

Merry Christmas

Public Parade

Christmas 1979

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 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.



POLITICAL HUDDLE — E. L. Hollowell of Edenton, a strong supporter of U. S. Sen. Robert Morgan, huddled with him at Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City prior to a fund-raising breakfast Saturday. Sixty-two people from Northeastern North Carolina counties were in attendance.

Communication Is Big Problem Says Senator

ELIZABETH CITY — Sixty-two people from Northeastern North Carolina attended a \$25-per-plate breakfast here Saturday to boost the campaign of U. S. Sen. Robert Morgan. The senator talked about many issues and encouraged people to keep closer in touch with their representatives in Washington, D. C.

"One of the biggest problems in Washington is the people don't keep in touch," he declared. "Soon we become isolated talking to each other."

Sen. Morgan said the people of this country have a stable government. "We have many

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Dedication Set

Dedication of the Chowan County Courthouse and Detention Facility will take place on February 3, according to Cliff Copeland, County manager.

A committee had been formed to make arrangements for the ceremonies. Special invitations have been issued to Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., Sens. Robert Morgan and Jesse Helms, and Rep. Walter B. Jones, as well as other political officials.

Copeland said details of the program will be announced next month.

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Request For Supplemental Information Is Disapproved

Supplemental information requested by DHEW, to the proposed use of \$200,000 in federal funds for the Northeastern Rural Health Development Association's (NRHDA) second year of operations in Bertie, Tyrrell, and Perquimans counties, was disapproved by the governing body of the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency (ECHSA) at their December 12 meeting in Greenville.

Funding of the application was originally disapproved in August by the ECHSA upon the lack of evidence of local support for NRHDA's operations. DHEW's subsequent review of the application led to the request for the supplemental information, which the ECHSA ruled as not meeting the criteria that DHEW set forth.

In other action, the governing body unanimously approved a formal resolution drawn up by the ECHSA long-term care task force, urging that the state lift its moratorium on nursing home beds for Eastern North Carolina. The resolution stresses that Eastern North Carolina has traditionally had less health care resources available, and the highest per-

centage of age 65 and over population in the state.

The resolution also offers that the majority of nursing home facilities in the area are experiencing consistently high occupancy rates and lower reimbursement rates for nursing home beds.

Love Feast Set Christmas Eve

First Presbyterian Church of Edenton will hold its annual Moravian Love Feast at 7:30 P.M., Christmas Eve at the church. The public is invited.

This annual event, which has attracted the interest of Christians of all denominations, is reminiscent of a Christmas observance which originated in Germany in 1727. It was first observed by Moravians in North Carolina in 1753.

During the service, the congregation sings Christmas carols, which are interspersed with other music. Women servers, called "dieners," distribute specially prepared Love Feast buns and coffee.

After the mugs are emptied, the church is darkened and homemade beeswax candles are lighted by the congregation during the singing of the beautiful Moravian Christmas hymn, "Morning Star."

The dieners are dressed in white aprons and white lace caps. Men of the congregation assist the women in serving coffee in white mugs from large wooden trays. Mrs. C. C. Stevens is in charge of the program. E. Gil Burroughs will direct the choir. Mrs. Robert Harrell is organist.

Funds Received

The Town of Edenton has received a \$30,000 grant for the construction of two softball fields. This is a 50 per cent grant and the town has budgeted the balance.

Announcement of the grant was made jointly by Sec. Howard N. Lee of the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, and J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, NR&CD board

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Motion Is Denied To Remove Case

Judge Grafton Beaman denied a motion in Chowan County District Court Tuesday which would have removed the case of Carlton Eugene Copeland of Chesapeake, Va., from the court's jurisdiction. Instead, Judge Beaman set a date for the probable cause hearing on the murder count.

W. T. Culpepper, III, defense attorney, then filed a waiver of the second hearing for his client.

Culpepper said last week Judge Richard Parker found no probable cause in the case where Copeland is charged in the death of Stanley Langley. A new warrant was issued and Copeland was re-arrested and placed under bond.

"I feel we have already been through district court," the attorney argued. "How many times can they do this?"

Judge Beaman said Culpepper made an "interesting point" but

he denied the motion.

First appearance proceedings were held for William Roulhac, 35, Route 3, Edenton, who stands charged with false pretense. He allegedly received food stamps in excess of his entitlement based on false information given to the Chowan County Department of Social Services.

Butch Spivey was advised of his rights in regards to breaking, entering and larceny charges.

First appearance was held for Anthony Eden Majette, 26, Route 3, Ahoskie, who is charged with uttering forged checks.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Michael Johnson prosecuted the docket with the following other action taken:

Calvin Junious Moore complied with a former judgment.

Cheryl Johnson, Charlie Riddick

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TRAINING PLANNED — Signing ceremonies for Comprehensive Employment and Training Act programs were held in Raleigh last week. Standing at left is Sherill T. Goodman, director of the N. C. Labor Department's occupational upgrade program. Standing right is Floyd Spellman, executive director of the Eastern North Carolina Opportunities Industrialization Center. Seated is Wayne Daves, executive director of CETA programs administered by the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

OIC Grant Is Approved

RALEIGH — The Eastern North Carolina Opportunities Industrialization Center has been granted \$91,998 by the Division of Community Employment to train 90 people in three areas: shoe repair, stenographics and economic mainstreaming.

The funds are being used to provide classroom training to eligible people under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) in Chowan, Camden, Dare, Currituck, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

In addition to supplemental vocational education assistance, participants have the availability

to such services as counseling, job development and placement, transportation and emergency aid. A follow-up will be conducted on each participant completing the training.

The Division of Community Employment, an agency of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, administers CETA funds in 91 counties. It is responsible for statewide planning and policy development of employment and training programs. The Division administered \$104,612,351 in CETA funds for programs in which 77,975 participants were enrolled in the fiscal year ending September 30.

Christmas Holiday Schedule Is Revealed

Christmas means a five-day holiday for many people in Edenton and Chowan County. Because December 25 falls on

Tuesday, those in some public jobs will be off from Friday afternoon until Thursday morning.

The Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce recommends that Tuesday and Wednesday be observed as Christmas holidays. Public places, such as the Chowan County Office Building, Chowan County Courthouse and Edenton Municipal Building, will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The U. S. Post Office will be closed Christmas Day only.

The Barker House Visitor Center-Museum will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Chowan Herald will publish on the regular schedule next week. However, the office will close at 12-noon Monday. Late items will be received until 10 A.M. on Wednesday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Historically the Public Parade column of The Chowan Herald has been devoted to the Biblical message from the Gospel according to St. Luke at Christmas.

There is a crispness in the air at last. Special programs and holiday parties are in abundance. "Merry Christmas" salutations will be passe after Tuesday and the end of another decade will be but a week away.

Christmas affords people a special opportunity to give gifts, send cards, have folks in, or many other ways of expressing their love and general remembrance. For some the rush of the last week or so causes them to plan ahead and enjoy the pre-holiday.

Merchants and industries have chosen The Chowan Herald as a vehicle to express holiday greetings. These messages appear today.

People throughout the area still have time to shop at home.

This is the 45th year for The Chowan Herald. The management and staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas. The greetings get better with age; maybe we don't!

"Bud" Amburn for The Chowan Herald crew.