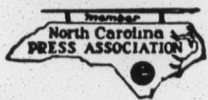


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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

A HUMAN EXAMPLE MAKES ALL SIMPLE: I am the door; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.—John.

## Poppy Day Again

Edenton will again have an opportunity to register its patriotism on Saturday, May 29, when Poppy Day will be observed and on which day everybody is expected to pledge anew his faith in those who have died in the nation's service by wearing a memorial poppy. Poppy Day this year will be even more significant than those observed heretofore, in that not only those who gave their lives in the first World War will be remembered, but even already many Americans have given their lives in the present conflict for the same cause for which our boys fought in the previous war.

Mrs. West Byrum has been named chairman to handle the sale of poppies by the Auxiliary of the American Legion, which fact is assurance that the campaign will be in adequate hands. So that to make the sale the success that it should be will depend upon the willingness of all of us to buy and wear a poppy in honor of our war dead.

## Progress Continues

When J. H. McMullan relinquished his duties as Edenton's mayor Tuesday night, he briefly reiterated some of the progress made in Edenton since he served the Town as Mayor for the first time. In those early days, the total revenue of the Town was in the neighborhood of \$6,000 per year. There was no stock law, so that it was necessary to have gates placed where roads merged with the Town's streets.

Problems faced the City Fathers then, and the carrying on of the Town's business was taken seriously by those in authority. Of course, Edenton has made considerable progress since that time, and with it vexing problems necessarily have multiplied, so that the Town's business should command just as serious consideration now as was the case when Mayor McMullan was the youngest mayor instead of the oldest.

That members of the present administration are taking their duties seriously was reflected in an executive session Tuesday night when sober thought was given to a number of problems and plans were set on foot to intelligently handle these problems.

Of course, the present officials will not and do not expect to set the world on fire, but when they decide to seriously consider and deliberate the merits of matters coming before them before taking final action it tends to show that they are serious-minded, which will undoubtedly tend to furnish level-headed Town government.

## You Can Help

Not all of Edenton's population are eligible for duty in the Armed forces, but an opportunity now presents itself for every single person to contribute a small amount of effort in the war. This opportunity will be afforded tonight in the Court House when a list of volunteers will be sought to man the new air warning observation post on Hicks Field.

The importance of efficient operation of these posts cannot be over-emphasized, for they are the first line of civilian defense against enemy attack from the air. It smacks of over-confidence if it is thought there is no possible chance of either the east or west coast being bombed, and in event such raids materialize, the air warning service is the logical agency to detect enemy planes and thus reduce any subsequent damage. There are already more than a million patriotic American volunteers who have offered their services in about 12,000 posts, and to properly complete Chowan County's circuit in the neighborhood of 112 volunteers will be needed.

At tonight's meeting, therefore, it is hoped that more than enough will agree to serve in this important precautionary effort. If the required number will volunteer, it will not be necessary for any one person to be on duty more than a few hours every other week. It is little enough to ask of those who are privileged to remain at home and not be obliged to experience the horrors of war on foreign soil and at the same time be contributing their bit toward preventing similar horrors on our fair land.

The Edenton observation post is attractive headquarters, the post must and will be manned, but this work should be distributed among the citizenry in general and not resort to the old buck-passing of "Let George do it." This is no time to shirk duty and it behooves all to help in this very important arm of defense.

Be at the Court House tonight, hear Captain DeWitt, public relations officer, explain the workings of the service and then be patriotic enough to offer a few hours every other week in helping to man the Edenton post.

## Not Superior To Uncle Sam

Probably everybody in the United States, except John L. Lewis' striking miners, will approve the firm position taken by the President in connection with the threatened shut-down of the bituminous coal mines.

It is no exaggeration for Mr. Roosevelt to assert that a strike in the coal mines "would have the same effect on the course of the war as a crippling defeat in the field." The production of tanks, guns and ammunition, he said, depends upon coal and without these weapons, our sailors on the high seas and our Allies in the field will be helpless against our enemies.

There can be but one outcome to the threatened strike. No labor union is superior to the government of this country. If the United Mine Workers have been misled, then it is high time that the government makes effective its lesson.

# HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

If Edenton goes to the dogs during the next two years we'll just have to blame it on the Baptists, for in the present city administration eight of the 11 members are Baptists. The Episcopalians, who when I landed in Edenton some 20 years ago, had the reputation of running practically everything in town, have two members in the official family, while the Methodists are lucky (or maybe unlucky) in having only one member. Here's how they stack up: Baptists, Mayor Leroy H. Haskett, O. Branning Perry, West Byrum, Jordan Yates, J. Clarence Leary, Graham Byrum, Jimmy Partin and Walter Wilkins. The Episcopalians are Henry Gardner and Joe Conger, while the lone Methodist is yours truly. Then if the town goes to the dogs, the Lions should also be blamed, for five of them are among the Town Scoundrels. Ed Bond Post of the American Legion also claims five members, while Rotary lays claim to only one member. But what I'm trying to get around to is that if every member would be a 100 per cent. Baptist, Episcopalian or Methodist every day in the week instead of only on Sunday, or if the principles of the other organizations represented were fully carried out, there would be little doubt but that the Town's business would be conducted on a high plane. What, eliminate all criticism? Heck, no! Why the Lord Himself was criticized by the people of His day and it's a lead pipe cinch that there are some people in Edenton who would find fault with Him today if He lived in Edenton, so how in the dickens can a few mere Town Councilmen satisfy everybody? It just can't be done, and criticism is part of the "pay" of Town Councilmen.

And speaking of pay, it was called to my attention the other day that on a number of occasions in this column some comment has been made relative to the "munificent" salary of Town Councilmen, (yep, it's the grand total of 24 bucks per year, regardless of how long or how many meetings are held) and that not a word has been printed about the salary of the street commissioner, which runs into the "staggering" sum of \$240 per year. I'll say something about that and at the same time include the "wonderful" salary of the Mayor of Edenton, which is \$100 per year, to which because of extra work during the fight for the Chowan River bridge some years ago \$200 per year was added for stenographic or clerical assistance, and which has since remained, despite it being a target on several occasions to whittle down the budget. In the first place, the Mayor's salary is a joke, for there's hardly even a shoe shine boy in Edenton who does not earn that much in consuming about as much time as a Mayor should devote to the office. The Mayor of Edenton is, or should be, a responsible position, for which taxpayers should not expect any one man to devote his time, thought and energy without receiving pay, especially when any particular man in office could use this time in other avenues to realize income or for some sort of recreation and pleasure which in these strenuous times would be worth more than the few dollars involved. Yes, the Mayor's salary is a joke and now going into the "higher" brackets of the street commissioner's salary: The street commissioner is just as busy and in all probability even busier than most of those critics who find time to figure out reasons to bellyache. In connection with this particular job, there is no telling how much time is consequent investigation of these complaints. The office summed in meeting and arguing with salesmen, then no little time is utilized in listening to complaints and sub-also requires not a few letters to be written on which, incidentally, the present street commissioner has not used a single stamp bought by the Town. The job requires chasing all about Town for which a personal car and personal gasoline has been used, all of which run into a little money during the course of a year. In fact, everything taken into consideration, the street commissioner's salary is near about as big a joke as the Mayor's and Town Councilmen's salaries. It wasn't with any intention of concealing the street commissioner's salary that no mention was made in this column, but rather a feeling of embarrassment that a high-sounding title should mean only 240 bucks a year. And after all, if salaries of Town officials were what they should be and were in keeping with Edenton's reputation along other lines, there most likely would be more candidates for office on the part of those who are so free to hand out advice and criticism, but unwilling to take a chance at being elected to a place in the official family where their knowledge of running a town and their advice would be more beneficial.

Ain't politics sumpin'? Of course, when one wins out in an election, there's always congratulations for the winners, and last week's election was no exception. But what I can't understand is that despite the fact that I was high man in the Councilmen-at-large race, only 218 votes were credited to me, while I have had about 300 tell me they were glad to see that I was re-elected and that they had cast a ballot for me. Maybe we ought to have a recount of the ballots, for something is screwy. Then, take Dave Holton. A lot of voters told him they would help him out. Well, some of 'em did help him "out".

