



Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men



Workers of Section to Get From 1 to 3 Days Holiday for Christmas

Panel Plant Will Be Shut One Day; Pulp Plant Day and Half

Practically All Local Stores Will Be Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Employees of the various industrial plants and business establishments in and around Plymouth will have rest and recreation periods during the Christmas holidays, ranging from one to three days.

Plymouth Box and Panel Company workers will have a one-day holiday, Wednesday, Christmas Day, returning to work Thursday morning at the usual time.

Employees at the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company will have all day Tuesday and Wednesday off, returning to work Thursday morning.

At the North Carolina Pulp Company, it was stated that the pulp mill and bleaching plant will close Tuesday at noon, allowing a day and a half holiday, the men returning to work on Thursday morning. The paper mill will be closed for three days, reopening on Friday morning. It was also stated that each employee of the pulp plant would be given a Christmas present by the company, consisting of two pounds of candy and four pounds of nuts.

Employees at the courthouse will close their offices Monday night for three days. They will return to their places Friday morning.

All of the local stores and business houses, with the possible exception of drug stores and filling stations, will be closed two days, Wednesday and Thursday, reopening Friday morning. The Branch Banking & Trust Company and the two county ABC stores will also be closed all day Wednesday and Thursday, reopening Friday morning.

Soil Conservation Checks Coming in

Eighty-three soil conservation checks, aggregating a total of \$2,826.06, have been received at the county agent's office and will be distributed with the next few days, the individual recipients being notified to call there for the checks.

Jerome Frazelle, chief clerk in the office of the county agent, said that the checks represented payments on 58 applications. These comprise the first batch of checks to be received in the county and the fourth to be sent out by state headquarters.

Mr. Frazelle said that 500 applications for soil conservation checks had been prepared and sent to state headquarters by the local office, and that there were only about 150 more applications expected to be made.

Large Crowd Attends Pageant in Creswell

Creswell.—A large crowd attended the beautifully presented pageant, "The Nativity," at Christ Episcopal church Sunday evening. The presentation was under the direction of Mrs. B. W. Galtner.

Characters were as follows: Charles Galtner, Gabriel; Ada Gray Spruill, Mary; Wood Galtner, Joseph; Frances Peel, Virginia Woodley, Margaret Ann Brook, Ruth Brook, Emma O'Brien, Mary Galtner and Betty Ann Welch, angels; Ray Spruill, Robert Irvin Stillman and Earl Welch, shepherds; Sam Woodley, Clyde Spruill, Jr., and Walter Peel, kings; J. C. Galtner, Jr., reader.

Another Bid for Air Base in County Was Submitted Saturday

Property Between Here and Roper Suggested in Bid Filed Saturday

Washington County made its third bid for the \$5,000,000 non-rigid air base for the Navy last Saturday, when a prospectus was submitted for its location on property owned by W. H. Thompson and L. E. Hassell about five miles east of Plymouth. Sites have already been proposed on the old Hampton farm, near here, and at Mackeys.

Wilbur M. Darden, local attorney, who assisted in the preparation of the bid for the Dr. L. W. White farm, (or old Hampton property) about a mile east of Plymouth, also helped Messrs. Hassell and Thompson in the preparation of the third bid for the site in Washington County.

Mr. Darden received a telegram from Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, stating that it would be all right for these men to submit their proposal and that it would be given attention by Captain C. E. Rosendahl and the Navy Inspection Board, who will determine the location of the base.

However, it was stated in Congressman Bonner's telegram that the Navy official was leaving Washington, and he would not be able to have further personal hearings.

The site proposed by Messrs. Hassell and Thompson includes 1,700 acres, accessible to railroads, highway No. 64, and has excellent drainage. It was explained that the more sites recommended in this county, the better chance the county had of landing the air base.

Christmas Party At Local School

Pupils of the Plymouth schools enjoyed a Christmas party at the high school auditorium here Friday morning, with the band rendering four selections, the glee club singing and each grade presenting some kind of program.

During the singing of "Silent Night," each grade carried on the stage a large white box filled with gifts of food, toys and clothes as a contribution to the local Joy Fund.

The Rev. Paul B. Nickens, Baptist minister, spoke on the five points of the Christmas star.

Gifts were exchanged by the students, teachers, and grade mothers in their respective classrooms.

Band To Lead Pep Meet Next Monday

The Plymouth High School Band will stage a street parade and pep meeting here next Monday night prior to the Albemarle All-Stars-Elizabeth City Yellowjackets football game in Elizabeth City New Year's Day, it was announced today by Director L. W. Ziegler, who urges all the boys and girls who are members of the band to arrange to be present for the event.

