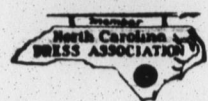


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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

GIVE US UNDERSTANDING: Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.—Daniel 12:10.

## Another Phase of Community Pride

Influence of Edenton women and their weight in any matter in which they are vitally interested was strikingly reflected last week when they went to no little trouble to prevent the removal of a group of old crepe myrtle trees on West Eden Street to make way for a concrete sidewalk. The ladies were granted a hearing on the matter after Town Council had agreed to construct a sidewalk and plans had been made to begin cutting down the trees Monday morning of last week.

They were successful in securing a hearing, because of which the trees were not removed as contemplated. The ladies are very much interested in trees and their preservation, so that it didn't take them long to muster together their forces, hold a meeting, plan for their method of "attack," appear before Town Council about 25 strong, and were successful in preventing removal of the trees, for the time being at least.

The ladies admitted that Eden Street is very narrow and that property owners are entitled to a convenient and safe method of ingress and egress to their homes, but pleaded for a way to be worked out whereby the trees could be saved. They came prepared with several suggestions which they requested Town Council to consider, the one having the most merit, in the opinion of the Councilmen, having for its ultimate goal the widening of the street by this type of sidewalk. The plan calls for moving back toward the property line the curb on the south side of the street something like three or four feet.

To the interest and efforts of the ladies therefore, can be attributed the fact that this particular group of trees is still standing.

Trees in Edenton play no small part in the beauty and attractiveness of the town, and the town is fortunate in having a group of women, and some men as well, who are interested in the care and preservation of the trees. The writer realizes the value of trees, but is convinced that they cannot remain forever. Trees, like human beings, are allotted by the Almighty a space of years for their usefulness, at the termination of which they necessarily must pass from the scene, so that trees alone are not all that is necessary to make a town attractive. Ever so many beautiful trees may line our streets and still their beauty and majesty can and is greatly impaired by carelessness or thoughtlessness on the part of many in littering the streets with trash.

An overworked Street Department under present conditions cannot cope with the situation, and as clean and attractive a town as should be the case cannot materialize unless there is more cooperation on the part of more Edenton citizens.

By this proposition, a sidewalk would be built two feet from the present curb toward the trees and a foot and a half on the present roadway. The curb is six inches wide, so that the proposed sidewalk would be of the width of Eden Street, an adequate sidewalk as well as preserving the group of crepe myrtle trees.

The writer takes it that members of the Garden Club are just as much interested in a clean town as they are in a town with many and beautiful trees, which brings us to the point of this editorial comment: If members of the Garden Club would display as much interest and exert as much energy in informing people, or educating them, to be more particular and systematic about trash and garbage as they are about trees, there is little doubt but that Edenton's streets and sidewalks would soon compare more favorably with the trees which they cherish and would go to almost any extremes to protect and save. The two go together so far as making an attractive town is concerned, and if the influence of the ladies was directed toward this important phase of civic pride, Edenton could again take pride in boasting that it is one of the cleanest and most attractive towns in the State.

## All Honor To Edenton

Raleigh News and Observer

What was the most interesting news item in Saturday's News and Observer? The war news cheered but the sinking of ships by U-boats was depressing. The big piece of news was from the lovely old town of Edenton, which prefers beauty to concrete. The people "riz up" against the proposal to cut down 15 old crepe myrtle trees, one of the town's landmarks. As a result it was decided to construct a sidewalk part way on the street using enough of the ground toward the trees to prevent removal or damage of the trees.

The Edenton people are to be commended for the compromise. They evidently hold with Joyce Kilmer:

I think that I shall never see  
A poem as lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed  
Against the earth's sweet-flowing breast.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

Wanted: A North Carolina poet to embalm in song the beauty of the crepe myrtle.

Americanism: People in the country trying to get into the cities and vice versa.

# HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

Quite a lot has been read in the papers and heard over the radio regarding the drafting of fathers for military service. It has also been brought out that not a few, more eligible, men are hiding behind a petticoat or a government desk. Besides, one of my hard-working farmer friends advises me that there are also some who are even hiding behind a plow handle. Well, petticoats should be shaken, the desks shoved around a bit and plow handles yanked in order to round up the birds who should go into service before fathers who have little ones so dependent upon them.

Carroll Edney, colored cafe operator, dropped in the office the other day somewhat depressed because a "silver" dollar was passed back to him at the Bank of Edenton. The dollar happened to be counterfeit, which could easily be detected by the ring when dropping it. Otherwise, it was a good imitation and this incident is mentioned to warn others to be on the lookout if and when someone hands 'em a dollar of the sort taken by Edney.

