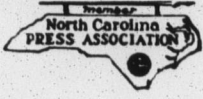


# The Chowan Herald

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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

**THERE IS HOPE WHILE THERE IS LIFE:** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.—Hebrews 7:25.

## Why Not?

The Herald has no hesitancy in backing up a suggestion of Abe Martin, director of the USO Club, relative to a Christmas tree on the Court House Green during the holidays. Undoubtedly, there will be many service men and women, and possibly others, who will be obliged to remain in Edenton instead of spending the holidays at their homes, and it is contended that a community Christmas tree and a program or so around the tree would be a means of helping to spread the Yuletide spirit and contributing to the enjoyment of a large number of strangers who will be here, not because of their own will.

One of the suggestions made was that various organizations be asked to share in the expense involved, which is the only objection registered by The Herald. The strangers are not guests of any particular organization, but they are newcomers in the town, so that while the Christmas tree idea is favored, it is without question the responsibility of the Town to provide the tree. Of course, the various organizations will not object to taking part in arranging and carrying out any programs, but they should not be asked to pay the expense.

The community Christmas tree idea in Edenton is not new, for on a number of occasions a large tree has been decorated on the Court House Green which, incidentally, made a contribution to the Christmas spirit. This was true before Edenton had so many visitors, so that it should be even more necessary this year.

There should be very little expense in placing a tree on the Green, and decorations would not enter into the cost. The Town has a large number of vari-colored bulbs which, before the war, were used to decorate the business section, which will hardly be done this year.

Of course, an appeal is made by the Office of War Activities to confine lighting decorations to trees in private homes, but this request is made primarily in the interest of conserving light bulbs. The Town already has the bulbs which are now in storage and there would be no waste by putting them in use for a few days during the Christmas season.

As J. L. Wiggins remarked in his address at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, nothing is too good for the boys and girls who are making great sacrifices in order to win the war.

So, unless the community Christmas tree idea is in too great a conflict with the appeal of the Office of War Activities, by all means let's have it this Christmas, and hope that by next year this time not only those who are now in Edenton, but others who are scattered all over the world will have an opportunity to spend the Christmas holidays where they most desire.

## Chowan Again Coming Through

With some neighboring counties lagging in the sale of Christmas Seals, it is encouraging to learn that present indications point to Chowan again living up to expectations and that the goal of \$750 will most likely be realized. The campaign thus far has been highly successful, according to Mrs. J. A. Moore and Mrs. R. C. Holland, chairman and treasurer, respectively, of the drive, who report that splendid cooperation has been offered from all sides.

Of course, the more funds with which to work, the more can be expected to be accomplished in the fight against tuberculosis in Chowan County, where the death rate is higher in only ten other counties in the State. The acquisition of a flouroscope is practically assured, which while more accurate in detecting the disease than the skin test, means that the work will necessarily be increased in treating cases which otherwise would have not been known.

Even if the goal is in sight, let that not be a reason for any who have not made a contribution to do so. The funds made available will be used to the best advantage in curing and preventing the disease, and the fewer cases of tuberculosis there are in the county, the less will be the risk of contracting the disease, which is no respecter of persons.

Either Mrs. Holland or Mrs. Moore will be very grateful for any contributions received and those who wish to contribute are asked to do so immediately.

## For The Housewife

In this issue of The Herald appears a list of OPA community ceiling prices which is sponsored by the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. The local merchants did not have this list published merely to fill up space, but rather that it should serve as a guide to housewives when making purchases. For that reason, it is hoped the list will be clipped from the paper, saved and referred to.

The merchants are very anxious to comply with OPA regulations and realize that confusion necessarily arises under prevailing abnormal conditions. Housewives are, therefore, asked to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the prices which will tend to prevent misunderstanding when purchases are made. It will help the buyer as well as the merchant, who during these hectic days has little time to spend arguing.

