

# Merry Christmas

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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 Judaea, 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 first-born 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 to 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.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart

## County Is Looking For Building Site

Every member of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners agree it is time to start investigating a site for a new courthouse and jail so if federal

funds become available for construction of a new building a site will have already been investigated.

Chairman of the commissioners, C. A. Phillips instructed all members to be looking into the matter so that when a committee is formed they will have insight in the matter.

All members of the board were in agreement that the matter needed attention.

The commissioners also stated they were not willing to assume obligation at this time to approve in principal of the proposed judicial center to begin construction in 1973 if approval was given by all county and city officials.

The commissioners approved continuing paying their portion of the county planning studies. The costs are \$2,860 for two years for the salary of the county planner.

Only two bids were received by the commissioners for construction of repairs for the jail. According to state law, to open the bids three must have been submitted.

The commissioners decided to re-advertise for bids for 30 days at a later date.

## Holiday Services Set By Churches

For over a week the area churches have been preparing for Christmas with the singing of cantatas, presentation of plays, caroling and special sermons.

Several churches are planning Holy Communion and services on Christmas Eve and Day.

Christmas carols by the congregation will start the traditional Midnight Mass at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Christmas Eve.

"There Was No Room In the Inn" will be the text from Luke 2:7 for the sermon to be given by Father Robert L. Wilken.

There will be no 8 A. M. Mass on Christmas Day, but the regular 12:30 P. M. Mass will be offered.

Christmas services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church begin with the celebration of Holy Communion Christmas Eve at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Clifford E. Bair will be at the console of the organ and Mrs. V. Thomas Chears will be the featured soloist.

The parish choir will lead congregational singing.

Holy Communion will be celebrated Christmas Day at 10:30 A. M. Morning prayer will be conducted at 11 o'clock Sunday. Rev. George Holmes, rector, will speak on "Christmas In History, Custom, Tradition and Symbolism."

Rev. E. L. Earnhardt, pastor of Edenton Methodist Church, will administer Holy Communion on Christmas Eve from 9 to 10 o'clock. Mr. Earnhardt stated that this quiet and holy service has been used as a most reverent observance of the Christ Child's birth.

Mr. Earnhardt's sermon topic for the Sunday services will be "Count the Cost" from Luke 14:25-33 and the

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## Special Section

A special section of The Chowan Herald this week features holiday greetings from merchants and industry from this area.

The front page of the Christmas Greeting Section has special art and stories about this holiday season.

The Chowan Herald staff joins with those establishments in the special section and others represented in the newspaper in saying: "Best wishes for Christmas."



Peoples Bank's New Office Opens — J. Gilliam Wood, right, chairman of the local board of Peoples Bank & Trust Company is shown with the two ranking officials of the Rocky Mount-based bank at formal opening and dedication ceremonies for the new main office in Edenton. William Stanley, president, left, and W. W. Shaw, board chairman, participated. More than 2,000 people visited the new facility on South Broad Street from 4:30 P. M. Wednesday until 6 P. M., Friday. (Photo by Jack Williams).

## Peoples Bank Has Grand Opening

Peoples Bank & Trust Company, headquartered in Rocky Mount, celebrated the grand opening of its new Edenton main office December 15-17.

The new 5,200-square-foot two-story building was designed in keeping with the colonial heritage of historic Edenton. It features a brick exterior topped with a bell tower. All the furnishings have been selected to fit the theme of the building.

"Peoples Bank is very proud of its association with the people and community of Edenton," commented W. H. Stanley, president of Peoples Bank.

"When it was decided to construct a new main office in the city, we felt we must design our new structure to match the historic legacy of the area. Many of our customers and friends have commented that they feel our Edenton building is one of the most attractive bank structures in the state."

Stanley presented a key to the bank

to Mayor George Alma Byrum, with the assurance that it did fit the vault.

Mayor Byrum was generous with his praise for the contribution Peoples Bank has made to the economic and community life in Edenton and Chowan County. Mayor Byrum said the financial institution had been a real friend of the people and continues to provide a valuable service in the area.

The mayor said the attention which had gone into the new building points out the desire Peoples Bank has to contribute to the beauty and dignity of historic Edenton.

Officiating at the ribbon cutting at 4:30 P. M. on Wednesday of last week was J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the local bank board, and W. W. Shaw of Rocky Mount, chairman of the board of directors of Peoples Bank.

George W. Lewis, executive vice president of the bank's Edenton operation

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## Crusade Review

Chowan County was sixth in per capita contribution to the 1971 Cancer Crusade in North Carolina, according to figures released this week by Harry Robbins, state crusade chairman.

The figures released by Robbins shows Chowan's contribution at \$3,243, which was .301 cents per capita and equal to .160 cents per \$1,000 spendable income.

Statewide, the 1971 Cancer Crusade reached \$866,602—the best in history.

Dare County was the only one in Northeastern North Carolina to top Chowan's contribution on a per capita basis.

Mrs. Marion Thrower is president of the Chowan County Unit and Alton G. Elmore was crusade chairman.

## Godwin Is Chairman Of New Committee Of AADA

House Speaker Phil Godwin, D-Gates, has accepted appointment as chairman of a newly organized Governmental Affairs Committee of the Albemarle Area Development Association.

This was announced Monday night by L. F. Amburn, Jr., AADA president.

Amburn said he is asking chairmen of the 10 county boards of commissioners and mayors of the 12 municipalities in Northeastern North Carolina to serve on this committee. These elected officials, along with AADA officers and other area leaders held an informal meeting Monday night at the American Legion Building in Edenton.

In accepting the chairmanship, Rep.

Godwin told his audience that unity is the only salvation for Northeastern North Carolina. He challenged the elected officials to put aside petty desires and work collectively for what is best for this region.

Rep. Godwin said this 10-county area has greater potential than any other section of Tar Heelia, but in order to insure just returns from our efforts the people must speak in harmony. "It will be through speaking as 10 counties—one-tenth of the total in North Carolina—that we are heard," he said.

In addition to Rep. Godwin, state figures present were Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston and Rep. W. T.

Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City. Sen. George Wood of Camden was unable to attend. Eight of the 10 counties were represented.

Amburn said he is extremely pleased that Rep. Godwin has agreed to head this important committee. He said the Speaker's knowledge of the legislative process as well as his interest in the Albemarle area makes him the most qualified person to chair this committee.

The president said in the past AADA has not sufficiently involved elected officials in the organization. "AADA is a multi-facet organization that requires the active support of the leadership on all levels of the community if it is to continue to promote a better life for the region," Amburn said. "A Governmental Affairs Committee, com-

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Discuss Area Affairs—Among those attending an informal dinner here Monday night at which time the formation of a Governmental Affairs Committee of Albemarle Area Development Association was announced were those shown here. In the picture at left, W. P. (Spec) Jones, right, AADA regional vice president, is shown with J. C. Jones and Ed Foil, both of Raleigh. Jones and Foil are N. C. Agricultural Extension Service officials. In the picture at right, State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston is flanked by Edenton Mayor George Alma Byrum, left, and C. A. Phillips, chairman of Chowan County Commissioners.



Rep. Phil Godwin