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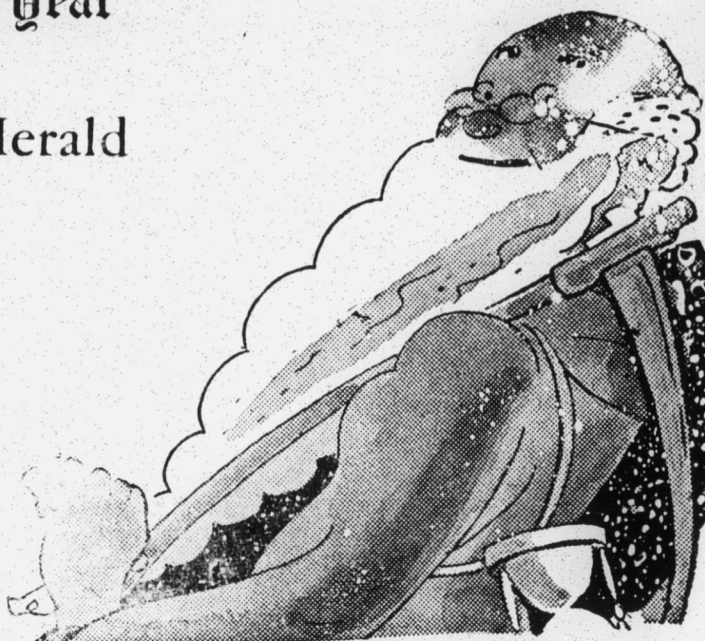
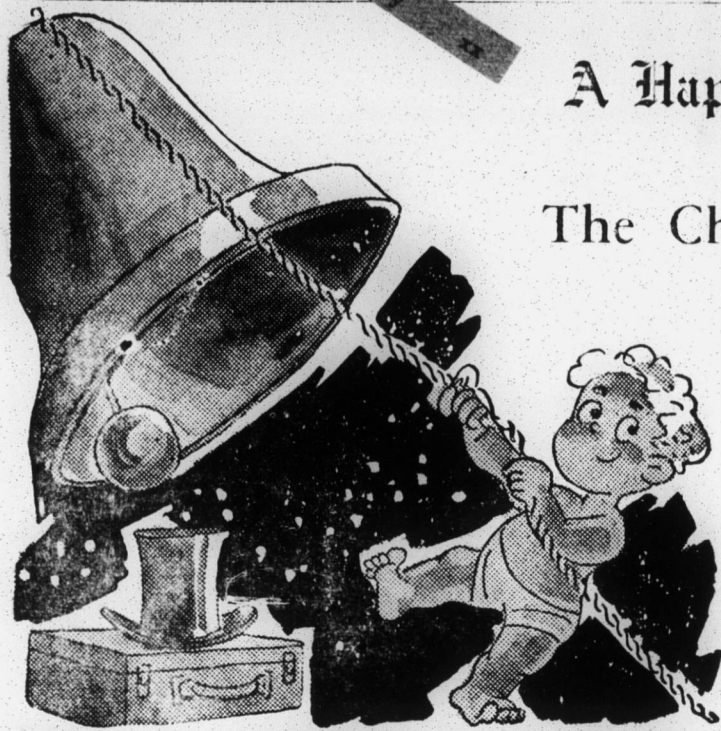
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A Happy New Year

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## TINGE OF SADNESS AND ANXIETY AS EDENTON QUIETLY OBSERVES CHRISTMAS

War Conditions and D. M. Warren's Death Dampen Spirit

GOOD BUSINESS

Some Merchants Report Record Breaking Sales

Christmas was quietly observed in Edenton this year, a note of anxiety and sadness predominating in many homes. In the first place, with many of Chowan County's boys in the service, and some of them very far away from home and on dangerous battle fronts, there, obviously was some concern regarding their safety and welfare. Besides, adverse reports coming from Europe that the Germans in a great counter-attack, were pushing back the Americans at a rapid rate and at a great cost of lives and material, was reason for serious concern rather than for celebrating the day.

Another damper on local celebrating was the sudden death of D. M. Warren, who died at his home on Thursday night. This cast a pall of sorrow over the entire community.

Of course, the spirit of Christmas prevails despite sorrow and disappointments, therefore in the various churches and in homes the birth of Christ and what he means to the world was again reason for joy.

Services were held on Christmas Eve in various churches, all being well attended.

