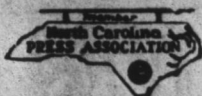


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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

THERE IS MORE GOOD THAN WE IMAGINE: He loveth righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.—Psalms 33:5.

Beds And Buildings Are Not Enough

(Goldsboro News-Argus)
Since 1945 North Carolina has made progress in providing more and better facilities for its mentally ill. The five units of the state hospital system house 800 more patients than they did two and a half years ago.

The State Hospital at Camp Butler has been set up. It has 1,040 patients. The state has spent \$1,500,000 in acquiring the buildings and facilities of the former army camp. A large part of this expenditure has been decreased—so to speak—by sale of surplus buildings and equipment not needed by the new Butler hospital or by one of the four other hospital units.

The State Board of Hospital Control deserves the commendation of all our people for the leadership and close supervision members have given the expansion of facilities. It has been a labor of love, of high public service. Money could not buy the interest and continuing enthusiasm they have given. They have been backed wholeheartedly by Governor Cherry.

This job is not complete. Statistics show that in the nation 330 people out of every 100,000 are hospitalized by mental or nervous illness. North Carolina has provided beds for only 250 people per 100,000.

The public approves and applauds progress which has been made. But there is another side of the picture which must be described as dismal. Indeed, tragic.

We refer to the lack of sufficient number of medical men, technicians and attendants to properly care for the people in our mental hospitals.

This situation often was referred to at the meeting at Butler last week of the Hospital Board of Control (which was attended by T. C. Byrum and Hector Lupton) with a number of interested citizens. No breakdown on the terrible lack of staff members was formally presented but from various sources we gathered information which we think is in the main correct. The sad picture is this:

Rex Hospital: Now without a superintendent or assistant superintendent.

Butner: The superintendent is the only person on the staff with training in psychiatry. Currently he has only one full-time medical assistant. Medical students of Duke University are giving helpful assistance on an occasional and part-time basis. Butner has no dentist. Remember, Butner has 1,040 patients. It is expected it will have many more in a few months.

State Hospital for Negro Insane at Goldsboro: No staff dentist. When possible, dental care is arranged through a Negro dentist in Goldsboro. The staff dentist resigned to enter private practice many months ago. Number of patients, 2,800.

Morganton: A devoted public servant is continuing as superintendent well beyond the maximum age designated for a "must" retirement.

Caswell Training School, Kinston: Another devoted public servant is continuing as superintendent though he

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

John Mitchener is out of "debt" to me now, having sent three cigars the other day. Incidentally, he gave the cigars to my daughter, with the following message: "Your daddy hasn't called for his cigar, and he needn't think it will draw interest." Noticing three cigars, my daughter replied, "It looks as though it has drawn interest already." But John soon clarified the situation by saying, "It's a cigar apiece for my three youngsters. I hope your daddy enjoys them, for they're the last he'll get from me." (Free, that is). That's good for my business, for I'll soon be expecting to receive a classified ad from John advertising a baby carriage for sale.

I just learned why the Legion boys started some months ago to build a small building on their lot on the waterfront. The way I get it, they planned to have a pretty girl in the small building and charge 50 cents to kiss her in order to raise some money. The boys just about had the frame up when they realized that it just wouldn't pay, for there are too many pretty girls in Edenton who can be kissed for nothing.

A gang of Edenton Masons ought to be a little more "healthier" since last week when they filled up on Paul Ober's watermelons. I was informed that watermelons are very rich in a certain vitamin. Anyway, Masons are scheduled to eat some of Will Harrell's watermelons tonight again, which should make 'em still "healthier." This vitamin business is something.

While we're very proud of the progress made by the Edenton band, Edentonians share with Elizabeth City in being proud of the Elizabeth City band, which copped third place honors in the National Lions Convention held in New York City this week. Competing with 300 bands from all over the country, the Elizabeth City band's record is one of which not only Elizabeth City and the Albemarle, but the State as a whole can be justly proud.

Edmund Schwarze, now living at Greensboro, was one of our subscribers who was dropped because his subscription was delinquent. Pronto, he sent a check, saying if he doesn't take The Herald home each week, his wife almost runs him out of the house, and even when he does take it home, there's a fight on tap as to who will read it first. Anyway, he still goes fishing, only its not as convenient as when he lived in Edenton. Friend Schwarze said he and Richard (Runt) Davis a few weeks ago had a great time catching Great Northern Pike on a fishing trip in Ontario. He said they both had a fish on the hook at the same time. Shucks, I'd like to call his attention to a certain time when I saw him with Sheriff Bunch fishing in Yeopim Creek. Anyway, he couldn't bring the fish home from away up there in Canada, so he's still in the same boat I am in when I go out and catch a nice string and tell about it afterwards.

has reached the full retirement age. Vacancies are extensive on the staffs of the various hospitals.