## Have Any Rooms?

It will be noticed that a systematic house-to-house canvass is to be made in an effort to learn of every available room, apartment or house which can be rented

# HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

Add a ball of twine to your hunting equipment, for it is necessary in hunting squirrels, according to Eddie Spires, though he doesn't get much time to hunt the things. Anyway, at this time of year when the leaves are off the trees Eddie says a squirrel will manage to stay on the opposite side of a tree from a hunter and that's where the string comes in. He says the thing to do is to tie the string to a bush, then go to the opposite side of the tree and yank on the string. The squirrel is supposed to think the fuss is a hunter and, of course, chase around on the other side, which gives the hunter a shot. It may be straight dope, but what I'd like to know is what kind of a contraption to ring up to foot a consum fish which apparently smells a bait, wiggles its tail and then swims away.

This one just leaked out about John Holmes, but it's worth mentioning while on the topic of hunting. John is a son of a Methodist preacher, so naturally lived in a number of towns. At one time he lived at a place where he had an opportunity to hunt quail and very frequently went hunting. In fact, he got so that he was a pretty good shot and it wasn't unusual for him to go out after school and shoot a mess of the things. Well, along about that time, John entered the first World War and before very long he qualified as an expert marksman. When he returned from the war, he decided to try another bird-hunting trip and happened to go where there were plenty of birds. He had quite a few shots, but despite the fact that he was hunting in open fields, he shot away an entire box of shells and didn't shoot the first quail. I'm not able to say if he has improved or not, for he hasn't shot a gun since.

I'd make a mighty poor soldier, if knowledge of rank of officers means anything, for I'd be liable to be saluting a private on one hand and maybe next be thumping my nose at one of the wearers of the braid (though the latter no doubt wouldn't be very pleasant). Anyway, my ignorance about rank was reflected in an item in last week's Herald, when it was said that Joseph Long was promoted from a major to a lieutenant-general. Joseph has been making rapid advancement in the army, but his advancement was to lieutenant-colonel. Well, at the rate he's been going, he might even be a general, but I'll have to learn the various ranks between the two.

It looks as though the price of everything has advanced, even John Jones meeting with a complaint the other day. John sold a lady a load of stable manure and when he went to collect he was handed a dollar bill. He hesitated for a while and said to the lady: "The price has gone up. It's two dollars a load now." The lady looked surprised as she replied, "What, as sorry as that stuff is, you are charging two dollars a load?" John nodded and smiled as he reached for the second dollar bill.

Being a merchant has its advantages these days, especially when it comes to selling cigars. Take Ernest Kehayas, for instance. The other day when a customer was paying for his meal at the cafe he wanted to buy a cigar. Ernest handed the box, which had only five cigars in it, and the man said, "I'll take all five." But he didn't, for Ernest politely said, "I'll be doggone, I want to have a smoke myself," and thereupon tucked a cigar gently in his sweater pocket.

There ought to be quite a lot more money in circulation in Edenton now, for the Bank of Edenton last week sent out over \$45,000 to members of the Christmas Savings Club. Then, on Monday, the County Commissioners each was paid their yearly salary in time for Christmas. But the "big" flow of money should take place next week when Town Clerk Roy Leary will pass to each Town Councilman a check for six months' services—whew! 12 bucks each.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollowell have received a shipment of belongings of their son, E. L., which was sent from Australia before he left for the South Pacific. Mr. Hollowell is of the opinion that his son was unable to take the things along when he was transferred and says the articles have been farther than he ever expects to go. Here's hoping E. L. is safe and that a letter will soon be received by his parents explaining the reason for sending the package home.

Necessity is the mother of invention, 'tis said, so that the goose hunters going over to Lake Mattamuskeet had to do something about shells in order to down the geese. The latest wrinkle that I've heard is that some of the boys have some shells with small shot, and in order to be better equipped to kill a goose, the small shot are removed and in place are inserted air rifle shot which are available. The shell is then plugged up and from reports, it must be very effective for quite a few have returned with the limit.

I've been under the impression that this town is the only Edenton in the country, but I've been wrong. While talking with Abe Martin the other night we were looking over his complete list of bus schedules and I learned that there is an Edenton in Pennsylvania, a small town between Reading and Lancaster. Gosh, less than 100 miles from my home town and it has taken me 50 years to know that there was such a place. Maybe they sent me to the wrong Edenton.

