

# The Chowan Herald

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### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

LOVE SHAPES OUR DESTINY: Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God.—Josh. 23.11.

### About Melons and Cantaloupes

The recent days have been hot and trying and unnecessary labor, editorial or otherwise, is onerous. So this week read for a change what the U. S. Department of Agriculture has to say in one of its bulletins about cantaloupes. It is lively information as to what are and are not cantaloupes, how to tell the best and how to especially pick the choicest. Above all keep a cantaloupe chilled on ice, not with ice, before you eat it. Here goes the Department.

"Summer's here for sure! Vacations are beginning—the mercury creeps upward—swimming's better—human skins are getting that healthy, tawny look. And just to cinch the matter, muskmelons are abundant and less expensive. The luring words, 'Cantaloup'—'Honeydew'—'Honeyball'—'Hearts of Gold' are brightening grocery ads.

"As these names suggest, the muskmelon is no ordinary marketing commodity. It has led an interesting life since man began to cultivate it along about the year 1, in Northern India. From there it traveled vagabond fashion all over the world—westward to Persia, Turkestan, and via the shores of the Mediterranean, across the Atlantic—to America.

"Like any traveler, the muskmelon has felt the influence of the many countries it has visited. Probably this is most noticeable in the exotic names of its many varieties. It was in Italy, for instance, that the name cantaloup was first applied to a muskmelon. Originally this name referred to a variety cultivated in the gardens of the Italian castle of Cantalupo.

"Today, the name cantaloup still sticks, but it has outgrown its first restricted meaning. In America we use it for many varieties of muskmelon—all those that are small, oval, netted, and suited to shipping.

"Although it sounds a bit like a school-boy's riddle, the simple fact is that 'all cantaloups on our markets are muskmelons, but many varieties and types of muskmelons are not true cantaloups.' Those of the 'muskmelon' type include the Honeydews and Honeyballs on the market now—the Persians and Cassabas that come a little later.

"Shoppers who have noticed improvement in market cantaloups during the past couple of years may give much credit to a new muskmelon variety—the Mildew Resistant No. 45.

"This new cantaloup is the result of work by plant breeders of the California Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Research started in 1925 when an outbreak of powdery mildew threatened to wipe out all the muskmelons in Imperial Valley, California.

"With the advent of this and other improved cantaloup varieties chances for getting 'good' ones on the market are better than ever. But a knowledge of how to pick melons is still a part of any shopper's stock-in-trade.

"In the first place, melons with good flavor are ripened on healthy vines. For it takes a good leaf surface to put the sugar and other things that make for flavor into a melon. Therefore, if the shopper happens to be in the fortunate position of being able to pick her melons straight from the field she looks first to see that the vine is vigorous and green. . . .

"Best cantaloups for eating are picked off the vine, ripe—not green or overripe. To check on this, examine the stem of the cantaloup. Picked full ripe it will have a smooth even scar with no stem at all attached. But the cantaloup picked green will have a portion of the stem still attached. Or there will be a rough place where it was pulled out.

"Next look the whole cantaloup over critically. It should be firm, well netted. And the color underneath these nettles should be a light golden yellow. See that this golden yellow color is uniform all over the melon. Overripe cantaloups will have a pale, faded yellow ground color. In underripe ones this will be a pure green or a light canary yellow.

"Some cantaloups do their own advertising when they are ripe, for then their characteristic musky odor becomes more noticeable. And in some varieties a good sweet melon will have little globules of sugar about the stem scar. These are a sort of cherry red color—about the size of a pencil point.

"But no matter how adept the home-maker gets at picking the good ones there probably always will be a slight feeling of suspense just before the melon is cut up to be served. For the final and most important test of all is in the tasting.

"To prepare melons for eating—chill them. Some home-makers like to wrap them and keep them in the refrigerator. Others prefer to keep them outside because of the penetrating musky odor that sometimes pervades the refrigerator.

"If the muskmelon is not chilled in a refrigerator, serve halves of the small ones in chipped ice. Chipped ice in the center is not a satisfactory way of chilling the melon. For while the ice looks cool at the beginning, the ice water that soaks into the melon meat dilutes the flavor."

Trade-at-home is a slogan which contains an idea that should not be abandoned.

There are some people that no one can please—you probably know a few yourself.

Taking a vacation sometimes makes it harder to get back to work.

## FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!



By H. T. Elmo

## HEARD AND SEEN

By "BUFF"

"Buff, your paper isn't so hot in bringing folks to a mass meeting," I was told the other day, "why at the Boy Scout meeting last Thursday only one person beside the Troop Committee was present, and at the special meeting of Town Council and merchants on Monday night, only a few merchants and not even a quorum of the Council were present." I had to admit to both complaints, but I didn't give in that The Herald isn't read. The trouble with the biggest portion of those who should have been present at both meetings is that they are like the blind mule that ran into the side of a barn—they just don't give a damn.

Jordan Yates had somewhat of a scare the other day when he thought he lost in the neighborhood of \$100. He searched everywhere for the money and was about to have the sanitary sewer torn up when he spied his wallet on the floor in the rest room at his filling station. Moral—Keep your hip pocket buttoned.

If Ernest Lee is any sort of a weather prophet, it will rain some time today or tonight. For several weeks he has been trying to have a free barbecue celebrating the opening of his new filling station just beyond the Cole-rain road on the Windsor Highway. If he isn't rained out again, he'll pull off this barbecue tonight, starting about 6 o'clock. Note to E. T. Rawlinson, master of the Masonic Lodge: I might be a little late for the meeting tonight.

Quite a few of the soft ballers are crippled up a bit which causes some of those who can't see any fun in playing soft ball to reprimand the "cripples." They say, "you can be young only once, despite your efforts to pretend to be young and spry." Yours truly is numbered among the "cripples" by having a badly skinned shin. John F. White, however, is the only one who had any sort of sympathy. Said John, "Well, the trouble is that your shin bone should be in the back of the leg where there is some meat, and not sticking right out in front." Gosh, the only trouble with me is that by the size of my leg, it wouldn't make so much difference whether the bone is in the front or back. The best way out of future trouble, I reckon, is to run backwards.

A discussion was in progress at one of the drug stores the other day as to who were the three newspaper men in town. One fellow said Harvey Thomas, Fred Ashley and Thompson Green were the three aces, whereupon Fred Ashley was asked how to spell "aces." Fred scratched his head a spell, then said, "Oh yes, 'asses.' I almost forgot how to spell it."

John White should draw every member of the County Council of home demonstration clubs to the meeting Saturday afternoon. I asked Friend John what he was going to speak about and reluctantly he said, "Well, if you must know, I expect I'll speak on 'How the Ladies Should Treat Their Husbands.'" Say, Miss Colwell, how about some of us men folks attending the meeting, too?

It was my pleasure to meet up with two prominent Pennsylvanians Tuesday. They were Judge Arthur H. James and Foster Heller, of Wilkes-Barre. Strangely enough they liked Edenton water the first time they tasted it and the last thing they did before leaving was to fill up their bellies with some of our water. Judge James said his next subject for a speech before a group of ladies will be something about the Edenton Tea Party. He's a Republican, having defeated Gifford Pinchot for the gubernatorial nomination and in his conversation asked me to listen in on the radio near General Electric time to hear him trim a bunch of Democrats. "You'd have a hard time trimming a Democrat around here," I told him. But the judge slyly remarked, "I expect so, but I pick my places."

"It's pretty bloomin' hard to be optimistic these days with prices so low," said a country reader the other day in commenting upon what he expects to realize from his crops this year. And he's right. But when it comes to being optimistic, I am reminded of Clem Johnston's example told at the recent Chamber of Commerce banquet. Said Clem, "An optimist is a man 84 years old who marries a woman of 79 and then decide they want to buy a house near a school building."

I'm glad to see Henry Barber able to be out again. He had a hard time and is very weak at present. Friend Barber has in his time been all man, but now I can joke him and get away with it. You see he can't run a bit just now. But, gosh ding, I reckon I better practice up a bit now for he's gaining strength right along.

No wonder it's hard to get along with relatives some times. For instance, on Saturday a cousin of mine whom I had not seen for about 20 years happened to drop in on his way to Florida. It so happened that my grandson was visiting here at the time and the first thing the bloomin' cousin had to say was, "why in tarnation didn't you let us know you had a youngster so young?" Oh me! What kind of a man does he think I am?

Just about the fairest method has been agreed upon to select Chowan's little boy and girl to help officially open the Albemarle-Sound bridge. Every person has

## JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Your Friend Just Went By—th' One Who Had Her Face Lifted and When She Got th' Bill It Fell Again."

one vote to cast for his or her favorite in each division, so step up to the ballot box in Leggett & Davis drug store and vote for your favorite. Anyway, here's one who would not serve on a committee to select which is the cutest youngster to help throw open the gate. No, siree, not me.

Speaking about reading The Herald, Carey Bunch last Thursday night told me he owed me some money. As I started for the ledger, Carey said, "It isn't in there, but since you printed the story today that I would move to the Fish Hatchery, I've had four different inquiries about renting my house in North Edenton."

Which reminds me of a remark heard from a tourist who had stopped over at the Hatchery to take a look at the fish in the ponds. As he got a glimpse of the bass in one of the ponds, he excitedly said to a friend, "Hell, I'd pay \$5 for only five minutes fishing in there." But, shucks, there's plenty of folks who would do likewise.

There's no telling what a fellow will do these hot days when near the water. On Sunday Sam Hobowsky and a group of friends went fishing, and not having any luck, they decided to take a swim. Sam hustled out of his clothes and so anxious was he to hit the water that he forgot to take off his specs. He took 'em off, however, when he came to the top.

### Demonstration Clubs Picnic On August 11

What will no doubt result in one of the year's most outstanding events among Chowan County's home demonstration clubs will be the annual picnic which will be held Thursday, August 11. The picnic will again be held at Eden House Beach.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, expects to secure a speaker for the occasion, but had had no definite promise from a list of prospects this week.

### 20 Marriage Licenses Issued During Quarter

In the matter of marriage licenses issued in Chowan County during the quarter including April, May and June, Mrs. M. L. Bunch, deputy registrar of deeds, reports little difference for the same period last year. During the quarter just ended 20 licenses were issued compared with 21 for the same period last year.

MRS. H. T. LAYDEN VERY ILL Mrs. H. T. Layden is very ill in Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, though at the last report she was resting more comfortably. Mrs. Layden was rushed to the hospital last week for an appendicitis operation and peritonitis developed.

Naturally Every famous man's wife has an uneasy feeling that something will happen to open the world's eyes.—Hartford Times.

## Two 4-H Clubbers At Short Course

Misses Margaret White Byrum and Lillie Mae Saunders will leave Monday for Raleigh, where they will attend the 4-H Club short course which will be in session July 25 to 30. Miss Saunders' trip to Raleigh is sponsored by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, while the Legion Auxiliary is responsible for Miss Byrum's trip.

Miss Saunders was previously selected as Chowan's health queen, and was entered last week in the district contest at Roanoke Rapids. Though not winning in the district contest, principally due to being only a few pounds underweight, Miss Saunders was selected one of five young ladies to participate in a health pageant at the short course.

## Colored Convention In Edenton Aug. 9-11

What will be one of the largest meetings of colored people in Edenton in many years will take place August 9 to 11, when the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention will convene at the Providence and Gale Street Baptist churches.

Arrangements for entertaining this group of christian workers are shaping up very nicely.

# STATE THEATRE

HERTFORD, N. C.

COOL — COMFORTABLE — ENTERTAINING

Thursday - Friday, July 21-22—

## YELLOW JACK

with ROBERT MONTGOMERY VIRGINIA BRUCE

M.G.M.

Picture

## Joe Louis and Max Schmeling

FIGHTING PICTURE BLOW BY BLOW

Saturday, July 23—Show Opens 1:30—

## BOB STEELE

—in—

## "PAROLED TO DIE"

"MYSTERIOUS PILOT" No. 5 — COMEDY

Monday and Tuesday, July 25 26—



ALSO COMEDY AND NEWS

Wednesday, July 27—Matinee at 3 P. M.—



JOHN LITEL · ANN SHERIDAN Frank McHugh · Janet Chapman

ALSO COMEDY AND ACT

Thursday - Friday, July 28-29—



ALSO NEWS