

Merry Christmas

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Fires Mar Holidays

By Jack Grove

A spate of fires in the past several days has marred the days leading into the holiday season. Four chimney-related fires and one car fire from Thursday through Saturday.

The most serious fire was at the home of Artis and Pauline Boyce in the Rocky Hock community. Their dwelling, known as "the Old Bass house" and owned by Lloyd Pele, was destroyed by a fire that was reported at 4:57 p.m. Thursday. Pele said the house was "over 150 years old."

According to Center Hill—Crossroads Asst. Fire Chief Leon Evans, the origin of the fire in the two-story frame dwelling "was possibly chimney-related. He pointed out that the most extensive damage in the gutted building was at the end where the chimney is located.

Pele estimated the loss of the house at \$40,000. According to Evans, the estimated loss of contents was \$15,000.

In addition to the Boyces, the

house was occupied by their daughter and son-in-law, Ervin and Doris Wilson and their children ages six years and one month.

A car was destroyed by fire on Friday morning. The call was received at 7:52 a.m. Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry said that the fire at 1019 Broad St. was caused by the catalytic converter underneath the 1984 Ford Escort owned by Mrs. Glenda Burrus.

"We've had several fires that we know have started with catalytic converters, especially in older cars," Perry said.

Mrs. Burrus was warming up the car prior to leaving for work when the fire was discovered Perry said. The car's interior was totally destroyed even though "the fire didn't touch the engine compartment" Perry said.

The other fires were minor in nature with minimal damage according to Perry. The fire calls included:

*A chimney fire on Green Hall

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HOME DESTROYED—A blackened shell is all that is left of the "old Bass house" occupied by Artis and Pauline Boyce and their family. The family is temporarily located nearby with other family members.

Efforts Assist Burned Out Family

By Jack Grove

This area has provided another example of sharing and caring for friends and neighbors in time of crisis. It came about as the result of a fire last Thursday that left a Rocky Hock family homeless.

Although no injuries resulted from the fire, Artis and Pauline Boyce, their daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Ervin Wilson, and the Wilson's one month old son and six year old daughter lost everything they owned. They are currently staying with relatives near their burned out home.

Employed by United Piece and Dye Works Inc. of Rocky Hock,

Artis Boyce works the third shift, Ervin Wilson the second and Doris Wilson the first. Judy Jenkins, also employed by the firm, has been coordinating relief efforts for the family.

Local 426 of United Textile Workers of America president, Fred A. White, Jr., said that the union is providing assistance through a fund set up to aid in such emergencies. He said that this fund would help with "whatever there needs are." He said that this assistance is not in the form of a cash grant.

Ernest S. Knighton, an executive with the company, con-

firmed in a telephone interview that the firm is also providing assistance. "We always take care of our own," Knighton said.

Jenkins said that a radio appeal on WBXB over the weekend has resulted in donations from the area. She said that donations are being accepted by Zip Mart in Edenton and the Rocky Hock Grocery.

She said that anyone wishing to find out the specific needs of the family may contact her at 221-8449. If she is not available, those wanting to help may call Pam Umphlett at 221-4519.

Special Christmas Services Planned

In celebration of the birth of Jesus, several churches in Chowan County have planned special Christmas eve services. A breakdown of planned activities, church by church, follows.

Edenton Baptist Church
A Christmas Eve Communion/Candlelight Service will be held at the Edenton Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. on December 24.

First Presbyterian Church
A Moravian Love Feast Celebration will be observed on December 24 at the First Presbyterian Church in Edenton,

beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Albemarle Baptist Mission
On December 24, a Candlelight Service and Moravian Love Feast will be held at the Albemarle Baptist Mission at 7:00 p.m.

Center Hill United Methodist Church
A Candlelight Service will be

held on December 24 at the Center Hill United Methodist Church in Tyner, beginning at 6 p.m.

All services are open to the public, and interested persons from Chowan County and surrounding areas are cordially invited to attend.

Three Awarded For Service

Three employees of a local convenience store have received ten-year service awards pins. Bill Jordan, store manager of Fast Fare, and one of those recognized, terminated the event very unusual.

Jordan said "The Turnover of personnel in the convenience store business is usually very high." He said that four ten-year awards were made in the sub-division
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Public Parade

The First Christmas

Again, with permission of the copyright holder, we bring you the story of the first Christmas as told by Luke in the King James version, with the hope that it will touch anew the hearts of everybody along the Public Parade:

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, everyone 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 firstborn 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 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.

Nominations

Distinguished Women of North Carolina awards will be presented to as many as five women next spring. The recipients will be only the third group to receive the honor.

Nominations for 1986 awards must be submitted by Jan. 15.

Nominees must be living, native-born North Carolinians or current residents of the state.

For information and nomination forms, contact the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, 526 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604, or call (919) 733-2455.



ESSAY WINNER—Laura Bond, (left), a senior at John A. Holmes High School, received notification recently that she has been chosen as the first place award winner of the 1985 Regional Pride Scholarship contest sponsored by the Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow Foundation. She is shown with Gayle Layton who coordinated the essays in Laura's English class.

Senior Wins Essay Contest

A senior at John A. Holmes High School has written about her

pride in Northeastern North Carolina and captured first prize in an essay contest sponsored by Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow.

Laura Charlene Bond, 16, daughter of Laura D. Bond of Edenton, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship at the college of her choice in winning the 1985 Regional Pride Contest.

Awarded a second place prize of \$300 was Clay Hodges of Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City and a third place prize of \$200 went to Ann Miller of Gates County High School.

Judging began in each high school with the school winners being judged by a panel headed by Ann Henderson of Elizabeth City State University.

Details for the 1986 competition for high schools in the 16 county northeastern area will be available soon to school superintendents and principals.

Office Closed

The central office of the Edenton-Chowan school district will be closed December 23 - 27, 1985 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The office will, however, be open on the following days: Monday, December 30; Tuesday, December 31; Thursday, January 2; and Friday, January 3.

Deadlines Announced

In observance of the New Year's holiday, The Chowan Herald will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. Accordingly, the following early deadlines will be observed for the New Year's edition, which will be printed Tuesday, December 31.

All classifieds, legals and display advertising must be in the Herald office no later than 12 noon on Monday, December 30. News items and photographs intended for publication in our New Year's edition must be in the newspaper office no later than 2 P.M. on Monday, December 30. Those who can have news items, photos, or ads turned in before December 30 are encouraged to do so. The Herald office will re-open at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, January 2.

The Chowan Herald staff appreciates your cooperation in observing these special holiday deadlines, and wishes all of you a safe and happy New Year!

Monday, December 30th
from 4:30 until 8:30

Red Cross Bloodmobile
Rocky Hock Community Center

Babysitting available
"Give the gift of Life"