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A LIFT FOR TODAY

In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you. —John 14:2
 WE SHALL find unspeakable joy and glory in our Heavenly Home for "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."
 We thank Thee, Almighty Creator, that Thou hast prepared a home for us in that Eternal City which hath no need of the sun or moon to shine in it; for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamp is the light thereof.

Marines Do It Again

Thanks to Marines stationed at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Chowan County again exceeded its quota of 100 pints of blood when the Red Cross bloodmobile was in Edenton Wednesday of last week.

During the bloodmobile visit 120 pints of blood were donated, 71 of which were given by Marines and 49 by civilians. It is encouraging to note that a few more civilians cooperated in the blood program last week, for at the previous visit of the bloodmobile 42 civilians gave a pint of blood compared with 49 at the last visit.

Blood Chairman Joseph Swanner is grateful for having exceeded the quota and expresses his appreciation to all who in any way cooperated.

Not Too Soon

Chowan County Commissioners are to be congratulated for awarding a contract for the revaluation of property in Chowan County, a project which has been delayed a number of years due to the cost involved to have this important work done.

It is no secret that some property, both in Edenton and in the county, is listed on the tax books at a ridiculously low figure, which just isn't fair to other taxpayers whose property of lesser value is listed at a much higher amount. This situation will most assuredly be remedied when the revaluation work is completed.

If and how much more revenue from taxes will result from the revaluation is problematical, but even if the tax rate cannot be reduced, a better feeling will exist among taxpayers by the fact that all property is fairly valued on the tax books and that every taxpayer will be paying his just share of the tax burden.

With a reshuffling of the property valuations, especially when it is known that no little amount of property is valued far too low, it is reasonable to expect that a higher valuation should result in a lower tax rate taking into consideration, of course, that the county is not called upon to spend more money for various purposes or increase appropriations more than at present. If more money is necessary, of course, Mr. Taxpayer will have to fork up.

At any rate revaluation of property has been needed for a number of years, so that when the work is completed all taxpayers will for the most part pay taxes on a more equitable basis, which is as it should be.

Do It Or Else

Edenton is faced with a tremendous outlay of money due to installation of a sewage disposal plant, a case of install one or else. Edenton is included among 234 towns and cities which must sooner or later refrain from polluting water with sewage and if some progress is not shown in making plans by July 1, the State Stream Sanitation Commission will take legal steps to force the installation of a plant.

In order to get in on the ground floor so far as a survey and estimate of cost is concerned, as well as pending federal legislation for financial assistance, Town Council authorized the Board of Public Works to employ a concern to make a survey and estimate of the cost of a plant.

The expense will, of course, be large, but Edenton is growing, making it necessary to keep abreast of the times. The day is past when expenditures can be compared with what "they used to be."

Every community would be greatly improved if the people could get public improvements for nothing.

Theory is all right for the books but it takes practical expression of ideals to make life bet-

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Each Wednesday night during May, at the VFW Home, classes are being held for expectant mothers and from what I understand, there's a good crop of babies in the offing. But what about the expectant fathers? Or are they expected only to buy a box of cigars and pay the bills? Might be a good idea to hold some classes to teach 'em to overcome nervousness, prepare formulas or even change diapers.

The other day The Herald was requested to try to find a man, so here is the information from Charles S. Snyder of Winston-Salem:

"I met a man from your town sometime ago while working at the pulp mill at Plymouth. He is a steamfitter, is 64 years of age and weighs nearly 200 pounds. He wears glasses. His given name is William, but I am not sure whether his Christian name is Morgan or not. He likes to fish, hunt and chew tobacco. He has a grown family and is a property owner. He is not a native of Edenton, but I believe he is from around Danville or Greensboro. If you can spot him from this, please give him this note, for I sure would like to hear from him, and your courtesy sure will be appreciated."

Well, we have a lot of guys here who like to fish and chew tobacco, but if this particular fellow drops in The Herald office I'll give him Mr. Snyder's letter.