Which reminds me that in a heated election some few years ago Father F. J. McCourt was asked, as he entered the voting place, whom he was going to vote for. He told his questioner he'd tell him after he voted, and sure enough when Father McCourt emerged from the building, the fellow eased up to him to ascertain if he voted for a certain candidate. Speaking in a low tone, Father McCourt asked, "Can you keep a secret?" The fellow drew up a little closer as he replied, "Oh, yes sir, you can count on me keeping a secret." "Well, so can I," said the priest, as he left his apparently befuddled politician.

Albert Byrum has, by reason of not seeking re-election as Town Councilman, eliminated some of his worries, but he still has plenty of them in connection with his chairmanship of the local War Price and Ration Board. Just a sample is a recent experience he had when he was aroused about the middle of the night by a telephone ringing like crazy and when he reached it he was asked how chances were for a stranded truck driver to buy a new tire. In the first place, Mr. Byrum does not happen to have access to a gang of tires to sell and in the second place, tire dealers were also snoozing, so that it would have taken about the remainder of the night to get one of 'em out of bed and then the chances are that the right size would not have been on hand. All of which is mentioned in the hope that people will

## JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



Cop—"You Men Move On!"  
Kid—"Well, I Guess It's Up to Us to Move, Jimmy!"

use plain, common sense when dealing with the Ration Board.

There are all sorts of signs on the rear of automobiles and trucks, but one noticed the other day takes the prize and possibly throws some light on a lot of highway accidents. The sign on a large truck read thusly: "Please Pass Quietly—Driver Asleep." Maybe, in some cases, the information is all too true.

Somewhat of a small war took place Tuesday night when a group of Marines had a brush with Edenton's police force. It appears that Joe Habit wanted to close his cafe but a number of the Marines weren't ready to leave, so that Joe called the police who were just across the street. Practically the whole police force had their hands full for a little spell but finally the Marines left and Joe locked up his place.

Arthur Chappell owns a number of automobiles but even at that they were all in use Tuesday, so that he had to hitch-hike to Hertford on some important business. He finally got there and back and in his trip of 12 miles each way, he rode a bumpy truck, a Chevrolet and a Chrysler. He figures that if he had a few more cars, maybe he could use one of 'em for his own use once in a while anyway.

If you've read the story in this issue about Town Council's meeting on Tuesday night, that portion about Mayor McMullan relinquishing the gavel of authority to Mayor Haskett is an illusion. As a matter of fact, the town's paraphernalia does not include a gavel despite the fact that the Mayor should have one to call down some folks every once in a while. But Mayor McMullan went through the form by picking up my pipe, tapping on the table and handing it toward the incoming Mayor. Friend Haskett didn't get his mitts on it, however, for I grabbed the thing (dear old pal) before any damage could befall it. Anyway, why in the dickens doesn't somebody contribute a gavel to the Town now that the business of holding down the budget will soon be started by Walter Wilkins and Jimmy Partin?

Charlie and Mrs. McCullers were welcome visitors in Edenton early this week. Mac is still stationed at Camp Butler in Durham, while Mrs. Mac, having finished teaching school, has a new job. She is running a country store in a rural section of Wake County, where she spends most

of the time sitting on a keg. During the course of a day she takes in about 50 cents in cash and about \$5 a day is charged on the books. In fact, the store was opened in 1908, and aside from the store-keeper (Mrs. Mac) there has been little change—the same store, same shelves, same merchandise and almost the same customers. But, Mrs. Mac is apparently enjoying her job, sitting on a keg and joining in the discussion of events of the day. Her hardest job is to keep a box filled with saw dust for the tobacco sharp shooters, and to date, she is not wearing spectacles nor chewing snuff in order to be in line for the spitting spree.

Mrs. Braxton Gay, the other day, bought some eggs from a farmer who lives near Roper and when preparing to break a number of them, she discovered on one a queer formation. It appeared as if the shell had shrunk and in knitting together had formed a perfect reproduction of the Japs' emblem of the rising sun. When she realized what the formation looked like, it didn't take her long to smash the egg. Here's hoping that it is a sign of what the Yanks will soon be doing to the whole Jap shootin'-match.

