

## LOCAL NEWS

H. H. Smith spent Sunday in Ayden.

E. A. Brothers spent Sunday in Elizabeth City.

Rev. J. R. Everett was in Washington Friday.

Walter Clark and Jack Peete were in Greenville Sunday.

Hon. P. H. Johnson of Pantego was a visitor here Saturday.

Prof. E. N. Kiddle of Roper was a business visitor here Tuesday.

J. L. Horton and Lue Read were in Washington last Saturday.

E. G. Weston of Washington was a business visitor here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armsby visited relatives in Mackeys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor of Rich Square were in town last week-end.

W. B. Cox, W. J. Maran and Dr. C. McGowan spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Mrs. C. W. Snell of the Pleasant Grove section, was in town shopping Tuesday.

Quite a number of our young people attended a dance at Williamston last Friday night.

W. C. Miller of Havana, Cuba, has been in town shaking hands with his friends this week.

A. S. Chesson of Wilson spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Chesson.

Mrs. N. B. Stevens of Fayetteville is here the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Chesson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Beasley were visitors in Elizabeth City Sunday.

H. E. Frame left Sunday for his home in Fort Wayne, Ind., after a brief business visit here.

B. E. Kissam left Sunday for Denmark, S. C., after spending several days here with his family.

Miss Vera Ayers, member of the high school faculty at Thomasville, is here for the holidays.

Misses Margaret Ward Jackson, Thelma Harrison and Mr. Victor Everett spent Sunday in Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Read and little daughter, Elizabeth, and Mrs. Claude Read spent Saturday in Norfolk.

LeRoy Harris, student at the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

Roland Ausbon and daughter of Henderson, spent a few days of last week here with his sister, Mrs. J. S. Brown.

Dale Tetterton, student at State college, is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tetterton.

Dr. J. R. White, who is an interne in an Atlanta hospital, is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. White.

Louis Philip Hornthal, sophomore at Davidson college, is at home for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hornthal.

## NO PAPER FOR NEXT WEEK

Years ago we established a custom of omitting the publication of the Beacon the week following Christmas. This year we will not depart from that custom, consequently there will be no issue published next week.

The accumulation of odds and ends will be straightened out, repairing will be attended to, and other arrangements will be made for a fresh start for 1927.

It is our sincere wish that each of you will spend the most enjoyable Christmas ever, and that the new year will yield an abundance of health, prosperity and happiness for you.

News coming from all directions predict that 1927 will see a big business boom and that the foundation of American commerce will be more sound, and that people of all sections will share in the prosperity to come. We sincerely hope that this prediction will materialize and that our constituency will receive its full share of whatever of the good things that 1927 holds in store.

On January 7th we will greet you again, and throughout the new year we will strive to make each issue an improvement over the other. To accomplish this it will be necessary for our readers to assist us in gathering information of news value. It is our desire to give all the attention possible to every community in the county, and if proper assistance is rendered our efforts shall not be in vain.

Again we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Christmas Services Enjoyed at M. E. Church

Special Christmas services were held in the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. These services were thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

Powerful sermons were preached by Rev. Edwards, and appropriate music rendered by the choir.

In the evening service Mrs. C. J. Norman, Jr., effectively read "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

There will be no service in the Methodist church tomorrow morning, but services will be held at the usual hours Sunday.

## Schools Close For Holidays

Plymouth schools closed last Friday for the Christmas holidays and most of the out-of-town teachers are spending the holidays at their various homes.

The session will be resumed on Monday, January 3rd.

## Recorder's Court Postponed

On account of the illness of judge Zeb Vance Norman there was no session of the recorder's court Tuesday.

All cases which were docketed for Tuesday will be tried on Tuesday of next week.

Marion Martin and Mrs. W. F. Ausbon are spending a few days in Hampton, Va.

Gordon and James Norman, students at State College, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Mr. Grady Harrison of Louisburg was in town this week, being called on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. W. C. Harrison.

Miss Eoline Everett of Orlando, Fla., is spending the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Everett.

# Merry Christmas

**W**ITH 1926 drawing rapidly to a close we can look back over its twelve months as they have passed in this community, and we find in them much that we will wish to remember, and but very little we will want to forget.

The Christmas season of 1926 brings to us a record of twelve months of community peace, of community good will, of community prosperity, and an increased community hope for the dawning year of 1927.

During 1926 we have enjoyed our neighbors, our friends; we have laughed with them in their hours of merriment, and we have grieved with them in their bereavements and consoled them as best we might. This is as it should be. It is such things that the spirit of Christmas teaches us. It is the lesson brought to us by the Man of Gallilee nineteen hundred and twenty-six years ago.

During 1926 we have grown better individually and collectively; we have evinced a greater degree of tolerance, of human kindness, of love and faith, than in any previous year, and this is but an evidence of the increasing betterment of the race.

With a backward glance over the records of 1926 we find every good reason for believing this Christmas season is to be the best we have ever enjoyed. We know that those blessings, faith, hope, love, peace, that were brought to the race with the dawn of the Christian era are with us today in greater degree than ever before. We know we will receive a greater number of hearty Christmas greetings, a greater number of friendly smiles, and what comes to us will come to each and every individual in our community, including our Merry Christmas to each and every one.

