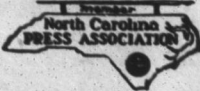


# The Chowan Herald

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### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

STOP THE QUARREL SENSIBLY: Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and He shall save thee.—Proverbs 20:22.

### Job Well Done

Just get a group of ladies on your neck and you have something to deal with, and just get a group of ladies interested in any particular job and you surely can depend upon that job being well done. The writer has had the former experience and an example of the latter is reflected in the announcement this week that Edenton Red Cross workers had completed a quota of 30,000 surgical dressings which will be used by the American Red Cross due to the present war.

Though the 30,000 dressings were the August quota for the Chowan County Chapter, material was received only about two weeks ago, and immediately 143 ladies contributed much of their time and energy in making these dressings. Completion of the job, therefore, is just reason for pride on the part of those in charge, and The Herald joins in congratulating those who had supervision of the project, as well as the loyal group who worked from day to day in a spirit of patriotism and as a contribution to the relief of suffering humanity.

Another shipment of material for making 16,000 surgical dressings representing the September quota, has been received and work is scheduled to begin Sunday afternoon. The Herald has no doubt whatever that these dressings, too, will be finished in record time.

### Is There Lack of Interest?

Either because of the black-out Tuesday night, conflict with other meetings or plain lack of interest, a quorum failed to meet in the Court House for the annual meeting of Chowan Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Father F. J. McCourt is chairman of the Chapter and has devoted much of his time to the organization, but in order for the Chapter to properly function he must have the help of others who are, or at least should be, interested in infantile paralysis work.

The Chapter has funds at its disposal for rendering aid to victims of the disease, but if no one is interested enough to report these cases and meet to discuss them, little good will result from the organization.

Another meeting has been called by Father McCourt to be held in the Municipal Building Friday night at 8 o'clock, at which some important matters must be attended to. For that reason all members of the Chapter as well as any others interested in relieving infantile paralysis victims are urged to be present.

### And He's Right!

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, just about hit the nail on the head in announcing early this week that working power of school children four or five hours a day may be necessary to reinforce the fighting and producing groups.

"We are trying to fight a war—and a highly mechanized one too—with the social conception just about abreast of a village back in the jungle," he said.

The General said that there's no telling how many men will have to be mobilized in order to lick Germany and Japan and that the fighting and producing groups must be reinforced in every way possible to get maximum results, and further remarked that the civilian population needs more working over now than the armed forces do.

"I pray we will have no blitz here," said General Hershey, "but we have somehow got to get our minds and hearts and hands acting as if we were at war."

If one is to form any opinion from actions and conversations heard, especially so far as Edenton is concerned, comparatively few actually realize that we are in a war and one in which the outcome is doubtful. The most important thing, it appears, is how and where one can get his hand on the most almighty dollars.

We hear over the radio and read in print that America will win the war, but who yet has had the authority to guarantee victory. When we go all-out in the war effort and discard all thoughts of personal gain only then will begin the guarantee that America will be able to defeat its treacherous and powerful enemies.

### Give Him A Hand

Too many times when an undertaking is discussed, a chairman or committee is appointed which just about ends the affair. It, however, was not the case a couple of weeks ago when, though not a member, the Rev. W. C. Benson was asked by the Edenton Rotary Club to inaugurate a movement to provide wholesome entertainment and recreation for the Marines when they occupy the air station and most assuredly will look to Edenton for passing their spare time.

The Rotarians asked Mr. Benson to act as temporary chairman in order to get things moving and this week he announced that he is about ready to call a meeting to form a permanent organization.

If recent meetings of the American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association are any indication, there should be no lack of interest in an organized effort to provide means to entertain these young men away from home and in the service of their country.

It is not a job for any particular organization, but one which will require the efforts of all. For that reason the various groups should lose no time in appointing committees of three to attend a meeting soon to be called for the purpose of forming a permanent organization.

Mr. Benson has done a splendid job single-handed, he is ready to submit a report, and therefore deserves the cooperation of every grouping in the town.

## HEARD and SEEN

By "Blue"

Edenton's High School band made its first public appearance under the direction of its new director, R. L. Martin, Tuesday afternoon. The band played in front of the new Albemarle Restaurant, all new numbers being used for the occasion. While only about half of the regular members were on hand, the youngsters played very creditably and prospects are bright for Mr. Martin developing a first-class outfit. The new 12-grade arrangement has caused a conflict in schedules so that quite a few band members are unable to attend practice. However, an effort is being made to change some classes so that all band members will be able to congregate at one time. And when that is done, there is no doubt but that Mr. Martin will develop a cracker-jack outfit.

Kermit Layton, now in the army and stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, is apparently learning to fight someone beside the Japs and Germans. In a letter this week Soldier Layden said he is with another Chowan County boy, Almer Ward, and that he has to beat him every week in order to get The Herald first. Incidentally, Kermit says he showed an item in this column a few weeks ago to his company commander and later it was read at a show staged by the battalion, at which the boys got a good laugh. "I am thoroughly enjoying your paper—it makes me feel as if I am near home," says Layton in concluding his letter. Which I hope is the case with the many other Chowan County boys now in the service of their country and scattered all over the globe who get this paper. And to those I'd like to say, The Herald would be glad to carry any news from them that would be of interest to the folks back home.

No, those things in Hughes & Holton's window are not pumpkins. For the information of the many visitors in town, they're a sample of the sort of sweet potatoes raised in Chowan County. The specimen on display were dug by Bonner Small between his fishing trips.

