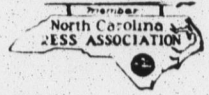


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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

BE PATIENT: The hand of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save, nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear.—Isaiah 59:1.

Edenton Tree Party

The controversy in Edenton regarding the removal of a group of crepe myrtle trees on West Eden Street to make way for a cement sidewalk has attracted State-wide attention, both news stories and editorial comment having appeared in various newspapers throughout the State. The most recent comment appeared in Lous Graves' Chapel Hill Weekly of last Friday, and is reprinted for the benefit of Herald readers:

"One hundred and sixty-nine years ago this month, on the 5th of October, 1774, a company of 51 indignant women of Edenton gathered at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth King and signed an agreement 'not to buy tea or any other British goods until the rights of the Colonies are respected.' This gathering has come down in history as the Edenton Tea Party.

"One day last week there was another gathering of indignant women of Edenton. This time it was in the Town Council chamber, and it is described in the newspapers as the 'largest and most influential' delegation that has confronted the Council in many years. They came to protest against the projected cutting down of a row of fifteen crepe myrtle trees on West Eden Street. These trees, more than a century old, are famous for their beauty.

"Plans had been made for the construction of a cement sidewalk, and in response to a petition from property owners along the street the Town Council was preparing to have the trees cut down. But the women soon succeeded in changing the Councilmen's minds. It was decided to readjust the sidewalk plans so as to save the trees.

"The experience of many communities would seem to justify the conclusion that Town Councilmen in general are a British tribe when it comes to protecting trees. We recall hearing a citizen of Rockingham tell of the destruction by the municipal authorities of rows of trees that for generations had beautified the main street of that town. Here in Chapel Hill, some thirty years ago many trees on Franklin street were cut down by order of the board of aldermen in the massacre, which was begun early one morning before the community was astir, would have continued if a company of women had not hastily assembled to raise a storm of protest against it. Mrs. Klutz was one of the protestants, and what she told the aldermen was a plenty. They quaked and quailed before her.

"The Councilmen in Edenton appear to have been well disposed toward suggestions for the saving of the trees. What they needed, apparently, was for the women to come and inform them that trees are worth saving—a fact that Councilmen often have to have pounded into them by the female of the species.

"Our notion is that the Edenton Tree Party of 1943 in the Council chamber deserves to be acclaimed along with the Edenton Tea Party of 1774."

Double Reason For Appreciation

Chowan County's old Court House was the scene of much pleasant Monday morning when a large gathering was on hand for the presentation of the portrait of George Monk, Duke of Albemarle, to Chowan County, by John and Inglis Fletcher. Both Edenton and visiting ladies were on hand in their finery, which recalled, to some at least, the meeting of Edenton Ladies for the Tea Party back in 1774.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have spent some time in Edenton and in token of their appreciation of the hospitality and friendships experienced here, presented the portrait to the county. It is a beautiful picture, the work of Mr. Fletcher's sister, Miss Ann Fletcher, of Virginia, and it is no doubt due to the presentation of the portrait that the Assembly Room is now in its present condition. Faded paint on the rare paneling and ceiling has been renovated, the two old fireplaces, heretofore used more or less as a place to deposit all sorts of trash, have been cleaned and painted. Heretofore, large cracks appeared in the floor which were dangerous due to the possibility of a lighted cigarette dropping beneath the floor and starting a fire. In one part of the room narrow pieces of lumber replaced a section of the floor through which the weight of the clock crashed several years ago. All this, however, has been made a thing of beauty. Boards from the attic, in keeping with the remainder of the floor, replaces the narrow boards. The floor has been cleaned and treated so that it now is more attractive in appearance than it ever could have been.

All of which was undoubtedly brought about due to the decision of the Fletchers to present the portrait. To them, then, goes the thanks of Chowan County, not only for the beautiful and appropriate portrait of the Duke of Albemarle, but for arousing a renewed interest and appreciation of the Court House as one of the town's treasured historical shrines.