For the most part two days were devoted to the holiday, for practically all business houses were closed both Monday and Tuesday. Merchants report a splendid holiday trade, in some cases stores reporting sales breaking all previous records, despite the fact that merchandise is hard to get.

The police report very few arrests during the holidays, those made being principally for intoxication.

## Lieut. Cullen Swindell Member Bomber Group Hitting Vital Targets

Second Lieutenant Haywood C. Swindell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Swindell, Jr., is flying as pilot with a B-24 Liberator bomber group of the 15th AAF in Italy that has completed one year of service overseas.

His group has flown nearly 200 missions over strategically important targets such as Ploesti, Munich, Steyr, Schwechat, Regensburg, Vienna, Weinger Neustadt and Budapest. During the 12 months overseas, his organization has taken a leading part in the destruction of the vaunted Luftwaffe, and opened the campaign against Ploesti by leading the first daylight attack on April 5th. It co-ordinated its heavy bombardment with the attacks on Anzio and Cassino and later prefaced the Allied landings in Southern France by knocking out coastal installations and gun emplacements. During the group's combat operations, it had established several bombing accuracy records.

Lieut. Swindell entered the armed forces in November, 1942.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher Russell, Sr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Susan Russell, to Lieut. John Warren Magee, U. S. M. C. R., son of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Magee, of Brookhaven, Mississippi. The wedding will take place in the near future.

## C. B. Mooney, Sr., Dies Suddenly On Visit In Occaquan

Was Recovering After Four Weeks Confined In Hospital

Charles B. Mooney, Sr., died suddenly from a heart attack at the home of his son, Hubert Mooney, at Occaquan, Va., Tuesday. He was 66 years old.

Mr. Mooney, five weeks ago, was taken to Tayloe Hospital in Washington, N. C., when he suffered a heart attack. He remained in the hospital four weeks and appeared to be gradually improving. After being home a week, he accompanied his son to Quantico on Tuesday and died shortly after arrival.

He was a contractor and had worked in many parts of North Carolina and Virginia, coming to Edenton to make his home about three years ago. He was a man of kindly disposition, taking an active part in church work and being a member of the Baptist Church. He was also a member of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M.

Surviving are two sons, C. B. Mooney, Jr., of Edenton, and Hubert Mooney, of Occaquan, and one daughter, Mrs. Lillian Valentine, of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Edenton Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Wells, officiating. Masonic rites will be held at the graveside.

## Horse And Mule Clinics Are Planned In January

Plans are now being made by County Agent C. W. Overman to hold horse and mule clinics in every community of Chowan County early in January. During these clinics all farmers will be urged to take advantage of the opportunity to have their work stock given a thorough examination by a competent veterinarian and also given any treatment found to be needed.

## Rotary Meeting Today Has Been Called Off

Due to the Christmas holidays, today's Rotary meeting has been called off. At last week's meeting, it was agreed to contribute the cost of the meal to the Christmas Seal Sale in the fight against tuberculosis.

The regular meeting will be held next Thursday at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

At last week's meeting Mrs. Inglis Fletcher was the principal speaker, who, during her remarks, said the Albemarle is so rich in history that many interesting novels could be written about any number of subjects.

### SOCIETY MEETS MONDAY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet on Monday afternoon, January 1, at 3:30 o'clock, at the church. Every member is urged to begin the new year by attending this first meeting.

### HOLIDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francis, of Norfolk, Va., were the guests of his brother, Louis E. Francis, and Mrs. Francis, during the holidays.

### Dies Suddenly



DAVID MINTON WARREN Without showing any symptoms of being ill, D. M. Warren, after attending to his usual duties at the Bank of Edenton on Thursday of last week, died shortly after he retired, as the result of a heart attack.

## Dr. Whichard Weds Miss Willietta Evans

Marriage Takes Place In Evans Church at High Noon December 26th

In the presence only of members of the families and a few friends, the marriage of Miss Willietta Evans, sister of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Warner Evans of Edenton, to Dr. Murray Palmer Whichard, of Murphy, N. C., took place at high noon Tuesday, December 26, in Evans Methodist Church. A nephew of the bride, the Rev. Edward Crawford Williams, of Christ Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, New York, assisted by the Rev. A. G. L. Stephenson, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

For the occasion the altar was decorated with evergreens and white flowers and illuminated with cathedral candles. Miss Helen Walton Evans, a sister of the bride, gave a short program of classical music immediately preceding the nuptial vows.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, wore a fuchsia wool suit with black accessories and a corsage of orchids.

