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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

HE DID: Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee.—Dan. 6:16.

Dedication Of Pettigrew Park

It is reported that a gala day will be made of the dedication of Pettigrew Park some time in the late summer, and that the Hon. Bruce Etheridge of the Department of Conservation and Development, is making some plans to that end.

As the park is a State project and this section has given it support, we believe quite a gala day may be made of the dedication.

Creswell, Columbia and Plymouth, the nearest towns, will be represented, we know, but submit that such an event should assume a wider aspect and the whole Albemarle area should be let in.

Governor Hoey, whose speeches and work aided in the matter so considerably, and Congressman Lindsay Warren, the ardent advocate of the park, should be present and speak.

A great day is ahead. General Pettigrew merits wide attention, and the park will prove one of the Albemarle's best and most useful attractions.

May Be Hard Sledding

At a rapid rate a new grading and packing shed is being erected at Valhalla, and will no doubt be completed in time to handle cantaloupes, watermelons and corn. The shed is the outgrowth of a group of farmers who furnished the money to erect the building and will, it is said, be for the best interest of farmers, enabling them to have their produce graded, packed and sold to the best advantage.

Of course, marketing details have not been ironed out, but the general impression is that small farmers may bring in any amount of produce, have it graded and stored with that of other farmers until in a large quantity it will be sold to buyers on the scene who will haul it to its destination.

If this works out and the farmer receives more than otherwise for his wares, well and good, but with an auction block already operating in Edenton and the new grading shed, while not admitted, in direct competition, neither one will be able to render its best service. The county is too small to adequately support two marketing headquarters so closely located.

If both arrangements are for the primary benefit of the farmer, it is to be regretted that a better understanding could not have been reached before either was started, so that instead of two selling points competing with each other, there might have been one which would have a better chance to survive and be of more benefit, not only to Chowan farmers, but those in adjoining counties as well.

However, both will be put in operation and because The Herald is interested in the farmer securing the best possible price for his produce, it is the hope that both marketing points will succeed, but the sledding will no doubt be hard.

Let's Swim Safely

Edenton has been very fortunate thus far this summer in not having to record a death by drowning, which is no reason, however, that a sound of warning is out of place. The swimming season is upon us again and newspapers, in the next few months, will carry stories of many swimmers who have enjoyed their last swim.

Swimming appeals to nearly every person. It is a sport that deserves its popularity, but just the same, it is dangerous. No one can tell when peril is near and the water is no place in which to take chances.

Swimmers should be careful if they want to live. The idea that "it can't happen to me" is no protection against cramps that drown the strongest men. It does not protect the occupants of overturned boats who cannot swim a stroke. It gives no strength to the foolhardy swimmer who weakens himself, or herself, by prolonged and solitary expeditions in the water.

The teaching of swimming lessons here under auspices of the Red Cross was a worth while effort and it is hoped that not only the art of swimming has appealed to the large group of youngsters, but that they will combine this sport with common sense while in the water.

Surely Worth Trying

After a number of years of complaint and criticism, it now appears that the system of paying Edenton patrolmen fees for arrests they make is headed for the discard. At the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night, it was an almost unanimous opinion that the system should be abolished and officers paid a flat salary for their services.

The writer for several years has been opposed to the fee system, for all too often it has been heard that the principal motive for arresting this or that person was the fee which the arresting officer received. This may not, however, have been the case, but the criticism was advanced whether it was true or not.

The system is all wrong, as this newspaper sees it. An officer should be paid a living wage, one that is large enough to prevent any reason for him to accept bribes in order to meet his expenses. They should be paid for maintaining order and to make arrests if necessary. But there is no more reason to pay an officer a premium for making arrests than there is for a clerk in a store, who is hired to wait on trade and then expects a certain amount for every sale which is made.

On account of the desire to do away with the system, the Chief of Police and the patrolmen were not appointed Tuesday night by Town Council, pending figures as

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!

By H. T. Elmo

HEARD AND SEEN

By "BUFF"

The County Commissioners had a lot of "customers" Monday when they sat to equalize taxes. In fact, it was a full day's job, for someone was before them until almost 6 o'clock. Of course, all sorts of reasons were advanced as to why certain property should be reduced in valuation, but one of the best heard Monday was from a man who had cut almost all of the timber out of a swamp. The Commissioners were holding out that the piece of property was worth as much as last year when the man said: "If snakes are worth a dollar a piece, I wouldn't mind having it valued at \$1,000." Then another man made an earnest plea to have his farm reduced and after some discussion, Chairman Warren, in order to reach a decision asked "Motion?" None of the Commissioners made a motion, which caused the one complaining to remark: "We need some more motions around here."

Maybe married folks in Bertie County are a little different from some in this county. While in Windsor Friday night, I asked a fellow why he had not been to Edenton with a group of others the night before. "Well," he said, "you see, my wife wanted to go to the movies and didn't want to go alone. There is no boss in our family and we never have any arguments—I always agree with her."