Now Opportunity To GIVE

Chowan County people, in common with all Americans, have been urged for months now to buy war bonds, and have responded magnificently. But now, starting Wednesday, October 20, all Americans on the home front will be asked to GIVE something, when the United War Fund drive is started. Buying war bonds is essential, but while helping Uncle Sam, it is the best investment in the world.

What is contributed during the War Fund drive is a gift and will go toward relieving suffering for victims of the war.

The bigness of Chowan County's heart will be reflected in the response to this appeal for funds.

HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

In the Roanoke Beacon, Plymouth's splendid weekly newspaper, last week appeared an article relative to the drafting of fathers. "The fathers of 43 Washington County children are included in the first group of pre-Pearl Harbor dads to be called for possible induction in the armed forces next week," the story went on to say. Included in the group was W. T. Freeman of Koper, father of eight children, three who were the fathers of five children, one the father of four, one the father of three, three the fathers of two and seven fathers of one child. If Mr. Freeman is drafted it would cost Uncle Sam in the neighborhood of \$200 a month, so that The Beacon's story winds up by saying that if Uncle Sam goes in for drafting Washington County fathers on a large scale, another War Loan Drive will soon be necessary to meet the payroll. All of which is mentioned because of my opinion that the first to go into the service should be the birds who have nothing running around their house but a fence, those who are hiding behind a petticoat, government office desk or plow handles, as well as rounding up and curing a good sized army of young men affected with venerable disease, who otherwise meet all the requirements of a soldier.

A reader of The Herald has requested me as much as three months ago to reprint a poem. I've used up all my excuses before reading the poem, but when cornered and having to read it, I find it's a great deal better than a lot of other poetry I've read and reprinted. So here goes:

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Dear God!—I can't pray and say—
All the things I want at the close of day,
I know you're with me and you always will,
But I'll try to pray till my lips are still.

Dear God!—bless my mother so good and true,
For she's been thru what I'll never go thru,
And now this war and I'm so far away
That's why I kneel and try to pray.

Dear God!—help me to keep the vows that I made,
For the sea of troubles and temptations I'll wade,
Give me the strength that my Mother holds,
And her prayers will keep me within Thy folds.

Dear God!—Bless my girl so pretty and sweet,
Guide and keep her till again we meet,
May our love stay as strong as when I went away,
Please! Dear God! It's so hard to pray.

Dear God!—bless my home which we're fighting to keep,
Where I first met you at my Mother's feet,
My family is there and all that I own,
So, please Dear God, bless my swell home.

Dear God!—when this war is over and all thru,
And this proud world haws to do homage to You,
There'll be millions and millions who come to say,
"Dear God—It's just me—I've learned to pray."

—By Cpl. David M. Cusworth.

I don't like to make this column an advertising medium, but darn it all, I've lost my hat. Because of a paragraph in this section of The Herald recently, I now have a small supply of precious pipe cleaners, so maybe by inserting a few lines I'll find my hat. It's a green hat which has gone through several winters, but it's still in one piece and will, if returned, prevent the wearing of my Sunday-go-meeting hat or the laying out of about five bucks for a new headgear—it's too darned cold walking around bareheaded, especially when the "fur" on top of my head is getting mighty scarce.

Aha! It's not only the older people who are afflicted with forgetfulness, as was proven Friday morning down around the Cupola House. With Miss Elizabeth Copeland, librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, standing with police and firemen standing and looking in the yard, I chased over to see what had happened, thinking as they were inspecting the windows that a robbery had occurred. The trouble was that Miss Copeland could not get in the building and felt sure she had put the key outside the night before so that another party could get in the building. She was sure the key had been taken away. Finally Town Clerk R. E. Leary managed to hoist one of the windows, took a jump so that he could hang on and finally climbed through to open the door from the inside. Of course, Miss Copeland was relieved and opened her bag to get a handkerchief to wipe off beads of perspiration. The beads, however, only grew larger as the first thing she touched in the bag was the bloom-in' key to the Cupola House. Shucks, no robbery story!

