

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 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TEMPORARY MEDICAL FACILITY—This special designed modular unit has been placed adjacent to Chowan Hospital and will serve as offices for four specialists from Elizabeth City who have extended their practice to Edenton. The facility will open the first week in January.

Schedules Set For Holidays

A variety of schedules have been established by area business and offices for the Christmas holiday weekend. However, most will be closed only Monday.

Chowan County and Town of Edenton offices will be closed Friday and Monday for the holiday. State and federal offices, including the U.S. Post Office, will be closed only Monday.

James M. Bond, postmaster, reports that the Post Office will run a Sunday schedule on Monday with mail going out in the afternoon.

The Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce recommends Monday, the day after Christmas, as a holiday. Most stores will take this recommendation but others, including at least one super market, will be open Monday.

Edenton-Chowan Schools closed Tuesday afternoon and will reopen on January 3.

Specialists To Open Offices

Four medical specialists will open offices in Edenton during the first week of January, according to Smiley W. Weatherford, Jr., director of Chowan Hospital.

Drs. Marshall S. Redding and Jerome Henry Goldschmidt, specialists in surgery and diseases of the eye, and Drs. William M. Crutchfield and Henry John MacDonald, Jr., who specialize in surgery and diseases of the ears, nose, and throat, will be temporarily located in a trailer adjacent to the hospital while permanent offices are being constructed.

Services Slated

Two downtown churches in Edenton will have special Christmas services and two others will have regular Sunday services.

"The Secret of Christmas" is the topic chosen by Rev. Richard Blankenhorn for the 11 A.M. service Sunday at Edenton United Methodist Church. His text is Luke 2:25-26.

St. Paul's Church announces that there will be a festival celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 P.M. on Saturday, Christmas Eve. Assisting Rev. R.W. Storie and Rev. F.B. Drane will be Edward Wood and Ernie Kehayes as lecturers. Cyndi Phillips will deliver the meditation.

The Choir, under the leadership of Hugh D. Dial, Jr., organist, and Mrs. Karen Luszczyk, choir director, will present a program of special music. Nursery care will be provided.

Following the service a fellowship period will be held in the parish hall.

On Christmas Day the regular schedule will be observed with celebrations of the Holy Eucharist

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Election Filing Starts Jan. 2

Candidates who plan to run in primaries and elections next year will have the opportunity to get an early start. Filing opens January 2.

Mrs. Corinne F. Thorud, supervisor of elections for the Chowan County Board of Elections, has noted that the posts of sheriff, clerk of court, three county commissioners and two school board seats will be on the ballot locally.

Kidnap Hoax

A youngster who "apparently wanted some attention" got plenty of it last Thursday as he filed a prank kidnap report with Edenton Police Department. For more than four hours all law enforcement officers in the area were either mobilized or on standby as telephone technicians tracked down the call.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said the call was made from the pay station at the corner of Blades Street and Blades Circle in the Edenton Housing Authority project.

During the course of the call the young Negro, about 15 years of age, allegedly made sounds like a woman in distress as he "played" the role of both kidnapper and hostage.

No arrests are anticipated in the case which anxious police were relieved to find out was a hoax.

Boards Discuss Career Center

Tours Planned

By Flynn Surratt

Boards of education and superintendents from Chowan, Perquimans and Gates counties, last Wednesday night decided on an initial course of action in investigating the possibility of a three-county career center by appointing a steering committee to arrange for tours of three such facilities in both North Carolina and Virginia.

At the same time, those area school officials voted to invite county commissioners of the three counties to join in making tours of career centers in Forsyth and Union counties of this state as well as in Suffolk, Va.

Appointed to the steering committee was Eugene Jordan, chairman of Edenton-Chowan board; Clifford Winslow, chairman of Perquimans board; and Alfred Stallings, chairman of Gates board.

Jordan chaired the joint meeting held at D. F. Walker School. The meeting was the result of efforts initiated by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education recently, and followed a tour last year by several local board members of the Winston-Salem Forsyth Career Center. The local move was further prompted by word of possible sources of funding for such a proposal.

At that time the Edenton-Chowan board considered that the cost to a single county would be prohibitive bringing rise to a multi-county concept to provide area students with vocational and specialty training going above and beyond the normal high school curriculum.

Pat Harrell, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, will arrange the first visit to Suffolk, Va. Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools along with John Perry, Gates County superintendent, and Harrell will make arrangements for tours in Forsyth and Union counties.

