

# The Chowan Herald

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## Merry Christmas!

Again another Christmas season has rolled around and with it one naturally expects to experience joy and gladness. Many will, but on the other hand, there will be some others who will have heavy hearts and instead of being happy, their very souls will be filled with sorrow.

One of the latter is the Frank Twiddy family, who received notice from the War Department Tuesday that their son and brother, Ben Twiddy, was killed in action on the Korean battlefields on November 29.

This is the second Edenton boy who has paid the supreme sacrifice in the Korean fighting, and there are others who are facing the same danger. For relatives and friends of these boys Christmas will obviously be more a period of anxiety and worry than of joy and happiness.

Then there are the unfortunate who have little worldly possessions and barely get the very necessities of life. Of course, many of this group will be remembered by those more fortunate, and food, clothing and toys will be sent to them. This will, in a measure, lighten some hearts.

Another group, those who have less than a reasonable portion of good health, too, will not experience the happiness which Christmas affords.

However, whatever our condition and circumstances surrounding us, if we but look around, it is possible to find someone even more unfortunate than we. So, whatever our station in life, there is every reason to be happy that the Christchild came into the world. His birth is again celebrated by millions of people throughout the world, and without His coming, dark and gloomy would be our outlook, whether we have sorrow or not.

The Herald, therefore, extends to all a very Merry Christmas.

## A Step Forward

It is encouraging to see that the Chamber of Commerce, a very important part of the community, has been reorganized after being dormant since last summer. It should be realized that the Chamber of Commerce, if it is to function properly, costs money and this revenue should come from not only a few, but from many. What benefits the town as a whole, obviously benefits the individuals making up the community.

Frankly, Edenton for several months now has been in an embarrassing position. Visitors have been here inquiring where they can find the Chamber of Commerce office to get information. Some have asked for booklets or literature which they desired to take back home and show to friends, but so far as the writer knows, there isn't a piece of anything to enlighten the visitor about Edenton's history or other advantages. Some of these visitors have called in The Herald office and, to say the least, it is very embarrassing to inform them that no literature is available. Reminds one of the Scripture injunction against hiding a light under a bushel.

One of the chief reasons for the Chamber of Commerce folding up was, The Herald understands, failure of members to pay their dues, and at present there are between \$1,500 and \$2,000 back dues on the books.

Capable officers, headed by David Holton as president, have been elected, but Mr. Holton himself, nor his directors can make a successful Chamber of Commerce. It requires the backing and cooperation of all of our merchants and business men if the Chamber of Commerce is to be worthwhile.

# HEARD & SEEN

By "LUFF"

Being so rushed with work this week, it's been hard to see anything except type to be set and hear presses running. For that reason I don't want a few youngsters to be disappointed by not leaving Santa Claus know what they want. Accordingly, I'm printing the letters I received this week instead of going to the North Pole.

Little Brad Williford wrote the following: "Dear Santa Claus: I have been a fairly good boy this year. I want you to bring me two Rog Rogers and two Hop-along Cassidy guns, a fire truck and an electric train, and some candy and stuff and some clothes for school and a real hat. Bring my little sister a doll and baby clothes. We thank you."

Warren Buck Wheeler, Jr., wanted to make sure Santa hard from him, so two letters were written. The first was as follows: "Dear Santa Claus: I want a Roy Rogers cowboy suit and I want two guns. I want a set of air guns and I want a bicycle. I want a band suit and I want a bass drum. I want air rifle shot and I want a flag."

In the other letter the following request was made: "Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a book to read on Christmas. I am 7 years old and I am in the second grade."

Vertie Mae Nowell wrote this: "Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a horn and a doll baby for Christmas. And a baton. Santa, I was glad to see you that day. Santa, I hope you don't get too cold. Come and I will have a letter for you. Please bring me a set of dishes. Santa, I hope you ahe well, too, and I will be glad to see my toys Christmas. Santa, I thank you for the bag you gave me, and I want you to bring me a good pair of shoes and a pair of gloves. I will appreciate anything you bring me."

Ronald Bunch wrote the following: "Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy. I am seven years old. I am in school. I am in the second grade. I will try to pass my grade. Please bring me a football."

Dolores Charlotte Bunch wrote this: "Dear Santa: I want a pair of blue bedroom shoes and I want a paint set, and a nurse and doctor set. I want a typewriter and some erasers. I want two erasers and a box full of chalk of all different colors. I want some dominoes, too, and my mother would like a croquet set and father, too. And Santa Claus before I close my letter, I would like to have some books. I want one about Bible stories and another about Christmas stories. I guess I will have to close my letter for now. Goodbye, Santa. I will write you next Christmas. I hope you will have a good time."

