

The Chowan Herald

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

REVEALED IN CONVERSATION: Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness and wisdom.—James 3:13.

Temptation Too Great

Temptation to make easy money has, no doubt, seized some people in Edenton and as a result, the town is in a fair way to gain some ill repute. Reason for this situation is the fact that there is an acute shortage of living quarters for many families who have already arrived in Edenton in connection with the construction of the Marine Glider Base and the further fact that many more will gradually arrive and will want to have a place to live.

The principle of supply and demand always has been the basis for the establishment of prices, but it should be no reason for profiteering, which is actually happening in Edenton, if The Herald has been accurately informed.

Reports have come to this newspaper that one of the men connected with the Glider Base had been promised a single room for \$20 per month, but on returning to notify the owner that he would take it, the price had jumped to \$40 per month in less than an hour's time. Other reports are to the effect that from \$75 to \$100 and more per month is being charged for two and three-room apartments. As a matter of fact, there is no house in Edenton for which \$100 per month rent had been charged before the Glider Base was announced.

Those families who are moving to Edenton are willing to pay a reasonable price for rooms and apartments and, of course, do not object to paying a little more than normal prices, but such prices as are being asked by some of Edenton's people are just out of all reason.

The condition as prevails in Edenton should not be primarily to take advantage of those who are obliged to come here to work and live. There should be more involved than merely making money. It is a patriotic duty to cooperate in the building of the Glider Base and a fair return for a room or an apartment should satisfy the owner of such rooms or apartments.

Then there are those, The Herald understands, who have available rooms but who refuse to offer them to help out in the emergency. The base is being built by our government to help defeat the Axis and to preserve the American way of life, and those who refuse to offer available rooms should compare their right in voluntarily offering their rooms to being faced with an iron-heeled guard saying, "Open this house, we want your rooms." And who is it who will dare say that this cannot happen?

Then there is another phase of unwarranted prices for rooms. One of the primary reasons for landlords to raise rents is when taxes are increased. This surely isn't the case in Chowan County this year, for the County rate has been reduced from \$1.02 to 80 cents, or a drop of 22 cents on \$100 property valuation. Of course, the reduction is less in two townships, including Edenton, where a 12-cent levy was added to pay for an extra month of school. But even at that, County taxes for Edenton citizens were reduced 10 cents per \$100 valuation.

Owners of rooms and apartments, if they persist in charging prices out of reason, may cause a government investigation, for profiteering is a Federal offense, and were this to occur, it would be a blot on Edenton's long standing reputation for being a hospitable and congenial community.

A fair way would be to evaluate the rooms and apartments available for renting and with a fair return to the owners and a large number of satisfied newcomers in Edenton, the town can continue to be one of the best places in our land in which to live.

Have You Contributed?

Another opportunity will be offered on Monday for Chowan County to reach the goal of \$1,600 for USO, Chinese and Navy relief, when a final round-up drive will be staged to collect \$447, the amount needed to put the County over the top.

Enough has heretofore been said by The Herald as to the worthiness of these three funds, and there should be little trouble to meet the present deficit.

The truth of the matter is that comparatively few have contributed to this joint fund. W. H. Gardner, the treasurer, has \$1,153 on hand and by checking the names of contributors in this issue of The Herald, the per capita contribution amounts to about \$6.00. It isn't just fair to these few contributors to bear the brunt of the burden when, if more would contribute even small amounts, the quota would have been reached long before now. And in checking the amounts given by some of the contributors, they made just a gesture or a contribution to the three causes.

As stated before, Chowan County can and should raise this \$1,600 fund, so get back of T. C. Byrum, Geddes Potter, J. H. Conger and Mayor J. H. McMullan to put this county over the top. If you haven't given, make a contribution, and if you have made a contribution which you would be ashamed to see in print, dig down in your jeans and give another one.

It Don't Cost "Nodding"

Another contribution to a worthy cause which may not be as "painful" as giving cash to war relief funds will begin today and continue until August 7, during which time Ed Bond Post of the American Legion is joining in an effort to collect 37½ million old Victrola records. These records will go to entertain men in the armed forces at USO centers. Good records will be selected, while broken, cracked and warped records will be melted and new ones made for entertainment of boys in the service.

