persons Instantly Killed In Automobile Wreck

Accident Takes Place Saturday Six Miles From Edenton

THREE BADLY HURT

Buick and Coca Cola Truck Crash on Hertford Highway

M. S. Youngblood, of Oakland, California, a sailor on the U. S. S. Ranger, and Miss Helen Sue Morris, of Elizabeth City, were instantly killed in an accident that occurred about six miles from Edenton on the Hertford Highway at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Marking the third fatality in this vicinity in less than two weeks, Saturday's accident also left a toll of three critically injured persons. The injured were Miss Peggy Wright of Norfolk, Va., who suffered severe lacerations, possible internal injuries and the possible loss of an arm. Severen L. Whitehead, of Norfolk, the driver of the taxi belonging to George's Car Service of Norfolk, who suffered severe lacerations of the head and chest and possible internal injuries, and David Lee Hutsell of Tennessee, a sailor on the U. S. S. Ranger, who suffered a possible fractured skull and internal injuries.

The accident occurred on a straight stretch of road between here and Hertford when Whitehead, driving the taxi, attempted to pass a car in front of him and met a Coca Cola truck driven by George E. Morris of Elizabeth City. Morris suffered severe shock but the Negro helper riding with him, John Sutton, Jr., of Elizabeth City, was uninjured.

The car, a 1941 Buick sedan, was a complete wreck. The Dodge truck, filled with Coca Cola bottles, overturned on the highway, scattering glass on the pavement and shoulders and tying up traffic for some time. Ambulances carried the dead and injured to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Little Business Is Expected On Friday

Many Business Houses Will Enjoy Two-day Holiday

Apparently business in Edenton on Friday will be more or less at a stand still, for many business houses will be closed as part of the Christmas holiday. At least 13 stores have expressed the intention to close Thursday and Friday.

All county offices, including the ABC store, will be closed for two days, as well as The Bank of Edenton. Most of the city employees will enjoy a two-day holiday, which applies to the street department. Trash will be collected all over town Wednesday and late Wednesday night in the business section. There will be no collections on Friday.

White Christmas At Two Edenton Churches

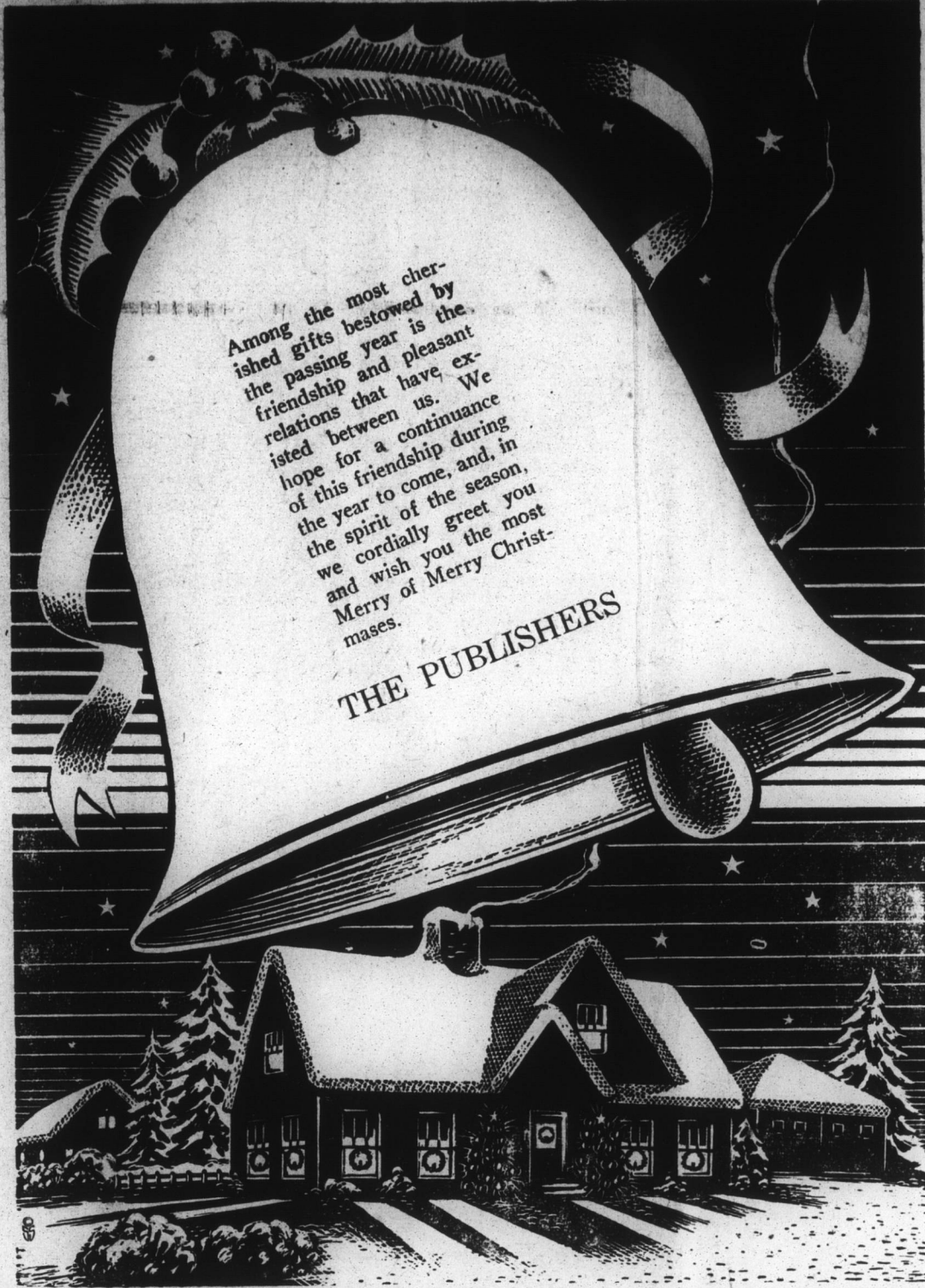
White Christmas was observed in both the Baptist and Methodist Churches Sunday, when many presents were carried to be distributed among needy families. The affair was observed at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour, it being very impressive. As the gifts were brought in John Ward sang "Silent Night" accompanied by the other children of the primary department humming the tune.