There were only two members in an "orchestra" which furnished music for the Rotary Club at last week's meeting, but these two fellows kicked up enough fuss for a dozen. One played the piano, while the other scraped and scratched on a washboard with one hand, while the other hand was playing around banging on old automobile headlights. Jimmy Earnhardt introduced them as "O.B." and "Blue Dick," and it's a settled fact that Charlie Overman, for once, did not resort to bobbing his head back and forth with his eyes closed to express his approval.

At least four sailors whose homes are in Brooklyn and California are of the opinion that buses going to Washington should have the "N. C." after the word. It so happened that the quartet, one day last week, returned from active duty overseas and left from a base near Norfolk to spend a furlough in the National Capital. They decided to catch a ride and after walking for a time, met a fellow and asked him if he was heading toward Washington. The motorist being a North Carolinian, said he was going that way as far as South Mills and took them along. At South Mills, the sailors saw a bus with the name Washington in front. They stopped the bus, got on, and not until they reached Elizabeth City did they learn that they were heading away from their proposed destination. They explained their dilemma to the bus driver, who suggested spending the night in Edenton, which they did. In Edenton they were entertained in two homes, where they told of their experience and were very appreciative of the hospitality they found here. But, they contend that the buses should be properly marked.

Edenton Police In Neat Trick Round Up Five Gamblers

Patrolman Snell Perched In Tree Watches Poker Game

What is believed to have been a gambling joint of long standing was broken up Saturday night in a rather neat move on the part of Edenton police, when five white men were arrested in the old knitting mill just off Broad Street and until about a year ago used as an automobile agency. The building was recently bought by T. Wallace Jones, at which time the second floor had been used by roomers.

On the strength of a tip, Chief of Police J. R. Tanner secured a ladder and ordered Patrolman Harry Snell to climb a tree beside the building which provided an unobstructed view into the room, where Snell, perched on a limb, watched a poker game in progress. After a while, Chief Tanner and Patrolman Russell Cobb knocked at the door. According to Snell, the money was quickly cleared from the table and the gambling game suddenly took on the air of a game of set-back.

Chief Tanner and Patrolman Cobb were then admitted and greeted with, "Hello, Chief, don't you want to join us in a game of set-back?" The Chief replied, "No, thank you, I think I have a little surprise for you fellows." He then walked over to the window and called to Snell to show the group where he was. Upon raising the window Snell could be seen perched on a limb and able to see all that had been going on.

The victims of the surprise visit by the police admitted that they were caught and by one of the slickest methods they could have imagined. Those arrested were Delmar W. Wallace, charged with operating the game; Clarence L. Helmer, James F. Stovall, Robert J. Mosely and Robert Gray.

Two 4-H Clubs Elect Officers For New Year

Meeting Tuesday of last week, the 4-H Clubs of the fifth and seventh grades at Chowan High School elected officers for the year.

For the fifth grade club Mack Privott was elected president; Lottie Ann Leary, vice president; Ruth Boyce, secretary; Louise and Lewis Chappell, song leaders, and Betty Cole Bateman, reporter. Booklets were given to the officers on State goals and how each club can help reach them. Miss Rebecca Colwell told members to bring material to make an apron and have the sewing box ready to go to work. The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in November.

The seventh graders elected Lessie Mae Davidson, president; Kelly Byrum, vice president; Marguerite Nixon, secretary; Gladys Copeland, and Howard Bass, song leaders; program committee, Frances Bunch, Naomi Boyce, S. J. Bunch and Raymond Layton; Mary Forehand, reporter; Marguerite Nixon and Mary Forehand, demonstration team for November.

After the business meeting, the boys and girls met separately, the girls discussing their projects, sewing and cooking, while the boys will have farm projects. The girls were requested by Miss Colwell to bring material for a skirt at the next meeting, which will be held on November 5.

Rumors Denied That Ceiling For Pulpwood Will Be Increased

The Office of Price Administration has flatly denied rumors that ceiling prices on pulpwood will be raised. Present prices are adequate, the OPA found, and any increase allowed at this time would merely contribute another factor to the inflationary trend.