Ed Bond Post is very anxious to make a good showing in Chowan County, and for that reason, together

HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

Whew! If it's true that cotton thrives best in hot weather, there's no reason why we should not have a bumper crop in these parts. But what I can't understand is why, if they ration sugar, gasoline, tires, automobiles and the dickens knows what else before this war is over, why in the Sam Hill don't they ration the warm weather? We could easily use some of it next winter.

You had better be careful whom you pick a fight with these days, for Edenton has a gang of auxiliary police for use in any emergency. The other day each one was presented with a wicked-looking club for use if necessary. Gosh, its good the boys are not playing soft ball this year, for some of the clubs would no doubt turn up on the diamond as a bat.

Henry Gardner is sort of absent-minded sometimes. The other day he was asked to make up a list of the contributors to the USO, Navy and Chinese Relief, which he did. But lo and behold, he forgot to put his own name on the list, which explains why his name is not included on another page. He made a contribution, however, and if he skipped any other names, let us know about it.

Pretty nearly everybody in town got a good rating at the school house last week when they were given an "A". But some must have made a lot of mistakes when papers were corrected for I see some Bs, Cs and Xs pasted on a lot of cars. One fellow didn't do so bad, for when I asked him what he got he replied, "An A card and a siphon hose." Real rationing is on now, folks, so watch out for the siphon hose.

Here's one who felt he was going to the Army last Friday. Captain J. L. Wiggins, who is chairman of the Draft Board, stopped his car in front of the office and called me. As I reached his car, he began, "You go—(Right then I decided he was going to finish his sentence by saying "—out to the draft board and get ready to go.") But instead his order was like this: "You go in the back of my car and pick out the biggest watermelon you can find, for I know you like watermelons." His orders were duly executed, and the taste of the watermelon was as enjoyable as his invitation to help myself.

Anyway, it's great to have friends, for Asa Griffin and Nathan Copeland also saw to it that the season did not pass without a mess of watermelon. And I am just shrewd enough not to say which one was the best, for none of them could have been any better.

Another of the "youngsters" wants to play soft ball. I learned that Sunday at Sandy Point, where a gang of folks went to get some relief from a broiling sun. West Leary (that's right this time) had a rubber ball along and after chucking the thing all around the beach, said he thought some games could easily be played before dark, now that war time is in force. Anybody want to play? See Jim Daniels or Bill Privott.

Some of the "homeless" boys have something to look forward to now. Arthur Chappell, who since July 1 has had his billiard parlor and general meeting place closed, plans to re-open a week from tomorrow (Friday). The reason? Why the Glider Base, of course. But with work scheduled to begin August 3rd, and an employment office opened by the contractors on Monday, who's going to open a restaurant so that the folks can get something to eat?

It just didn't seem natural to get out The Herald this week with Charlie McCullers not hanging around and chasing in the office about 'time the forms were made up asking for a story to go in the paper. Mac suddenly disappeared and from what I understand, is now working in a uniform for Uncle Sam. Because of his leaving for the army, the annual Edenton Band Camp at Bay View was abandoned, which was a disappointment to the youngsters. Mac sort of sneaked off, not that he feared any creditors, but because he had become so attached to the boys and girls in town and they to him that the parting would have made it that much harder for him to join the army. As I told him many times, he was a general nuisance in a printing office, but it will be a devil of a job to find a man to take his place and who will be thought as much of by the town's boys and girls as they do of him—and that's a tribute to him.

And speaking of the Edenton band, have you noticed the enlarged picture in the window of Leggett & Davis Drug Store? It's a fine picture and a fine band, but with Friend McCullers gone, what in the dickens will happen to the band? It is one of the town's best assets, even if the glider base has come to town.

It appears certain that Edenton will lose the local U. S. Employment office, which is a puzzle to me. At a recent meeting when R. A. Wadsworth, field supervisor, met a lot of local opposition to moving the office to Washington, his arguments gradually dwindled to one reason, that the office must be moved to Washington because of a defense project. What he no doubt had in mind was a glider base since which time has come to Edenton. But despite this fact, newspaper stories are to the effect that the office will be moved just the same. From this angle it looks like he was just determined to move the office, even if hell froze over.