The band members are to meet at the high school building at 6:45 and the band will leave there at 7:15 for a parade down town.

The director also said that the band would join others of this section at the game in Elizabeth City Wednesday of next week.

Business Houses Extend Greetings

As an expression of their appreciation for the friendship and patronage accorded them in the past, Plymouth Merchants and other business men pause at this Christmas time to extend their sincere greetings to all the people of this section through the columns of this paper today.

A new hope and a greater understanding are created at Christmas time, and to enhance the value of these, the business forces of the town express, in a most sincere way, their wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Read the little messages, without which Christmas would be little more than just another day in the year, and know that these firms are interested in your happiness at all times, and especially at this glad season.

TOWN TOPICS

E. H. Liverman said a little boy looked at a pair of pretty boots in his store with longing eyes while his father said that Santa Claus would bring them to him. The youngster finally came up with "Daddy, we had better buy those boots now, because something might happen to keep Santa from bringing them."

W. F. Winslow, president of the merchants association, said today that merchants here were agreed the business here this year was a record-breaker and that sales in stores during the holiday season had eclipsed those of any previous Christmas season in Plymouth.

The Excavators' Club of Cambridge Mass., members of which are connected with Harvard University, came through Plymouth this week bound for Florida, where they will search Indian mounds for Indian folklore and stopped for a meal here. The group was headed by Chester Chard, who is in charge of archaeological survey.

Officials of the American Legion, including P. W. Brown, Dr. C. McGowan, and Commander J. B. Willoughby, wish to urge the people of the section to buy their fireworks from Teterton and Gurganus, at the edge of town here, as every cent spent for fireworks with this firm is a help to the Legion Post.

Installment stock in the thirteenth series of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association dated January 1, 1941, is now being offered for sale, and preparations are underway by officers, directors and stockholders to sell about 300 shares while the campaign is on to increase the number of shares outstanding to 1,800.

President P. W. Brown said today that he wished to make public his appreciation to the merchants, for the purchase of tickets; to the educational officials, for use of the school building; and to each and everyone who helped the Lions Club in any way in making successful the presentation of "Golgotha" here. The Lions Club made \$43 on the picture.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davenport and Son Injured in Accident

All Three Carried to Hospital in Tarboro After Accident Friday

Reports here today were to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davenport and son, of Plymouth, who were injured Friday afternoon, when the automobile in which they were riding turned over midway between Bethel and Conetoe, were gradually improving in a Tarboro hospital, to which they were rushed following the accident.

Hospital officials telephoned Dr. C. McGowan here Saturday that Mr. Davenport was suffering from a crushed chest and four broken ribs. It was said that he would recover unless internal injuries more serious than expected caused complications. Mrs. Davenport sustained a fractured shoulder and was responding to treatment in the same hospital. Freddie Davenport, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Davenport, suffered bruises and cuts, but was reported not to be seriously hurt.

It was understood here that Mr. Davenport's car ran off the paved surface of the highway on to the wet and muddy shoulders, and when he endeavored to get it back, smooth tires caused the machine to skid out of control and turn over.

Charles Cobb and Miss Catherine Bradley, of Williamston, were behind the Davenport car when it turned over, and they rushed to the aid of Mr. Davenport, who was pinned beneath the steering wheel. Lillian Warren, a senior in the Bethel school, took charge of the injured child and accompanied him to the hospital.

Mr. Davenport, a well known farmer, lives about seven miles south of Plymouth on the Washington highway.

Sell \$73.60 Worth Christmas Seals

Sales of the American Red Cross Christmas seals in Plymouth totaled \$73.60 this year, with the students in the Plymouth white schools reporting sales of \$63.60 and the Plymouth colored school \$10, according to Mrs. W. A. Davidson, chairman of the campaign in the county, who said that she had not heard from Roper and Creswell as yet.

Joyce Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Bailey, won a dollar bill for selling the most in the high school with \$17.28 worth of seals sold. Phil Ayers, with \$13, received second prize.

Mr. Davidson explained that three-fourths of the money raised in the county will remain in the local treasury to help tuberculosis sufferers in the county. At the present time, said Mrs. Davidson, \$5 per month is being contributed toward the expense of keeping a county colored woman in a sanatorium.

Creswell Band Clears \$75 at Christmas Party

Creswell.—The Creswell High School Band cleared \$75.233 at a Christmas party held in the school auditorium Thursday evening. A large crowd was present to enjoy the dancing and other entertainment.

Katie Spruill won first place and Norma Davenport second place in the popularity contest.

The old-time auction of boxes was thoroughly enjoyed. The highest price paid for a single box was \$2.40.

Donations for Needy Through Joy Fund at New High This Season

Beacon Office To Be Closed 5 Days

The office of The Roanoke Beacon will be closed after Monday night until next Monday morning, in order to give members of the "force" their annual Christmas vacation. This is one of the few holiday occasions observed by this newspaper during the year, hence the reason for being closed several days.

Everybody will be back on the job and ready for "business as usual" next Monday morning; and, in the meantime, every member of the crew hopes every reader of the Beacon has the best, happiest and merriest Christmas ever.

Over \$275 in Cash; 150 Baskets Being Prepared Today

No Delivery To Be Made; Recipients Asked To Call for Baskets

Plymouth is going "all out" for Christmas charities this year, breaking all records in contributions of cash, groceries, fruits and toys, it was said today by E. W. Brown, chairman of the Christmas Joy Fund.

Cash contributions to the fund today totaled \$275.41. In addition to this E. H. Liverman contributed \$50 worth of clothing, and the Plymouth schools donated about \$100 in cash, fruits, groceries, clothing and other merchandise, swelling the total value of the fund to about \$425, and this does not count the value of the large number of toys collected and repaired by the firemen which will be added to the baskets as they are made up.

Chief Brown said today that about 150 baskets would be prepared for distribution to needy families. Requests for the baskets have been received directly from those who need them, from the welfare office, and from the schools.

In addition to the clothing and toys the following articles will be included in each of the family baskets being prepared: 12 pounds of flour, 3 pounds of lard, 1 pound of coffee, 4 pounds of butter, beans, 4 pounds of navy beans, 3 pounds of meat, 10 pounds of potatoes, 4 pounds of black-eye peas, 1-2 pound of cheese, canned corn, 5 pounds of meal, and 2 cans of tomatoes. Each basket will average in value at least \$2.76, with the fruit, clothing and toys adding to its total worth.

Residents of Plymouth and vicinity will thus enjoy their own Christmas more through the knowledge that needy persons have been properly cared for, according to the chief.

Those who are to receive baskets will be notified to call for them. So far as is known now, there will be no delivery of baskets, although some who have friends on the list will probably help in seeing that the baskets get to the right persons.

Following is the complete list of those who made cash contributions: \$25. James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion, Merchants Association, North Carolina Pulp Company, Lions Club, Plymouth Box and Panel Company, and Local Union No. 556; American Legion Auxiliary \$10; Junior Woman's Club \$5; Mrs. Geo. W. Snyder \$5; W. H. Gurkin \$2; miscellaneous \$86; Senior Woman's Club \$15; Woman's Auxiliary \$2; United Daughters of the Confederacy \$3; Young Matrons' Circle of the Christian church \$2.50; Roanoke Beacon \$5; Eastern Star \$6.90; Ladies' Aid Missionary Society \$2; Young Woman's Missionary Society \$2; Young Business Woman's Society \$12; Baptist Sunday school \$5; Young Woman's Missionary Society \$5; Episcopal Sunday school \$4; Mary Bate-man \$2; Perseverance Lodge No. 59 \$16.30; returns from jars placed on counters in business places for contributions \$14.81; fire department \$5.05.

TAXES PAYABLE AT PAR UNTIL FEBRUARY FIRST

County taxes for 1940 are payable at par throughout the month of January, according to J. E. Davenport, tax collector, who explained this week that there are neither discounts nor penalties on payments made before February 1.

Nineteen hundred and forty years ago, three men were journeying towards Bethlehem, when the radiance of a star came to them from afar, lighting their way to the humble manger where lay the infant Jesus, most blessed of babes.

Over him bowed the Virgin Mother, starry-eyed . . . awed by her Gift. Mary . . . holy Mother of Jesus . . .

The miracle of His birth has been the wonder of all men on earth for generation upon generation. Yet still more wondrous is the conception of life as He lived it.

A simple carpenter by trade, He was, by inspiration, a simple philosopher; by practice, the great teacher, and in truth, the noble sufferer . . .

In every era do we have great men . . . and so, in every age, is greatness the inspiration to teach the truth.

Christmas . . . 1940 . . . and still the star of Bethlehem casts its mighty beams of light over all the world.

Great is the spirit of Christmas that can wipe away the years and change grave men and women into smiling children, ready to serve and to be served in the sweet simplicity of childhood . . .

Strong is the spirit of Love that can bring us all to understand that there is none less, none greater, none rejected on this blessed Christmas Day . . .

We are all children of one family, at peace in the name of a Child . . .

Merry Christmas — and may the New Year bless you immeasurably. Peace, Good Will to All . . .