Just before going to press I received the following letter:

"Editor Chowan Herald: Recently, so I am told, a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association and other interested parties was held to discuss school matters and that one of the subjects on the agenda was, 'What's Wrong With the Edenton School?' Well, there may be several things, real and imaginary, wrong but those who have read the front page of recent issues of The Chowan Herald will have noted one thing that is significantly wrong, namely: Too many Edenton school students are being awarded notable scholarships and winning high scholastic and campus honors at the colleges and universities which they attend. Now this has been going on for some time and should be corrected, and I am thinking it would be well to suggest to the school authorities from the board of trustees on down through the superintendent, principals and faculties that they ease up a bit so as to give other schools a fair chance. —Aristophanes, Jr."

Mayor Ernest Kehayes doesn't like to have long meetings of Town Council, but sometimes he just can't help it, and such was the case Tuesday night. The long meetings cost him, for the "boys" get hungry and, good-natured like he is, he invites 'em in his restaurant for a little snack before hitting the hay. But John Mitchener and Luther Parks apparently disregard the word "little," so that the first thing the next morning Friend Ernest must figure up his "profit or loss."

There's a lot of good local talent in and around Edenton, but just about the best I've heard in many a moon is the singing of Lieut. Jim Bowers, who thrilled those who attended the Masonic banquet Thursday night. If I could hear Jim singing at the same time a television or radio program is in progress, including any of the stars, the bloomin' "music box" would be turned off.

In this issue of The Herald appear the names of delinquent 1955 taxpayers. That's one way a person has of getting their name in the paper, although it's costly, for in this instance there is a charge made. And incidentally, the longer one waits to pay the taxes, the higher the bill will be, for each month an additional penalty is added to the taxes. Sheriff J. A. Bunch is in a receptive mood to collect your taxes.

Like a lot of other folks, the bloomin' parking meters worry the dickens out of me sometimes. Either time flies faster than one realizes or else the consarn meters should be calibrated to see if they are not exceeding the speed limit.

Edenton's Rotary Club is planning to stage a pancake and sausage breakfast in the Parish House Wednesday morning of next week from 7 to 9 o'clock. Each Rotarian will be given at least 10 tickets to sell with the instructions to either sell 'em or eat as many breakfasts as he has tickets left. The Rotarians are trying, like just about every other organization in town, to raise some money, so how about having breakfast at the Parish House Wednesday morning?

Local sports-minded folk will flock to the Masonic Temple tonight when the Varsity Club will hold its annual sports awards banquet. Jim Tatum, new head football coach at the University of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker, and is the principal incentive for a sell-out crowd. Only 200 plates will be arranged, so that if you haven't secured a ticket, it's no need to expect to buy one at the door. It should be a very nice meeting.

Marines Participate In "Career Day"

Marines from the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station led discussion groups today (Thursday) at the Edenton colored school. The occasion was "Career Day," de-

signed to help the students prepare for their vocational futures.

Subjects explored ranged from medicine to trucking. Topics and the Marines who served as discussion leaders are the following: Medicine—Dr. E. R. Carter. Military—1st Lieut. Gerald W.

Keyes, a pilot in Marine Attack Squadron 225.

Law—1st Lieut. Carl L. Rechin, Jr., legal officer. Christian Ministry—Chaplain John H. Mates. Music—2nd Lieut. James B. Bowers, assistant personnel officer

and opera tenor. Weather Science—1st Lieut. Jas. W. Nash, aerological officer, and T/Sgt. James F. Owens.

Law Enforcement—1st Lieut. Gerald M. Kirby, provost marshal. Teaching—2nd Lieut. Richard M. Lieberman, a pilot in Marine At-

tack Squadron 225 and a teacher before entering the Marine Corps.

Journalism—2nd Lieut. Richard G. Frohnen, informational services officer. Motor Transportation—1st Lieut. Francis A. Cruise, assistant transportation officer.



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