Many farmers and woodland owners have found a profitable second crop in their timber land and are busy harvesting it. Others have been holding back in the belief that prices would rise. OPA now says that they will not; bad weather will hamper wood cutting in a few months, that now is the time to get out pulpwood. There is nothing to be gained by delay, but everything to be gained by action at once in helping to forestall a serious shortage of pulpwood used in the war effort.

NINE J. P. CASES

Seven charges of drunkenness and two affrays were disposed of Monday night by Justice of the Peace F. W. Hobbs. All were found guilty and taxed as follows: William Walter Altman, \$13.30; Otis Holmes, \$13.30; Kenny Bazemore, \$13.65; Warren Spivey, \$13.00; George Overman, \$13.00; John Thomas Brickhouse, \$13.15; Ernest Milner, \$13.65. The two affray cases cost Lee Russell Edwards and Marion Miller \$11.68 each.

Busy Session Tuesday In Recorder's Court

Seventeen cases were disposed of by Judge Marvin Wilson in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, five of which were for gambling and six for parking violations. The latter group submitted to charges and were ordered to pay \$2.00, a new wrinkle adopted by Edenton police with the sanction of Town Council. Violators are warned, but failure to comply with the first warning results in arrest, and by submitting in Recorder's Court and paying \$2.00 offenders are saved the expense connected with a trial by a Justice of the Peace.

The first group of traffic violators submitting and paying the \$2.00 fine were Charles Ryan Hardison, Miss Katherine Brown, Joseph Harrell, Alton O. May, Milton B. Langston and J. M. Jones.

Other cases disposed of were: Robert Woodlief, speeding, \$15.25; Robert Sessoms and Woodrow Gay, assault with a deadly weapon, continued; Delmar W. Wallace, Robert Gray, Robert J. Mosely and Clarence L. Helmer, gambling, \$18.10 each; Thomas Blount, driving drunk, \$66.75; Armistead Bond, assault with a deadly weapon, \$19.75; James F. Stovall, failed to appear to answer to a charge of gambling and his bond was therefore forfeited.

PROMOTED TO CORPORAL

Collin W. Cox, son of Mrs. Bertha N. Cox and a brother of Mrs. Louis Goodwin, has been promoted to corporal in the U. S. Army. Young Cox has been in the service since February and is now stationed at Bay Shore Staging Area in California, where he is an Army postoffice clerk.

DANCE AT HARVEY POINT

All local GSO girls are cordially invited to attend a dance to be held at the Harvey Point Air Station on Friday night. Any of the girls who will attend are asked to contact the USO club as early as possible.

URGE PLACING ORDER

Both County Agent C. W. Overman and Miss Rebecca Colwell, County home agent, urge any who plan to participate in the orchard planting program to place orders immediately. Either of the agents will be glad to take these orders.

SOLVED! MYSTERY OF THE RANSACKED GRAVEYARD

How a smart police chief in Switzerland tracked down heartless ghoulies who had desecrated graves. Don't miss this unusual story in the October 24th issue of

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POLICE REPORT

During the month of September 46 arrests were made by Edenton police, resulting in fines imposed in courts amounting to \$230, costs charged amounting to \$343.41 and officers' fees collected by the Town netting \$121.50. Of the 46 arrests two were for assaults, four for assault with a deadly weapon, one for disorderly conduct, one for not having a driving license, one for driving drunk, 20 drunks, four for fornication and adultery, seven for gambling, one juvenile arrest, one for speeding, two for traffic violations, and one for violating the liquor laws.

Other activities of the department included 91 calls, 47 investigations, 30 complaints, 23 lights reported out, 11 courtesies shown. During the month the police car was driven 1,346 miles.

Chief Tanner reported that his department is making some progress in handling the parking situation and that attention is being given to sanitation, in which he is getting the finest kind of cooperation from the Street Department. He also invited members to attend the graduation exercises of the auxiliary police school this week.

BUY WAR BONDS!

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to friends and relatives for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for the flowers and cards loaned at the death of our mother, Mrs. Laura J. Harrell.

HER CHILDREN.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Benjamin Jackson wish to thank the people, both white and colored, for the beautiful flowers and loyal services rendered.

It was His will and it must be done. When our race on earth is run. —Margaret Jackson and Daughter.

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