At the Methodist Church the gifts were carried in in connection with a pageant, "Four Tales of Christmas", which was very ably executed, and delighted a large congregation.

Blanks Arrive For Registering Boats

Following a recent story in The Herald relative to blanks which boat owners must have to register boats propelled by outboard motors, many have come to The Herald office, but the blanks not having arrived, did not secure them. This week, however, a batch of the blanks arrived from the Coast Guard office in Elizabeth City and will be gladly furnished to any boat owners who apply at The Herald office.

It is compulsory to have registered every boat using an outboard motor as a means of propulsion.



Emergency Fund For Red Cross At Half Way Mark

Chairman W. J. Berryman Very Anxious to Reach Quota

Chowan County's drive toward a quota of \$2,500 for the Red Cross war emergency fund has just about reached the half way mark, according to reports available early this week. Of course, these reports were incomplete, but did represent the major portion of those solicited and from whom it was expected to secure a larger amount.

Chairman W. J. Berryman is very anxious to reach the goal and believes this can easily be done if it is realized how important the fund is and how imperative the need for funds is now.

An appeal is especially directed to rural citizens, who are not as easy to contact as those living in town, and it is hoped a substantial amount will be forthcoming from this direction. Though some may not be solicited, it does not mean that the obligation has been dismissed, for Mr. Berryman or Treasurer M. F. Bond will be glad to receive any contribution, regardless of its size.

Reports reaching The Herald are to the effect that many citizens do not realize the seriousness of the emergency fund, many who contribute only one dollar when they could just as easily give \$5, \$10 or even \$25. Then, too, there are those who are able to contribute and have turned a cold shoulder, saying they are not interested.

Chowan County is able, if all will rally to the cause, to raise the \$2,500, and it should not fall upon the shoulders of a comparatively few to do it. Chohan is by no means immune from disaster and Chohan boys will most certainly be among those who will need Red Cross aid during the war days which lie ahead.

The Chohan Herald, as well as those interested in the drive, appeals to the county as a whole to come to the aid of the Red Cross so that if Red Cross aid is needed, those receiving it need not feel that old Chohan shirked in its duty. There is still time to give, which should be done at once.

FIREMEN PAID OFF

A meeting of Edenton's firemen was held Tuesday night, at which time they were paid for the number of fires attended. Any who were not present may secure their money before Christmas by seeing Fire Chief R. K. Hall.

Early This Week

Because Christmas this year falls on Thursday, The Herald's publication day, this week's issue is appearing early, having been printed Tuesday night instead of Wednesday night as usual.

Reason for stepping up this week's paper is because many merchants and business houses desire to extend Christmas greetings to their customers, and to be in the hands of their friends before Christmas Day, had to be placed in the postoffice Tuesday night.

