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A LIFT FOR TODAY

★... We see Jesus. —Hebrews 2:9.
SEEING JESUS we understand why life is given and how it is to be used, and by following him we have the Light of Life which enables us to see it through.
O God, if we have seen the Holy One, and turned to the ways of the world, forgive us, and bring us back to the fold, we pray.

An Explanation

Recently THE HERALD carried an editorial concerning placing the Voice of America radio installation in Pitt County, where land must be purchased, instead of locating it on vacant government property in this section. Congressman Herbert Bonner forwarded the editorial to Henry Loomis, director of Broadcasting Service, United States Information Agency. Mr. Loomis replied to Congressman Bonner, and his letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Bonner: Thank you for your letter of March 4, enclosing the editorial from the Edenton, North Carolina, paper which comments on the location of our new Voice of America installation.

"Its suggestion concerning use of government-owned land has a lot of merit and, in fact, was one of the first factors we considered in selecting the plant site. To begin with, we established criteria as to electronic requirements, logistics and costs. Then a complete review was made of all government-owned land in the general area, including the Edenton Naval Air Station and the Naval Air Facility at Weeksville. Available government-owned land was included in a field survey of the general area, running from the Virginia-North Carolina border to Charleston, South Carolina, and extending 75 miles inland. Based upon this survey, 38 potential sites were defined and evaluated against the established criteria, and a final group cleared with other government agencies for interference objections. The Pitt County area was the only one to pass this final screening.

"The whole matter has been given most careful study and the decisions taken have been based upon full and objective consideration of the facts. I appreciate your calling this editorial to my attention."

Among The Missing

With the Edenton municipal election in the offing, it is difficult to predict how many candidates will seek the various town offices.

One, who has been a candidate for nine terms and 18 years of service, will be missing from the list of candidates in this election.

This Councilman will be J. Clarence Leary, who announced Tuesday that he definitely will not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Leary has served very well as a Councilman and for most of his incumbency he has been chairman of the very important Finance Committee, the watchdog of the town's budget.

Mr. Leary feels that, together with his many other duties and responsibilities, it is only fair to himself that he should not seek another term, especially when apparently many complex and vexing problems will face Town Council, thus calling upon him for much more of his time and energy.

While there have been many problems before Town Council during Mr. Leary's terms in the office, as a whole he has enjoyed serving the town the entire 18 years he has held office. It is true, he says, that he did not always see eye-to-eye with all of his fellow members, but he respected their opinions and regarded them just as highly as if they saw as he did.

Mr. Leary also feels grateful to the voters for the confidence placed in him over the years and will always cherish and appreciate this confidence reposed in him.

Whether all of the other members are returned to seats on Town Council or not, the wisdom and interest Mr. Leary had in the town's affairs will be greatly missed, and he has set an example which his successor might well emulate.

Not Too Late

The whole matter has been given most Red Cross fund raising drive, is very much discouraged over the result of the campaign. Chowan apparently has failed miserably, which is no credit to the county. Just why the Red Cross drive should bog down so badly is hard to understand.

Dr. Ferguson is appealing to everybody who has not contributed to do so at once.

Heard & Seen By Buff

Chowan County Commissioners have sort of a hard time occasionally to wind up their business without an afternoon session. It was one such meeting Monday and near the noon hour Chairman W. E. Bond asked, "Would you gentlemen prefer to remain and finish up the business or come back for an afternoon session?" Nothing was done until Gilliam Wood remarked, "I don't know about you gentlemen, but I'm still growing and I must eat." Anyway, they knocked off long enough to eat and went back for an afternoon session. The Commissioners, however, decided to begin their meeting at 9 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock beginning Monday, May 4. They are hoping that this extra hour will prevent some meetings from running into the afternoon.

Stopping in at the Broad Street Fish Market the other day, I saw a pile of rather small white perch. "Have that for bait?" I asked Haywood Jones. "I'm going fishing and am looking for bait." But Haywood replied, "If you're going fishing and want to eat fish, you'll be back. Fishermen like you are my best customers." However, I didn't go back for the Missus and I caught the nicest string of fish I've seen in many a moon.

An interesting visitor the other day was C. D. Stewart of Beaufort. C. D. is a former Edenton school teacher and was the original owner of the Broad Street Fish Market. "What you doing in this neck of the woods?" I asked him. "Well," he replied, "I was just going through and I wanted to stop in and see if your desk was in order. I want to compliment you, for I can see the one corner of it."

