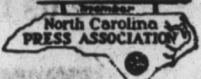


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

God speaks to us at Christmastime through the Little Lord Jesus, and life takes on new meaning for time and eternity with hope and salvation for our sinning world. May we follow the Path of His Star and find the Way Home to Thee, we pray, Almighty God.

Another Step Forward

So far as education of boys and girls is concerned Edenton made a step forward when it was announced last week that the Edenton Junior-Senior High School had been accepted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, thus becoming the 86th high school holding membership in the association.

Membership in this association means that, due to reciprocal affiliations, graduates of the Edenton school will be enabled to enter any college in the United States without taking examinations. This should be welcome news for parents of children who go to college, for heretofore, it has not been unusual to send boys and girls to junior colleges in order to prepare them for entrance into college.

Schools in Edenton and Chowan County have made a great deal of progress in recent years, but this particular achievement in meeting the high standards maintained by the Southern Association of colleges and Secondary Schools is one of which not only the faculty but citizens in general should be justly proud.

The Christmas Spirit

This is the time of the year when memories of both the youngest and oldest citizens in the community go back many years to never-to-return Christmases. Almost without exception the memories of Christmas, the family, and the home constitute the sweetest of one's childhood.

The true Christmas spirit is sometimes missed in today's commercial trample, however, and this is regrettable from several standpoints. In the first place, too much commercialism tends to make Christmas an ordeal, especially for those charged with the final responsibility of buying presents, selling presents, or dealing with the commercial aspect in some other form.

In the second place, the commercialization of Christmas tends to reduce its pleasure, since the real pleasure to be derived from the season comes from a spirit of giving—not getting—the exception being the children who expect Santa Claus to come through for them, as he does on Christmas Eve night or early Christmas morning.

The proper emphasis to place on the Christmas season is a religious one, and every American—regardless of his faith—should keep this in mind. A full and beautiful realization of the inspiration Christmas should be can be realized only through a proper appreciation of the spiritual nature, of the observance.

Reason To Be Doubly Happy

Next Friday, Christmas, will be of double significance for Fire Chief R. K. Hall, who on that day will also celebrate his 88th birthday.

Cap'n Dick holds the unique distinction for being the oldest active fire chief in the United States, having served with the Edenton Fire Department since he was 15 years old, a period of 73 years.

Cap'n Dick numbers his friends as legion throughout North Carolina and here in Edenton he is one of the landmarks. One of his hobbies is repairing discarded toys for children of the community and while he gets a lot of joy out of living, the fact that he can make little children happy is an added pleasure.

The Herald congratulates Cap'n Dick on his 88th birthday anniversary and wishes him many happy returns of the day as well as a very Merry Christmas.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

At Christmas time a lot of people are cooperative and of a kind disposition as I observed in a Norfolk store Friday. A lady stepped up to another "pleasingly plump" lady and asked, "Do you mind if I ask you a personal question?" The answer was, "Why I reckon so." Then the inquisitive lady asked, "What size pants do you wear?" Sort of surprised, the "pleasingly plump" lady answered, "Why I wear size 8." "Thank you," said the other lady, "I want to buy a pair of pants for my sister and she's just about as stout as you are." See what I mean? Had it not been Christmas time, the possibility is that the lady might have replied, "None of your blankety blank business."

Here's one, like all other Herald employees, who has worked like the mischief in order to print The Herald a day earlier this week. The paper was printed Tuesday in order to allow the whole works several days to celebrate Christmas. So if I don't see you around, here's wishing for every reader of The Herald a very happy Christmas.

Fruit cake at my house has taken a good beating. The Missus baked three some time ago to "age" for Christmas, and the last one is now over half gone. Well, as one of my friends said, it tastes just as good before Christmas as it does on or after Christmas.

Everybody seems to be busy as bees these few days before Christmas. But if anybody is any busier than the gang at the post office, I'd like to know who they are. Some of 'em the other day were about belly deep in Christmas cards, but somehow here's betting a stogie they'll be cleaned up by Christmas day.

Mrs. Lester Ashley, a native of Germany, is in Edenton for the holidays, and while she likes this neck of the woods, she says she will greatly miss the white Christmas usually experienced in Germany. Well, a lot of us would like to see a white Christmas also, but if it gets much warmer than it is as this column is written Tuesday morning, we might consider a few bathing parties as part of the Christmas celebration.

Most of the places of business in Edenton will be closed Friday and Saturday for Christmas. This will include the Bank of Edenton, so if you want to get any money out of the bank, better get it before closing time Thursday. (You've got to have some money in the bank, however, to get any out).

Like most folks, I've received a large batch of Christmas cards, and isn't it embarrassing when a fellow gets one signed "Mary and John" or something like that and you can't figure out who the card is from? Anyway, postal employees for sure aren't very much in favor of the greeting card idea.

This name of mine has been terribly butchered up many times, but a new one turned up in the mail last week. Among my many Christmas greetings was one from the Sinclair Refining Company at Atlanta, Ga., which had my name spelled "J. E. Bubbeap." Oh, me!