Just about the principal argument in town now is whether or not the clock on the Court House should strike throughout the night. One crowd wants it to strike, while another is opposed to it. What in the dickens sort of argument can be concocted, after the clock business is settled by Town Council next Tuesday night?

in Edenton. This is necessary in order to provide living quarters for a large number of service men's wives who are expected to arrive in the very near future.

The canvassers will sacrifice their time to secure this information and accurate files will be maintained at the USO office, so that it is hoped local citizens will give every consideration possible to the canvassers, and make some sacrifices, if need be, in order to furnish rooms for the wives of the men who want to be with them as much as possible before they are sent to more distant places.

Edenton is already crowded, but it is the belief that at least some more quarters can be found, and it is because of that belief that the canvass has been planned. Let's do our best in this very important matter.

## Appeal Made To Confine Christmas Lighting To Homes

### Request Part of Campaign to Conserve Light Bulbs

American people have been asked by J. A. Krug, director of the Office of War Activities, to confine Christmas lighting decorations to Christmas trees inside private homes.

Mr. Krug asked that street decorations, community Christmas trees, exterior home decorations and interiors and exteriors of commercial establishments dispense with decorations this year insofar as lighting is concerned.

"Government and industry have combined in a nation-wide conservation campaign to save critical fuels and materials necessary to produce and consume electricity," he said.

"I am asking the American people to refrain from their Christmas lighting custom as a part of that campaign. Electric light bulbs are particularly short at present and strict conservation of them is necessary. Widespread consumption of bulbs during the Christmas season merely will mean a greater scarcity later on.

"Because of the shortness of daylight over most of the country at Christmas time, necessary consumption of electricity is at its peak. Everything we can do to avoid any additional load will mean direct savings of fuel, manpower, transportation and materials."

Mr. Krug said no mandatory order was contemplated because "the American people realize the necessity of this conservation and will do it."

## Permits Issued To Buy Tires And Tubes

Permits to buy new tires and tubes have been issued by the Chowan War Price and Rationing Board to the following:

Truck—E. L. Belch, tire and tube; W. Jennings Bunch, tire and tube; Jacob Hobowsky, 2 tires, 1 tube and 1 recap service.

Passenger Cars—Michiner Banks, 1 tube; M. W. Jackson, 2 tires and 1 tube; J. Cameron Boyce, tire; O. J. Forehand, 2 tires; O. R. Spivey, 2 tires and 2 tubes; State Highway Patrol, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Ellsworth Blanchard, 2 tires; Naomi B. Hicks, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Mrs. W. H. Winborne, tire, and A. E. Cleary, tire and tube.

## Firemen Stage Barbecue Chicken Dinner Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) Edenton's firemen will serve a barbecue chicken dinner for members of the department. Special guests for the occasion will be members of the Shore Patrol, Town Councilmen and mem-

bers of the Board of Public Works. The chickens will be barbecued at the pit at the Armory, but will be served at the fire station, where firemen and guests are asked to assemble at 7:30 o'clock.

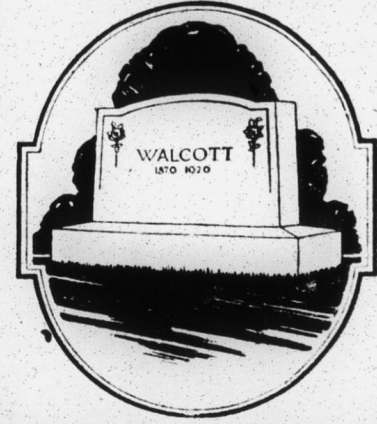
## Methodist Service On Sunday Night

Universal Bible Sunday will be observed in the Methodist Church Sunday, when the pastor, the Rev. H. Free Surratt, will preach in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, on the subject, "The Enduring World." Church school will convene at 9 a. m., and Youth Fellowship meeting will be held at 6:45 p. m.

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