Why is this so bad? Because it means that the hospitals in the main can give only custodial care. The staffs of the hospitals are not sufficiently large to permit time for making extensive use of treatments and new techniques which might cure a larger percentage of patients.

It is an inhuman situation. Many of those in our hospitals will stay there much longer than they would if they received treatments they should have. Some will spend their lives there because they are not reached with the treatments before it is too late.

It is a cruel situation. It also costs more in the long run. Why is this the situation?

Because the hospital jobs have not paid enough to fill the vacant jobs with adequately trained and capable men. The Veterans Administration and hospitals in many states pay more than North Carolina.

North Carolina will not do what it should for its mentally ill until it staffs its hospitals with enough men, properly trained, to care properly for the patients. Until we do we have no right to point with pride to our hospitals. Buildings and beds are not enough!

Boll Weevil Now Attacking Cotton

Infestation Rapidly Increasing, Says County Agent Overman

The boll weevil is showing up strong, says C. W. Overman, county agent. Mr. Overman advises all cotton growers to begin dusting cotton at once. He recommends approximately 12 pounds of Toxaphene per acre per application, with at least three applications at five day intervals, then on the fifth day after the third application fields should be carefully examined for punctured squares. If 10% or more of the young squares show punctures, two more applications should be made five days apart.

"Field inspections week last showed an average infestation of three per cent and last week showed eight per cent," said Mr. Overman. "With this rapid increase we can expect 12% to 15% infestation this week. Boll weevils can take a heavy toll of cotton. Peanut dusters will work in most fields, even if the machine brushes the cotton over some it will straighten up. Dusting in late afternoon or early morning is most effective."

If anyone is interested in getting cotton dusted by aeroplane, Mr. Overman should be advised at once and he will try to make necessary arrangements. By controlling boll weevils, growers have been able to produce one-half bale or more cotton per acre, Overman says, based upon reports he has received. Some few growers even produced as much as a bale or more per acre.

GAME SATURDAY NIGHT
The Colonials will play Hertford on Hicks Field Saturday night, starting at 8:30. A band concert will be presented by the Edenton Band at 8.

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P & Q Food Center Name Chosen For New Edenton Store

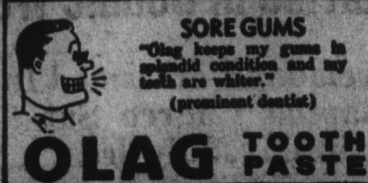
Haywood Phtisic and Henry G. Quinn Form Partnership

Haywood Phtisic announced Tuesday that the name of the new store which will occupy the building at the corner of Broad and King Streets, formerly used by the A & P Tea Company will be P & Q Food Center. The concern will be a partnership consisting of Mr. Phtisic, and Henry G. Quinn, popular manager of the local Colonial store. Mr. Quinn has tendered his resignation despite the efforts of high Colonial Store officials to have him continue as manager.

Mrs. B. F. Francis was awarded the \$10 free grocery prize for the name she submitted, which was "Reliable Grocery Center". This name was chosen before the partnership was formed, so that although the name has been changed, Mrs. Francis will receive the free groceries.

Considerable equipment is necessary to be installed, as well as complete renovation made of the interior of the store, so that Mr. Phtisic stated early this week that he hopes the opening can be held Friday, August 6. When completed, the store will be a complete one-stop food shopping center, carrying a complete line of meats, groceries, vegetables and fruits. Definite announcement of the opening will be made in The Herald.

REVIVAL POSTPONED
The Assembly of God revival has been postponed until August 8, according to the Rev. K. M. Gyax.



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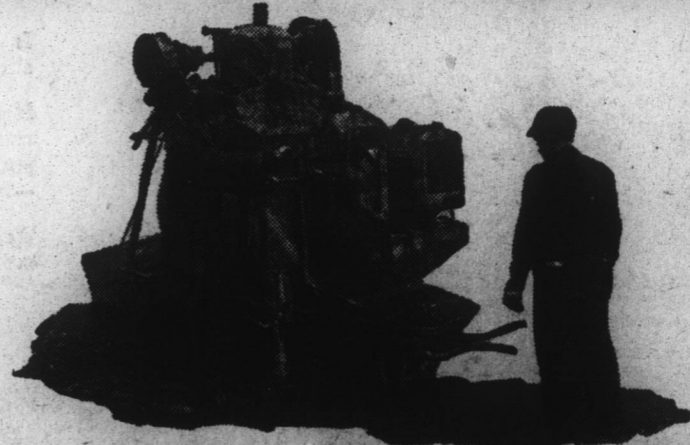
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