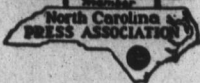


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WE WILL KNOW THIS SOMETIME: He is the Rock; his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.—Deut. 32:4.

Why Shouldn't They Rave?

Editor Victor Meekins, of Dare County, lambasts The Herald relative to recent editorial comment concerning Herbert Bonner, who is seeking for the first time the office of Congressman from the First District at the hands of the voters. And why shouldn't Mr. Meekins rave?

Then, too, Herbert Peele, of Elizabeth City, adds a lusty "Amen" to the Meekins editorial. And, too, why shouldn't he? Both Pasquotank and Dare haven't fared bad at all at the hands of Congressman Bonner, but Pasquotank and Dare do not, by a long way, compose the entire First District. Both have a right to believe that Mr. Bonner has a great deal of influence, but where does Chowan come in? And some of the other counties in the district are in the same category.

It is rather significant, too, that Editor Peele in quoting the Meekins editorial elected to credit it to the Hyde County Herald, a Meekins-owned newspaper, despite the fact that Manteo was the source of the editorial, which also appeared in the Dare County Times.

The Elizabeth City editor apparently would extend the area which is clamoring for the return of Bonner to Congress.

To be perfectly frank, there are not a few voters in Chowan County who feel that Herbert Bonner betrayed this county in the location of the blimp base. Out of a clear sky the proposition was presented to the county and up until a short time before the site was announced, a group of Chowan citizens were strung along and little less than assured that the ideal Chowan site would be selected for the base.

Of course, since the blimp base was located at Elizabeth City, Mr. Peele on a number of occasions published editorials intended no doubt to appease those in Chowan County who thought it was mighty "small potatoes" on the part of Mr. Bonner.

It is quite a political maneuver on the part of Bonner supporters to say in one breath that he had no influence whatever in locating the base in Elizabeth City, and at the same time criticize The Herald for expressing the belief that Bonner's influence and prestige is exaggerated and in the next breath these same Bonner supporters advance the argument that due to his influence and prestige, he was able to change the location of the blimp base which had been scheduled to be placed in Virginia. The two arguments just don't prove very much.

If Herbert Bonner, after leading Edenton friends to believe that the blimp base would be located in Chowan County, had no influence in the location of the base, why did Herbert Peele go to the trouble to delete a portion of a story published in the Charlotte Observer on June 8, 1941? A story high in praise of Herbert Bonner appeared in the column "Carolinians in Washington," written by Jesse Cottrell. Said Mr. Cottrell in his column: "When Mr. Bonner discovered that such a base was proposed for blimps and other lighter-than-air craft, he pitched his tent on the steps of the War Department and began boosting Elizabeth City, or some other place in the First District for this project."

On Friday, June 27, Herbert Peele in his editorial column, reproduced the story, except in the above paragraph he saw fit to delete the reference to Elizabeth City, the referred to paragraph reading thus:

"When Mr. Bonner discovered that such a base was proposed for blimps and other lighter-than-air craft, he pitched his tent on the steps of the War Department and began boosting various available sites in the First District for the project." Why did Mr. Peele see fit to change only this paragraph in the Cottrell story when the remainder of the column went just about word for word, Wasn't there a reason for it?

Mr. Bonner was very well pleased with the Cottrell column and to the writer's own knowledge tried to have the story reprinted in the various newspapers in the district. However, it wasn't sent to The Herald, possibly because the paragraph quoted above didn't just fit into what he would like Chowan voters to read.

Chowan's site earlier in the game was very agreeable to Mr. Bonner, as well as to the government officials who viewed it, but for some reason, Mr. Bonner suddenly lost all his influence in the final location.

Chowan County needed the blimp base which would have resulted in an impetus to business, now at a low ebb, and still Bonner supporters ask Chowan merchants and other voters to rally to his support when obviously if his influence is as great as his workers say it is, he took business away from them.

One of the principal arguments advanced by Bonner's friends is that at this critical period he "knows the ropes" in Washington. They don't say how many ropes he knows, but he used one of them to "hang" Chowan County insofar as the blimp base is concerned.

