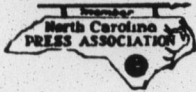


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## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

**SEEK UNDERSTANDING THROUGH DIVINE FRIENDSHIP:** For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.—II Chron. 30:9.

## A Job For All

With the election of officers and directors for the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association Monday night, it is very evident that new blood has been injected into the organization, which was the suggestion of some who have borne the brunt of the burden of affairs for some time. New faces appear among the group of directors and Jesse L. Harrell, a young returned World War II veteran, succeeds J. Clarence Leary as president.

Both the retiring and incoming presidents made very brief remarks upon their relinquishing and assuming Chamber of Commerce responsibilities, and these remarks are worthy of consideration.

Mr. Leary in giving up the presidency, said it was a pleasure to work for the organization and welfare of the county, but that in so doing he learned that there are some selfish people in Edenton who are not willing to work together for the betterment of Edenton or the county.

Mr. Leary is absolutely right in his assertion, and the new president will, without doubt, run up against the same obstacle. It is not surprising but is rather to be expected, so that Mr. Leary's experience should in no wise tend to discourage Mr. Harrell. The world is full of selfish people. We have always had them and always will. In fact, selfishness is one of, if not the greatest, evil in the world and is at the root of practically every crime. Holy Writ has no little to say regarding selfishness, so that because we have some selfish people among us, it is no reason why those who have the welfare of the town and county sincerely at heart should give up in their efforts to accomplish such things as will benefit the county, regardless who desires to have the honor or glory.

In taking over the presidency Mr. Harrell said it was a new kind of job for him and that he will need the help and cooperation of all members to the end that something of benefit to the county as a whole can be accomplished.

Mr. Harrell, too, is absolutely right. The work of the Chamber of Commerce is not a one-man job, nor a mere handoff to direct the policy and affairs in general of the association. Every member of the Chamber of Commerce by reason of his or her affiliation should share some of the responsibilities and have a voice in what is done. Those who refuse to become members have no legitimate reason to complain about what has or has not been done by the organization. True, Mr. Harrell is new in this work, so that he will need advice and help of those who have been through the mill, as well as those who are often prone to express their views or criticisms in drug stores or on street corners.

The Chamber of Commerce is facing a new year and a very important year. Conditions will surely change, for the war is over and with the closing of the Edenton Naval Air Station, many people will not be in our midst as was the case for several years. Obviously this will affect business conditions in general, so that we may expect Edenton to return to something like conditions before the war.

It will be very important, therefore, that we have a smooth working and efficient Chamber of Commerce working for the interest of the county as a whole, and to have such an organization we need a large group of members willing to work together, forgetting petty bickering as to who is to receive credit for having accomplished this or that.

The Herald wishes for the officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce a very successful year, and is ready to cooperate in any way possible to the end that Edenton and Chowan County may march forward.

## Worthy Of More

Attention is called to the proposed celebration next Wednesday, August 14, when the Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, will stage a homecoming day or official welcome home for veterans of World War II. This is the first public expression of appreciation in Chowan County for the sacrifice made by Chowan County's men and women who offered their services and some who made the supreme sacrifice in order that they, as well as we who remained at home, can continue to enjoy the American way of life.

In staging this celebration the public in general is urged to take part, and Mayor Leroy Haskett is calling

# HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan County Home Agent, thinks a lot of her various club members, but she has a crow to pick with some of 'em this week. Miss Colwell sent questionnaires on housing to the club women with the request that they be returned as soon as possible. Up to Wednesday only 11 were returned, two from Center Hill, five from Chowan, two from Enterprise and two from Ryland. Miss Colwell is very anxious to have these questionnaires by tomorrow (Friday), so those who read this should send 'em right away:

And speaking about the rural women reminds me of the county-wide picnic last Wednesday. Of course, I miscued and went out to Valhalla Tuesday, but made sure to go again Wednesday afternoon. The affair was worth two trips, however, for there was a lot of fun with the various contests and games, and Joe Williams made a speech which all of the farm people should have heard. Of course, the dinner was above par, for all the good things the women provided were enough to tempt a fellow to eat who was on a diet. Nope, I'm on no diet, and I can prove it. Neither is West Byrum, according to the pile of chicken bones he had on his plate. Somehow I got hold of a piece of cake baked by Mrs. Rodney Harrell and if she'd ever enter a cake baking contest and I'd be one of the judges, she would be sure of getting one vote. Anyway, why in the dickens don't they have a picnic say about once a week?

