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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

ABUNDANT LIFE: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.—John 10:10.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

Whenever there is a fight there necessarily must also be someone who bears the brunt of the battle. For over a year now there has been a fight in progress in Edenton to secure financial assistance from the Federal government to make much-needed repairs and additions to the local school building. Just recently word was received that Lindsay Warren was successful in having Chowan's request put on the preferred list and that President Roosevelt approved the application for a grant of \$31,500.

That this grant was finally approved for Edenton necessarily means that somebody was on the job here for without a doubt the majority of the members of the city board, while agreeing to continue trying to secure a grant as a group, individually had lost hope and were rather of the opinion that what funds were needed would have to be raised by the county itself. And to add doubt to eventual success of the grant, the County Commissioners, too, were of the opinion that all efforts went for naught, though they agreed to sanction applications for aid.

Not so, however, was the hope of Thomas Cheers, chairman of the local board for something like 20 years. When all, even John Holmes at times much discouraged, held out little hope of success, Mr. Cheers doggedly went at the matter from different angles and instructed Superintendent Holmes to write such and such a letter to this party or that to see what would result. There's no telling how many letters have been written, trips made and telegrams sent in the persistent struggle to exhaust all efforts before admitting defeat.

Mr. Cheers has always had the best interest of the Edenton school at heart and no doubt much of the responsibility resting upon his shoulders is part cause at least for the silver tinge of his hair. He was unwilling to believe that after the county had performed its part of the obligation on a 55-45 basis, and with conditions as they exist at the local school, those in charge would refuse to come to the county's aid. Time after time, however, discouraging information was received which only made Mr. Cheers more determined to go the limit in the fight. Scanning newspaper reports he happened to see an article relating to preference being given to projects which were classed as fire hazards. His eyes sparkled as he rushed over to see John Holmes, who in a few seconds had pounded out a letter setting forth the fire hazard as now constituted in the Edenton school. Forthwith an inspector was sent to Edenton following which the good news was received that the President signed the application.

Thomas Cheers for years has realized the need for an improved Edenton school, but with burdened tax payers he was reluctant as chairman of the board to press the need. It was when there was a slim chance to secure Federal aid that the spark in Mr. Cheers was brought out and by his persistency and shrewd maneuvering, aided by John Holmes as secretary who also carried his share of the burden, Edenton will be enabled to have the kind of school building it needs and to which it is justly entitled.

The Herald on various occasions had something to say relative to better school facilities in Edenton but it seeks no honors or praise in what will result in the way of a better school. Rather he unstintingly herewith praise Mr. Cheers for his part in the whole matter, as well as John Holmes for his untiring efforts.

THEY'RE COMING TO SEE US, FOLKS!

Never before in the history of Edenton were so many traveling tourists here as over the past weekend. They came from everywhere, not alone from North Carolina. Some were here from Texas, another party from North Dakota, several cars from the New England states, and in front of Leggett & Davis Sunday afternoon a car with six aboard bore an Ontario license.

This means something. Visitors from so far away come because they had heard of Edenton and they come here for themselves. It is a good thing for Edenton.

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!

IN CERTAIN PROVINCES OF CHINA, THE MEN WEAR INVERTED WASTE-BASKETS ON THEIR HEADS AS HEAD-PIECES!! THEY ARE NOT REGARDED AS WELL-DRESSED OTHERWISE!!

THE EARLY BARBARIAN KINGS ALWAYS WORE GARMENTS MADE OF LION SKIN AS A MARK OF THEIR PROWESS AND GREATNESS!!

IN THE EARLY COURT OF AFRICA, THE NATIVES CAPTURE STRAYS JUST TO EAT THEIR LIPS WHICH THEY CONSIDER RARE DELICACIES!! THE REST OF THE ANIMAL, INCLUDING THE VALUABLE PELTS IS THEN THROWN AWAY.....

STALE OINK WAS RECOMMENDED BY DOCTORS OF FRANCE IN THE 18th CENTURY AS A CURE FOR INDIGESTION AND STOMACH TROUBLES!!

IN AFGHANISTAN THE NATIVES ARE SO FOND OF FLOWERS THAT THEY CULTIVATE CARNATIONS AND TULIPS AS A PART OF THEIR REGULAR DIET!!