What may compare to an irresistible force meeting an immovable object might develop tonight at the special meeting of Town Council. The meeting is primarily called to set salaries and discuss other budgetary matters. Town employees feel the pinch of soaring living costs and want higher salaries—which might be termed the "irresistible force." On the other hand, Town Councilmen will want to hold expenditures down and maintain a low tax rate—and may be termed the "immovable object." But with hundreds of workers needed for the glider base, as well as other better paying jobs, the "irresistible force" will most likely be moved or the Town will have no force at all.

with contributing to the entertainment and welfare of our soldier boys, every person in the county is urged to search his premises and turn over all unwanted records to the Legionnaires. Or these records may be turned in to Taylor Theatre and Leggett & Davis, the two receiving centers.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARP



"Did a Union Man Do th' Plaster Work?"

Tar Heel Swine Growers Facing Feed Shortage

Scarcity of fish meal and tankage has created a feeding problem for North Carolina hog producers, reports Ellis V. Vestal, Extension swine specialist of N. C. State College. These two feeds have been the standard protein supplement used by swine growers for years.

"Some farmers," says Vestal, "are inclined to feed corn, or other grain, exclusively as a result of the shortage. The feeding of corn alone to hogs is very expensive. It requires approximately 11.2 bushels of shelled corn to produce 100 pounds of pork when the corn is fed alone. It requires only 6.1 bushels of corn to produce the same poundage of pork when mixed with 03 pounds of fishmeal and three pounds of minerals."

As supplements to reduce the use of fishmeal and tankage, the Extension specialist suggests the use of 320 pounds of shelled corn (about six bushels), 23 pounds each of cottonseed meal and fishmeal, and three pounds of a good mineral mixture.

Another similar feed that, with present prices, will likely give the

most efficient and economical results, is the feeding of 320 pounds of shelled corn in one compartment of a self-feeder, a mixture of 16 pounds each of fishmeal or tankage, cottonseed meal, and soybean meal in another compartment, and a good mineral mixture in the third compartment of the self-feeder.

"If neither fishmeal nor tankage is available to mix with cottonseed or soybean meal," advises Vestal, "there are several 40 percent protein supplements for hogs available as commercial feeds, already mixed by the dealer. These commercial feeds are being used quite extensively now, but the economy of this feed depends upon its cost."

Victory Gardens Should Include Fall Vegetables

War is not a seasonal affair; neither should the Victory Garden be restricted to summer vegetables, declares H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State College. Surveys have indicated that more than 90 per cent of North Carolina's 278,276 farm families planted bigger and better gardens in the spring.

"But," says Mr. Niswonger, "a real Victory Garden is one that produces a year-round supply of vegetables and small fruits for the farm family."

With this definition of a Victory Garden in mind, the Extension horticulturist reminds farm people that "now is the time to begin preparing the soil for a fall garden." He says that a fairly wide variety of vegetable crops will grow well in the late summer and fall under average North Carolina conditions.

Crops recommended for the fall garden, and suggested planting dates, include: Collards, sow seed now to produce plants to be set in September in most parts of the State; carrots, plant this week and next week in the Piedmont and mountains, and August 1-15 in the Eastern part of the State; snap beans, plant in the East and Piedmont about August 1; leaf lettuce, plant in August in the East and mountains and in September in the Piedmont.

Other crops for the fall garden are: Beets for roots and greens, plant August 1 in the Piedmont and mountains, and August 20 in the East; mustard, kale and tendergreen, plant over the entire State in September and October; winter spinach, August and September in the Piedmont and mountains, and from August to November in Eastern Carolina; radishes, August in the mountains, and August and September in the East and Piedmont.

4-H Clubbers Attending Camp At White Lake

Eighteen 4-H girls and 24 boys left Edenton Monday for White Lake to enjoy the annual 4-H Club summer camp. They were accompanied by Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, and County Agent C. W. Overman. The group expects to return Sunday.

JIMMY GIBBS IN ENGLAND

Mrs. Jimmy Gibbs was delighted Wednesday afternoon to receive a cablegram from her husband, who is a member of an engineers' division of the U. S. Army. The cablegram came from England, not designating the place, but stated that he was well and getting along splendidly.

Calling Out The Reserves

Small Boy—"Quick, policeman. A man's been beating my father for more than an hour."

Policeman—"Why didn't you call me sooner?"

Small Boy—"Father was getting the best of it until only a few minutes ago."

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