Today's the 13th, boys, so that it's only seven more days until May 20—the date when we can pack up our fishing poles and other paraphernalia and fish wherever we darn please. According to reports the bloomin' fish were biting fine on Easter Sunday and Monday (the ban being lifted for the two days) and here's hoping the scudders continue to act right so that some of us can get away from a lot of worry and trouble and concentrate on watching a cork bob a little. Of course, almost all of the fish caught Easter Sunday and Monday, say the fishermen, were "under the fish hatchery bridge." Which only goes to show that a lot of fishermen are big liars.

## RATIONING AT A GLANCE

**Blue Stamps**  
(For canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods).  
Blue stamps G, H, J remain valid through May.

**Coffee**  
Stamp No. 23 in War Ration Book One is valid for one pound of coffee

through May 30.

**Fuel Oil**  
"Period 5" coupons now valid and will be until September 30. Consumers may go to local ration boards and claim fuel oil to keep tanks from "floating" during late spring and summer months.

**Gasoline**  
"A" book coupons No. 5 good for three gallons each and must last from March 22 to July 21, inclusive, in North Carolina.

**Red Stamps**  
(For meat products, canned fish, most edible oils, and cheeses).  
Red stamps "E" and "F" remain valid through May. Red stamp "G" became valid May 9 and is good through May. Red stamp "H" becomes valid May 16. Retailers must register with local boards and receive allowable inventories of meats and fats by May 14.

**Shoes**  
No. 17 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair of shoes until June 15.

**Stoves**  
New coal and oil-fired heaters are being rationed. Persons who will use new coal stoves to replace oil burners may apply to their local War Price and Rationing Boards for purchase certificates. Oil-fired heaters can be purchased only under very unusual circumstances because of the fuel oil shortage.

**Sugar**  
Stamp No. 12 in War Ration Book One is valid for 5 pounds of sugar through May 31.

## Evans Church News

Mrs. G. E. Harrell, Mrs. E. B. Williams and Miss Viola Wilson visited Mrs. Joe Goodwin Sunday afternoon.

Bernice Williams and Peggy Turner of Center Hill are visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. P. Turner, of near Corapeake.

Mrs. J. H. Cale visited Mrs. E. R. Wilson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller spent Sunday in Durham, visiting Rufus White, a patient at Duke Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodwin and Mrs. E. B. Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nixon Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keeter visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Keeter, in Edenton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Williams attended a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Daughtrey White, of Rocky Hook, Monday evening.

Miss Mildred Wilson spent the week-end with Miss Wessie Harrell, of near Sunbury.

## Ration Board Quotes Few Ceiling Prices

The Chowan War Price and Ration Board has released information relative to the prices of eggs, poultry and butter. In round figures, the price which retail stores may pay for eggs are as follows:

Grade B medium, 37c; grade B large, 41c; grade A medium, 39c; grade A large, 43c. When farmers sell eggs to individual consumers, they may increase the above price by 17 per cent.

Regulations governing ceiling prices for poultry has recently been simplified. When farmers sell poultry to haulers or wholesalers they may charge 28½c per pound for young poultry, 25c per pound for hens of all weights; 21c for roosters. When selling to retailers, they may charge 30c per pound for young poultry, hens 26½c, and 32½c for roosters, which prices to individual consumers must not be over 36c for young poultry, 32c for hens and 27c for roosters.

The ceiling price for butter varies according to grade. When farmers sell ungraded or "No Grade" butter to a retail store, the ceiling price is 45c per pound.

# Chowan Mutual Produce Exchange

(INCORPORATED)

EDENTON, N. C.

Announces Opening of the Auction Block at Valhalla  
MONDAY, MAY 17

## For Sale Of May Peas

During the summer sales will be held for the sale of various kinds of farm produce, the sales to be conducted by Francis Hicks, well known and experienced auctioneer.

FARMERS, bring your Produce to our Auction Block, where you can be assured the best possible prices will be secured for you and that your business will be greatly appreciated.

## CHOWAN MUTUAL PRODUCE EXCHANGE, INC.

J. P. Barnett, Manager

E. L. Pearce, Sec. and Treas.