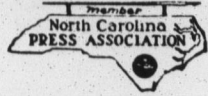


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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

THE PROTECTION OF A GREAT FRIEND: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11:28.

## Take Time To Give Thanks

"What time Thanksgiving?" is nothing new. This country's first universal Thanksgiving was December 18, 1777, during our struggle for independence. The Continental Army, under General Washington, observed it again the following year at Valley Forge, scene of bitter hardship. Through wars, through heartbreaking civil strife, through years of economic hardship, they have found deeper, more moving reasons than in brighter years.

The Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving is proof enough of this. True, it marked a good harvest but the previous winter had been one of hunger and sickness and death. And the Pilgrims knew they faced severe trials again in the months ahead. They had learned what a New England winter could mean. They knew they were going to have to fight for existence. The first Thanksgiving took on more intense meaning because of the very desperation with which they fought for their blessings. Consequently, it was a fight that involved them all, the women and children as well as the men. Every member of the family shared the suffering and the struggle. It was a family thing. And ever since that first Thanksgiving the day has had family significance. It has that significance today. The things for which we have always been thankful are the things for which we are fighting now—things alien to the Axis state—our belief in freedom and human dignity. If those things go, the family goes with them. They are its existence. The family must fight for them, must be willing to face self-denial and suffering and hardship for them, if it deserves to survive.

It's not the first time we have fought for them. After the adoption of the Constitution, Congress directed Washington to set aside a day for Thanksgiving. That was in 1789 and he gave thanks in that first presidential Thanksgiving proclamation for the things for which we had just fought and won. What were they? The peoples' safety and happiness, their civil and religious liberties—the things we find at stake today.

It is fitting, therefore, and proper that though this war is not yet won and everybody is on the run, we all should pause long enough on this Thanksgiving Day to return thanks to a kind Providence that things are as well with us as they are. We still have our own independence and liberty, we have been blessed far more than we deserve and have more for which to be thankful than any other nation. President Roosevelt has proclaimed Thursday as a day of Thanksgiving, and we should thank God that we Americans have a leader who believes in and has faith in God Almighty.

## We've Lost A Friend

Not the least of those to mourn the passing of Mrs. A. T. Bush are the publishers of The Herald, for she was numbered among the paper's best friends. She played no small part in the early days of The Herald's existence, and time and again expressed her wish that "her boys" would succeed.

It was the latter part of 1934 when two young printers who had previously adopted Edenton as their home and loved it so well that instead of leaving when no jobs were available and a depression had not yet loosened its hold on the country as a whole, decided to gamble with fate and started a weekly newspaper in Edenton in the face of a daily newspaper as competition and a printing plant fully equipped to handle practically any kind of printing. The business was started on a very slender shoe string basis and when a building large enough was needed and with no capital, Mrs. Bush very generously offered her building on King Street on a rental basis far less than it was worth until "her boys" could afford more. The building was occupied until the present home of The Herald was purchased in July, 1940.

Mrs. Bush was a kind, sweet, unassuming individual, who apparently guarded her every act and word for fear she would offend another. She was generous and very sympathetic toward the poor and those who met with misfortune. To the writer's own knowledge, her contributions were far more than allowed to be deducted from returns governing income tax payments.

A beautiful Christian life of the highest type has been removed from the community, so that The Herald feels a distinct loss and extends its sympathy to the two daughters and the brother who survive.

## Give Him Some Help

By attending a meeting of the Edenton Boy Scout Troop Friday night, the writer is convinced that adults are falling down in connection with Boy Scout activities in Edenton. On hand Friday night was a lively group of boys representing the average boyhood of America, and boys who in a very short time will occupy places of those now in the saddle.

To properly train and develop this group of boys requires more than the efforts of Scoutmaster C. W. Overman, and this assistance is, to say the least, very much lacking. If the Edenton Boy Scout Troop is to amount to anything, Mr. Overman must have some help even at a time when everyone is apparently busier than they have ever been. In behalf of Mr. Overman, it can be said that his time is for the most part taken up in carrying out his duties as farm agent, so that it is impossible for him to devote as much time as is necessary to properly steer the Scouts. For instance, at the weekly meetings there are three matters requiring the attention of a scouter, so that with no assistance, two

