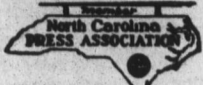


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An Important Meeting

A meeting which should attract a large number of people who are, or should be, interested in Edenton's welfare will be held tonight (Thursday) in the Court House, starting at 6 o'clock. This will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, called for the purpose of discussing plans of the organization, and upon which may determine the future of a Chamber of Commerce in Edenton.

Richard Elliott, the incoming president, feels that now, more than ever before, there is an urgent need for an active and strong Chamber of Commerce in Edenton. This can be accomplished only by the wholehearted co-operation of every merchant, professional man, and all others, first by joining the organization, second, by paying the dues, and third, by taking an active part in the affairs as they materialize.

There is no reflection on the Chamber of Commerce of past years in that accomplishments have been limited. For the most part progress has been hindered by lack of finances on the one hand and on the other, dependence upon a part-time secretary who, of necessity, was obliged to devote more time to personal affairs than to the duties of the office of secretary.

Though C. L. McCullers, part-time secretary for two years, has done a splendid job in some respects, he was prevented from doing as much as he could have done had the necessary finances been available. At that, he continued to work, and work hard, in the interest of the organization even without salary for the last two months. Times without number he has sacrificed other duties in order to carry on Chamber of Commerce work.

But such a program of so limited capital and secretarial service is not conducive to the sort of Chamber of Commerce which President Richard Elliott has in mind, and he is right. If there is enough interest in a Chamber of Commerce to provide a sizeable membership and a working capital sufficient to properly function, well and good, but on the other hand, if interest lags and only a comparatively few are willing to join and, of necessity, are obliged to bear the brunt of the burden, then the proper time to abandon the idea is at the outset. It is for this very purpose that tonight's meeting is called and the Court House should be filled with folks willing to express their views on the matter.

At the same time, the idea of consolidating the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association will also be discussed. This is a move having the endorsement of The Herald, which has always had the opinion that Edenton is not large enough to support the two organizations with the activities of both more or less overlapping. But Edenton is large enough, and the time is ripe especially at this time, to support a strong Chamber of Commerce in which should be a Merchants' Committee whose duties would compare with those now carried on by the Merchants' Association. At the same time, some business people are members of both organizations which obviously reduced the amount paid into each group and, instead of one strong organization, there has been two groups struggling for existence.

Edenton needs a Chamber of Commerce, and The Herald herewith urges as many as possibly can to attend tonight's meeting, coming with open mind and a willingness to advance any suggestions which will lighten the burden of the incoming president, whose only remuneration is to be of some service and help build a better Edenton.

Is This Your Last Issue?

As noted on the front page of this issue, this may be the last issue for some Herald readers. Several weeks ago we went over our circulation list and found some 800 subscribers whose subscriptions expired during May, June and July. They were subsequently notified that unless subscriptions are renewed, the names will be dropped from the list on July 31. The response has been very gratifying, but there still remains quite a few who have failed to renew.

Like all newspapers, The Herald regrets to lose any subscribers, but it just would not be fair to continue sending the paper to those who have not renewed, while others paid their subscriptions. Besides, second class postal rates forbid mailing newspapers not paid for in advance. Then another angle to be considered is the fact that the expense of publishing a newspaper is not unlike everything else. Materials and operating expenses have greatly increased, so that The Herald cannot afford to continue sending papers to readers whose subscriptions have not been paid up, even if it wanted to do so.

For that reason, the suggestion is made to those who have received notices to return them with the price of the subscription at once.

Especially with small newspapers, these are strenuous and critical times and every item of expense must be held to a minimum. To be frank, every possible subscription is needed to carry on, and to those who see fit to continue to subscribe to The Herald, the editor promises, in spite of added worries and responsibilities, to put every ounce of effort in producing a paper which will warrant the price paid for it.

Figure It Yourself

The idea that editorial comment isn't generally read was knocked into a cocked hat so far as The Herald editor is concerned, for many compliments were received relative to editorial comment last week concerning the rent situation in Edenton. And whether it was a sincere desire to secure information or in the spirit of sarcasm, the editor of The Herald in two instances was asked how much rent should be charged for apartments.

The editor frankly admitted that he was unable to

HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

They tell me West Water Street, back in the old days, was a very busy place and that a great deal of the town's business was in that area and down to the edge of the Edenton Bay. But for many years now West Water Street has been more or less deserted, the most activity being, no doubt, when C. N. Griffin got in a load of horses and mules. But the street was anything else but deserted Monday and up until this was written—in fact, it was just about the busiest section of town. You see, the three construction companies who were awarded the contracts to construct the Marine Glider Base, opened an employment office for the first time and a stream of job-seekers, men and women, have been milling up and down the street ever since. Even a truckload from South Carolina drove in Monday morning looking for jobs. In fact, it looks as though if all who went there to get jobs were employed, there'd not be enough labor left to house crops on the farms or do any other kind of work in or near town. Which all boils down to the fact that there's no excuse whatever to have a single loafer in town, or the county, for that matter, for a spell at least.

Arthur Chappell's birthday was on Monday, but because of the shortage of help at his recreation parlor, he celebrated the event Sunday by entertaining a small group of his cronies at a sumptuous fried chicken dinner at his home on East Eden Street. The meal was fittin' for a king, but was a source of worry to Chap for fear one or two of his friends would have to call a doctor due to an overloaded tummy. The meal was prepared by Mrs. Harry Crumme, who officiated due to the illness of Mrs. Chappell, and was given a vote of thanks even before the gang poked their feet under the table. Those who were Chap's guests, and with no reports of their becoming ill, were: Paul Olsson, E. T. Rawlinson, Willie White, Arthur Hollowell, Gene Cobb, and—well, where in the dickens would I have gotten the dope on this affair, anyway, if I hadn't been there?

Just as stated in this column last week, there was a possibility that names of some who contributed to USO, Chinese and Navy relief were inadvertently omitted. It was just such a case with Father F. J. McCourt. He was one of the first to make a contribution in May, but his name was missed, though his check was deposited. And to show that he's one who is in thorough sympathy in seeing Chowan County raise the \$1,600 quota, he made another contribution on Monday. If we had more like him in Edenton and Chowan County, the quota would have been raised the first day the drive was started, and there would have been no need to urge, beg and even have three campaigns to raise the amount. Incidentally, the report of the final round-up Monday was not available as The Herald went to press. Here's a sneaky feeling that the \$447 deficit was not secured or else Jack McMullan, Joe Conger, Cam Byrum or Geddes Potter would have either called up or chased down to the office.

Percy Perry proved to me Wednesday that he's not chasing on the back streets with his watermelons, for he parked in front of the office and displaying a big green melon, yelled: "Here, get this watermelon. Eat that and keep your mouth shut." Well, from the size of the thing my mouth will be pretty much open until it is consumed. Anyway, I've about called out the list and I'm more convinced than ever that some people are so natured that they just can't stand to see anybody hungry. So that here's a "thank you" to Friend Perry, Captain Wiggins, Nathan Copeland and Asa Griffin. Now, what I ought to do is snoop around to find out who else raises watermelons.

Bob Pratt on Tuesday night caused me to exert some energy to refrain from breaking out in a fit of laughter. Bob, you see, is the new commander of Ed Bond Post, and Mrs. Pratt is the new president of the Auxiliary. Of course, Bob had to make a speech as he was inducted into office and, in fairness to the Auxiliary, after his speech, asked, "Does the president of the Auxiliary have anything to say?" He wouldn't have asked that question at home. In fact, unless I'm badly mistaken, none of we married men need to ask that question around the house—unless the better half is peeved about something. And then we better have nothing to say, too. Anyway, Mrs. Pratt didn't speak as long as Bob, but she said just about as much regarding her purpose to do her best as president of her group.

Not all coming to Edenton in connection with the glider base are strangers. For instance, one to show up was Raymond White, who will be remembered as a former Edentonian. He has been in Washington, D. C., and is about twice as big around the mid-section as he was when here. Friend White will be in charge of the guards at the Glider Base and, thank goodness, he will be too darned busy to sell printing like he used to do here.

say, not being acquainted with real estate, and not being obliged to pay rent for almost 20 years. However, it doesn't require a person experienced in real estate to determine that some of the prices asked for rent, as reported, were nothing short of profiteering.

That there appears to be a general desire for information as to a fair rental for houses and apartments in the present emergency in Edenton, is reason to advance the suggestion that a group should be appointed who would be willing to appraise property and make suggestions for a fair rental.

As the writer sees it, there are a number of items which should be taken into consideration, such as location, conveniences and condition of the property. The principal item, of course, is the amount of the investment in the property which should bring a fair return.

There is no set rule as to the income on an investment, but considering the amount involved, and allowing for deterioration and repairs, the writer has been reliably informed that a fair return on a frame house would be 15 per cent and on a brick house 12 1/2 per cent. This schedule would not result in excessive rents and at the same time would result in a fair return on an investment.

However, The Herald is no authority on rents and after all, it should be the desire of property owners to receive only a fair return and not to gouge those whose duties bring them to Edenton and where they must find living quarters within reason.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Are You Hurt, Dear?"
"No, I'm Looking to See If There's a Run in My Stocking!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

International Sunday School Lesson for August 9, 1942

Golden Text: "The supplication of a righteous man availeth much."—James 5:16.

(Lesson Text: Genesis 18:23-33.)

Sitting in the door of his tent, under the oaks of Mamre, near the city of Hebron, Abraham saw three strangers approaching. In true Oriental custom, he ran out to meet them, bowing before them and beseeching them not to pass on until they had refreshed themselves by resting and partaking of food. When they consented, Abraham received them hospitably, had water brought for their feet and had a sumptuous feast prepared for them.