In his opening remarks chairman Jordan emphasized that the meeting put no board under obligation to continue through with the plan, but he added, "I do hope we get obligated somewhere down the line."

"It will mean extra benefits we don't have; those enjoyed by only large city schools," he commented.

Perquimans board Chairman Winslow said, "We've felt sorry for ourselves so long, I think it's time to do something about it."

He continued, "We may find ourselves strapped for finances but there are ways we can help our young people. I'm ready to go with it."

Likewise Chairman Stallings of Gates County backed the concept but raised questions as to location, ownership, transportation and financing.

Jordan suggested that as a plan of action solidified, committees should be appointed to handle such questions.

Immediately recognized was the need for public interest and input. Mrs. Emily Amburn, an Edenton-Chowan Board member, called for public involvement from the outset.

Dr. J.H. Horton, also a local board member, later echoed that opinion in stating that if there is no commitment at the base, the plan will fall down.

Based on a suggestion by Dr. Horton, it was agreed that Edenton-Chowan Schools would provide an audio-visual presentation of the upcoming tours to be used in public relations work.

Travel Promotion Matching Grants Given

Two matching grants totaling \$6,800, have been garnered to promote Edenton and Chowan County. Edenton Chamber of Commerce and Edenton Historical Commission are among 36 to receive billboard and brochure money for travel promotions.

Secretary of Commerce D.M. (Lauch) Faircloth has announced that the Edenton Chamber of Commerce will receive a \$4,800 allocation for signs to promote Historic Edenton. Four signs,

designed by John Becker of Edenton, are to be located off the right-of-way of U.S. 17 by-pass, in addition to new markers on other roads in the area.

W. L. Norvell, chamber president, said proper "signing" of Edenton has been made the number one priority of the organization this year. He said the state grant will make this a reality.

The \$2,000 grant to the Edenton Historical Commission will be used to help pay for a new brochure designed to promote the area and increase participants in the guided tour carried on by

Historic Edenton, Inc.

The maximum individual allocation was \$5,000 and the money must be matched on a 50-50 basis. The chamber asked members to increase their membership this year in order to raise money for the match.

Edenton Historic Commission conducted a "Friends of Historic Edenton" funds drive last year.

Sec. Faircloth said there were 51 applications for a total of \$174,000 reviewed by the Travel and Tourism Committee of the Board of Economic Development. The General Assembly appropriated \$94,000 for the project.

Public Hearing

The pros and cons of a plan to improve the delivery of medical services in six Northeastern North Carolina counties will be argued in Hertford January 5. It will be a public hearing set by the Project Review Committee of Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency on a proposal for a non-profit group to establish satellite medical-dental clinics in the Albemarle Area.

The hearing will begin at 7 P.M. in the Perquimans County High School.

The Northeastern Rural Health Development Association, which has made application for a \$220,000 federal grant to establish clinics in Bertie, Tyrrell and Gates-Perquimans counties, requested that the public hearing be held either in Edenton or Hertford.

At an earlier meeting of the Project Review Committee of the health systems review agency for a 29-county area, providers—physicians and pharmacists—

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HOLIDAY TOURNEY CHAMPS—The Tar Heels of Edenton Chowan Recreation Department's Midget League, won a three-day holiday tournament Saturday afternoon at the National Guard Armory. The team went undefeated in capturing the crown over Hertford. Front row, left to right are: J.E. Darnell, Willie Gay, Bob Noneman, Ricky Pate, Wally Black and Paul Amburn. Second row, Andre Green, Milton Hedgbeth, George Hawkins, Johnnie Rountree, Bill Gardner and Coach Darnell Valentine. The team is 4-0 in league play.

'Merry Christmas!'

"Merry Christmas" is in everyone's vocabulary and on every tongue this time of the year. For some it is more difficult to communicate their best holiday wishes to all the people they would like to remember and be remembered by.

Therefore, The Chowan Herald today contains more than 11 pages of Christmas greeting ads and stories related to the season. Nearly 50 area business and industries are using this method of expressing their appreciation to the citizens at Christmas.

Today's newspaper contains 34 pages. In addition to the greetings, local merchants are advertising special prices on merchandise during the last three shopping days before Christmas.

First, make sure you have a complete newspaper. Then read it carefully and patronize the advertisers, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year.

Merry Christmas!

"Bud" Amburn and The Chowan Herald crew.