


MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Greetings for Christmas

One of the real joys of Yuletide is the chance to put aside the routine and customs of daily business and with sincerity wish our friends a very Merry Christmas.

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Spirit of Christmas Spreads Good Will and Good Cheer

Make This A Safe Christmas

Take the Scrooge syndrome out of your Christmas holiday this year and make it the merriest by staying out of the 1,500 traffic accidents which the N. C. State Motor Club warns may take 30 lives and injure 900 other persons on North Carolina's streets and highways during the extended weekend.

The state will officially count its Christmas highway toll from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, through midnight Sunday, Dec. 26, a period of 102 hours. In a 30-hour period last year when the holiday fell in the middle of the week, the cold statistics showed seven killed and 254 others injured in 452 accidents.

Leading causes of these accidents were: speeding, 112; failed

to yield right of way, 55; drove left of center, 54; under influence of alcohol, 32; and reckless driving, 28.

"Tis the season to be jolly, but not if you're a careless or drinking driver," cautioned Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club. "The six holiday periods so far this year have brought death to 115 persons in traffic accidents as against 171 for the year before.

Traffic deaths are still running behind the 1968 pace, and we have a good chance to show a decrease for this year," he said. "Let's make our state the nicest Christmas gift of all by driving with extra care to keep ourselves and our fellow man out of the obituary columns."

In churches and homes, in city streets and stores, across the countryside — the spirit of Christmas spreads its joy and its contentment. Soon now, the last-minute hustle and bustle will give way to the highest moments of holiday celebration. It's a time for fun and feasting, a time for light-hearted laughter and heartfelt prayer, a time when friendships are renewed and family ties are strengthened.

Throughout this community, and indeed throughout all the communities where Christmas is celebrated, the spirit of the season finds expression in innumerable ways — among them, the gladness of gift-giving, the merriment of parties, the happiness of hearth and home and, above all, the solemn hush of midnight, traditionally the symbolic time for heralding the Birth of Christ.

From the holly wreath on the door to the packages under the tree, from the gaily decorated windows of stores to the manger scenes in the churches, the customs of Christmas contribute to the meaning of the Day — just as early Christian leaders meant that holiday customs should.

When Christmas first began to be observed on December 25th, churchmen welcomed the idea of incorporating ceremonies and traditions from earlier beliefs into the celebration. They thought that people would feel closer to the new religion if former ways and rituals were not abolished, but instead united with the new rites to honor the birth of Christ.

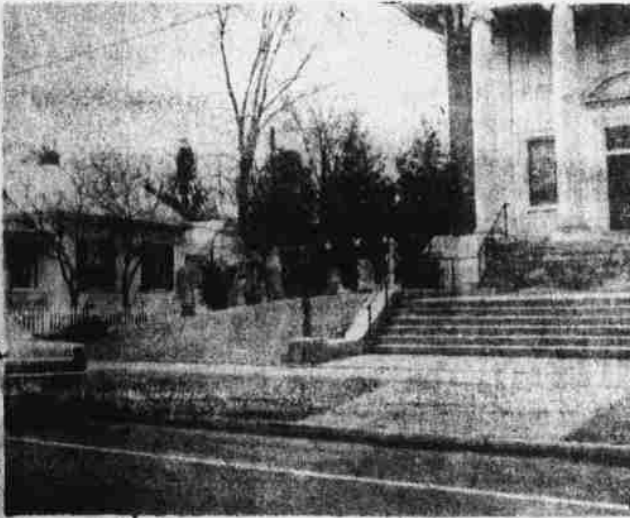
Today, nearly everyone celebrates Christmas because Christmas belongs to everyone.

For the Christian believer, Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of paramount importance, and as a time meant for joy and festivity, too.

For people of many different faiths, Christmas is beloved as a happy holiday, a secular celebration that gives meaningful expression to universal good will and good cheer.



Christmas Scenes at Hertford Methodist & Hertford Baptist



THE RELIGIOUS SCENES on the grounds of the Methodist and Baptist Churches add the real meaning of Christmas to the other decorations throughout the Town of Hertford.

Roses Store Gives Recognition Awards

The local Rose's Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Nelson announced today that a new "Service Award Program" has been created by Rose's Stores, Inc. Yesterday Rose's Superintendent, Mr. R. E. Laughter, presented ladies brooch pins to the following members of the local Rose's organization:

Margaret G. Nixon and Leo Dall, 15 years; Carrie Gregory and Catherine Owens, 20 years and Mrs. Kathleen Nelson, 30 years of service.

Manager Nelson stated that through the award program recognition of accomplishment and years of service were being made as a token of appreciation.

Superintendent Laughter described the award pins as being made of 10K gold with an antique yellow gold Rose's crest on a white gold base mounted with sapphires or diamonds; depending on the years of service.

A letter of thanks and congratulations from Mr. L. H. Harvin, Jr., President of Rose's Stores, Inc., was also presented to each recipient.

Perquimans Nears U. S. Savings Bond Sales Annual Quota

U. S. Savings Bond and Freedom share sales in North Carolina for January - November amounted to \$87,852,624. This represents 97 per cent of the state's 1969 dollar quota of \$59,600,000. Sales for November amounted to \$5,290,480.

Eland W. Worley, volunteer state chairman in North Carolina for the savings bonds program, called the achievement "Truly outstanding in view of the very unsettled money market and the scarcity of money."

"This is a remarkable record and reflects favorably on the patriotism and thrift of our people in North Carolina," he said. "It is also indicative of the fine job being done by the savings bond staff, the various county chairmen, and volunteers throughout the state."

Worley said the state is virtually assured of going over 100 per cent of its quota this year in view of the purchases to date.

R. L. Stevenson, Perquimans County Volunteer Chairman, in making this release pointed out that the new interest rate of 5 per cent paid on savings bonds when held to maturity is good news for all bond buyers. He went on to say that the new guaranteed rate will boost savings bond sales throughout our country and state. "Not only," he added, "Does it pay to save, but our savings in bonds now pay a handsome return."

Savings bond and freedom share sales in Perquimans County were \$4,233.00 for November. For the year, cumulative sales amounted to \$65,832.00 which is 175.3 per cent of the county's 1969 dollar quota, according to Mr. Stevenson.

WELL-ADJUSTED

People who get the most out of life are those who forget the past and the future and simply enjoy the present.

Jason Harrell Ready For Santa Claus



JASON HARRELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harrell, is shown standing with his Christmas stocking packed with gifts for his friends. Jason is four months old and stands alone already — with just a little support. (Honest folks, it's hard to believe — but true.) He looks like he wants to say Merry Christmas — but he doesn't talk quite yet — tho he even tries that. Jason is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Harrell.

Dr. Leo Jenkins Calls For Support in TB & RD Drives

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, the 1969 Christmas Seal Chairman for the Eastern Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, has called for all-out support of this year's campaign in the twenty-two county area to make this a record-breaking year.

"We're running well ahead of last year's drive and we want to stay ahead," he said. "We know that the people in the twenty-two counties served by the Eastern TB-RD Association are supporting our efforts to set a record for Christmas Seal Contributions."

He noted that the contributions received so far have put this year's campaign over forty per cent ahead of last year's drive. He said continued support would help carry out the program activities in the eastern counties by providing patient services, research funds, educational programs and professional workshops.

"This is the time to make an all-out effort to make the 1969

Services Held For H. S. Lane, 64

Funeral services for Henry Singleton Lane, 64, who died Tuesday morning were held Wednesday at 2:30 in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by Mr. Daniel Forbes and the Rev. Thomas Arnold.

"Abide With Me" was played during the service by Mrs. Chester Winslow, organist.

The casket pall was made of yellow roses, yellow chrysanthemums and ferns.

Palbearers were M.D. Simpson, Roland Barnes, Archie Stewart, Gene Boyce, Robert Taylor and Melvin Forehand.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Jonna Stiles Buried Here Saturday

Graveside services for Mrs. Joanna Willford Stiles, 33, who died Tuesday, Dec. 16 in Richmond, were held Saturday at 11:00 in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

The casket pall was made of red roses and ferns.

Palbearers were Tommy Harrell, Bobby Harrell, Parker Overton and Martin Parker.