Chowan County Commissioners had sort of a light meeting Monday, so that with little business on deck topics were discussed, among which was baseball. In fact, the County Commissioners Convention will be held at Wrightsville Beach September 4, 5 and 6. About the only one who can skip off for a few days is Joe Webb, but he wanted to know if it would interfere with any good baseball games.

And speaking about baseball, who in Edenton has ever seen such large crowds before at local games? There were some who griped when the lights were installed at Hicks Field, but what has ever been done before which drew such large crowds and provided as much pleasure? Yes, there are some people who apparently are satisfied to go down and look at the teapot or Court House and say, "What a wonderful town we have."

Those of us who have to go to stores to buy food need to be told nothing about the high cost of living. Which reminds me of a fellow who paid his grocery bill on Monday. "After paying the bill," he said, "I had a conference with my family." All of which, no doubt, means that rations will be cut down a bit.

Some idea of the poor watermelon crop is reflected in what one farmer told me the other day. "I offered my whole field for \$1.50," he said. "Well, even if you had one good watermelon in it, the patch should be worth that much," I replied. "Yes," he said, "that's the trouble, I didn't have a good watermelon in the whole lot." No, it wasn't Asa Griffin, for I got one of Asa's melons and it was O. K.

For the benefit of those who have noticed sort of a small guy parked in a chair in front of The Herald office much of the time the past few weeks, he's not my brother, as many think. He's my daddy, I want you to know, and just because my hair is getting scarce on top of the dome is no reason I'm as old as he is. Anyway, he's enjoying his stay in Edenton and has picked up several pounds in weight since his arrival. Off goes his rations tomorrow!

Methodists are scheduled to have a picnic at Edenhouse Friday afternoon, when members of the Church School are asked to meet at the church at 4:30 o'clock. With this being a Methodist affair, maybe we'll have only a sprinkle instead of a shower of rain.

Things are not always what they seem, and folks sometimes fool a person, which was borne out the other day. A colored fellow was walking up Broad Street and spoke to several girls of his race, but none apparently paid any attention to his remarks. After a while, when one of them turned up her nose, the fellow pulled out a wad of greenbacks and remarked to a friend, "Ha, she thinks I'm broke."

Yep, we're holding the line on prices. Which statement is made after a colored woman came to the office to buy a copy of The Herald. "Is it still five cents per copy?" she asked. Of course, she was told it was. "Well, I just wanted to know," she replied, "for everything else is going up the golden stairs."

for a general holiday, so that all stores and business houses are requested to close and help to pay tribute to Chowan County's sons and daughters who served in the armed forces.

It is little enough to do in honor of our heroes, and it is hoped a great throng will turn out to witness the parade, hear the memorial service in Taylor Theatre, attend the baseball game in the afternoon and dance in the armory at night.

Of course, a more lasting tribute to our veterans was started several years ago in way of a memorial, when the town and county started a fund for the purpose. The matter has several times, been brought up, but to date nothing further has been done. Possibly next week's celebration will stimulate interest in the more permanent memorial as a tribute to Chowan's men and women who took part in the great struggle.

## JESSE HARRELL PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ed. For that reason he appealed for the support of every director and member of the organization. "With your help, I hope we will be able to accomplish a few things for the betterment of the county as a whole," he said.

In relinquishing the president's gavel, Mr. Leary said it was a distinct pleasure working for the organization. "However," he said, "there are some selfish people in Edenton who are not willing to work for the betterment of the town and county. We all should work together and try to get things done, forgetting who is to be given credit or honor."

Mr. Leary said he and some of the directors spent a lot of time in the interest of the organization and felt that something worthwhile has been accomplished. His parting words were a sincere wish for the success of the incoming officers and directors, and he offered his services in any way possible.

Several matters came up which required reference to the by-laws, but in view of no copy available, President Harrell appointed a by-laws committee which is composed of L. S. Byrum, R. N. Hines and H. A. Campen. Since the meeting a copy

of the by-laws was found which was In the very near future a membership committee will be appointed and changes are made bringing them a campaign started to secure membership to date, they will be presented and renew the organization's before the organization for adoption activities.

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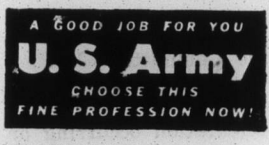
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