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## Public Parade

### Christ Is Born!

Hard as one may try, it is impossible to improve on the Bethlehem scene as described in the Gospel according to St. Luke:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David):

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

## Business Inventory Audit To Be Made

Property owners and other males between the ages of 21 and 50 have a January date with the tax lister. And in the coming year the county will tighten the loop on businesses reporting inventories.

Tax Supervisor Sherlon Layton said



Wallace Miss Perry

### Rose's Recognize Service To Firm

Paul M. Wallace, manager of the local Rose's, and seven veteran employees have been honored as the firm inaugurated a "Service Award Program."

Wallace has been with the firm for 33 years. Honored with him was Miss Beulah Perry, assistant store manager, who has been with the chain for 28 years.

R. E. Laughter, Rose's superintendent, presented ladies brooch pins and combination men's tie tac, lapel pins to the following members of the local Rose's organization:

Wallace, Miss Perry, Virgie Bass, 16 years; Essie Hoggard, 16 years; Eunice Bunch, 14 years; Lessie Nixon, 11 years; Ruth Nixon, eight years, and Etta Ree Bunch, five years.

Manager Wallace stated that through the award program recognition of accomplishment and years of service were being made as a token of appreciation.

Supt. Laughter described the award pins as being made of 10k gold with an

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### Christmas Is Here

Citizens from throughout Chowan County are preparing for the biggest holiday of the year—Christmas. Workless days will range from one to three, depending on place of employment.

Federal offices, including the U. S. Post Office and ASCS Office, will be closed Thursday only. Town of Edenton, Chowan County and state offices will be closed December 24-25 and 26.

The Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce has recommended that local business establishments close Thursday and Friday for the holiday.

Some, however, have arranged special after Christmas sales and will be open

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listing in the four townships will begin January 2. He also announced to businesses that their inventory listed in the county will be checked against their state tax forms.

The supervisor said he has approval of Chowan County commissioners to audit all business inventories in 1970. He said a check of past listing indicate as many as 25 per cent of businesses here give one figure to the county and a higher figure in filing state tax returns.

The county tax supervisor has access to State Department of Revenue files on businesses.

Layton said listing will be between January 2 and February 3 without penalty. After February 3 a 10 per cent penalty will be added for failure to list.

Property owners in the First Township will list at the Tax Supervisor's office in the county office building. Listing will be from 9 A. M., to 5 P. M., Monday through Friday and 9 A. M., to 12 noon on Saturday during January.

Mrs. Pattie S. Byrum, Mrs. Myrtle W. Hare, Mrs. Gray L. Goodwin and Mrs. Sadie H. Hoskins are listers.

Wayne Bunch is lister in the Second Township. He will be at W. E. Smith's Store in Rocky Hock each Monday and Thursday night from 6 P. M., to 9 P. M. during January. Other listings in this township can be from 8 A. M., to 5 P. M., on the following dates: January 6—W. L. Miller's Store; January 8—Troy Toppin's Store; January 13—M&R Service Center; January 20—Archie Nixon's Store; and January 27—M&R Service Center.

Third Township lister is Tommy Berryman. He will be at L. C. Briggs' Store each Saturday during the coming month. On January 8, 15 and 29 he will be at H&H Grocery; and on January 22 at Ryland Post Office.

Ward Hoskins is lister in the Fourth Township. He will be at H. A. Perry's Store each Wednesday and Saturday during January.

### Riddick Given Term For Break-In

Leroy Riddick, 42-year-old Negro, 302 East Church Street, was given an active prison sentence in Chowan County District Court Tuesday after being convicted of breaking and entering.

Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City sentenced Riddick to six months.

The Negro is charged with breaking into the home of Mrs. Faye Williams, 105 South Oakum Street, on December 17th.

Judge Horner also convicted four men charged with drunk driving. Given identical sentences of 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$125 fine and costs and ordered not to drive for 12 months were: George Washington Askew, Jackie Lea Alexander and Jesse James Miller.

The fourth, Douglas Lawrence Rawls, was sentenced to six months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and ordered not to drive for six months.



JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS—Edenton policemen recently chose Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad as the local cause to which they wanted to make a Christmas contribution. Chief J. D. Parrish, right, is shown giving Squad Capt. Bob Robertson a check for \$100 from Edenton Police Club and a letter commending the volunteer organization for their efforts in the community.

### Local Policemen Donate To Squad

Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad's current appeal for operating funds this week resulted in a \$100 donation from a group of colleagues—Edenton Police Club.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said members of his department work closely with the volunteers on the rescue squad and are aware of their importance and value to the community. It was for this reason that the policemen voted to contribute at this time.