Duty To Report

Failure of Town Council at its meeting last week to take any action relative to banning the sale of beer and wine between the hours of 11 o'clock Saturday night and 7 o'clock Monday morning should not be construed to mean that Town Councilmen countenance rowdiness or abuse of the privilege to sell these two beverages.

It is the duty and responsibility of anyone who secures a license to sell beer and wine to conduct his or her business in such manner that it will not be necessary for it to be classed as a nuisance, and failure to do this should result in revocation of said license.

Especially at this time, when business in a number

HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

Although it was not arranged on the program, a very appropriate feature was pulled off in connection with class day exercises at the Edenton school last Thursday night. Robert Harrell, narrator of the pageant, was calling off dates, and after each date an echo from back stage recorded developments which eventually resulted in America being plunged into war. It was when Robert called December 7, 1942, that the echo came . . . "Japs attack Pearl Harbor." That was part of the program, but just about that time a dog, which no doubt entered the door near the stage, began barking, which had not been planned, or if it was, it was very timely for it reminded some of us, at least, of a proper word for the Japs—curs.

Charlie McCullers' heart was softened one day last week when he unexpectedly became the recipient of a fountain pen, presented by members of the band as a token of their love for him. Upon being handed the pen by Miss Virginia Moore, the director at once left the room, was seen in the school hall with tears trickling down his cheeks, and a little later telephoned from his home, after his throat cleared, thanking the youngsters and dismissing the class. Frankly, he thinks as much of those band youngsters as many parents think of their children. You see, Mac has none of his own—and that's why he's going in the army.

On the front page of this issue appears the picture of Pee-Wee Edwards, now in training in Chicago as an aviation machine gunner. Pee-Wee will be remembered as a member of Coach Jimmy Maus' Edenton High School football team in 1940, and though he lacked avoirdupois as a backfield man, he had the ability to shoot some splendid passes to receivers. Here's hoping he hasn't lost his accuracy and that with a machine gun he will be able to chip down more than his share of those brown scallawags.

There's many a victory garden been planted throughout the country and some in Chowan County. About the best definition of such a garden that I can find is one in which the owner gets more food than the insects.

I was wondering why some guy punched me in the back Friday night while Dr. H. Haddon Dudley was speaking to the Edenton graduates. Dr. Dudley was telling members of the class that they must check their mentality with the job they want to do. To bring out his thought he went over the list of vocations, classifying the degree of mentality calculated for each job, and in his list fishing was at the very bottom. That was when some guy jabbed me and E. T. Rawlinson let out a snicker. However, Dr. Dudley eliminated further embarrassment by saying, "Little mentality is necessary to fish, but not all fishermen have low mentality." Of course, he didn't say anything about a fisherman having plenty of patience, an attribute which will not be to the detriment of any graduate, or others, either.

When it came to the job of the Chowan County Democratic Convention on Saturday afternoon electing delegates to the State Convention to be held in Raleigh next Friday, the problem arose as to who could and would be able to attend. Various suggestions were made, but one was that the candidates for county offices, whether they have opposition or not, be required to go and take delegates with them. "Must we furnish the gas?" one of 'em asked. To which somebody in the crowd chimed in "Yes, gas for the car."

The sun is sort of hot on a bald head where the hair is getting scarce, but just the same, here's taking off my hat to Miss Lucille Clark and those who assisted her in pulling off just about the best school entertainment I ever saw on last Thursday night. Miss Clark got together and directed a patriotic pageant, "Freedom Forever," which was a distinct credit to her, the school and every last one taking part in it. It was a splendid affair, the theme being extremely appropriate and those taking part doing it more like professionals than a group of school boys and girls.

If and when it becomes necessary to drive an automobile in order to secure a driving license, a fair trial would be to drive up or down Broad Street some Saturday afternoon or night. If the driver can twist, shoot in and out, and otherwise meander through without either bumping or getting bumped—well, then, he or she should be entitled to a driving permit.

Tother week when I had something to say about Herbert that he is also a member of the Wildlife Committee. In the House of Representatives, I overlooked the fact that he is also a member of the Wildlife Committee. But, shucks, the way that gang in Washington bungles up things sometimes, I'm wondering if the biggest majority of 'em are not interested in wild life.