Edenton Rotarians held their annual Christmas party in the American Legion hut Thursday night of last week. The women apparently play bingo out there, for on the ladies' rest room door is posted a sign "Play Bingo Friday Night." I don't know where the men play, for there's no sign on their door.

In the mail Tuesday was a brief letter from Jimmy Barrow, who signed the letter "Jimmy Barrow—Joe Barrow's son." Jimmy expressed his appreciation for receiving The Herald which he receives about three weeks after printing. "But it is still news to me," he says. "It keeps me up on what's happening in and around Edenton." Jimmy's tour in Korea is just about over, so that he says it will not be too long before he can sit down at home and read the paper in peace. He wishes a Merry Christmas for all his Edenton friends. And here's wishing a Merry Christmas to all of the boys from Chowan County who are in Korea and many other parts of the world who would lick their arms up to their elbows if they could be home to enjoy Christmas.

The way I understand it, Chowan is lagging in the Christmas Seal quota which is \$2,400. This money is badly needed to fight tuberculosis right here in Chowan County (yep, there's some of it here). If you haven't sent in the money for the seals mailed you, look around and find the envelope. Then send in your contribution. The money is needed and you'll not miss a buck or two.

Local 4-H Clubs Hold Christmas Parties

State Winners Tell of Recent Trip to 4-H Congress

The home agent and the assistant county agent held regular 4-H Club meetings in the schools last week. The clubs held their regular Christmas party, which is their usual meeting program for the month of December. James Monds, State 4-H tractor winner, reported on his trip to the National 4-H Congress at Chicago. James made his report to members of the Chowan 10, 11, 12 grade club. He made a very interesting report and, no doubt, many of the club members are inspired to work harder to earn a trip to Chicago.

Vandy Parks, State winner, 4-H corn production, also reported to the Chowan 8th and 9th grade club on his trip. Vandy, as well as James, was impressed with the meetings which he attended at this National 4-H Congress.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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Chowan Tribe, No. 12, I.O.R.M., meets Monday night at 7:30 in the Red Men hall.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall celebrates his 88th birthday on Christmas day.

Midnight Christmas services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Thursday night starting at 11:30 o'clock.

Christmas eve (Thursday) a midnight service will be held in St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Annual Varsity Club Christmas dance in Edenton armory Friday night, December 25, from 9 to 1 o'clock.

North Carolina 1954 automobile license plates now on sale at the Edenton branch office of the Carolina Motor Club on East Water Street.

City automobile tags for 1954 on sale at the Municipal Building.

Officers for Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be installed Thursday night, January 7, at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Chowan's quota in Christmas Seal Sale is \$2,400.

DR. ROBERT T. DANIEL TO PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is now professor of Old Testament at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.

The public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Daniel at both the morning worship hour at 11 o'clock and the evening worship hour at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School meets at 9:45 Sunday morning and Training Union at 6:15 Sunday evening, the mid-week prayer service at 7:30 Wednesday evening and the Bible study hour on Friday evening at 7:30.

AGRICULTURE BOARD RENEWS ACTIVITIES

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monia as a cheaper source of nitrogen. He also mentioned chemical weed control suggesting these as lines of work needed in 1954.

C. W. Overman, county agent, announced the series of winter meetings scheduled to be held January 12, 13, 14 and 15. Subjects to be discussed at these meetings were: (1) "Chemical Weed Control", (2) "Laying Flocks and Turkeys", (3) "New Practices in Corn and Soybeans", (4) "Managing the Farm Business", (5) "The Farm Woodland", (6) "New Tobacco Practices", and (7) "Beekeeping". Every member was urged to make every effort to get farm people to attend.

HOME FROM PACIFIC

Lieut. and Mrs. William B. Shepard and their daughters are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Shepard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shepard. Lieut. Shepard just returned from Kwalein, one of the Marshall Islands, where he has been stationed for 13 months and is now awaiting a new assignment.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The following Chowan County students from Mars Hill College are home for the Christmas holidays: Mary Ann Elliott and Charlotte Virginia Small. The official holidays began Thursday, December 17, and classes resume on regular schedule Monday, January 4.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Lillian Webb Leary and Alpha Ruthia Small, both of Edenton, and Bernice Lucretia White of Hobbsville, students at Meredith College, have arrived home for the Christmas holidays.

NO POCAHONTAS MEETING

Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will not meet Friday night of this week, due to Christmas. The next meeting of the Council will be Friday night, January 8, at which time officers will be elected.

FOUND — LADIES' BILLFOLD ON Church Street last week. Owner can secure same by contacting J. P. Partin, Jr., and paying for this ad. 1tc

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Master Sergeant and Mrs. Lester Ashley and two children from Camp Hood, Texas, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Ashley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ashley.

WCUNC STUDENTS HOME

Sharon Lupton, Thomassa Goodman, Betsy Duncan and Lu Jordan, students at WCUNC, Greensboro, arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

MASONS CALL OFF MEETING Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will not meet Thursday night of this week. The meeting has been called off due to the Christmas holidays.

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