THE BY-PRODUCTS OF PORK (58) ARE MORE NUMEROUS THAN ANY OTHER MEAT!!

we might feel they were merely passing through and checking up, as elsewhere, on points of interest. But travelers from Texas, North Dakota, New England and Canada certainly must have included Edenton, and known why, in their itineraries before leaving home.

Reckless estimates were given Monday as to the numbers. Parson Ashby said, and insisted it was correct, that "more than 500" called at St. Paul's church last Saturday. Another prominent resident said he "didn't doubt it and there were easily a thousand here over the week-end." At the Cupola House the registration was higher than ever before. Seats at all of the restaurants were at a premium during meal times.

Anyway you figure it there was a real crowd in town. Certainly Edenton has profited immeasurably by these visitations. At least let us hope so and that every caller left with a good impression. Tourists comprise the town's greatest asset. Every visitor is a potential advertisement for the town. Let them continue to come and above all let us make them feel glad they did come.

AND ARE WE PROUD!

Lavish praise for the official town booklet recently released and which will soon go on the way to a general distribution continues to come in from all sides. Which is a source of comforting pride and must tickle the vanity of a little community that had never tackled anything of the sort before.

John Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times, as may be noted elsewhere, wrote the editor of The Herald "It's a pippin," meaning, of course, the booklet. And, of course, it is that very thing. Others have spoken highly of the brochure and everybody seems pleased with it. The thing to do now is to make its usage count. It should not be handed around indiscriminately to overnight tourists as a souvenir—the smaller four page folder should serve that purpose—but it should go to every chamber of commerce between New York and Miami on the Ocean Highway as well as to every tourist travel bureau on the same route. This would dispose of 500 say. The rest should reach all trade centers on the eastern seaboard, get into the hands of marts which might take a live interest in Edenton's opportunity as a focal point of industry and commerce.

WHERE ARE OUR SPORTS?

Outside of an occasional evening's recreation at soft ball about the only other sport in which Edenton engages is tennis. There is no opportunity to play golf here, and as for taking advantage of the natural opportunities on all sides for boating, it is to laugh. But tennis and soft ball just now have the town agog, and the coterie of young people who are enjoying themselves on the courts beyond the scout cabin, have begun to wonder, and quite rightly, if they should continue paying all the costs of keeping the courts in condition. They are not asking for money help, but do say they will gladly welcome any voluntary donations.

As for soft ball, it is paying its own way, and the enthusiasm keeps up pretty good, not so good as it should, but fairly so. Edenton has been and should be now a sport loving town, and the only way to make it so is to chip in as lavishly as possible.

Capt. Eyman Master Of U. S. S. Lydonia

Captain R. P. Eyman, Mrs. Eyman and their daughter, Suzanne, of New York City, arrived Monday night to spend Tuesday with Mrs. Eyman's mother, Mrs. L. F. Ziegler. Captain Eyman will take charge of the U. S. S. Lydonia Geodetic Survey Ship of the Navy, to which he is assigned as captain, and which is now stationed at Norfolk, Va.

FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

The monthly meeting of the Edenton Fire Department will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Fire Chief E. K. Hall says very important business will be transacted at the meeting and urges attendance.

JUST HUMANS BY GENE CARR



"Looka Wet Thinks He's Got a Wisdom Tooth."

HEARD AND SEEN By "BUFF"

Edenton had a "guide" to show visitors some of the historical points of interest at least part of one day last week. Yours truly threw aside his editor's cap, his printer devil's cap, town councilman cap, and a gang of other caps and attached to my old straw hat a bright-colored sign reading "Unofficial Guide." But John White and J. N. Pruden can't take a joke. I wasn't on the street over a minute before they sicked a group of tourists on me who wanted to see the court house and Masonic lodge room, and before I had told that crowd what little I know about it another gang asked me if I was a guide and asked all kinds of questions regarding Edenton's points of interest, a copy of which they had secured somewhere in town. I didn't last long as the "unofficial guide" for as soon as I could slip away I yanked off the sign which I'll gladly give to anyone who wants to wear it. And by gosh somebody ought to be employed or some arrangements made to show visitors what we have here of which the most of us are so bloomin' proud of. It's next to downright foolishness to send out literature urging folks to visit Edenton and listing our historical shrines and then have them come here and wander around like lost sheep looking for this or that place of interest, many of them leaving without seeing much of anything. We are not on the job for some reason. We need a guide.

And speaking of showing visitors around, it's a source of much pleasure to receive letters from folks who have been here thanking me for courtesies shown them while in Edenton. Some of these letters have come from other states and only goes to show that if we take advantage of the opportunity which is ours we can create friendships and forable memories of the town, which will not hurt us a bit.

Oscar Kafer of New Bern was one of Edenton's visitors this week. Mr. Kafer was born in Edenton in 1872 but shortly afterward his parents moved to Germany, later returning to New Bern. His last visit to Edenton was in 1876 and he says the only things that he could recognize was the Court House, Cupola House and St. Paul's Church. Well, that shows a little progress anyhow.

Tom Eason, colored defendant in Recorder's Court Tuesday for stealing a small quantity of corn and 14 watermelons, was very serious when Judge Pruden ordered him to stand up and answer a few questions. "Have you ever been up in court before?" asked the judge. "Yes, suh, one time," replied Tom. "Were you there?" "Yes, suh," replied Tom. "Were you there?" "Yes, suh," replied Tom. "Were you there?" "Yes, suh," replied Tom.

found guilty—did they turn you loose?" again asked the judge. "Oh, yes, suh," quickly replied Tom, "dey turned me loose 'after 30 days." The crowd of court spectators broke out in a healthy laugh, including the stern Judge Pruden, but Tom was trying to protect his reputation and there was no smile on his face. It was a serious matter with him and he seemed very appreciative of the leniency of Judge Pruden a few minutes later.

At last the Edenton Boy Scouts will have a scoutmaster. George Capehart has agreed to act in this capacity providing he is given support of the Scout Troop Court of Honor and citizens in general. The boys have been clamoring for a scoutmaster as well as have a group of ladies in town, and here's a pat on the back for young Capehart for agreeing to lead in this worthwhile boys' work and a promise of full cooperation on the part of The Herald.

SIGN PINE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Six and children, of Richland, Va., Miss Lillie Pruden, of Suffolk, Va., and Mrs. John Brinkley, of Ahoskie, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ward on Tuesday.

Miss Peggy Eason, of Sunbury, was the guest of Mrs. James F. Ward last week.

Miss Lavelle Ward returned home Tuesday, after spending a few days with Miss Starr Eason, near Sunbury.

Mrs. Jimmie Dail visited Mrs. J. D. Ward Saturday afternoon.

Miss Syble Spivey spent last week with Miss Vera Newby Perry.

Miss Mae White, of Center Hill, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spivey, of Corapeake, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Perry and little daughter, of Edenton, visited in the home of A. T. Perry Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Ward and daughter, Miss Donnie, visited Mrs. D. E. Baker and Mrs. Murray Baker on Sunday afternoon.

J. D. Ward and a party of friends went on a fishing trip to Chuckatuck, Va., Friday.

Mrs. Murray Baker has returned from Suffolk, Va., where she visited her mother, Mrs. C. Pilead.

Miss Myrtle Twine was the guest of Mrs. Jimmie Dail Monday afternoon.

Suitable official honors are proposed for a cow owned by Hans Gockeln, a peasant near Schlawbach, Germany.

Retires After Long Service On Railroad

Hanging up quite a record as to number of years employed and service rendered, Nehemiah Holley, colored, on Tuesday retired as a Norfolk Southern employee. For over 53 years Holley has worked in various capacities with the railroad, and by his faithful performance of duty won the confidence of his superiors who gradually rewarded him with promotions. He started to work for the Norfolk Southern on January 11, 1884

as a section hand, then was added to the carpenter's force. Later he operated pile drivers and steam shovels for the company and at the time of his retirement was coal shute operator in the Edenton yard. He will be succeeded by George Downing, a white man.

Holley also helped to lay the Norfolk Southern tracks from Elizabeth City to Edenton in 1881 prior to his railroad employment and during all the years he says he enjoyed the work and only at the suggestion of his employers did he retire on Tuesday.

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