# HEARD and SEEN

From all reports, fishing of late has not been up to par hereabouts, those who enjoy this sport blaming it on the recent prolonged high tide and the supposition that water is poisoned by decaying leaves or other matter coming from adjoining swamps, thus killing a lot of fish or else chasing them from this neck of the woods. But, bite or not, the boys keep trying in the hope that the finny tribe will show up one of these days and somebody come home with a nice string of fish. At any rate, maybe the trouble is due to so many folks fishing and so few being interested in replenishing local waters with new stock. This is very simple with no expense attached to it, except a three-cent stamp. There are too few local fishermen who apply for young fish which are hatched out at the fish hatchery here, and because applications are not made for them locally, they, of course, go to other parts of the State. With bait as scarce as it is this year, it was a great temptation one day last week to refrain from putting overboard several thousand fingerling which looked like good bait for speckled perch, bass and jack. But Carey Bunch, superintendent of the hatchery, Johnny Asbell and Durwood Travis were along in the fish hatchery boat to see that the fish were properly planted. I've marked the spot where they were put overboard and gave specific instructions to the little fellows to hang around the same place until big enough to catch. If they follow instructions, here's one guy who ought to come home in a year or so with a nice string of fish. At any rate, fellows, put in an application for some baby fish so that we can keep our streams stocked and continue to have some real sport. As Paul Olsson says, "It don't cost nodding."

Of course, Jimmy Earnhardt goes to no little trouble to get the best there is in pictures for the Taylor Theatre, but he has some stiff competition down about the Municipal Building every Monday night of late. Each Monday night the Town office is crowded from stem to stern when the week-end round-up of drunks and other minor offenders are tried by Justice of the Peace F. W. Hobbs. Not only is there a gang to be tried, but many friends also are on hand so that the court takes on the appearance of doing a land office business. But where Jimmy Earnhardt's competition comes in is the comedy developing in trying these cases. As a spectator on a number of occasions recently I've actually gotten more laughs than at any comedy witnessed in the theatre. There's no end to the comedy in some cases, even when Mr. Hobbs says: "\$5 and costs," for the majority of 'em have folding money in their jeans and have no hesitancy in digging down in order to pay up so that they're free to be rounded up again. "Do you work regularly?" Mr. Hobbs asked one defendant Monday night. "Yas suh," was the answer. "How much do you earn?" was the next question. "Oh, Ah earns enough to pay me out of trouble when Ah gets in it, and dat takes about all Ah gets," was the answer. Anyway, here's one who gets a chuckle from some of the carry-in and hopes they don't start charging admission for a seat in the place.

With The Herald's appearance pushed up a day because of the Thanksgiving holiday, some news, especially from our rural correspondents, was again obliged to be omitted. But The Herald force is entitled to the holiday and for that reason the paper is a day early this week. The editor, for one, will pause long enough to give thanks for this:

That in these uncertain times the paper is still in existence.

That there are still a large number of subscribers who realize the necessity of paying their subscription to get the paper.

That criticisms have been offered, some of which were constructive and some of which have been just pure belly-aching.

That many friends have been so cooperative in furnishing news.

That there are some business men who realize the value of advertising.

That the press has not been throttled by a maniac like Hitler and his tribe.

That expressions reach us from far and near that The Herald is enjoyed.

That so far I've had three meals a day, despite the rationing program.

That fish are not biting, so I'm not uneasy when duties prevent my going.

Well, shucks this whole column could be filled with things for which I'm thankful and the same is true of every bloomin' one who reads this and those who don't.

Things are moving fast over at the Bank of Edenton and it will not be long now until the bank will take on the appearance of a brand new place. The partition has been removed between the new part which was added, thus doing away with the one-way passage way leading back to the "mourner's bench" where Mint Warren and Henry Gardner hear the sad stories from those seeking to borrow money or the reasons for not paying back on time what was borrowed. New and up-to-date equipment is being added so that when completed the bank will be a place of beauty as well as one of the finest places for banking business in this section.

In a number of instances promotions have been made of boys in the service and no mention made in The Herald. For the most part such information has been sent to The Herald from the public relations office at various camps, but in many cases such information is not sent from some camps. The Herald will be glad to publish any news of these promotions and parents and friends need feel no hesitancy in furnishing this form of news. What promotions have not been published was not the fault of the editor, for he just didn't know about it and cannot know unless the information is received. Pass it along, folks. And still better, you boys in the service (and we've got a lot of 'em) of these are neglected at one time or another, for Mr. Overman, like any other human, can only do one of these at a time.

Edenton's Scouts comprise a group of lively and promising boys who deserve the attention, interest and time of several adults who realize the value of proper training of a boy at a time when influences and environment play a very important role in his development and future usefulness.

