

Down With Christmas

By TERRY JONES

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

—(Luke 2:11).

It is told that a man from a foreign country arrived in one of our large cities for his first visit in the United States. It just so happened that the time he arrived was the Christmas season. He observed all the bright lights; the parades; the wild parties; the Christmas dances and the whirl of the adding machines. His reply was, "Why, Christmas here is just like the pagan festivals of my native country."

Now I am not saying we should take the laughter out of Christmas, nor the spirit of giving gifts, nor the get-togethers, nor the simple holiday parties. I'm all for having Santa pay a visit and having a delightful time. Of course I also believe Christmas should be a time for

meditation and deep thought. But I am dead set against the idea of celebrating Xmas. By this I mean taking Christ out of Christmas, not by writing Xmas on the window, but by truly making Christmas a pagan festival. Christmas becomes a pagan festival when people have to celebrate by throwing wild parties, staying out all night, getting drunk and everything else under the sun. It really takes the cake when people who live perfectly sane lives all year suddenly go nuts when the time comes to celebrate the birth of the Lord. It's a pitiful situation when we say, "Thank you God for your Son", by making ourselves giddy and actually mocking His image. I hope you and your family will thank God for Christ by celebrating CHRISTMAS instead of Xmas.

My wife and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

20 YEARS AGO

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furnishing information that the ordinance had been violated. The status of the trees was that pecans were gathered by almost anybody, in many instances for the purpose of sale, which fact was opposed by many people in front of whose property the trees were located, some of whom swept up leaves and even watered and fertilized trees, so they contended they should be entitled to the pecans. Many of the pecan trees were planted by the town on town property about 20 years before and since they had borne fruit, there had been a conflict of opinion as to who was entitled to the nuts. Mayor Leroy Haskett and J. Clarence Leary were instructed to confer with Town Attorney W. D. Pruden to see if an ordinance could be legally passed whereby the pecans would belong to the parties in front of whose property the trees were planted.

The Chowan Herald received an award of merit as a token of appreciation from the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Paul Olson, who was making his home at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, completed a life size picture of Christ in the Garden in the chapel at the home.

Mrs. Eleanor Sawyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sawyer, received from the Navy Department the Purple Heart decoration in honor of her husband, Foster Sawyer, who lost his life when the airplane carrier Wasp was sunk by the Japanese.

In a long session of Town Council it was decided to order the clock stop the Court House to continue to strike day and night. For many years the clock had been striking the hours until about a year previous, when it was silent from 10 P. M. until 7 A. M. due to a complaint that it disturbed guests at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Jones had the misfortune to lose their home at Edentown when it was destroyed by fire.

With a steady downpour of rain, Edenton's community Christmas celebration on the Court House Green was forced to be abandoned.

The word that is overbearing is a spur unto strife.

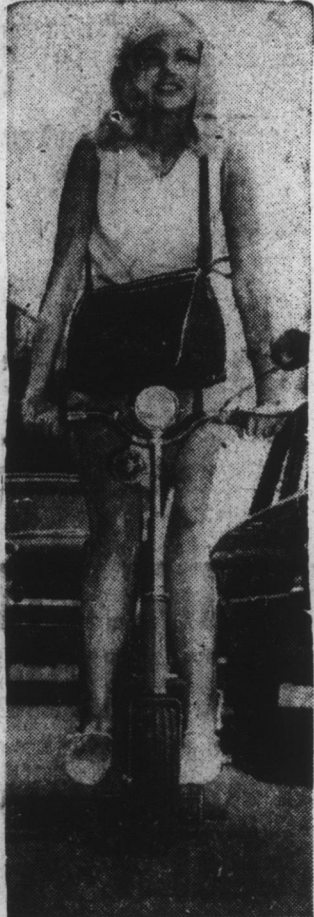
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Mrs. Evelyn Williams Passes Away After Illness Of Two Years

Mrs. Evelyn Byrum Williams, 53, died Thursday morning at 1:30 o'clock at Chowan Hospital after an illness of two years. A native of Chowan County, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Byrum and for the past eight years filled the office of Chowan County Accountant.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Joseph Williams and five sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Sr., Mrs. W. A. Harrell, Mrs. E. E. Harrell, Mrs. Henry Haste and Mrs. M. L. Bunch, all of Edenton. She was a member of the Edenton Baptist Church.

A funeral service was held at the Williford Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Thurman W. Allred, pastor of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

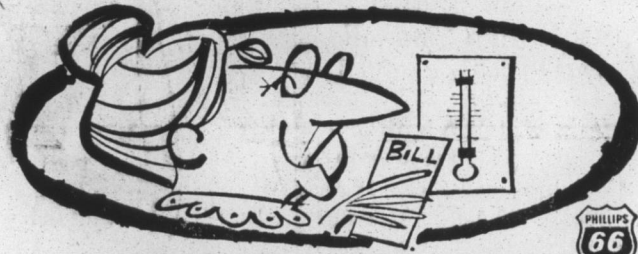


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Yellow Jackets Turn Back Aces

Junior Varsity Boys Win 42 to 41 Thriller

Edenton Aces were defeated by the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets 54-42 in Elizabeth City Friday night. In a previous meeting in Edenton the Aces nosed by the Jackets 51-50.

The Jackets led after the first quarter 11-9 and each team bagged 12 points in the second quarter, so that the Jackets led 23-21 at the half.

The Jackets continued to ooze ahead and at the third quarter they led 36-29. In the final quarter the Jackets scored 13 points with Edenton trailing with 9.

Jorash led the Jackets with 21 points. Mel Barnett led the Aces with 16 points.

In the preliminary game the Edenton junior varsity team squeezed by the Baby Jackets 42-41. Wesley Chesson led the Edenton team with 12 points. Larry Jordan paced the Elizabeth City team with 21 points.

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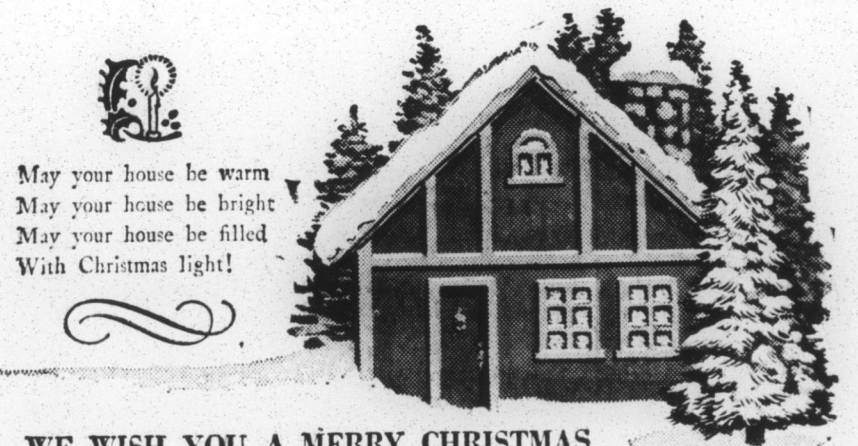
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