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Merry Christmas

AND MANY OF 'EM!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

There are lots of fancy phrases and we tried some of them out. But somehow they just didn't get the job done. Every time we came back to the tried and proven formula—"Merry Christmas."

It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

So, we'll look no more for fancy phrases—Merry Christmas.

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Attractive Displays Convey Christmas Spirit In Edenton

Streets Again This Year Minus Multi-colored Lighting

Though Edenton's streets are not decorated with vari-colored lights this year, the Christmas spirit is reflected in the windows of stores, some of which are particularly attractive. Of course, what Christmas merchandise is available is pretty generally displayed in most of the windows, but in several instances decorations are especially attractive. Possibly the most attractive is Campen's window, where a miniature pipe organ was installed by H. A. Campen, and as Christmas carols are heard over a loud speaker, the "organist" goes through the motion of playing the music.

The Police Station, too, is very attractive, where a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and yard adorns the King Street window. Upon it also are several gifts which will be given to John Sutton and Arthur Byrum in the annual Christmas "solicitation."

Two other very attractive windows are at the USO Club and the Albarmarle Restaurant, where the plate glass is divided into small panes and at the corners cotton placed so that it has the effect of snow whipped in the corners and along the sides during a snow storm.

While a damper, more or less, appears to be put on the Christmas spirit due to war conditions and many being away from home and loved ones, those who remain go about their duties courageously and, come what may, continue to look forward to the Yuletide season, again hoping that this will be the last Christmas when men will be at each other's throats and instead families will be united and able to celebrate the day of days.

Christmas Pageant At Methodist Church Next Sunday Night

In the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, the young people will present a Christmas pageant entitled "On the Bough of the Christmas Tree." The entertainment will take the place of the regular church service.

In connection with the program, White Christmas will be observed, and those attending are requested to bring a present which will be distributed among the needy in the community.

At the close of the service the usual gifts will be presented to the youngsters of the church school. Church school will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Street Department Off An Extra Day

In keeping with the general observance of Tuesday next week as a holiday, employees of the Street Department will also enjoy an extra day to celebrate Christmas. Trash and garbage will be collected all over town Saturday and the business section will be cleaned up after the stores close, but no further collections will be made until Wednesday morning.

The extra day has been granted due to a faithful group of employees, who have been called upon for several months to do more than their share of work, due to the shortage of help.

Bank Closed Tuesday By Proclamation Of Governor Broughton

Though officials of the Bank of Edenton had planned to be open for business next Tuesday, receipt of a proclamation by Governor J. M. Broughton designates Tuesday, December 26, a banking holiday, therefore no banking business may be transacted on that day, according to the North Carolina law. The local institution will, therefore, be closed from Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock until Wednesday morning.

In part, the Governor's proclamation reads: "I hereby designate Tuesday, December 26, 1944, as a banking holiday. During such period of holiday, all the ordinary and usual operations and business of all banking corporations, State and National, in this State, shall be suspended, and during such period no banking corporation shall pay out or receive deposits, make loans or discounts, transfer credits, or transact any other banking business whatsoever."

Edenton Police With Aid Of Other Officers Solve Mystery Of Safe Stealing

Precaution

Edenton's police have recently adopted a rather unique system as a precaution to curb the possibility of automobiles being stolen. Systematically they inspect parked cars and if the key is found in the switch, it is removed and taken to the police station. A note is left in the car to the effect that the key can be secured at police headquarters.

In one day recently Chief of Police J. R. Tanner reports having found 29 keys in automobiles which had been parked in the business section and no one in the cars. Drivers of automobiles are urged to remove the switch key when leaving their cars.

Junior Red Cross Drive In Chowan Ahead Last Year

Mrs. Buckley Reports Contributions Totaling \$165.95

Mrs. Eleanor Small Buckley, chairman of the Junior Red Cross, reports a successful membership campaign recently completed. Membership fees during the drive amounted to \$165.95, which compares with \$149.45 last year. Mrs. Buckley reports that the highest contribution per room was made by Miss Edna Goodwin's room at the Edenton school, and Miss Marguerite Muth's room at Chowan High School. Miss Goodwin's room contributed \$11.35, and Miss Muth's room \$10.45.

The various contributions reported by Mrs. Buckley follow: Edenton High School, Miss Paulina Hassell, Miss Mary Lee Copeland and Mrs. Bessie Shepard, sponsors, \$77.75.

Chowan High School, Mrs. Thos. W. Elliott, sponsor, \$41.75.

Edenton Colored School, Mrs. Sanatoria Reeves, sponsor, \$27.45.

Rocky Hook Central School, Miss Ada Morris, sponsor, \$6.90.

Center Hill Elementary School, Miss Jane E. Gilliam, sponsor, \$3.10.

White Oak Elementary School, Mrs. Roxanna Diggs, sponsor, \$3.00.