Mr. Overman needs some help and there should be more than enough to offer their services in the interest of boyhood in Edenton.

getting The Herald) drop us a line, for other readers would like to hear about you wherever you are.

In the mail this week was a letter from a man in New York who used National Republican Club stationery. He wants to know if there are any points of historical interest in Edenton and if March or April are good months to pay a visit. Well, there's no election on at that time, so I don't expect there'll be much objection to inviting him down at that time. Anyway, I did it.

Edenton came in for a good slice of publicity Sunday afternoon when Dillard Dixon's orchestra played for three-quarters of an hour over the Washington, N. C., radio. The boys had plenty of numbers on tap and though the microphones more or less scared some of 'em, the music was apparently enjoyed by a large number of listeners, as well as the radio officials who invited the boys back. However, the gasoline and tire situation is making the boys think twice before they consent to run over for another program.

## Postoffice Facing Greatest Task In Handling Of Mail

## Postmaster Kramer Issues Timely Suggestions to Follow

From now until the end of the holiday season the Edenton Post Office will be called upon to handle the greatest amount of mail in its history, with less than the normal amount of help.

In order to meet this tremendous demand for service, the Post Office Department and the local Post Office earnestly request the cooperation of the public, so that there will be the least possible congestion and thereby the least inconvenience to those whom we desire to serve.

If the public will observe a few simple rules for mailing, they will receive better local service, as well as speed up the dispatch of their let-

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ters and parcels, to their destination. Postmaster C. E. Kramer submits the following rules to be carried out:

1. Parcels should be mailed between the hours of 9 a. m. and 11 a. m., and from 3 p. m., to 5 p. m. Parcels mailed at other hours are often delayed, due to the fact that first class matter takes preference over all other classes of mail.
2. Get all Christmas mail prepared and mailed as early as possible. This will avoid congestion and delay in transit, due to a shortage of facilities for transporting the mails.
3. It is advised that persons who desire to use the 1½c stamp for mailing Christmas cards purchase their requirements without delay.
4. Use Air mail for the quickest service to distant destinations.
5. Use Special Delivery for prompt delivery, upon reaching destinations.
6. Do not send currency, or coins, in ordinary mail. Use Postal Money Order, or check.
7. Always register, or insure, valuable matter of any kind.
8. Use the "V" letter mail for the best and quickest service to our Armed forces abroad. "V" letter forms may be obtained from your local Post Office.

## 13 Chowan Boys Go To Fort Bragg Wednesday

Thirteen Chowan County boys left Edenton Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg, where they will be assigned to duty in the U. S. Army. This group includes those from a contingent of 28 going to Fort Bragg last week who passed the Army's physical examination.

One young man, Robert C. Hassell, also passed the examination last week, but remained at Fort Bragg instead of accepting the seven-days'

furlough. The group leaving on Wednesday morning included: Lloyd Lane, Harry Lester Jordan, Solomon J. West, Wm. M. White, Oscar P. Bunch, Ray Elijah Boyce, Raymond B. Bunch, Clarence T. Hollowell, Merrill Leon Ward, Cecil H. Hollowell, Jr., Ralph B. Ward, James Nurney Hudson and Herbert W. Twiddy.

## Local Orchestra On Radio Last Sunday

Edenton's up and coming music organization, Dillard Dixon and his orchestra, journeyed to Washington, N. C., on Sunday afternoon to broadcast for 45 minutes over the radio. The program was well executed and the boys, upon their return, were highly complimented for their splendid program.

Those comprising the orchestra were: Clarence Leary, Jr., Richard D. Dixon, Jr., Jimmy Weathers, Millard Ward, Linwood Ward, Tommy Cross, Lloyd Griffin, Billy Brunson, George Alma Byrum, West Byrum, Jr., Dee Skiles and Shelton Moore.

**EDGAR HOLLOWELL HOST**  
Edgar Earl Hollowell entertained the R. A. and G. A. groups on Friday evening. An interesting program was presented after the business session. During the social hour, the host's mother, Mrs. C. J. Hollowell, served grape juice, sandwiches and salted nuts to the fifteen present.

The December meeting will be held with the councillor, Mrs. J. Cameron Boyce.

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We urge you to pay your Taxes now and take advantage of the savings.

On all taxes that are paid after February 1st, 1943, there will be the usual penalty.

**J. A. BUNCH**  
SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY