

Congregation Of St. Paul's Divided About Kind Of Restoration

Second Meeting Held on Monday Night to Discuss Plans

MANY PRESENT

Difference of Opinion About Balconies and Ceiling

A second meeting to show the architect's plans for the restoration of St. Paul's Church was held Monday night in the Parish House.

The Parish House was filled to capacity. The discussion was general, bringing out differing points of view on the subject.

I am opposed to radical changes in the church. The question, it seems to me, is not why the church should not be completely changed, but why it should be.

To return it at great cost to its original design in the interest of antiquity and authentic architecture seems to me a very inadequate and flippant reason for destroying a church interior long and widely known for its beauty and beloved by its congregation for nearly a hundred and fifty years.

Among the more radical changes proposed would be the removal of the balconies. These balconies are needed, I feel, for several of its present uses, and their loss would reduce the seating capacity of the church, so that the floor and pew spaces would have to be uncomfortably and unattractively altered.

Philip McMullan approved taking the balconies out and advocated building another church if more room be

Band Gives Concert In New Uniforms

Appearance and Music Brings Many Complimentary Remarks

Dressed in their brand new uniforms for the first time, the Edenton High School Band on Thursday night, under the direction of H. W. Williams, presented a concert in the school auditorium, which was enjoyed by a goodly number of friends.

The band did not seem like the same organization, both in appearance and the calibre of music played, and after the performance many complimentary remarks were made both as to the uniforms and the splendid music.

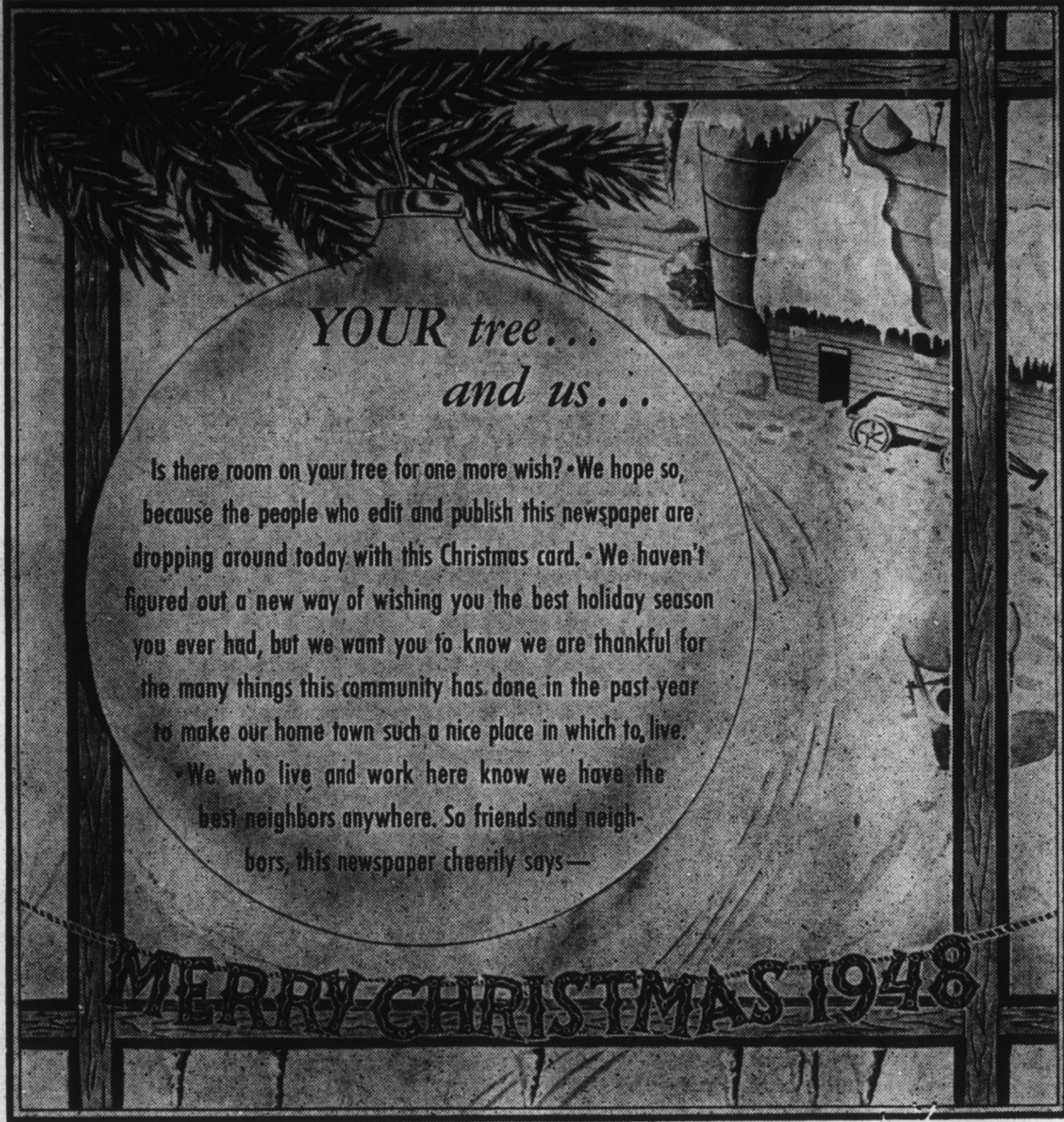
Midnight Service At St. Paul's Church Dec. 24th

