

Henderson Observes Third War Christmas Tomorrow

Trains And Buses Jammed With People

Trains and buses here were crowded to capacity today, a sign were possible, even more than that. Scouting parties were on guard as the people's overnight travelers took space on buses at some points.

Trains, which apparently were fixed up to every expectation of those who anticipated unprecedented movement of civilians and men in the armed services.

HOLINESS SERVICE

A service will be held at the Holy mess church in Flint Hill Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The service is the morning service of the Holy mess church.

Thousands Men Absent On War Duty

Business Will Halt For Entire Holiday; Needy Provided For

Henderson will observe its third war Christmas tomorrow in a manner very similar to other years, yet in a sense quite different. There will be a full consciousness that a war is going on.

More than 2,000 men and some women from Vance county are away from home and scattered to the four corners of the earth in the armed forces this Christmas. And many are the homes in the city and out the way that will have various sized Christmas dinner tables tomorrow and on Sunday.

As a holiday, it will be much like Christmas before. Business will come to a full halt in practically every line, except the public service. Some establishments, as for instance the banks and city and county offices, will have a double holiday, that is, they will be closed both Saturday and Monday.

for business on Monday.

But the shutdown will be so thorough on tomorrow, Christmas day, that only the restaurants and the like will operate.

On no other day of the year is there so complete a cessation of business as on Christmas day.

No religious services will be held except at Holy Innocents Episcopal church, and the Christmas eve midnight mass at St. Paul's Catholic church.

Overcast skies may be the decree of the weather man for this section. No bitter cold is in prospect, though the mild weather of earlier in the week has largely disappeared already.

So far as has been learned, manufacturing establishments without exception will take a full holiday Saturday.

College students are at home for the holidays and will help to brighten the occasion.

Fat pay envelopes have relieved the actual need, but there have been many needy cases, and an unusually large number have been provided for already out of the generosity of abundance in many hands.

Shoppers have had rather a hectic time of it, wrestling as they have with shortages and scarcities, but generally speaking Santa Claus will find his bag well filled and he will be able to remember nearly every one in more or less generous fashion.

Business concerns have had a good season, despite limitations on stocks. Prices have been high, but buyers have not held back on that account.

Christmas will be the usual gay time for the city, insofar as that is possible with so many homes where there are men and boys absent in far away places in the nation's armed forces.

Our Christmas Wish For You Is Full Of Sincerity!

May this joyful season find you blessed with the presence of your loved ones, happy in your work, secure in your home, ambitious for the future, and full of the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day on the whole calendar.

Thanks A Lot For Your Patronage

Southern Ice Cream Co.

Phone 422

Henderson, N. C.

Closed Monday

In appreciation of their splendid cooperation during the past year, this firm will give its employees an extra day for Christmas and will not open before Tuesday morning, December 28.

Alford's Printing & Office Supply Company



Second Christmas after Bataan

- Wonder where *they're* going for Christmas?
- Who'll wish *them* "Merry Christmas"?
- What's on *their* menu for Christmas dinner?
- What Christmas gifts will *they* exchange?
- What will *they* pray for on Christmas Night?
- What Christmas memories will haunt *their* hearts?

- • • the stillness of a snow-robed countryside, and the friendly laughter of free people?
- • • the glitter of acres of show windows, and the holiday bustle of free people?
- • • the stockings hung, the tree trimmed, the kids up at dawn, the presents unwrapped - the carols sung by free people?

How many EXTRA War Bonds are YOU buying this Christmas?

Carolina POWER & LIGHT Company



WE ARE GRATEFUL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

not alone for the liberal patronage of our friends and customers, but for the privilege of helping them make their relations more happy. We hope that our service has helped you to make this Christmas Time more beautiful and comfortable for you and your loved ones, and that with the coming year we may serve you even better than we have done this past year.

A PRAYER FOR THE BOYS OVERSEAS...

That they may be cheered this Christmas by the thoughts of home fires still brightly burning, by letters from friends and relatives, by the knowledge that everyone at home is behind them, waiting and working for the day when they can come back to pick up the threads of that peaceful, familiar life to which they dream of returning. May everyone's combined efforts cause that day to be not far off!

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