Sort of felt shaky for Charlie McCullers Friday night when he awarded the Rotary cup to Margaret Griffin. It was just a year ago that I was in his shoes and found out just how good my handwriting is, for I declare 'fore de Lawd, I couldn't read it. I was wondering why they didn't ask me to do it again, but just the same, even if his knees were shaking, he did a good job of it.

In the mail the latter part of the week was a bee-you-tiful card from, well it's Private John Lee Spruill now. He's located "Deep In the Heart of Texas" and says he, "Secured a copy of your paper today and it did the work." What he means, I reckon, is that it was like a letter from home and that the boys now working for Uncle Sam and scattered all over the face of the earth really enjoy any sort of news from home, be it a letter, postcard, or even a newspaper. It's a hint to help the boys along by dropping 'em a line now and then.

of lines in Edenton is at a low ebb, it would seem unfair to penalize those who have proper respect for their places of business in order to check those who apparently care little about else than making a sale.

State agencies are concerned about cleaning up undesirable beer outlets and deserve the cooperation of local officials as well as the assistance of citizens, who should have no reluctance in reporting any phases of business not properly operated. Revocation of a license or two would go a long way to eliminate the situation which caused the suggested ban to be brought before Town Council in the first instance.

Recorder's Court

Recorder's Court had a short docket Tuesday morning, only one case being heard by Judge John W. Graham, that of Roosevelt Dillard, Negro, charged with stealing a coat from Wilford Jordan, Negro. Dillard was sentenced to serve 60 days on the roads.

25 Negro Selectees Go To Fort Bragg May 27

Twenty-five colored registrants will leave Edenton Wednesday morning, May 27, for Fort Bragg for their final examination and induction into the U. S. Army.

Professor D. F. Walker, of the Negro High School here, will be in charge of a program, to be given the boys at the Armory on the morning of their leave.

The selectees are scheduled to leave by special bus from the local Armory at 10:05 a. m., but are asked to be ready at the Armory at 9:30 o'clock.

A list of the registrants is as follows: Milton William Cuffie, Aaron Saunders, Lester Carter, Desota Elliott, James Edward Granby, Junius Blount, James Taylor, Adolph Britt, Jerry Thomas, Jr., Carlton Lee Littlejohn, Otis Lindsay Morris (volunteer), Paul Mizelle Gregory, Linwood Elliott, Thomas Gardner Burke, Whit France Stallings, Idolphus Roberts, Robert C. White, William Henry Banks, Lester Joseph Copeland, Jackson Blount, James Lee Wilson, Henry Clay Moring, John Henry Jordan, Lonnie Jasper Burke, James Edward Jernigan.

The local draft board also has a call for 25 white inductees to be sent to Fort Bragg on June 3rd. Since the original call. Headquarters has asked that the number be increased and as a result about 35 men are scheduled to leave on June 3rd.

BIBLE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE NEW CLASS YEAR

The May meeting of the Young Woman's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Sunday School was held at the church Tuesday night. After the

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opening exercises and the devotional, routine business was taken up. During the business session, the class elected the following officers to serve for the next six months: President, Mrs. Louis Harrell; vice president, Mrs. R. E. Leary; second vice president, Miss Inez Felton; third vice president, Mrs. West Leary; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Wilkins; treasurer, Miss Nannie Ward. These officers will assume their duties at the July meeting. Mrs. E. J. Griffin taught an inspiring Scripture lesson. Mrs. Russell Cobb, Mrs. J. A. Curran, Mrs. W. J. Daniels, Miss Iva Mae Dail and Mrs. Wesley Chesson, acting as hostesses, served ice cream sandwiches. Those present were Mrs. Russell Cobb, Mrs. J. W. Skiles, Mrs. W. L. Langdale, Mrs. Shelton Moore, Mrs. Louis Harrell, Mrs. Willie Lamb, Miss Bernice Williams, Mrs. R. L. Pratt, Miss Iva Mae Dail, Mrs. Leroy Haskett, Mrs. Ernest J. Ward, Mrs. L. M. Wilkins, Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Miss Estelle Privott, Mrs. Willie Morris, Mrs. Charles Hollowell, Mrs. R. E. Leary, Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, Miss Nannie Ward, Mrs. W. J. Daniels, Mrs. J. A. Curran and Mrs. W. J. Yates.

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