THE PUBLISHERS

## C. OF C FAVORS ACRE ROAD

The question of an improved road on Long Acre consumed the entire session of the chamber of commerce Monday night. This meeting was advertised and a large attendance was urged, but only the usual crowd was present and the proposition was thoroughly discussed.

There has been some agitation to have this road improved on Long Acre until it reaches the turnpike leading to Wenona and the improvement continue in that direction until it merges with the hard surfaced road at Pantego. The disposition of the state highway commission, as it was claimed, is to continue the road to Acre Station and then go in an easterly direction until it connects with the improved road leading into Swan Quarter, the capital of Hyde.

A motion endorsing the intentions of the highway commission was entertained and unanimously passed.

There will be no meeting of the chamber of commerce next Monday night, but regular weekly meetings will be resumed on Monday night, January 3rd.

## SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. Tom Swain of Plymouth was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White motored to Elizabeth City Monday.

Rev. R. L. Hethcox and little daughter, Louise, were in this community Tuesday.

Mesdames Mollie Lee Wiley, S. A. Holton and son, George Wiley Holton, were in Edenton Monday.

Misses Eva and Alice White and little niece, Margie White, were in Edenton Saturday shopping.

Messrs. Lue Read and L. P. Hornthal of Plymouth were in this community Monday buying peanuts for a Suffolk firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport left yesterday for Charleston, S. C., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Cherry.

Misses Fannie Biggs and Flossie Woodley and Mrs. C. L. Everett and son, Aumack, attended the Christmas tree at Mackeys high school last Friday night.

Old aunt Polly Norman a colored woman eighty years old, living on Mrs. M. J. Elliott's farm, passed away quietly last Monday night. She had been in very feeble health for about four years.

It's hard to love your neighbor as yourself if he happens to be learning the saxophone.

## APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The new board of county commissioners, composed of A. L. Owens, chairman, E. R. Lewis and W. T. Alexander, who took over the affairs of the county on the first Monday of this month, have appointed Edward L. Owens county attorney and J. C. Gatlin as county auditor. Carl L. Bailey was reappointed county solicitor.

Mr. Gatlin's duties as auditor will begin on January first, at which time the resignation of W. J. Jackson, Jr., present incumbent, becomes effective.

The new attorney began his duties immediately after his appointment, and his first move was to arrange a loan of twenty thousand dollars with which to pay county road vouchers which have been worthless for about eighteen months. Those who deposited these vouchers for collection upon receiving them have been notified by the Branch Banking and Trust company that payment of same has been made.

## Services at Grace Church

A celebration of the Holy Communion will be held at Grace Episcopal church Christmas morning at eleven o'clock. Appropriate music will be rendered by the choir.

Father W. B. Clark, P. O., will deliver a special Christmas sermon.

An invitation is extended to all to attend.

## KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Tom Craddock, aged about twenty-five, lost his life early last Saturday night when a car he was driving overturned about two miles from Creswell.

Mr. Craddock had been making purchases in Creswell and was on his way home in Tyrrell county driving a small Ford car of the racer style and upon approaching a sharp curve at Woodley's ditch the car failed to negotiate the turn and toppled over, throwing Mr. Craddock violently against an oak stump completely crushing one side of his head, death resulting almost instantly.

Mr. Craddock had been engaged in logging operations a short distance from Creswell, in Tyrrell county, and his home was only a short distance from his work.

He leaves a devoted wife.

## Mr. Read Loses Auto

A Chevrolet touring car operated by Jack W. Read, traveling representative for the United States Tire and Rubber company, caught fire and was completely destroyed near Tarboro last Friday morning.

Mr. Read, who is a resident of this place, states that he is of the opinion that a short circuit caused by defective wiring caused the car to catch fire. The car was the property of the tire company.

## "WHITE XMAS" SERVICES

A special Christmas service, known as a "White Christmas," will be held at the Christian church tonight at eight o'clock.

The program, "At His Throne," will be rendered and embraces appropriate songs and Pantomimes. The male quartette of the Christian church will sing special Yuletide selections, and the entire program is given under the direction of the Sunday school.

A special offering will be taken for the Southern Christian Home at Atlanta, which is a home in which several hundred orphan children are cared for.

A special invitation is extended to everyone to attend this service.

## Baptist Services Sunday

At the Baptist Church the Christmas will be held at eleven o'clock Sunday morning. A special Christmas sermon has been prepared by Rev. J. R. Everett, and Christmas music will be rendered.

Beginning with the first Sunday in January a series of sermons will be preached on the Ten Commandments in the night services. These sermons will be arranged for ten consecutive Sunday nights, one of the Commandments being taken as a subject in each meeting.

## ALMO THEATRE TO-NIGHT

"Necessary Evil"

Featuring

Viola Dona

ALSO GOOD COMEDY

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

"The Night Cry"

ALSO

FOURTH EPISODE

OF

"Sunken Silver"