Warren Grove Elementary School, G. L. Parker, sponsor, \$2.00.

Hudson Grove Elementary School Mrs. T. S. Morris, sponsor, \$1.50.

Green Hall Elementary School, Chas. L. Falton, sponsor, \$1.50.

Britt Elementary School, Mrs. Annie C. Blair, sponsor, \$1.00.

Mrs. Buckley is very well pleased with the result of the drive and desires to thank all who helped in any way.

Christmas Eve Midnight High Mass At St. Ann's

In solemn, joyful celebration of the 1944th anniversary of the incarnation at Bethlehem of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered three times Christmas, the first high mass ("Missa Cantata De Angelis") of the angels starting at midnight (between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day), with hymns, "Silent Night, Holy Night," preceding "Adeste Fideles" for offertory, "Sleep, Holy Babe," at the end of benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which will immediately follow this mass, sermon on "Christ is Born in the Mass," Holy Communion at all the masses; the second mass beginning at 9 and the third at 11 Christmas morning in St. Ann's Catholic Church, stated the Rev. Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor.

A miniature reproduction of the scene in the stable the first Christmas will be on display in St. Ann's from the midnight mass daily 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., to January 13, Octave of the Epiphany, Little Christmas. Everybody invited to view the crib and attend all St. Ann's services.

Confessions will be heard Saturday 7:30 p. m. to 8:30, Sunday 10 to 10:55 a. m., 4 to 6, 7 to 10, 11 to 11:55 p. m., Monday 8:30 to 8:55, and 10 to 10:55 a. m.

Mass every Sunday at 11 a. m., the subject next Sunday being "Divorce Is Impossible."

Daniel and Fred Muse, White Men, Confess To Crimes

PREVIOUS RECORD

Pair Under Questioning Since Arrest December 5th

Edenton police, together with officials in Elizabeth City and Hertford, FBI and SBI agents and the Highway Patrol solved the mystery in connection with a series of safe robberies when two brothers, Daniel Muse and Fred Muse, white men 31 and 23 years old, respectively, confessed that they stole safes at the Charles H. Jenkins Motor Company here, the Towe Motor Company in Hertford, the Red Meat Market in Elizabeth City, and at McCoy's Place at Kellogg's Fork, near Sunbury.

The two men were arrested in Edenton on December 5, when their suspicious actions were noticed by members of the local Street Department and were reported to the police, after they were seen changing sweaters in the shrubbery at the Baptist Church. The police found the two men crouched behind the steps of the church, evidently awaiting nightfall to make an attempt to get away with another safe.

They had been separated, one being placed in the local jail and the other in the Windsor jail and by separate questioning their stories were so much at variance that officials became convinced that they had a pair of criminals. Various stories were checked which failed to correspond and little by little evidence was gathered until there remained little doubt but that the two men were implicated in the robberies.

They refused to admit any part in the crimes, however, until Thursday night when they confessed to all of the robberies except in Elizabeth City. They even accompanied the police to Gates County to find the safe from McCoy's Place, which had been dropped in a well near an abandoned house on the Virginia Road. They also confessed to stealing two automobiles in Norfolk, Va., one of which was parked near the Edenton Laundry the day they were arrested.

The men were given a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court on Friday morning and were ordered held by Judge Marvin Wilson for the next term of Superior Court.

The same day, however, they were taken to Elizabeth City to be placed in the custody of Deputy Marshal W. C. Flora, who, together with Sheriff W. L. Thompson of Pasquotank County, took them to Wilson. After being placed in the Wilson jail the brothers confessed to the Elizabeth City robbery and told where the safe could be found. It was later recovered from Knobbs Creek just outside Elizabeth City.

Both men have previous police records, having recently returned to Elizabeth City after serving sentences in connection with an attempted robbery of the Albarmarle Laundry in Elizabeth City in 1941. Chief of Police J. R. Tanner said solving the case was the best piece of work, as the result of cooperation of officers, he has ever experienced.

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher Speaker PTA Meeting Tuesday, January 9th

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher will be the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association, which will be held in the high school auditorium at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, January 9th. Superintendent John A. Holmes has changed the schedule of classes so that every high school student will have an opportunity to hear Mrs. Fletcher.

Masonic Lodge Calls Off Tonight's Meeting

Due to only a few more days elapsing before Christmas, the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has been called off tonight (Thursday) by T. B. Williford, the master. The regular meeting will be held next Thursday night, however, with degree work scheduled to be conferred.

Chowan Maintains Perfect Record In War Bond Drives

Campen Reports Sixth War Loan Over Quota By \$60,000

Chowan County maintained its record of meeting war bond quotas, over-subscribing the Sixth War Loan quota of \$348,000 by approximately \$60,000. This information was released early this week by J. G. Campen, chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, who at various times during the closing days of the drive, entertained some doubt as to whether the county's quota would be met.