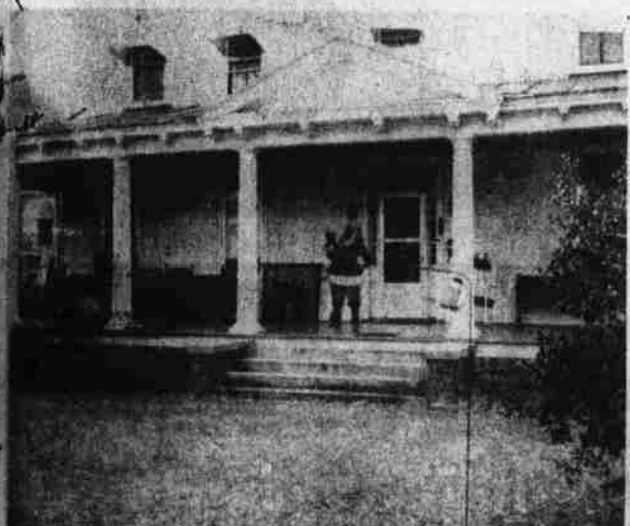
A native of Perquimans County, Mrs. Stiles lived at 3837 Guilder Lane in Richmond where she was a librarian in the Chesterfield County School System. She was a graduate of East Carolina University with a B.S. degree in English and did her undergraduate work at the University of N.C. She was a member of the Unitarian Church in Richmond.

Surviving are her husband, David Robert Stiles; her parents, Charles M. and Mrs. Wilma Parker Willford of Hertford and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. C. W. Parker of Route 2, Edenton.

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Necessity may be the mother of invention, but a set goal in life is the father of success.

Christmas at Johnson's



HAVE YOU SEEN SANTA CLAUS on the Charles Johnson's front porch? He is ready for a flight back up the chimney — come Christmas.

Weekly Deadline Is A Must

Observance of The Perquimans Weekly's deadline on all news copy and advertising copy must be complied with if the news and advertising is to get in the particular week's issue you desire.

All news copy and advertising must be in The Perquimans Weekly office not later than 2 p.m. on Tuesday for publication on Thursday of each week.

It is absolutely necessary that this deadline be remembered and met in order that you may be assured that your news or advertising will appear in the issue following your releases.

There is no exception to this rule. By having this deadline the papers will be mailed earlier and you will receive it on time. We humbly ask your cooperation.

U. S. Savings Bonds Now Pay 5 Per Cent

Secretary of the Treasury David M. Kennedy today announced an increase in the interest rate on United States Savings Bonds from 4.25 per cent to 5 per cent.

The new 5 per cent rate applies to all outstanding Series E and H Bonds sold on or after June 1, 1969, if held to maturity.

The higher rate also applies to older Bonds. Beginning with the first semiannual interest period starting on or after June 1, 1969, rates on outstanding E and H Bonds will be increased to yield 5 per cent, when held to maturity or extended maturity. The original maturity of the Series E Bond has been

shortened from 7 years to 5 years, 10 months; H Bonds will continue to mature in 10 years.

"Freedom Shares" (U. S. Savings Notes) — sold in combination with E Bonds, since May 1, 1967 — will be removed from sale effective June 30, 1970.

Attached are a copy of the Secretary's announcement, fact sheet and questions and answers concerning the higher Savings Bonds rate.

NO TRAFFIC JAMS

Men who travel the straight and narrow have one advantage — they can see a long way ahead.

Boyce Receives Third A.F. Medal at Retirement Rites



Master Sergeant William W. Boyce Jr., son of Mrs. William W. Boyce Sr., and the late Mr. Boyce, 704 W. Grubb St., Hertford, N.C., has received his third award of the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal during his retirement ceremony at Scott AFB, Ill.

Sergeant Boyce, who served as a personnel manpower technician at Scott prior to his retirement, was decorated for meritorious service.

The sergeant, who has more than 20 years Air Force service, is a veteran of the Korean War. Sergeant Boyce attended Perquimans County High School and completed requirements for his diploma after entering the Air Force.

The sergeant and his wife, Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Michalski Sr., 135 Storeywood Drive, San Antonio, Tex., have two children; Gary, 16, and Karen, 12. He and his family will reside in San Antonio.

Greetings

Throughout this Christmas issue of your Perquimans Weekly, the merchants and business concerns of Perquimans County are sending you their Greetings in appreciation for their association with you during the past year of 1969.

Please take time out to read each of these Greetings as they are sent to you most sincerely by your friendly businesses here in our own town and county.

And when you shop in the new year 1970, remember these friendly folks, who took time out of their busy schedule to send you their Christmas Greetings, and to express their thanks for your patronage during the past year.