In a letter to Capt. Bob Robertson, the police expressed it:

"For the dedication and service that your squad has rendered to the citizens of the Town of Edenton and the County of Chowan, the Edenton Police Department wishes to donate the amount of \$100 to aid in the expense of continuing your services.

"This amount was withdrawn from the Edenton Police Club because the members realize the important role that the rescue squad plays in saving lives and transporting patients to the hospital. These men are to be commended because they have volunteered their time for this service."

Capt. Robertson said the squad is grateful to the policemen for the most generous gift. "It comes at a good time," he added.

Letters have gone out this week to citizens in the community explaining the plight of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. Here it is:

"As you probably know all funeral homes in the Edenton-Chowan area discontinued ambulance service on October 1, 1967. At that time the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad had been organized for two and one-half years. There being no other services in the area to take over the task of transporting the sick or injured, we agreed to do our best to provide this service. We also stated we would need the support of every citizen in our county if this service was to be a

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### DSA Scheduled

Plans are now being made to honor Chowan County's most outstanding young man in January at the annual DSA Banquet.

Bob Weintraub, chairman of the Edenton Jaycee-sponsored event, said applications are now being taken for the Distinguished Service Award. Anyone between the ages of 21 and 35 can be nominated.

The chairman said the banquet will be held at 7:30 P. M., January 22 at the Edenton Jaycee Building on Base Road. Other details of the program will be announced at a later date.

### Quota In Sight

Chowan County is about to reach its 1969 U. S. Savings Bond quota. R. Graham White, volunteer chairman, said 95.3 per cent of the quota had been realized by the end of November.

Savings bond sales in the county were \$8,672 in November and cumulative sales for the year amounted to \$74,964. The quota is \$78,672.

Statewide, however, sales were even better than in this county.

## Spirit Of Christmas Spreads Joy In Many Places, Many Ways

By Anna Mang

"Merry Christmas, one and all." With this simple and sincere greeting, all the warmth and excitement of Christmas reaches its peak.

In this community, as in cities and towns throughout the nation and around the world, days and weeks of list-making, gift-shopping, home-decorating, party-planning and Christmas-program-rehearsing are reaching a happy culmination.

Families gather, Santa enters, church bells ring. Christmas arrives!

Every year, Christmas seems to generate more eager anticipation, here and everywhere, with earlier and more enthusiastic planning — appropriately, for part of the spirit and the joy of Christmas is in the planning.

The spirit of Christmas starts with thoughtfulness. It begins in the hearts

of each of us. It grows with a hope, a wish, a prayer.

It shows itself, outwardly, in such manifestations as merry songs and bountiful gifts, and in the festive decorations and glowing lights now adorning local streets and stores, homes and churches.

It expresses itself, most deeply, in private devotions and in special services such as those scheduled by local churches.

It is a spirit abounding in legend and lore, in customs and traditions honored through the years. And most of all, it is the spirit of reverence and joy that shepherds and wise men knew. To capture that spirit is to keep Christmas truly and well, for it enriches all the things this wonderful season stands for.

#### For Children

Christmas is for children. Candies

and cookies and all those holiday goodies, trees gaily adorned and brightly lighted, Santa's pack stuffed with surprises — all these things are planned and prepared just for the children.

Or at least, so the grownups say, and who's to doubt them?

In a still more special way, Christmas is for children. The manger scene in homes and churches ever reminds us that the Child born in Bethlehem was He who later said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

#### For Rejoicing

Christmas is for rejoicing. Since first the herald angels sang, this rejoicing has most often found expression in music and song.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men," the angels sang.

Now as in earliest times, the spirit of joy and wonder echoes anew in the hymns and carols of Christmas.

#### For Giving

Christmas is for giving. The eagerness of children waiting for Santa, the excited plotting and planning that goes into the choosing and wrapping of gifts, the packages heaped beneath the tree happily symbolize the spirit of Christmas.

Even as the Wise Men gave of their most precious treasures, to honor Him, so people give generously at Christmas, and true generosity stems from thoughtfulness—giving with open heart as well as open hand.

#### For Sharing

Christmas is for sharing. Thus giving to the less fortunate is a traditional part of the Christmas spirit.

Joy grows through sharing, says the

holiday message, and sharing is most blessed when it extends not only to those near and dear but to those known only through their need.

#### For Greetings

Christmas continues as it begins, with "Merry Christmas, one and all." And as long as the spirit of this cheerful greeting prevails, Christmas never really ends.

Yes, Christmas is for greetings, to family, friends and neighbors. "Merry Christmas, one and all," we say, and the spirit of Christmas lives forever in the words.

In just this spirit, today's edition of this newspaper is one big Christmas card, filled with greetings from the business firms of the community, who take the opportunity to say, "Merry Christmas, one and all," with special thanks to their patrons and friends.