Mr. Campen also stated that with some reports still to come in, he has been assured that the Series E bond quota of \$81,000 will be met and slightly oversubscribed.

Though no little concerned over the success of the drive, Mr. Campen this week was very much elated over the final outcome and desires to express his appreciation to the various canvassers for their splendid work, as well as to Chowan people as a whole who purchased bonds and thus helped the county to maintain a perfect record.

Candle Light Service On Christmas Eve At Presbyterian Church

The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, announces a midnight candlelight service in the church on Christmas Eve (Sunday night) starting at 11:45 o'clock. An appropriate program has been planned, which will carry out the Christmas story, a feature being special music by a girls' chorus, which will render Christmas anthems.

The public is cordially invited, and a special invitation is extended to service people and their families to attend this service.

St. Paul's Re-elects Vestry For New Year

At the annual parish meeting of St. Paul's Church on Sunday, the entire vestry was re-elected for another year. According to reports from the various organizations presented during the meeting, the church is in a flourishing condition, which delighted the new rector, the Rev. Harold Gilmer.

D. M. Warren, senior warden of the church, reported on proposed plans for the rehabilitation of the church, which claimed the interest of all present.

Still Growing

Contributions are still coming in to the Chowan County Hospital Fund, and any who desire to make a contribution may do so either at the Bank of Edenton or in the Chamber of Commerce office in the Municipal Building. Chairman D. M. Warren desires to put out a reminder that contributions to a hospital are deductible from the 1944 income tax return. The fund is now nearing the \$100,000 mark in way of individual contributions.

New Chapel At Base Be Dedicated To Late Lt.-Col Chester Peters

Because of the sincere interest the late Lieut.-Col. Chester J. Peters had in obtaining a chapel at the local Marine Corps Air Station, the new station chapel will be dedicated in his honor and named the Peters Memorial Chapel. Services are now being held in the chapel, which will be formally dedicated when the second unit is completed.

Christmas Music At Baptist Church Sunday

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock the Edenton Baptist Church will have its annual program of Christmas music, the choir under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Hughes having prepared a program which will be in keeping with the Yuletide season. The public is invited.

Colored Man Held For Forging Checks

Frank C. Anthony, colored, was found guilty of forging in Recorder's Court Friday morning and was bound over by Judge Marvin Wilson for trial in Superior Court. Anthony is still in jail in lieu of furnishing a \$500 bond.

Anthony was charged with forging seven checks, totaling \$163.50, on Watt B. White.

PRIVATE JAMES HASSELL IS REPORTED MISSING OVERSEAS

Mr. and Mrs. George Hassell of the Macedonia section, were notified by the War Department Tuesday afternoon that their son, Private James Hassell, was reported missing. The last time Mr. and Mrs. Hassell heard from their son he was in England. He has been overseas but a very short time.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSE TUESDAY
Town offices will be closed both Monday and Tuesday in celebration of the Christmas holidays. The office will open as usual Wednesday morning.

White Man Jailed While Attempting To Collect Money

Roy Pierce, 28, Poses as Collector For Red Cross

Roy Pierce, 28-year-old white man, was arrested Monday, charged with false pretense, begging and vagrancy. Pierce was arrested by Chief of Police J. R. Tanner and Sergeant R. L. Pratt, when he was found calling at houses and asking for money. He represented himself as a veteran of the present war and said that he had been discharged after being wounded in Italy.

Pierce, according to the officers, pretended to be soliciting money for the Red Cross for the purpose of sending presents to boys overseas, but after calling at six houses, caused his own undoing when he happened to call at the home of Officer Pratt. When arrested, he admitted, officers said, that he was attempting to secure money for his own use.

Services Next Week At St. Paul's Church

Services at St. Paul's Church during next week have been announced by the rector, the Rev. Harold Gilmer, as follows:

Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday in Advent—8:00 a. m. The Holy Communion, Plain Celebration; 9:30 a. m., Church School; 9:45 a. m., Men's class; 11:00 a. m., Office of morning prayer with sermon; 11:30 p. m., Midnight Eucharist, choral celebration.

Monday, December 25, Christmas—11:00 a. m., The Holy Communion, choral celebration.

Tuesday, December 26, St. Stephen's Day.

Wednesday, December 27—St. John Evangelist.

Thursday, December 28—Holy Innocents. 11:00 a. m., The Holy Communion, plain celebration.

Friday, December 29—6 p. m., Intercessions.

A cordial invitation to all Edenton is extended to be present at these services.

The Rector celebrates the eighteenth anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Diaconate on Holy Innocents' Day.

HOME ON FURLOUGH
S. Sgt. Thomas C. Byrum, who has been in England with a bomber squadron, arrived in Edenton late last week to spend a few days' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Byrum.