In appreciation of this hospitality, Abraham is informed by his guests that Sarah his wife, should bear him a son. Overhearing the remark while in the tent, Sarah, knowing that both she and Abraham were beyond the age when they could expect children, laughed within herself. Here the divine character of the visitors is first revealed, when one of the men asked Abraham, "Wherefore did Sarah laugh?" It is most probable that Abraham himself did not know that she had laughed. However, the promise was kept and Sarah did conceive in her old age.

When his guests were ready to depart, Abraham escorted them perhaps to the village of Beni Navim, three miles east of Hebron, where, through gaps in the hills the Dead Sea could be seen, and, in the distance before them lay the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, within a half mile of each other.

Until this time, Abraham had not learned of the purpose of the visit of his divine guests. In verses 17-19, God is spoken of as talking to himself about the wisdom of taking Abraham into his confidence and informing him that these two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, were to be destroyed. Deciding that it was necessary for Abraham, who was to be the father of a great and mighty nation through which all the nations of the earth were to be blessed, to understand God's dealings with his people, God told Abraham that, because of their wickedness, Sodom and Gomorrah were to be destroyed.

While they were talking, two of the men departed and went on toward Sodom. Jehovah remained, to talk further with Abraham, who was distressed at learning the fate which was to befall the inhabitants of the doomed cities. Knowing the mercy of God and having full confidence in His reasonableness and justice, Abraham begins to plead that the righteous be not destroyed with the wicked. He begs God to save Sodom if fifty righteous ones are found in the city. God agrees. Encouraged by this promise of God, Abraham boldly makes one request after another, that the city be spared for the sake of forty-five righteous men, then for the sake of forty, thirty, of twenty, of ten. Jehovah promises that he will not destroy the city for the ten's sake, and then departs from Abraham.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of Creswell, announce the birth of an 8 1/2-pound daughter in Columbia Hospital on Friday morning, July 24. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

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Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hopkins, of Creswell, announce the birth of a daughter, Ross Virginia, at the Columbia Hospital, on Wednesday night, July 22. Mrs. Hopkins was the former Miss Ada Gray Spruill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spruill, of Creswell.

instructions of the angels not to look back on the scene of destruction, perished.

The historical fact of the destruction of these two cities has been proven in recent excavations, plainly, they were destroyed by some great conflagration, for everywhere ashes were found. Articles made of pottery, weapons and jewelry worn by women in the time of Abraham have been found on the sites of these ancient cities.

Why did Abraham intercede for Sodom and Gomorrah? He knew their wickedness and knew they deserved the punishment they received. He prayed for these people because he loved his fellow men and could not bear to think of their suffering, even though he knew it was because of their own wrong-doing. With many of us, prayer is a very perfunctory thing—with Abraham it was not—he meant every word he uttered and he was willing to do all he could to have his prayer answered.

According to W. H. Griffith Thomas, "Enlargement of soul, increase of sympathy, a deepening of tenderness, a growing unselfishness, and a gradual conformity to the image of Him whose main thought is (and was) always for others, will mark the life of the believer who makes prominent the work of intercessory prayer."

LANNEAU CIRCLE MEETS

Sophie Lanneau Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. E. L. Wells. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn for the year, "The Light of the World Is Jesus." Mrs. E. L. Wells offered prayer and Scripture reading was by Mrs. J. Frank White, who also offered prayer.

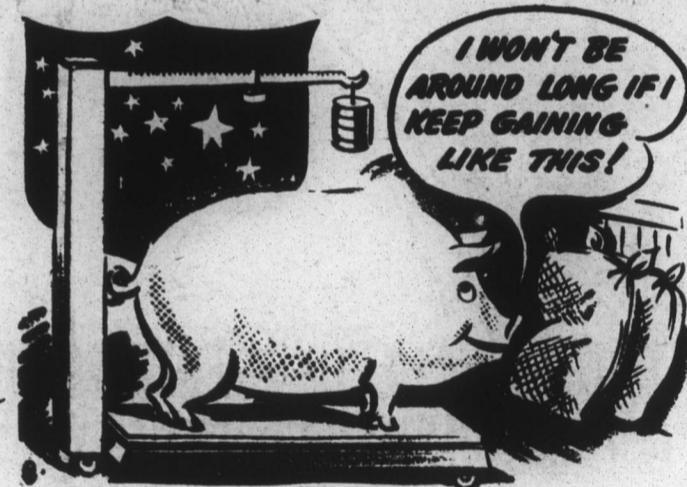
Mrs. E. J. Griffin had charge of the Bible study, her subject being the Commandments of God. She dismissed the group with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the roll was called. The collection for all purposes totaled \$8.10.

The hostess served lemonade and cakes to the following: Mrs. Carey Bunch, Mrs. A. T. Bush, Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Mrs. W. S. Perry and Mrs. J. Frank White.

Mrs. Wozelka Leaves Employment Service

Mrs. H. C. Wozelka, who for nine years has been connected with the employment service, has been transferred to the Navy in connection with the Marine Glider Base. Mrs. Wozelka is at present on duty in the Kramer Garage Building, headquarters of North Eastern-Warren-Beckham & Brooks, general contractors for the base.



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