Mrs. Bill Billings had a brief letter the other day from Mrs. Joon Aynes, who lived in Edenton when her husband, Major Aynes, was stationed here with the Marines. The Aynes family now lives in Corona Del Mar, California and Mrs. Aynes told Mrs. Billings that she is flying to Cherry Point to see produced at the Marine Corps Air Station a musical comedy she wrote. Mrs. Aynes, it will be remembered, wrote the NAAS News for The Herald when she lived in Edenton and if her musical is as good as the news she wrote, it should be a success.

I made a slight error last week in saying that West Byrum, Jr., was elected president of the Edenton Jaycees. As a matter of fact, West was only nominated and officers will actually be elected tonight (Thursday). The slate was presented at the last meeting, but here's betting a stogie the slate as presented will be elected—they usually are.

A few of the Edenton Rotarians, together with groups from other organizations, acted as judges at the Fat Stock Show and Sale held last week at the Legion grounds. Dick Schuman made a very good showing and he was being complimented at the Rotary meeting when he piped up: "I know a good piece of meat when I see it." Well, a lot of us do also, but it's sort of hard getting hold of a good piece.

I heard of a local fellow who went to see the doctor the other day. After an examination the doctor said to the guy, "You have shingles." The fellow, sort of surprised, looked at the Doc and said, "Say, Doc, what are shingles? I thought they were building material."

My attention has been called to the beautiful sight in Edenton with the forsythia in full bloom. It is a beautiful picture and the question might well be asked "Why not plant more?" My understanding is that the plants should be pruned now and that this is also a good time to plant forsythia. Incidentally, a lot of flowers are now in bloom and it will be a source of pleasure to walk or drive around to see some of 'em.

J. D. Elliott was visiting the Davis family on Court Street Tuesday night and between 7 and 7:30 o'clock somebody stole the four hub caps from his car, valued at about \$16. Looks like this kind of vandalism is sprouting out again and the police are on the lookout to find the guilty parties.

Though only six persons have announced their candidacy for office in the forthcoming Edenton municipal election, there are already two contests which will create interest in the election. Mayor Kehayes will seek re-election and will be opposed by David Q. Holton. In the First Ward Joe Conger, Jr., and W. C. Bunch, Jr., are candidates for the seat to be vacated by J. Clarence Leary, who decided not to run. It is a little over three weeks until election, so that there is likely to be a grand scramble for the various town offices. At any rate, some weighty problems will no doubt develop within the next two years, so that some headaches are in store for somebody. The pay—very "lucrative".

Eastern Star Officers



Recently installed officers of Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, discharged their various duties at Monday night's meeting of the chapter. Pictured above are, front row, left to right, J. Edwin Bufflap, Mrs. Margaret Bell, Mrs. Helen Wood, worthy matron; C. W. Overman, Mrs. Ruth Overman and Mrs. Mary Leary. Second row, Mrs. Anita Tarkington, Mrs. Annie Goodwin, Mrs. Frances Wilkins, Mrs. Vivian Mooney, Mrs. Minnie Kennan. Back row, Mrs. Edna Reeves, Mrs. Ola Williford, Mrs. Sarah Boyce, Mrs. Edith Bufflap, Mrs. Lydia Daniels and W. F. Goodwin.

TAX COLLECTIONS
Sheriff M. Earl Goodwin reported to the County Commissioners Monday that 1958 taxes collected in March amounted to \$6,966.98, which brings total 1958 taxes collected to date to \$170,869.16. This leaves a balance of \$41,352.23 of 1958 taxes still uncollected. Sheriff Goodwin also reported having collected a total of \$487.25 in delinquent taxes during March. These taxes represented payments of less than a dollar to \$25 and were for the years 1948 to 1957. To date Sheriff Goodwin has collected \$2,574.42 in delinquent taxes. He desires it to be known that to make it more convenient for sires may pay any portion of their taxes at any time in order to make it more convenient for him will accept part payment of them.

Notice To Delinquent TAXPAYERS

ANY TAXPAYER WHO CANNOT PAY HIS OR HER TAXES IN ONE PAYMENT CAN MAKE PARTIAL PAYMENTS UNTIL PAID: YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

M. EARL GOODWIN
SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY

CATASTROPHE

**CAN
STRIKE
ANYTIME
ANYWHERE**



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