

**Heard & Seen**  
By Buff



**IT'S CHRISTMAS**

Time to send this holiday wish for a Christmas of dazzling delights.



Like so many people who are so very busy at this time of year, here's one who is in the same boat. However, enough time has been snatched to send out the above Christmas greeting to all.

And in connection with the celebration of Christmas the following appropriate poem was clipped from the current issue of The Eastern Star News:

We've Come a Long Way  
Since That First  
Christmas Day  
We've come a long way since  
that first Christmas night  
When led by Star so wondrously  
bright  
The Wise Men journeyed to  
find the place  
That cradled the Christ Child's  
beautiful face.  
But like "lost sheep" we have  
wandered away  
From God and His Son who was  
born Christmas Day,  
And instead of depending on  
God's guiding hand  
Ingenious man has assumed full  
command.  
Like the "Prodigal Son" who  
seeks to be free  
From the heavenly Father and  
His holy decree  
Weakening his spirit and dis-  
torting his goal,  
And unless we return to Our  
Father again  
We will never have Peace and  
Good Will among men.  
And the freedom man sought  
will make him a slave  
For only through God is man  
strong, free and brave.  
So let us return to Our Father  
and pray  
That Christ is reborn in our  
hearts Christmas Day.

What was, no doubt, one of the most delightful of the season's activities was the Eastern Star Christmas party Monday night at the Masonic Temple. A very interesting program was presented by Mrs. Margaret Smithson and Mrs. Louise Ervin. Of course Charlie Overman led in singing a group of Christmas carols and, oh yes, as usual, there was plenty of "eats" on a table. Hawk Crumme

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**How Can I Spread Peace On Earth?**

By Elder Lee Reay  
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How can I spread peace on earth? I can start by making peace with myself ... accepting myself for what I am ... shortcomings and all. I can settle with myself somewhere between my ambitions and my limitations. I will try to create within myself a tranquility of conscience ... a calm quietness ... a sense of harmony ... with the hope that it will inspire the same in others.

At least, there will be one less angry combative person in the world. This I can do within myself.

Each of us is responsible for what he is. Each is his own worst enemy, if he allows it to be so. Each of us could well look in the mirror and ask, "Who is my enemy? Who is keeping me from achieving my greatest potential? Who is it that keeps me ignorant and poor and unsuccessful?"

There is only one answer ... I am the one. I am the only one who can keep me from receiving God's blessings, by not earning them. I am the only one who can make me a drug addict or an alcoholic or a criminal.

Even Satan himself cannot force me to do wrong against my will. If I do it, it's because I choose to do it. So I will try to be more careful in my choices.

With the world so large and so many wrongs to be righted, I am sometimes tempted to say, "What can I do alone?" Cannon Farr penned the answer two decades ago:

"I am only ONE, but I am ONE.  
I can't do everything, but I can do some things.  
What I can do, that I ought to do,  
And what I ought to do, the grace of God, I will do."

I can love my fellow man more, and show it more. I will look for opportunities to offer a helping hand ... an open friendly hand. I can extend my hand of friendship to more people. I can let them know, more often, that I appreciate their presence and the contribution it makes to my own life.

We take too much for granted. We expect good performance and say nothing when we get it. But we are quick to criticize poor service. I can try to balance it out by saying and doing more in appreciation of good effort.

We cannot contribute equally to solving life's major problems. But we can each do it for ourselves to the limit of the tools we are blessed with. And I shall try to do it, with God's help. I will ask for his assistance in the world of St. Francis of Assisi:

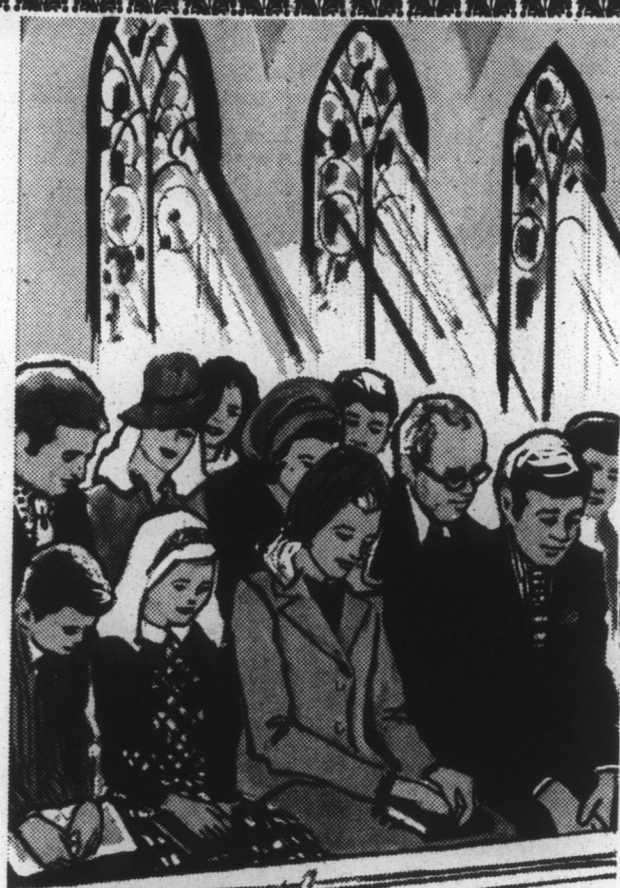
"Lord make me an instrument of Thy Peace ... Where is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Devine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life."

added considerably to the fun in the role of Santa Claus and Louise and Bill Goodwin, in nighties, playing the role of two youngsters awaiting for the arrival of Santa Clause.

According to the calendar, winter made its debut this week.