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

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 11:30 P. M., midnight service. The Holy Communion, low celebration.

Saturday, December 25, Christmas, 11 A. M., the Holy Communion, high celebration.

Tuesday, December 28, Holy Innocents Day, 11 A. M., the Holy Communion. Holy baptism by appointment.



Is there room on your tree for one more wish? We hope so, because the people who edit and publish this newspaper are dropping around today with this Christmas card.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS

Express Desire to Have Law Changed Eliminating Dog Tax and Owners of Dogs Required To Pay For Damage Done

For a long time Chowan County Commissioners have shown no little concern in connection with the amount of money paid out on account of damage done by dogs.

What irks the Commissioners is their firm belief that there are probably as many dogs in the county now on the tax books as there are those listed and upon which dog taxes are paid.

A survey of the tax scrolls shows that a total of 902 dogs are listed on the tax books in the county for the

year 1948, when as a matter of fact some of the Commissioners estimate that there are at least twice that many dogs in Chowan County.

In the First Township white people have listed 237 male dogs and 69 females. Colored people in the same township have listed 94 males and 13 females.

White people in the Second Township listed 103 male dogs and 48 females, while the colored listing includes 29 male and 11 female.

In the Third Township 132 male dogs and 34 females are listed by white people, and 18 male and five female by colored people.

In the Fourth Township white people listed 46 males and nine females, while colored people listed 53 males and 11 females.

The revenue from dog tax for the year amounts to \$1,263.

Rotary Meetings Off For Next Two Weeks

Dinner Money Goes to Stocking Fund and Buying Shoes

Edenton's Rotary Club will miss two consecutive meetings with no meeting scheduled for today (Thursday) and Thursday of next week.

Though no meetings will be held, the Rotarians will pay the price of the meals, with this week's money going to the Stocking Fund to help provide presents to be distributed among needy children on Christmas eve, while next week's dinner money will go toward purchasing shoes for some needy children in the Edenton school under the direction of Principal Fenton Larson.

The Rotary meetings will be resumed Thursday, January 6, when it is hoped to have a 100 per cent attendance.

OVER 100 TAKE PART IN WILDLIFE TURKEY SHOOT

That the turkey shoots held by the Chowan County Wildlife Club are very popular is reflected in the fact that on Tuesday over 100 persons participated in the shoot in an effort to win their Christmas turkeys.

Judges for the affair were Sheriff J. A. Bunch, Mark Bunch and W. W. Harrell.

Local DAR Chapter Buys Iredell Home

Property Vacant Since Death of William T. Gordon

Information was received this week that the Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has purchased the Iredell house and property, formerly belonging to the late Mr. and Mrs. William T. Gordon.

It is supposed that the house, home of James Iredell, Justice of the First United States Supreme Court, will be preserved on account of its historical significance.

Haskett and Carlton At Wright Celebration

Mayor Leroy Haskett and Peter Carlton, manager of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, attended the 45th anniversary commemorating the first flight in an airplane by the Wright brothers held at Kitty Hawk Friday.

CHOWAN TRIBE OF RED MEN CALLS OFF MEETING MONDAY

Due to the Christmas holidays, the weekly meeting of Chowan Tribe, No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, has been called off for next Monday night.

A Scene Beyond The Horizon

By JIMMIE CHURCH For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

That is how Christmas began, and it is not a day to be celebrated for our own amusement, but a day to make others happy, and to thank God for the greatest gift that was ever given in the history of mankind.

