

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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ON SALE JANUARY 1—Auto licenses may be renewed and truck tags purchased beginning January 1 from the Edenton Bus Station. Mrs. Jeanette Dowd, owner, displays, above, one of the red-on-white tags and its renewal sticker. Deadline for renewal or purchase is February 15.

Renewal Cards In The Mail

RALEIGH—Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, announced that 4½-million application cards for renewing motor vehicle registration were mailed Friday.

The application cards must be completed with insurance information to purchase a 1976 validation sticker for license plates.

Motor vehicle owners who do not receive an application card by January 1, should notify the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Regional Groups Endorse Facility

NAGS HEAD—Outer Banks Haven, a medical care facility with both intermediate care and skilled nursing beds, moved a step closer to reality recently with unanimous approval regional review groups.

The application to construct a 96-bed facility here was approved by the Review and Comment Committee of Comprehensive Health Planning in Region "R" and later by the Human Resources Advisory Board of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission.

The project is being developed by Cape Colony Haven, Inc., of Edenton, with a capital cost estimated at near \$2-million.

The firm has an option on property adjacent to the rural health center in Nags Head. This is a portion of the medical complex property designated by the General Assembly at the request of the Town of Nags Head.

Mayor Charles Evans of Nags Head expressed his encouragement at the approval of the application for the facility. He said the need has been demonstrated over and over again and the facility could become the second largest "industry" in the area, with tourism being the first.

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Miss Waff Dies

Miss Myrtle L. Waff, 209 Court Street, died last Wednesday in Chowan Hospital after an extended illness. She was 71.

Miss Waff retired after serving 32 years as a librarian.

A native of Chowan County, she was the daughter of the late William and Lula Wilson Waff. She never married.

Surviving is a niece, Mrs. Charles Murphy of Manchester, N. H.; and a nephew, David J. Waff of Wareham, Mass.

Miss Waff was a member of Edenton Baptist Church.

Graveside services were held at 3 P.M. Friday at Beaver Hill Cemetery with Rev. Robert E. Gray officiating.

Pallbearers were: W. R. West, Glenn Perry, Earl Lane, James Byrum, Elbert Copeland and W. P. Goodwin.

Willford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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.

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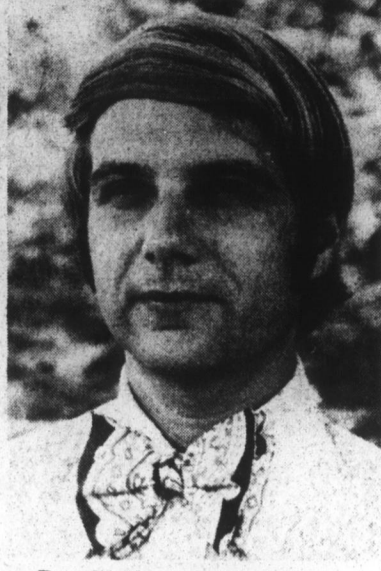
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Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr.

Lucas Named Chairman

Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., of Edenton, has been named chairman of a new convener group that will vie with an earlier group over establishment of a Health Service Agency in Eastern North Carolina.

The new group was appointed by Gov. James E. Holshouser after he dissolved an earlier group. The old group, headed by Dr. Louis Smith of Murfreesboro, is making an application to the federal government for an HSA in Area VI.

At a meeting in Greenville last Wednesday night, the new group voted to establish a 30-member board of directors. This is in contrast to the earlier group's decision for a 66-member board which led to the governor's action.

Dr. Lucas said that the sentiment of the new conveners is for each of the 29 counties in the area to submit three recommendations to the group for membership. The names are requested by January 15.

He added that the goal of the group is to select the 30-member board from county nominations by January 30.

Dr. Lucas was quoted as saying that the decision to go with a 30-member board came after several

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Tax Listing Deadline Set

Property must be listed for taxes during January. Dallas Jethro, Jr., tax collector, said after February 2 a 10 per cent penalty will be added for failure to list during the prescribed period.

Property owners and taxpayers must return for taxation for the year 1975 all real estate, personal property, etc., which is owned on January 1, 1976. Jethro said all property must be listed by the owner unless he is mentally or physically incapable of doing so. Also, all property must be listed in the township in which it is located.

Listers in the First Township are: Pattie S. Byrum, Myrtle W. Hare, Georgetta J. Underwood, Gary L. Goodwin and Sadie H. Hoskins. They will be at the office on the first floor of the County Office building on Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. and on Saturday from 9 A.M. until 12 noon.

In the Second Township the lister is Wayne Bunch. He will be at W. E. Smith's Store on Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9 o'clock. On January 6 and January 20 he will be at M&R Service Center; on January 13 at Archie Nixon's Store; and January 27 at A. T. Whiteman's Store. All these times are 8 A.M. until 5 P.M.