I was wondering what had happened to the Edenton High School Band and a few days ago asked Director Bob Martin if he had a band this year. His affirmative answer was substantiated Monday night when the band paraded down Broad Street and played several numbers which sounded something like the days when Charlie McCullers was here and the band won honors right and left. Here's hoping that the youngsters continue to improve and that Edenton will be able to again boast and be proud of a band second to none.

Edenton football fans have a very good reason to tune in on any game which the Navy plays this season and which is broadcast. Billy Shepard, one of our Edenton boys, is seeing service on the team this year and besides getting a good send-off by radio announcers, he was given an enviable write-up in the newspapers up that way. "Bill Shepard puts his heart and punch in the game," comments one writer, and here's one who says "Amen" to that statement, especially if he plays the same brand of ball as he did when on the local High School football team. His little brother, Tom, too, played the same sort of game, which is the sort of spirit all players must have to develop a winning combination.

Maybe the most of us are getting used to the hustle and bustle, as well as the bother and inconveniences brought about by war-time conditions, but not so with an old colored man riding on a bus the other day. The kindly old fellow was packed in the back of the bus like a sardine in a can, and as he inched along the aisle, wiggling and twisting to get to the door to get out, great beads of perspiration rolled down his cheeks. "Excuse me, white folks," he said as he neared the door, "Ah neber expected things would come to this, and I'se gwine to go back in the woods and stay dar 'til the war is over."

It's been a long time since there was a hanging in Edenton, but one day this week a lady told me they were going to hang the Duke of Albemarle in the Court House. As a matter of fact, a portrait of George Monk, Duke of Albemarle, which is a gift of John and Inglis Fletcher, will be presented next Monday morning and will hang in the Assembly Room. Quite an affair is planned and if I get the right slant, there is just about as much interest aroused among a large group as if an actual hanging was to take place.

With the subject of trees being expected to be brought up whenever meeting up with practically every Edenton lady lately, it was some relief the other day when one of 'em dropped in the office and made this remark: "I'd like to speak to you a few minutes, Mr. Bufflap, but it's not about trees." Gosh, it was some relief.

At last I've learned what to call these attractive girls parading about town in the neat, green uniforms and carrying a leather bag slung over their shoulder. I thought I was being nice in calling 'em "Lady Marines," but Chaplain Henry Chace, at last week's Rotary meeting, said they didn't like to be called Lady Marines and preferred "Women Marines." Their official title, I think, is U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, but shucks, that's too long a name, so that from now on I'm following Chaplain Chace's advise unless, of course, the word "Lady" fits in a headline better than the word "Woman."

And speaking about the Women Marines, two of 'em were in the lobby of the postoffice the other evening after the windows were closed. They were reading the signs posted in the lobby and noticed the one urging the purchase of duck stamps before hunting. "Hunters, attention," read one of the girls, "buy stamps before you shoot." Turning to her friend, she said, "What do they hunt around here, Japs?" "Well," the other girl replied, "Some of us are hunting dates but I don't see any sense in buying a stamp before a person shoots."

Possibly I have been unfair to Charlie Overman in insinuating that he goes to sleep during the speaking at Rotary meetings and during the preaching of a sermon in church. As a matter of fact, Charlie says he is not sleeping when his head rocks backward and forward, but is only approving what the speaker is saying. Well, anyway, maybe he's right, for I admit never having heard him snore.

Here's one who is sick of the war and hopes it will soon be over, but so far as pipe cleaners are concerned, the war can go on a few more weeks now. Following some comment about pipe cleaners last week to the effect that I was in a bad fix because I had none, a letter arrived in the mail a day or two later in which was a package of pipe cleaners together with the following brief letter: "Dear Buff: Who says advertising doesn't pay? A Lady of Edenton." Then, on Monday, I met a lady who had a small bundle of the things and as I approached her she said, "I read about your plight, so here are a few pipe cleaners to work on that stinking pipe of yours, but if you mention my name I'll kill you." I want to use the cleaners, so that her name is not mentioned. Again, at the Red Men's meeting Monday night, Willie Saunders said he was sorry for me and he had intended bringing me a few pipe cleaners but had forgotten them. Willie is master of the art of holding a toothpick in his mouth while smoking his pipe

and I'm wondering if that has anything to do with keeping his pipe clean so that he has a supply of pipe cleaners on hand.