These messages have not been placed in The Herald just to fill up space, but in the hope that they will be read by readers, for each one carries the sentiments of those who have inserted them.

Three Filling Stations Close For Christmas

At least three Edenton service stations will be closed on Christmas Day, the Bridge Turn Filling Station, Gulf Service Station and W. J. Yates Sinclair Station deciding Monday to close for the day in order for owners, as well as their employees, to be able to enjoy the holiday.

Business will be resumed as usual on Friday morning.

\$350 Goal In Sight For Christmas Seal Sale

With The Herald going to press a day early this week, Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of the Christmas Seal Sale, reports over \$300 in receipts from Seal sales. The quota for Chohan County is \$350, and with the sale continuing until Christmas Day, both Mrs. Holland and Mrs. J. A. Moore, chairman, are very optimistic that the quota will be reached. Both are very pleased with the result of the drive and express their appreciation to those who helped in any way.

Remaining names of contributors will appear in The Herald next week. All who have been mailed Seals are urgently requested to return to Mrs. Holland, either the money or unused stamps.

Christmas Lights Lighted On Friday

Though Christmas lights have been strung in Edenton's business section for about two weeks, they shone forth for the first time Friday night, and have been lighted every night since. In connection with their lighting, the Edenton High School band paraded on Broad Street, both of which features served to accelerate the holiday spirit.

Members Advisory Council Will Be Installed January 8

Ceremony Scheduled to Take Place In Unemployment Office

Members of the Edenton Advisory Council of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, recently appointed by Governor J. M. Broughton will be officially installed in the local office on January 8, Governor Broughton last week urging early completion of organizations throughout the State.

The ceremony will be in charge of Dr. William R. Curtis, director of the Unemployment Commission Division, and will be attended by other unemployment commission officials. A feature of the ceremony will be actual examples of the work done in the office day after day in order to acquaint members of the Advisory Council with the duties of the office.

Members of the local council who were appointed by Governor Broughton, are: Henry Rogerson and Gurnie Hobbs, representing employers; J. W. Davis and Ralph Parrish, who represent employers; J. H. McMullan, Mrs. C. T. Hollowell and J. Edwin Bufflap, who represent the public.

William Coffield Safe In Philippine Islands

Relatives and friends of William Coffield were no little comforted Saturday afternoon when a cablegram was telephoned to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffield from the Postal Telegraph Company at Washington, N. C., to the effect that he is all right and including a wish for a Merry Christmas.

William is stationed somewhere in the Philippine Islands and much concern was felt regarding his safety following the dastardly attack on the Islands by Japs two weeks ago.

Relatives of James Augustus Harris, who is stationed on the U. S. S. Enterprise at Pearl Harbor, have not had any word from him.

G. E. Cullipher Quits Employer Of Town

G. E. Cullipher on Saturday severed his connection with the Town of Edenton as an employee of the Electric and Water Department. Mr. Cullipher had been in the employ of the Town for 12 years, having during that time, served as both day and night watchman at the power plant.

Auxiliary Fire Department Appointed To Be Ready For Fires Caused By Air Raids

All Arrangements Are Completed For Christmas Dance

Hod Williams' Bluebird Recording Orchestra Will Play

Arrangements have been completed for Edenton's Christmas dance, which will be held in the Armory on Christmas night, beginning at 10 o'clock. Interest in the affair has increased since the booking of Hod Williams and his famous orchestra to provide the music for the affair.

Hod Williams and his orchestra was organized in Columbus, Ohio but during its career has played in many southern colleges, hotels and country clubs. It has just closed a season at Fay's Southern Grill in Macon, Ga., and has been featured at such swank night clubs and ball rooms as the following: Blue Crystal Club, Girard, Ohio; Hotel Crossman, Alexandria Bay, New York; Hotel John Marshall and Westwood Supper Club in Richmond, Va., the Rainbow Grill, Hollywood, Florida, and many others.

During the orchestra's career many Bluebird records have been made, and it has also played at the famous Murray's in New York.

Featured with the organization is Miss Kay Howard, whose vocal selections have won praise wherever she has appeared. The orchestra is well-equipped and has long been recognized by its fine arrangements of hit tunes, both old and new.

The Armory will be appropriately decorated for the occasion and Hector Lupton and Sidney Campen, in charge of the dance, anticipate a record crowd.