A group of about 20 Edenton Masons were lucky on Monday night when they went to Colerain. The Colerain boys shoved out just about the best barbecue ever tasted by most of 'em and the majority of them have eaten barbecue in the Rocky Mount neighborhood. My hat's off to Lee Miller, who had charge of making the barbecue, and here's one who will surely be on deck if word reaches Edenton that the Colerain boys plan to stage another barbecue supper. The entire Edenton group did justice to the barbecue, and B. F. Britton was just about the last one to finish. When asked how many servings he had eaten, Britton said, "I declare this is my first plate, I'm eating very slowly tonight."

But I'm going to keep in close touch with Bill White, who helped to feed the large crowd. Said Bill, "I see in The Herald that you keep talking about Bertie County ham. Well, we're going to give you a mess of it one of these times." Which is just the reason why I'm not missing a single opportunity to go over in that direction for any little reason at all.

Mrs. Shelton Moore admits she is not much of a speaker, but just the same, she got the biggest hand Tuesday night when a delegation appeared before Town Council in the interest of placing Band Director C. L. McCullers on a monthly salary. Mrs. Moore said one of her children wanted to play an instrument in the band, so she and her husband chased up a pig on their farm and sold it for enough to buy the instrument, and that she hoped the needed appropriation would be made. Her speech was brief, but the applause was more generous than for any other of the speakers.

D. M. Warren was also one of those who urged a monthly salary for McCullers, and in the course of his remarks, said his wife chided him when he told her he was going to attend a band meeting. "Why you don't know the difference between 'Dixie' and 'Nearer My God to Thee,'" Mrs. Warren told him as he left the house.

Town Council remained in session until almost midnight Tuesday. With many more meetings like that, there ought to be something put in the budget to buy night lunches. Walter Wilkins came to the rescue, however, slipping out and bringing back for each present a drink (of Coca Cola).

Just a remark heard at a softball game, made by one of the spectators who evidently knew all the boys on the diamond: "Gosh, insurance men here are like bootleggers in South Carolina, where they are tagged to keep from selling to each other."

Maybe some of the hotel patrons last Thursday night got a bad impression of Masonry. Several folks occupy rooms opposite the Court House and the next morning asked of J. C. Parkin, whom they knew was present: "Say, what in the dickens did those fellows do last night? One time they were yelling like Indians, and next they were singing 'Nearer My God to Thee'." Don't worry, folks, we were just having an initiation and the degree team was doing the singing only.

I don't know whether to envy or pity Sam Morris. You see he is the only man among a group of 15 who will leave Sunday to take in the World's Fair. I expect to approximately how much fees average per month. If a satisfactory salary for officers can be arrived at, this newspaper believes that not only will it be a more pleasant duty as a policeman, but that there will be less criticism coming from those not only in Chowan, but from other counties nearby who have the opinion that they have been wrongfully arrested solely because of the officer's fee involved. It's worth a trial at any rate.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARL



"Yell Fore to That Sap, Caddy!"

he's what you call a chaperone, and if he is, well, he'll not see many of the sights at the Fair. Anyway, here's hoping for the whole shbang a big time while at the Fair.

Sunday, June 18, is Father's Day, but about the only way some readers of The Herald will know it is by reading J. H. Holmes' and Campen's advertisements. They just don't make as much fuss over the old gent as they do mother. What's the matter with us, men?

Delegates Return From Conference

Mrs. Percy Smith Comments on Raleigh Meeting

Mrs. Percy Smith and Miss Jessie Byrum, of the Rocky Hock Home Demonstration Club, returned from Raleigh Saturday, where they were delegates to the third annual Older Youth Conference.

The Conference was very interesting and instructive, Mrs. Smith having the following to say regarding it: "When one has attended the Older Youth Conference for the first time as was my experience this past week, and sees the accomplishments the Service Clubs of other counties of the State are making, one cannot help but be lead to a better ordered existence, not only to the individual, but to the community in which one lives."

Rural youths from 43 counties were registered at State College last week for the annual Older Youth Conference. There were 118 young men and women enrolled. Chowan County had its first two delegates present at this Conference.

The Conference opened on Tuesday night with a "Get Acquainted Party", which combined fun, fellowship, entertainment and refreshment. The most effective feature of the party was the ghost story told by Nell Battle Lewis, News and Observer columnist, and widely known educator.

"Each day of the Conference we

were presented classes and lectures on the subjects of selecting and making a success of a vocation, for self-improvement and for increasing the farm and home income. Each night, Evening Watch was conducted by Dr. S. L. Stealy, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh.

"On Wednesday night, an organ recital was given at the Baptist Church by Dr. Stanley Smith. Thursday night we had a picnic supper and then went to the gym for Talent Night. This was one of the most interesting

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A livestock dealer of Shelby rents out cows to small farmers for from 75 cents to \$1.50 a week, with the renter providing the feed. When the cow goes dry, the dealer replaces her with a fresh milker.

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features of the whole Conference. "On Friday night, was a final climax of the week when we were given a banquet in the State College dining hall, at which Governor and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey were guest speakers. Governor and Mrs. Hoey both made inspiring and effective talks.

"To have attended this Conference and heard the various phases of farm and community life discussed by State specialists and U. S. Economists urges one to take a leader's place in a broader field of citizenship and strive for the betterment of our rural communities and farm homes."

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