I'm sort of befuddled this week, all because of a surprise visit of one of the Bufflapps who is in the Navy, and was given enough time off to be home several days. The Navy must have a language all its own if many of the outlandish names of things around the house which I have heard the last few days is any indication. For instance, the floor is a deck, meals are chow, toilet is head—well, I'll learn some more before he goes back to his ship Saturday.

## CIRCLE MEETS MONDAY

Members of the Belle Bennett Circle of the Methodist Church will meet Monday night at the home of Mrs. G. A. Helms. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock, and all members are especially urged to be present.

## FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Fire Department will hold its monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock, at which time a barbecue dinner will be served. Fire Chief R. K. Hall reports that only two fires occurred during the month of September, both of which resulted in no loss.

## FDR says:

I hope Americans will figure out for themselves additional payroll savings.



## Mrs. Preston Returns From Norfolk Hospital

Mrs. H. H. Preston was brought home in the Quinn ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk, Va., where she has been confined following an accident at her home. It will be necessary for Mrs. Preston to remain in bed six more weeks as the result of three bones cracked in her knee.

Mrs. Preston was injured when she tripped and fell down the steps to the basement in her home recently and was subsequently taken to the hospital.

## Legion Auxiliary Plans Observe Armistice Day

Tentative plans were formulated by the American Legion Auxiliary at the meeting on Friday night to celebrate Armistice Day with a square dance at the Armory. A hill-billy band from Raleigh will furnish the music.

In addition to this, a committee was formed to contact Abe Martin, USO Director, and solicit his aid and cooperation in getting a local talent floor show from the air base to add to the evening's entertainment.

A small admission price will be charged in order to defray expenses, announced Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, president of the Auxiliary.

## Red Men Tribe Starts Membership Drive

Next Monday night, Chowan Tribe of Red Men will begin a drive which is expected to boost the membership so that the Tribe will be entitled to two representatives in the Great Council.

In connection with opening of the drive refreshments will be served and music furnished by the Red Men's quartet, which is composed of W. J. Daniels, A. S. Holloyell, Raleigh Hollowell and C. B. Mooney, Jr. The committee appointed to arrange the program is composed of Frank Hughes, Raymond Tarkenton and C. B. Mooney, Jr. All members of the Tribe are urged to be present.

## ADJUSTED RETAIL PRICES FOR ECONOMY BRANDS CIGARETTES

Effective September 4, retailers are permitted to adjust their retail price for economy cigarettes. By economy brand is meant Marvels, Dominos, Wings, etc., in either the regular or King size. The flat retail price was established for all sellers regardless of what their previous ceiling had been. The new price is 13c per pack or 12½c per pack for sales in multiple units. A further provision is that a retailer must offer to sell each buyer two packs for 25c.

## Too Late To Classify

FOR SALE—30 HEAD OF HOGS, ranging in weight from 300 lbs., down to 25 lbs., each. See J. L. Wiggins, Edenton, N. C. oct.7c.

## BUY WAR BONDS!



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

"Your outfit looked mighty fine in the parade," I told Ed Carey, our fire chief. "Everything polished within an inch of its life, and the men pert and snappy!" "That's how it should be," said Ed. "We have Thursday turnout inspections... and surprise inspections in between!" That sort of supervision is well repaid in the efficiency of our town's fire department. It's like the way the brewers do in this state. They watch all the time, not because they're looking for things to be wrong but... well, just an ounce of prevention! The brewer's self-regulation program is just a form of vigilance that protects everybody. Like the fire department's inspections, it keeps things the way they ought to be. From where I sit, most people approve of the way the brewers run things these days.

Joe Marsh

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# To Our Customers

We, the undersigned operators of automobile service stations, have the following announcement to make in regard to our service to you: From this date all wash racks in our stations will be closed and no cars, with the exception of ambulances and hearses, will be washed. It is with deep regret that this action is taken, but circumstances beyond our control have forced it upon us.

The present cost of labor is such that we cannot operate these racks at the ceiling price for washing set up by the OPA. In addition to this, the only towel service company doing business in this area has discontinued its service and we would be forced to bear the additional expense of buying towels and maintaining them. These factors combined make it absolutely impossible for us to operate as heretofore.

We hope that you, our patrons, will understand our situation and this action that we have taken. We hope that this condition will not exist for long and that we can soon return to normalcy. In the meantime, we hope to have the pleasure of continuing to serve you in all other ways possible.

Sincerely,

- Bridge Turn Service Station
- Triangle Service Station
- Gulf Service Station
- Sinclair Service Station
- Jones Texaco Station
- Chowan Motor Co.
- Burton's Service Station
- Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Co.