

# This Christmas Best Henderson Has Had In Years

## City Forgets For Time About Depression As It Feels Some Prosperity

Better Feeling Is Written In Very Expressions of Most People This Season

NEEDY CARED FOR BY LIBERAL HELP

### Sunday Affords Day of Relaxation Before Christmas Itself Arrives, and Double Holiday Brings Needed Rest From Business Routine

This Christmas is generally conceded to have been one of the best in many respects that Henderson has experienced in many years—certainly since the depression began four years ago. For the time being, nearly every one forgot about the depression and experienced some measure—large or small—of the returning prosperity that has come during the year, and especially in the marketing of the money crops in the fall season.

That there was a better feeling written on the very expressions of nearly every one. And that better feeling found vent to some degree in the caring for the needy people, who have not shared as largely as some others in the improved conditions. It is believed that virtually every family in need was provided for in this city this Christmas.

The intervening of Sunday between the last shopping day and the arrival of Christmas day afforded an opportunity for everybody to relax and rest from the rush in time for the great religious festival and holiday. Shopping was out of the way and all that was left Sunday night was to welcome Santa Claus and help him in his mission of good cheer and happiness for the children and adults alike.

The weather was unusually mild both Christmas eve and Christmas day, with a warm sun shining most of the time, and overcoats and wrap hardly needed for comfort. It was almost an ideal Christmas in many respects, and nearly every one agrees was one of the best Henderson has had in many a year.

### FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETS WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the new Golden Fair, Inc., is set for tomorrow afternoon in the court house, at which time plans for the fair in 1934 are to be pushed further toward completion, so far as that can be done at this time. Finances will be a part of the discussion at the meeting and it is hoped to start the new organization on the way toward success in the future years. This organization takes the place of the old fair association which was recently dissolved.

### Important

Meeting of the Commandry, Council and Chapter. It is urgently necessary that all members of these bodies be present at 7:30 tonight.

By Order of the E. C. T. I. M. & H. P. S. H. Allen, Secy. & Recorder.

## DEPOSITORS

—Of The—

### Farmers & Merchants Bank

Who did not receive their dividend checks last week may obtain them by calling at the

### Citizens Bank & Trust Co. Henderson, N. C.

## Fireworks Prominent In Holiday

Existence of a city ordinance forbidding the shooting of fireworks in the city limits was forgotten or ignored by hundreds of persons over the week-end as they went about their own way of celebrating Christmas.

All day and all night for the past several days the report of firecrackers could be heard in various parts of the city. At night the hurrying fingers of skyrockets and the burst of Roman candles pierced the darkness of the sky. Many went outside the city limits to discharge their firecrackers.

A few serious or less serious injuries were reported, but there were no fatalities. Police were helpless in endeavoring to enforce the ordinance and no arrests were reported as the result of the violations.

## 400 PRIVIES ARE ALLOTTED COUNTY

### WA Labor To Be Used In Improvement of Sanitary Conditions

Plans for the erection of as many as 2,400 new sanitary privies in this county have been approved by the Civil Works Administration here, of which Mrs. W. B. Waddill is county director, and also by the State office in Raleigh, it was announced today by Dr. C. N. Sisk, health officer.

WA funds are available only for the labor, and it is estimated that if all the 2,400 are erected it will mean an outlay of around \$24,000, since the cost of each is placed at \$10 for labor alone.

Privies now in use that can be repaired to conform with regulations of the State Board of Health, which are to be the standard used, will be acceptable under the plan, it was said. Allotments will be made anywhere in the city or the county, and those interested are asked to apply at once to Dr. Sisk.

J. R. Nixon has been designated as director of the work. The property owner must furnish the materials to be used, as CWA funds are applicable only to labor costs.

### ROSE STORE BURNS IN TOWN ASHEBORO

Complete Loss in Blaze But Fully Insured; Will Be Replaced Soon as Possible

Fire completely destroyed the Rose 5, 10 and 25 Cent Stores Company's store at Asheboro about 1:30 a. m. Sunday, a few hours after the store had closed Saturday night after the best Christmas business it had ever experienced. The exact value of the merchandise lost was not learned, but T. B. Rose, Jr., secretary of the company here, said today it was covered by insurance.

The blaze originated in the rear of the store, and is believed to have been caused by defective wiring or from a cigarette. J. T. King is manager of the store.

Mr. Rose said today the store would be replaced as quickly as the building could be repaired.

## RALPH D. BURROWS COMMITS SUICIDE

Well Known West Henderson Man Shoots Himself Christmas Night

WAS IN ILL HEALTH

Had Been Sufferer for Several Months; Had Been With Corbitt Company 30 Years; Funeral Wednesday Afternoon

Apparently driven to desperation by the onsets of a physical ailment that had seemingly been gaining headway against his fight upon it, Ralph D. Burrows, 46, took his own life by sending a bullet from a 22-caliber pistol through his right temple at his home in West Henderson between 10 and 11 o'clock Christmas night.

For the past several months he had suffered from Bright's disease. His wife had treated him to ease his suffering a few minutes before the shooting, and both had retired in their separate bed rooms. Mr. Burrows suddenly rushed into his wife's room with the shout that he was "going to end it all," and before she could get out of bed and reach him, he had fired the bullet into his brain. Death was almost instantaneous.

Coroner E. O. Falkner empaneled a coroner's jury and held an inquest with the verdict that Mr. Burrows came to his death from a self-inflicted pistol shot wound. The jury consisted of J. E. Hite, Jimmy Mustain, Gean Kelly, E. R. Nelson, E. M. Nelson and M. W. Britt.

Funeral services will be held from the residence in West Henderson Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with interment in Elmwood cemetery. The services will be in charge of Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Dr. L. W. Geringer, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church, of which Mrs. Burrows is a member.

Surviving are the widow, who was Miss Dora Edwards; one daughter, Miss Helen Burrows, and an adopted son, Wallace Burrows; the mother, Mrs. E. W. Burrows, of Wildwood, Fla. and two sisters, Mrs. P. S. Kearney, of Oxford, and Mrs. Chas. C. Cook, of La Belle, Fla.

Mr. Burrows was a native of Wake County, but had lived here the past 20 years. He was born February 25, 1887, and was 46 years and 10 months old at the time of his death.

Mr. Burrows had for years been connected with the Corbitt Motor Truck Company of this city and was in charge of the stock room at the company's large factories in West Henderson. He had been connected with the company for 30 years.

The deceased was well known to many friends in the city. The declining condition of his health was not generally known, and his violent death last night came as a shock to acquaintances when it was noised about today.

Fallbearers announced for the funeral tomorrow are as follows: Active—Cooper Ellis, W. F. Bailey, J. E. Parks, William Brame, B. H. Nelson, E. M. Nelson, W. S. Corbitt, R. J. Corbitt, Jr.

Honorary—O. S. Falkner, John W. Hapes, W. R. Southerland, John Mundy, W. N. Strickland, E. T. Shepherd, J. H. Langston, J. S. Albright, J. B. Fox, W. Z. Bush, E. C. Brame, Lutie E. Hicks, J. I. Crabtree, C. W. Johnson, R. J. Corbitt, J. E. Hite, P. J. T. Rawlins, Sam, Oakley, J. S. Alford, O. T. Faulkner, S. P. Dickerson, B. F. Sanders, Roger Fleming, J. E. Hamlett, G. N. Tucker, E. T. Pearce, J. A. Davis, A. R. Perry, L. A. Jackson, W. M. Williams, Z. O. Woodlief, H. R. Johnson, W. E. Robertson, G. C. Morgan, B. M. Stainback, C. B. Strickland, J. F. Strickland, R. L. Walker, Lassiter Tiblston, W. H. Cawthorne, I. M. Petty, W. E. Wilson, W. H. Grissom, John Grissom, D. L. McCallum, A. L. Holloway, M. J. Snell, Plummer Edwards.

### License To Marry Issued Seven More Couples Saturday

Marriage licenses were issued by the register of deeds Saturday afternoon to seven couples in addition to those in the forenoon, but not a single permit to marry was issued on Sunday or Monday. Couples to whom licenses went Saturday afternoon were as follows:

- J. R. Finch, of Vance, and Mary Allen Rowland, of Franklin county, white.
- Waverly Lewis and Ester Mae Kingsburg, colored, both of Vance county.
- W. D. Rowe and Enid Kerley, white both of Vance county.
- Claude E. Stainback and Ruby Lee Dean, white, both of Vance county.
- Walter Brame and Rosetta Jeffreys, colored, both of Vance county.
- John Watkins and Rosa Henderson, colored, both of Vance.
- Sampel M. Jones, of Roxboro, and Nannie Mae Harper, of this county, a white couple.

## Sign-Up On Tobacco Is Carried On

### Workers Hoping To Close Up Campaign By End of Week If Possible

With about two-thirds of the landlord growers of tobacco in this county signed for the 1934-35 acreage reduction plan, the campaign will be renewed here today and tomorrow with a view to getting in all of those who have not up to this line signed the agreements. The last official tabulation, made toward the end of last week, and after the campaign had been in progress for almost two weeks, showed approximately 650 contracts signed, out of a probable 850 to 900 when all are in.

The growers are not entering into the agreement this time as rapidly as they did last September during the tobacco holiday in North Carolina, when they signed preliminary agreements to cut their crops next year by not more than 30 percent of the average grown in the three years, 1931-33.

The exact extent to which the farmers in this county will in the end cooperate in the present drive cannot be determined until the work is finished, and that is not looked for before next week, although it is hoped by some that the job can be completed by the end of the present week.

Committees are working in all townships of the county, waiting on growers and urging their cooperation, especially in view of the higher prices that have prevailed for the crop all the fall, much higher than a year ago, and much higher than they were before the sign-up campaign was put on last September.

## MERCHANTS HAVE A GOOD BUSINESS

### Some Report Saturday Best Day In History for Organizations

Taking the entire community as a whole, Henderson merchants had a satisfactory Christmas business, and the best most of them have had in several years, it was learned from conversations with some of them during the week-end.

Some reported the best Saturday business for any one day in the history of their establishments. The local Rose tore had the biggest gross business volume Saturday this or any other store ever had on any day in the history of the large chain organization, it was said today.

Stocks of merchandise were picked over, and many commodities ran short entirely at the last minute.

It was estimated that the crowds in town for the last shopping day before Christmas were perhaps the largest for that day in Henderson's history. Some bought sparingly and others in large quantities, but nearly every one was doing some buying, with the result that the purchases contributed both to the enjoyment of the people at Christmas and to the gross volume of the business people.

### MR. CATES ACQUIRES A NEW FIRE AGENCY

W. C. Cates, manager of the Cates Insurance and Retail Agency, announced today he had been named local agent of the Northwestern Mutual Fire Association, whose general agency headquarters is in Raleigh.

He said the company had paid back to policy holders in the last 30 days over \$18,000,000 in dividends, and has paid in fire losses and claims over \$30,000,000, without ever missing a dividend. It is a non-assessable company, reported writing the largest North Carolina volume of any mutual company.

In addition to a number of mutual fire insurance companies, Mr. Cates also represents the Merchants Fire Assurance Corporation of New York, a stock company, putting him in position to insure all size desirable risks.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Wakened from a tired and intermittent sleep by the shattering roar and the shrill, staccato, machine gun-like popping of fireworks, I am rewarded by hearing the sweet voices of the Carol singers (blessings on their faithful hearts) singing Christmas Carols of the Still and Holy Night and of the Herald Angels, and the coming of the Baby Jesus who was come to bring Peace to all men. Part of a forgotten verse comes to me "In the midst of noise and things. Always, always, something sings" The voices of the Carol Singers are growing fainter and fainter and fainter and fainter and sweeter in the distance, sleep comes again.

S. H. ALLEN

Dr. White Here. Dr. C. H. White, former health officer of Vance county who is doing medical research work at Harvard, Boston, Mass., is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

## Options On Cotton Are Given Out

Options on cotton are being distributed this week to farmers in this county who signed for them last spring in the government's cotton acreage reduction campaign. The blanks were being sent out from the office of J. W. Sanders, county farm agent, and are going to a number of growers in this county.

Cotton "outioned" by the farmers last spring during the campaign gave the farmers the right to buy from the government a certain amount of cotton at the price of six cents a pound, and to sell it later at the market price, all the margin over the six cents going to the farmers as profits. If the price fell below six cents, it would be the government's loss and not chargeable to the holders of the options.

Cotton options cover government-held cotton assigned to the growers as part of the remuneration for the plowing up portions of their crop to reduce the size of the 1933 yield as the commodity.

A meeting of county agents from cotton counties as to be held in Raleigh Thursday of this week for the purpose of planning the 1934 cotton reduction sign-up, and this campaign is to begin next week in this county and in all others where cotton is grown.

## SEVEN DEFENDANTS BEFORE THE MAYOR

### Docket for Day After Christmas Light One, With Liquor Feature

Seven defendants were tried before Mayor Irvine B. Watkins in police court today as the crop of violators rounded up over the Christmas holiday period. Most of them were charged with various violations of the prohibition laws.

Joe Jackson and John Moss, colored, were charged with possessing liquor for sale and transporting liquor. Moss was fined \$5 and costs for possessing liquor and Jackson was given three months on the roads for transporting, and his automobile ordered confiscated and sold.

Govan Russell, colored, was fined \$2.50 and costs for being drunk. Ed Vaughan and John Bates, colored, were charged with assaulting and beating each other. Bates was discharged, and prayer for judgment was continued for Vaughan on condition, that he keep the peace two years and pay the costs.

Joe Jackson, colored was charged with threatening to kill Alex Carter, but was discharged.

Harry Ingram, colored, was charged with possessing liquor for sale and was fined \$10 and costs and given 60 days on the roads, commitment not to issue on payment of the costs and on condition that he does not violate the prohibition laws for two years.

At Saturday's session of the court, R. W. Gupton was fined \$2.50 and costs for being drunk.

## NOTICE GIVEN OF BOND ISSUE ACT

### Local Government Commission Advises Clerk to County Board Here

Formal notice of the approval by the Local Government Commission in Raleigh of the \$227,000 school bond issue for Vance county has been given local authorities, it was learned today. W. E. Easterling, secretary of the commission, advised Horace M. Robinson, register of deeds and secretary to the Vance Board of County Commissioners, of the action of the Raleigh board.

In his letter to Mr. Robinson, Mr. Easterling said certified evidence of the approval "will be furnished you upon final passage of the bond order by the Board of County Commissioners under the provision of the county finance act." He also said four signed copies of the letter were being furnished to Dr. H. G. Baily, State Engineer of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, at Chapel Hill, "to be placed with your application to the State Advisory Board, which I am advised has been designated as application No. 37."

### PROPERTY LYING ON LYNBANK ROAD SOLD

Property lying on the Lynbank road in Kittrell township changed hands in two deeds filed Saturday with the register of deeds.

Ada J. Coghill and husband, J. W. Coghill, sold to L. W. Coghill, 4.9 acres for \$400.

J. W. Coghill and wife sold to Roy F. Coghill, M. W. and L. W. Coghill a lot on the Lynbank road for \$10 and other considerations.

## MAY START WORK ON SEWER PIPING

First of Jobs in Re-Paving of Garnett Street Ready To Begin

CONTRACT TO BE LET

No Date Learned Here as Yet, But Expected To Be Early in January; South Garnett Plans Modified

Preparations are to be started tomorrow for the first of the several jobs that are to be carried through in connection with the early re-paving of Garnett street by the State Highway Commission with Federal road funds. As soon as W. M. Coffin, street superintendent, returns to the city, probably Wednesday, excavations are to be begun in repairs to sewer mains under the street. Already a car load of pipe has been received for use in the repairs. Later the water mains are also to be repaired.

The contract for the paving has not yet been let by the highway commission, but this is expected to be in a list early in January.

It is learned that the re-paving of South Garnett street, a part of the project will not require the use of any property other than what can be whittled off the sidewalks on each side of the street for the widening of the street to forty feet. It had been planned to make it 50 feet wide, but it was found that the available allotment of funds would not permit that.

## NEEDY CARED FOR DURING CHRISTMAS

### Scores of Families Recipients of Generosity of People Here

So far as could be learned today practically every family in this city really in need was provided for in some measure at Christmas by the more fortunate of the community's populace.

While no statistics were available, it is believed that 100 or more families were helped. Nearly half a hundred were cared for by persons who took cases that were published in the Daily Dispatch, and the Salvation Army provided for a number of others, in addition to the work that was done independently by other individuals and organizations.

There was a generous outpouring of the spirit of helpfulness and hundreds of individuals were the recipients of this liberality.

# LOOKING FORWARD

## With Our Depositors

In the spirit of this holiday season, we wish to thank our depositors, and other friends, for their part in the creditable record of service made by this bank during the past year.

You have helped to make management problems easier to solve; your friendly confidence and understanding have been strong assets—all of which we deeply appreciate.

Now we are about to enter together a New Year which holds real promise of a turning tide in our economic and national affairs. There will continue to be obstacles in the path, but with courage and united effort, progress will be assured. Everyone in this bank joins in wishing you well-deserved good fortune in the New Year.

R. G. HARRISON, Acting Vice President

## First National Bank In Henderson

Vance County's New Bank