T. D. Berryman is lister in Third Township. He will be at Ryland Store January 8 and January 22; at L. C. Briggs' Store on January 10, 17, 24, and 31; at Byrum's Service Center on January 15 and 29, and at home February 2. The time is 9 A.M. until 5 P.M.

Ward Hoskins, lister in the Fourth Township, will be at Brabble's Store each Tuesday and Saturday between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Jethro urges property owners to list during the prescribed time in order to avoid the penalty. Also, he asks people to list early in order to prevent long waiting periods towards the end of the month.

Holiday Schedule Revealed

With Christmas falling on Thursday it will mean five days away from work for many people in Edenton and Chowan County.

Municipal, county and state offices will close Tuesday afternoon and re-open Monday morning.

Financial institutions in the area will close at 5 P.M. Wednesday and open up again Monday morning.

The Edenton Post Office will close at noon Wednesday and be closed Thursday. Normal operations will resume Friday morning.

The Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce has recommended a two-day Christmas holiday—Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager,

Employment Security Commission states that the employment office in Edenton will remain open from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Wednesday and on Friday to take continued claims. The office will remain closed the entire day Thursday.

Persons originally scheduled to report to our office the week after Christmas to file for unemployment should report on Wednesday or Friday to file their claims instead of January 2, 1976, as previously scheduled.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said trash collection will be on the East Side on Monday and Wednesday and the West Side on Tuesday and Friday. There will be no trash collection Christmas Day nor New Year's Day.

County Concurs With State Land Objectives

Chowan County commissioners, upon the recommendation of the County Planning Board, adopted land use policy objectives which were part of the plan reviewed last week in Raleigh by the Coastal Resources Commission and Advisory Council.

The Town Council of Edenton has also adopted objectives which are a part of the joint plan developed with the assistance of Jud Little, community planner.

The town's objectives will be dealt with in another article.

Following are the Chowan County objectives, with issues and policies stated:

1—Obtain a detailed soils map of the county to use as a basis for planning.

Issues:

a. Soils are one of the best criteria for determining the most appropriate land use on a site.

b. Chowan County has good and poor soils for development yet detailed information on the location of each is lacking.

c. Expense is a prohibitive factor in soils mapping.

Policies:

a. Prepare a detailed soils map of the county.
b. Until such time as a complete county map could be prepared, arrangements might be made with the Soil Conservation Service to provide information on specific sites.

2—Develop a county-wide drainage plan (similar to town objective (11)).

Issues:

a. Because of the county's topography, location and soils, drainage is a serious problem that hinders agriculture, causes property damage and prevents development.
b. Mosquitoes are a widespread pest.

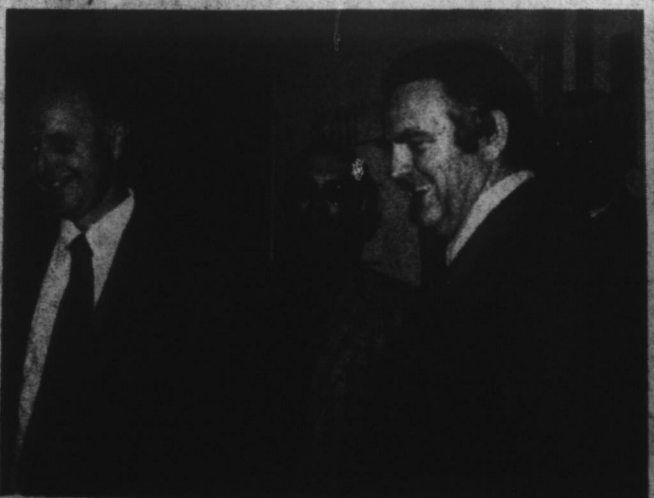
c. Drainage activities are becoming highly regulated and difficult to undertake.

Policies:

a. By preparing a county-wide plan, conflicts between individuals and threats to wildlife and wetlands could be resolved at one time. Communications with regulatory agencies would be improved.
b. The Soil Conservation Service, local government and local organizations should be involved in determining the most appropriate method of preparing the drainage plan.

c. Methods to control mosquitoes that do not destroy other wildlife should be utilized.
3—Protect shorelines and waterfront of the county from poor development and increased erosion.

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VISITS SCHOOL—N.C. Supt. of Public Instruction Craig Phillips visited Edenton-Chowan Schools last week during a visit to the Albemarle Area. Above he is shown with Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, as they inspect student art work at White Oak Schools. Also pictured are Bill Britt, director of the regional educational center; John Guard, principal; and Don Lassiter, director of instruction. In the other picture, Dr. Phillips listens intently as a White Oak primary student demonstrates reading skill.