However, a fellow needed not to stick his nose far out the door Tuesday morning to know it was real winter weather. And like Miss Lena Jones might say, its time to pull out the red flannels—and they'd feel mighty good unless it turns a lot warmer.



**A Prayer for Peace**

It is our fervent prayer that love, hope and peace fill your hearts and minds as the New Year unfolds. May peace be with you always.

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**Spend More Iredell History Traced**

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reimbursement for injuries. The cost of transporting children to and from school amounted to \$40,128,809 state-wide. Here it totaled \$79,693.27.

Another major expenditure paid for operation of school facilities. School officials spent a state-wide total of \$28,349,872 for janitors' wages and supplies, heating fuel, water, light, power and telephones. Here it amounted to \$64,070.

State funds were also used for additional instructional services, the major portion of which paid for the kindergarten program. Other instructional services included physical education, school psychologists and other teacher support personnel in the school system. A total state-wide expenditure of \$46,546,658 was expended for other instructional services. In Edenton-Chowan School it totaled \$98,873.01.

The smallest expenditure from the fund, a total of \$8,863,621 paid for general control of the schools. That item included salaries of superintendents and assistant superintendents and general office expenses. A total of \$36,191.04 was spent for this item in local schools.

The audit report of the State Public School Fund included only state contributions to the operation of North Carolina's public schools. It does not include federal or local tax money which a local school unit may use to supplement the state contribution.

**Progress Noted**

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that Wilbur Pierce was being re-appointed to the board of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission and he was appointing himself to the ARPDC Executive Committee.

At the request of Alton Clark January 16-23 was designated as Jaycee Week in Edenton.

Later the council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.



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James Iredell, the formidable Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, was 12 years short of that honor and had been a judge in North Carolina only a year when he bought a house overlooking on the west the low-lying lots intended originally for a market-place.

What sort of house it was, and why, in a region of prevailing southwest winds, he wanted the one north of the snuff factory and the tanyard, we do not know. It was attractive enough, though, for him to pay twice what Dr. Dickinson had paid the year before for the Cupola House and its wharf.

It is not known when the first Iredell child was born or when she died. The next, born in 1784, lived only two days. Then, between 1785 and 1792, three more were born. The oldest, Annie Isabella, was only 13 when her father died, James, 10, and Helen seven. They were all just the right age to attend the Edenton Academy when it opened in 1801, right across the street.

The house was probably altered to its present form within the next 15 years, with a whole new section facing the street. James, after attending college, returned to Edenton to practice law, and probably brought his bride, Frances Tredwell, to this house in 1815. Annie Isabella died the next year.

Helen became insane before her mother's death; there are still signs in an upstairs room of bars necessary for her safety. She may, in fact, already have been sent to a New England hospital for the mentally ill before Mrs. Iredell died in 1826. By 1827 James also had left Edenton and was Governor of North Carolina.

Before the spring of 1829 the house was rented by Mrs. Priscilla Armistead Thorp, the youngest sister of John and Starkey Armistead of Plymouth, who had named one of their small ships in her honor. Now the widow of a sea-captain, Joel Thorp of New Haven, Conn., she moved to Edenton in order to send her two younger children to the Edenton Academy. The oldest Armistead, had gone to sea like his father and was expected soon to return from his first voyage. Instead, he was drowned just off the coast. The last member of the household was Mrs. Thorp's orphaned niece, Susan Armistead.

A year later the paper reported, after the academy examinations, that George Thorp, still a very small boy, had stood first in the Second Class. His older sister, Sarah, had been a model of behavior but had stood only seventh in the Fourth Class. Both were studying reading, writing, spelling and defining, grammar, geography, arithmetic, and history.

Sarah's troubles may have come from composition and Latin, or from concentrating on Susan's approaching marriage to a young lawyer, Augustus Moore. Sarah

herself was to make her last appearance in local records as the bride, in 1849, of Rev. John M. Saunders, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church. Her mother died in the winter of 1851, but the family stayed at the Iredell House until 1852.

Before the year was over, Rev. Samuel Iredell Johnston moved his large family from St. Paul's rectory, which was in great need of repair. So it was in his own old home, on a visit to these cousins, that Gov. Iredell died in 1853.

Dr. Johnston had been rector of St. Paul's since 1837, an active pastor and the organizer of the first ministerial convocation in the Episcopal diocese of North Carolina. He even undertook such difficult projects as organizing a school and enlarging the church (and fortunately failed).

An assistant, Rev. Francis Hilliard, married a Johnston daughter, Maria; and a son, James, married Kate Warren, whose brother, Dr. Edward Warren, married James' sister Elizabeth. Another son, Gabriel, followed Dr. Johnston into the ministry, and Hilliard succeeded him in 1865 as rector of St. Paul's. Mrs. Johnston was still at the Iredell House in 1867 when Helen Iredell died.

Five years later the house was sold to James McCoy, who enlarged the grounds to their present extent. He sold it in 1892 to W. T. Gordon, after whose death in 1948 the house was saved from demolition by the local chapter of the D.A.R. Since 1953 it has belonged to the State of North Carolina.

**Schedules**

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mission office is urging unemployed workers who file for benefits to submit their claims early to avoid delayed payment.

"Our office will close December 23 and 24 and we're trying to reschedule persons who normally file claims on those days to file December 20, 21 or 22.

"We'll also close on December 31 and persons scheduled to file on that day can sign claims between December 27-30," she added.

She said the Employment Security Commission will maintain a workforce in its central office in Raleigh December 23 to process unemployment claims so benefits can be mailed December 24.

In Edenton approximately 70 claims will be rescheduled.

State-wide, the number of claimants normally scheduled to file on the three holidays is estimated at 20,000.



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