Christmas Theme Of Lions Club Meeting

Edenton's Lions Club at their meeting Monday night enjoyed a splendid program with Christmas as the theme. Secretary W. J. Taylor made a very interesting talk on Christmas, rehearsing the day's origin as well as the true meaning. Each member was presented with presents consisting of cigarettes, cigars and candy.

During the meeting a number of Christmas carols were sung by a group of young people composed of Doris Jean Leary, Frances Hollowell, Anne Chappell, Grace Wilkins and Ernest Ward.

The Red Cross drive for \$2,500 in Chohan County was presented by Geddes Potter, after which the club agreed to contribute \$25 to the cause.

Cotton Mill Employees Get Christmas Bonus

Employees of the Edenton Cotton Mill on Friday were agreeably surprised when, together with their usual weekly checks, they received a bonus as a Christmas present. The bonus was a percentage of the yearly earnings, running into substantial amounts, which, to say the least, was greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Edenton's Merchants Enjoy Good Business

With favorable weather and a splendid line of merchandise, despite the fact that war conditions have put a damper on a number of items, Edenton merchants are enjoying a splendid Christmas business. Shoppers have been buying steadily throughout the day and many are taking advantage of the night opening hours.

The spirit of the season permeates the business section and indications point to a pleasant holiday in the old Town on Queen Anne's Creek.

Many Participate In Community Singing

Though quite chilly, a large number turned out on the Court House Green at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, when Christmas carols were sung. Music for the community sing was furnished by the Edenton High School Band, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were present.

The sing was arranged by Mrs. Julien Wood in order to stimulate the Christmas spirit.

No Black-outs Planned Until Word Received From Army

FIRE SIREN SIGNAL

Lieutenants In Charge Of Various Fire Wards

As a result of two meetings held last week between the fire department and the County Defense Council, E. W. Spires, chairman of the Defense Council, this week announced the members of the Auxiliary Fire Department who will act in cooperation with the Defense Council only in event of fires caused by air raids.

Members of the Auxiliary Fire Department announced were: J. H. Conger, chief; O. B. Perry, captain; W. J. Yates, lieutenant of the first fire ward; Dr. W. S. Griffin, lieutenant of the second fire ward; M. F. Bond, Jr., lieutenant of the third fire ward; Guy Hobbs, lieutenant of the fourth fire ward; Robert Bunch, lieutenant of the fifth fire ward; and Henry Rogerson, lieutenant of the sixth fire ward.

Spires said that Conger will act as coordinator for the Auxiliary Fire Department, while Perry will actively direct the organization.

Spires also said that each lieutenant of the fire wards will appoint 10 men to assist them in each ward.

Discussed also at the meetings was the best means of warning the public that an air raid was expected. It was felt that since the fire siren is the best means here for a signal, that one long continuous blast from the siren will be the most effective way of warning and will be easily distinguished from the several short blasts from the siren as in the case of ordinary fires.

In connection with the subject of air raids, Spires stated that since the Chohan County Defense Council is working closely in conjunction with the Army, that no practice black-outs will be held here until the Army has given the word. "When the Army thinks it advisable to hold black-out practices," Spires said, "then they will be staged."

The central committee of the County Defense Council also announced the air raid wardens selected. W. W. Byrum has been selected to act as chief. J. Clarence Leary will act as warden of the First Ward; G. M. Byrum, warden of the Second Ward; G. B. Potter, warden of the Third Ward; Wood Privott, warden of the Fourth Ward; L. S. Byrum, warden of the Fifth Ward, and Kistler Phillips, warden of the Sixth Ward.

The air raid wardens will also recruit their own organization by selecting 10 men to serve under them in each ward.

Listing Of Taxes Begins January 1

Fine Imposed For Failure to List During Month

Beginning January 1 and continuing through the month of January, every citizen of Chohan County is required to list his or her property for taxation. This duty must be attended to during January, there being no extension of time, and a fine being imposed for failure to list during the required time.

That citizens may know with whom to list, the following are the tax listers: First Township, Mrs. C. T. Hollowell; Second Township, Percy L. Smith; Third Township, T. A. Berryman; Fourth Township, J. A. Webb, Jr.

A change in the place for listing has been made in the First Township, citizens being required to go to the Court House instead of the Municipal Building.

Red Men Contribute \$35 To Red Cross Fund

Chowan Tribe of Red Men, at their meeting Monday night, voted unanimously to contribute \$25 to Chohan County's quota of \$2,500 in the war emergency fund of the Red Cross.

The Red Men will elect and install new officers at their meeting next Monday night, when it is hoped a large number of members will be on hand.