Even with the spirit of Christmas making people more pleasant, there's still some mean people among us. While living in Edenton, Major Scott Guyer and Lieut. Fred Watts bought houses at Westover Heights and went to some trouble to beautify their homes. They planted cedar trees in the yard, but being called to Korea and their families moving to the west coast, the houses have been vacant. Somebody evidently thought the yards should also be empty, so the cedar trees were cut down, no doubt for Christmas decoration. It's a mean trick in anybody's town, and not very nice to report during the happy Christmas time.

Many Christmas cards reach my desk and I appreciate all of 'em. But Elizabeth Corbett, the British nurse who has won so many friends in Edenton and who is now in Rochester, N. Y., went to the trouble to write the following on her Christmas greeting to me: "I should like to extend my Christmas wishes to you and all my Edenton friends whom I am unable to reach personally. Your little town grew to mean much to me during my stay there and still does. I miss the gaily lit streets so warm and inviting. Big cities do not hold the same attraction any more, especially when covered with snow. Some people like to sing about a white Christmas. Give me in preference the Southern warmth and sunshine. Nothing to compare with it here. Best personal wishes to you and all your subscribers for 1951."

My congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Liles. This splendid couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27. The occasion will be observed quietly in their home. Fine neighbors and fine people, if you ask me, but it may be too much to wish that they will live to observe their second 50th anniversary.

Whew! Hasn't it been cold the last few days? Just about another day of it and out comes my long underwear. Anybody wearing 'em?

## Rotarians Enjoy Christmas Party

### Entertainment Furnished Thursday Night By Group From Suffolk

Edenton's Rotary Club held its annual Christmas party in the Parish House Thursday night of last week, when the Rotary-Annes were special guests of the Rotarians. President Thomas Byrum presided and Secretary C. W. Overman led in singing Christmas carols.

After a delicious turkey dinner served by the ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a delightful program was presented by a group of young people from Suffolk. The program included a tap dance and acrobatic solo by Peggy Screws; song and acrobatic number by Brenda Bailey; impersonations and song by Horace Ralph; two Christmas solos, "White Christmas" and "Holy Night" by Ada Brinkley and Freddie Quale was the pianist.

The Rotary-Annes were presented a very attractive coffee table set.

**RED MEN WILL NOT MEET**  
Chowan Tribe of Red Men called off its meeting for next Monday night due to the meeting night falling on Christmas. The regular meeting will be held on January 1, when new officers will be installed.



**CAMPEN'S JEWELERS**  
EDENTON, N. C.

## Colored Woman Is Burned To Death

### Annette Bonner, An Invalid, Unable to Escape From Flames

Annette Bonner, 75-year-old Negro woman was burned to death Friday morning when her home in the Yeopim section was destroyed by fire. The woman was an invalid, in the house alone, and was unable to escape

as the flames rapidly burned the frame building.

Coroner Hubert Williford made an investigation and stated that the woman had been placed in a chair by her son, who later went to his work in Edenton and that the cause of the fire was unknown.

### Miss Bebe Evans On Honor Roll At Peace

Sixty-three students at Peace College in Raleigh were listed on the honor roll for the first quarter of the school year which ended a week ago. Among those on the honor roll is Bebe Evans, daughter of B. W. Evans of Edenton.



May the Holidays bring you the good things of life in rich abundance — Health, Happiness, Prosperity and Friendships.

**CUTHRELL'S DEPARTMENT STORE**

# Sale Of Valuable Farm

THE W. O. SPEIGHT FARM, GIN, FARMING EQUIPMENT AND LIVESTOCK WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION Monday January 9, 1951 — 10:00 A. M. — ON THE PREMISES

205 acres in cultivation; large tobacco and peanut allotments; 140 acres woodland; cotton gin with new machinery; residence; barns; outhouses in excellent condition.

Located at intersection of old Hertford Road and Highway 32 — one-fourth mile east of Edenton. Sale subject to rejection by owners.

For full information and further details, see Marvin Wilson. Telephone 320-W and 554, Edenton, N. C.

**W. O. Speight And Family**

On this Holiday of joy and laughter . . . and of sober meditation and prayer in Houses of Worship, we extend to all of our friends, our wishes for a rich, full life and all the things that make it so, both material and spiritual. A Happy Holiday to everyone.

**Chowan Storage Company**