Today as I look out my window with this thought in mind and with Christmas just around the corner, I can see the cars and trucks driving down Broad Street as the bordering trees sway to and fro in the cold wind.

When I close my eyes I can see an Italian city where the homes, the business buildings, and the churches have been shelled and bombed into almost utter ruins.

and hungry, ill clothed and cold. Some are carrying baskets, some bottles, and still others just grimly trudge along empty handed in the cold mist as if they were leaving a place as bad as hell itself and struggling to a destination known to be even worse.

My mind moves on, but only to stop again, for I can see, slowly walking down the street, a little girl. She is eight years old, tiny and frail, apparently hungry; and at a glance I can see that her right arm is but a stub protruding to the elbow.

Her feet are bare and red, and she is wearing a black dress that is soiled and worn. Her black pigtail sways in the cold wind, then falls to rest upon the dirty sack that is wrapped about her shoulders, serving poorly for a coat.

Bell-Tyler Store In Edenton Will Be Built By J. L. Batton & Bro.

Committee In Chowan Named To Help Raise Chowan College Fund

The Rev. G. M. Singletary, chairman of the campaign to raise funds for Chowan College at Murfreesboro, announced Chowan County's committee in the drive Tuesday.

Christmas Dance In Armory December 25

Bob Lee and His Collegians Will Furnish Music For Affair

Plans have been practically completed by the Varsity Club for the Christmas dance which will be held in the armory Christmas night, starting at 9 o'clock.

Gilliam Wood is chairman of the committee in charge of the dance and stated early this week that a large crowd is expected to attend.

Bob Lee and his Collegians will furnish music for the dance. This orchestra has 10 pieces with a reputation of having one of the most outstanding reed sections among college bands in the South.

Reservations for tables should be made at once by contacting either J. M. Boyce or Parker Helms.

Young People Sing Christmas Carols

Music Furnished at Hospital and For Sick And Shut-ins

Christmas carols were sung by a group of young ladies of the Methodist Church Sunday night under the direction of Mrs. Frank Elliott.

The singers first went to the Chowan Hospital, where they sang in the lobby before a lighted Christmas tree, with patients and hospital personnel enjoying the familiar and lovely Christmas carols.

The music was splendid, and very much enjoyed by those who heard it.

Store Is Expected to Be Completed In Six or Seven Months

COST \$200,000

Local Concern Also Given Contract to Build Plymouth Store

The contract for building a new and up-to-date store for the Belk-Tyler Company was awarded to J. L. Batton & Brother of Edenton, according to W. W. Massey, manager of the Elizabeth City store.

The Edenton store will be erected on the Broad Street site where the Penelope Barker Hotel formerly stood, the old frame building having been torn down shortly after being purchased by the Belk-Tyler concern.

The Edenton store will be a building 60x100 feet two stories high, and will be modern throughout. Construction will be brick and concrete reinforced with steel, the front of which will be tile.

The cost of the Edenton store is estimated at \$200,000. Construction work will begin early in January and it is expected that the building will be completed in six or seven months.

In connection with the two new stores, the concern plans to make extensive improvements to stores at Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, Ahoskie, Tarboro, Kinston and Greenville, the expansion and modernization program calling for the expenditure of approximately \$750,000.

With the completion of the Edenton and Plymouth stores, the Belk-Tyler Company will have 13 stores in Eastern North Carolina, all members of the Belk organization operating more than 185 stores in the South.

Mrs. James Wood New Chairman Of Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas Party Planned For Hospital Patients and Nurses

At a meeting of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary held Wednesday of last week, Mrs. James E. Wood was elected chairman, succeeding Mrs. W. D. Holmes, Jr.

At the meeting members discussed the Christmas party for hospital patients. The committee in charge of this project includes Mrs. W. I. Hart, Mrs. Martin Wisely, Mrs. Albert Byrum, Mrs. J. E. Wood and Mrs. L. P. Williams.

Christmas Party Staged By Lions Tuesday Night

Edenton's Lions Club held an enjoyable Christmas party Tuesday night, which was featured by splendid music by Mrs. Mary Browning's sextet composed of Carolyn Swindell, Mary Dale Spry, Jane Spry, Susan Thigpen, Lillian Leary and Marion Harrell.

The group sang popular songs as well as familiar Christmas carols much to the delight of those present. Group singing was also enjoyed during the evening.

The next two meetings of the club have been called off due to the holidays, so that the next meeting will be held January 10.

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