Mrs. Whichard, the daughter of the late Zachariah Winborne and Etta Hudgins Evans, has for several years been at the head of the English Department of Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Miss. Dr. Whichard, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Alfred Whichard, has practiced medicine in Edenton, and is now at the head of the Cherokee-Clay-Graham Health District.

Out-of-town guests who attended the wedding include the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Crawford Williams, of Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.; Mrs. Kelly White, of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. William Townsend, Jr., of Murphy, N. C.; Lt. Frances B. Evans, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Miss Ruth Evans Pardee and Miss Jenny Reitsma, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Bonnybel Evans, of Manteo, N. C.; Mrs. Murdock Martin and small daughters, Frances, Christine and Joanna, and Harvey S. Pardee, of Ravinia, Ill.; Murdock Martin, USNR, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Max Jackson, of Rockwood, Tenn., and Miss Louise Wilson, of Chapanoke, N. C.

## Property Must Be Listed For Taxation During Next Month

Township Tax Listers Arrange Schedules For Listing

Beginning next Monday and continuing throughout the month of January, all property in Chowan County must be listed for taxation for the year 1945. List takers in the four townships have arranged a schedule for listing property, and it is hoped this will be done at an early date and thus avoid a penalty which is provided for failure to list during the month.

Tax lists are also required to make records of crop acreage for the year 1944, which includes acreage for each crop harvested during the year. The number of people living on farms on January 1, 1945, must be furnished, as well as the number of threshing machines, combines, peanut pickers, farm tractors and trucks.

Tax listers are as follows:

First Township—Mrs. P. S. McMullan.

Second Township—P. L. Smith.

Third Township—T. A. Berryman.

Fourth Township—C. W. Parker.

The scheduled, as arranged by each tax lister, will be found in an advertisement on page 3 of this issue of The Herald.

## White Teachers And Students Given Two Weeks For Holidays

Edenton's white schools closed on Friday, December 15, for the Christmas holidays and will remain closed until Monday, January 1, thus allowing a two-weeks holiday for students and teachers.

Many of the students and teachers accepted temporary jobs during the Christmas season, thus helping out during the shortage of help.

The colored school closed Thursday of last week for the holidays and will also resume studies on Monday, January 1.

Schools in the county unit closed Friday of last week and will reopen on January 1.

## Watch Night Service In Methodist Church

Watch night services will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday night to usher in the New Year. The service, according to the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, will begin at 11 o'clock and close at midnight, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

At the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning, Student Recognition Sunday will be observed. Church School will be held at 10 o'clock, and the Youth Fellowship meeting at 6:45 Sunday evening.

## Firemen Pay Tribute To Members In Service

In the fire station now appears an attractive plaque on which appears the names of six volunteer firemen now in the armed forces. The plaque, shield-shaped, has the wording "Now Serving Our Country," and on each side appears an American Flag.

Those whose names appear on the plaque are John Lee Spruill, Luther Parks, W. N. McCleese, Eugene Cobb, S. A. White and Willie Spruill.

### CALES HOME ON VISIT

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cale, of Louisville, Ky., were visitors in Edenton and Chowan County during the holidays.

## David Minton Warren Dies Suddenly Thursday Night As Result Of Heart Attack

### Puzzled

With the death of D. M. Warren, the editor of The Herald feels that confidence will not be betrayed in informing readers that it was Mr. Warren who was head of the Helping Hand Society, newly organized group whose purpose it was to see to it that nobody in Chowan County suffered for want of food, clothing and fuel.

Apparently, the only person in whom Mr. Warren confided in this matter was The Herald's editor, nor did he reveal to the editor any of the others who were associated with him in the effort to secretly provide relief to those in need.

One letter was received and turned over to Mr. Warren the day before he died, but there is no way of knowing who the other parties are who were sharing their money with him to help the needy. Mr. Warren stated that the Society was a continuing group, therefore, if any member contacts the editor, the same confidence will be pledged to the end that the purpose of the Society is carried out.

## Crusade For Christ District Meeting In Methodist Church

Bishop W. W. Peele One Of Several Prominent Speakers

One of three district meetings in connection with the Crusade for Christ being conducted by the Methodist Church will be held in Edenton on Wednesday night of next week, January 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

At this meeting Bishop W. W. Peele, of Richmond, Va., will be among the speakers, as well as Dr. D. G. Childs, professor at Duke University; District Superintendent J. H. Miller, of Elizabeth City, and several other prominent Methodists.

The Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor of the Edenton Church, promises a very interesting and beneficial meeting, and hopes a large congregation will be on hand to hear the visiting speakers.

## Lieut. Robert Harrell Awarded Pilot's Wings

Lieut. Robert S. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney T. Harrell, was awarded pilot's silver wings and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at graduation exercises held at Blytheville Army Air Field in Arkansas, recently.

The winning of his wings marks the successful completion of three phases of flying training—primary, basic and advanced.

## 4-H Council Presents Christmas Pageant

The 4-H County Council of Chowan County met at the Community Building at Cross Roads on December 12, when a pageant, "Pageant For Christmas," was presented.

Sarah Jordan played the part of Mary, the mother of Jesus; Tommy Leary, Joseph; Audrey Bunch, Mary Bunch, Audrey Pierce and Christine Harrell, angels; Jack Leary, shepherd, and Malcolm Copeland, Gerald Layden and Howard Bass, wise men. Frances Bunch recited a poem, "Carols For Christmas."

Joseph Privott presided over the meeting in the absence of Fred Bunch, president. At the conclusion of the meeting games were played and songs were sung by members of the Council.

### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Though the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., was called off last Thursday night, the regular meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Court House. New officers for the new year will have charge and T. B. Williford, master of the lodge, urges every member to be present.

## Entire County Shocked As News of Death Rapidly Spreads

BURIED SATURDAY

## Edenton Business Halts For Hour During Funeral

Not only Edenton, but Chowan County as a whole, suffered a severe blow Thursday night of last week, when David Minton Warren died suddenly at his home, the victim of a heart attack. Mr. Warren appeared to be in his usual health during the day, having attended the Rotary meeting at 1 o'clock, after which he performed his duties at the Bank of Edenton. He returned to the bank after supper and worked until about 9:30 on the hospital fund. Upon returning home, he retired and while in bed he suddenly slumped and was dead before a doctor could arrive. He died about 11:30 o'clock.

Mr. Warren, 54 years old, was a native of Chowan County, son of the late Thomas D. and Sally Wright Warren. He received his early education in Edenton and later graduated from the Poughkeepsie Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In early manhood he began working in a bank, later going to Suffolk to work in a wholesale house. He returned to Edenton in 1912 to become a clerk in the Bank of Edenton and was gradually promoted until he was elected president in March, 1943, to succeed the late Julien Wood. Mr. Warren was elected cashier of the bank in 1917, acting continuously in that capacity until 1942, when, due to a period of ill-health and a desire to relieve him of some of his responsibilities, the directors elected him executive vice president.

Mr. Warren was associated with many of Edenton's business activities, being, aside from his bank connections, a director of the Albemarle Peanut Company, the Edenton Peanut Company, the Edenton Cotton and the M. G. Brown Lumber Company. He was chairman of the County Commissioners since March, 1943, when he succeeded the late Julien Wood. A prominent member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he has served for many years as senior warden of the church and was well-known throughout the entire Diocese. He is a charter member of the Edenton Rotary Club, being a past president, and at the time of his death was vice president of the club. Mr. Warren was very much interested in the candidacy of John A. Holmes as governor of the 189th Rotary District and had no little to do with the ultimate success of the campaign.

Mr. Warren's latest outstanding achievement and one which apparently gave him a great feeling of satisfaction was his personal direction of a drive for funds with which to build a hospital, as the result of which the town and county each made an appropriation of \$25,000 and individual contributions have almost reached the \$100,000 mark. He was exceedingly happy over the success of the drive which, though not entirely completed at the time of his death, brought joy to his heart in the fact that enough money was contributed and pledged to assure a hospital. He was granted a two-weeks' leave of absence from the Bank of Edenton to personally direct the drive and in about half that time accomplished what The Herald believes could not have been accomplished by any other person in the county.

Mr. Warren was generous almost to a fault and many of his kindly deeds are known only to those who were beneficiaries of his tender and sympathetic feeling for any who needed advice and other forms of assistance. He, more than anyone else in the county, knew the pulse of the people, and at all times had at his fingertips pertinent information along practically every phase of the county's activities. He loved Chowan County and had frequently advanced his opinion that Chowan was the best county in the State. He was very careful in the disposition of taxpayers' money, as well as any other money entrusted to him. He was, however, one of the county's most progressive and far-sighted citizens and could be counted upon to agree to appropriate funds for those things which were necessary and for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Warren's death cast a pall of sorrow over the entire community.

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