It looks as though the weather man has some sporting blood in him. Take the latter part of the week for instance. It was real hot, in fact so warm that R. L. Martin, Frank Hughes and I didn't mind getting a thorough drenching at Minnesott Beach in order to try to catch some trout. But with the squirrel season opening today (Thursday) it suddenly turned cold Sunday night and the temperature has dropped enough to slow up the devilish snakes and mosquitoes running at large in the woods. Of course, some hunters (not sportsmen—apparently don't mind either snakes or mosquitoes, for the report of guns in the woods and swamps the past few weeks has not come from somebody shooting at a mark other than a sly squirrel.

But about that fishing trip to Minnesott Beach—the least said, the better. Which, of course, means we had no luck, else probably this whole column would have been devoted to the trip. At any rate, it adds to my decision that the more distant places I go to fish, the better I like what we have to enjoy right here at home.

Latest word from Parson Ashby is that he is now located in St. Augustine, Florida, where he has purchased a home. A copy of the St. Augustine Record of September 22 has been sent to me in which is a story about him locating in the Florida city. "It didn't take him very long to make up his mind that this was going to be his home," says The Record, "neither did it take him long to decide to buy or what to buy. He is one of those clients real estate men dream about, but seldom find." At any rate Parson Ashby apparently likes St. Augustine and the folks like him, and here's betting a penny he'll be as enthusiastic about his newly adopted city as he was while a resident of Edenton. If I ever go to Florida, and it's a place I've never visited, Parson Ashby will have a guest.

Last week I had Chief of Police G. A. Helms resigned and now this week a story appears that he will continue as Edenton's chief of police. The story, as intimated last week, was obliged to be written several hours before the meeting and, of course, it was stated that the outcome of the special meeting of Town Council could not be reported. At any rate, the writer knew beforehand just about the status of Town Council relative to granting Chief Helms a leave of absence and was told that if it was not granted the Chief would resign. However, after the Councilmen deliberated for a spell and their decision not to grant a leave of absence and willingness to consider his resignation, if he accepted the position, was reported to him, he no doubt envisioned two strings dangling before him, one labeled "\$100 more per month for an uncertain period," and the other "regular job at good pay." It didn't take him long to decide to grab the latter string. So that last week's story, written in advance, proved to be erroneous and here's one who is glad he continued, which fact prevented a devil of an argument as to naming a successor.

Edenton and Williamston played a nip and tuck football game in Williamston Friday night causing local fans to come home with a smile as the result of a 7-0 victory. Hoskins Bass, George Alma Byrum and Rodney Rogerson looked pretty big in their uniforms, which caused the Williamston fans to yell, "What kind of a job have you got at the glider base?" I don't know whether any of the base boys can play football, but if they can we ought to send 'em to school a few days before the Elizabeth City game.

Edenton never was a one-horse town, but it's getting a little more up-to-date than it has been. For instance, we now have taxis in town. These automobiles are forbidden to cruise around for business and for that reason Town Council has allowed two parking spaces in front of the Norfolk Southern Bus Station and two spaces on King Street. So that anyone wanting a taxi must either call by telephone or else go to the space reserved for them.

Ernest Kehayes finally was able last week to open his nice new restaurant in Wallace Jones' building at the corner of Broad and Eden Streets. But even after opening up, Friend Kehayes, like most all employees now, is experiencing some difficulty in securing help. As a result, he's playing a similar role in a restaurant as the writer is in a printing office—doing a little bit of everything from being janitor on up.

## JUST HUMANS



"Let Him Alone Till He Cools Off, He's in an Awful Temper"

### Tuesday's Blackout Again Successful

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Paul Holoman, L. S. Byrum, J. Clarence Leary, Graham Byrum, Clarence Cates and Neal Hobbs.

Mr. Hobbs reported an automobile driver refusing to stop and cut off lights, and Officers Bunch and Pratt were immediately sent out the Yeopim road, where they picked up John Richardson, a carpenter at the air station, who had stopped just across the railroad when the officers arrived. Richardson explained that he forgot about the black-out and when first signalled thought it was only someone wanting help in fixing a tire or something. He said, however, that when later signalled, he realized that the black-out was in progress and complied with orders.

He was reprimanded by W. W. Byrum, chief air raid warden, who emphasized the importance of complying with black-out regulations and the necessity of everybody co-

operating in order to make the tests effective and worthwhile. Richardson, admitting his guilt due to thoughtlessness, said if he must be punished, he had no complaint to make, agreeing with Mr. Byrum that in this war effort all must cooperate even to inconvenience and disadvantage. The attitude of Richardson had no little to do with his release upon his promise that hereafter he will be more attentive to black-out regulations.

Another unpleasant instance in connection with the black-out was the report that George Leary refused to extinguish a light in his home on East Queen Street. Upon receipt of the report, Officers Pratt and Bunch were sent to his home, but found the light out. After the black-out testimony was heard from a number of the wardens and auxiliary police, a warrant was issued for Mr. Leary's arrest. He is charged with violating the town's black-out ordinance and will be tried before Justice of the Peace F. W. Hobbs this (Thursday) afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Aside from these two unpleasant instances, both Chairman Spiers and Chief Warden Byrum are well pleased with the result. All who had any part took their parts well and their duties were carried out with dispatch and efficiency. While this phase of the black-out showed improvement over previous tests, a little more time was required for all lights to be out in the business section. This may have been due to lack of local publicity, for official notification of the black-out was not received until Thursday of last week and no mention, therefore, was made in The Herald. Many inquiries were made at the office Monday and Tuesday, so that many local people were unaware that the alarm was executed.

Chief Byrum reported to J. Kenyon Wilson in Elizabeth City immediately after the black-out, Chowan County's report being the first to reach Mr. Wilson, who expressed his appreciation for the promptness and success of the test.

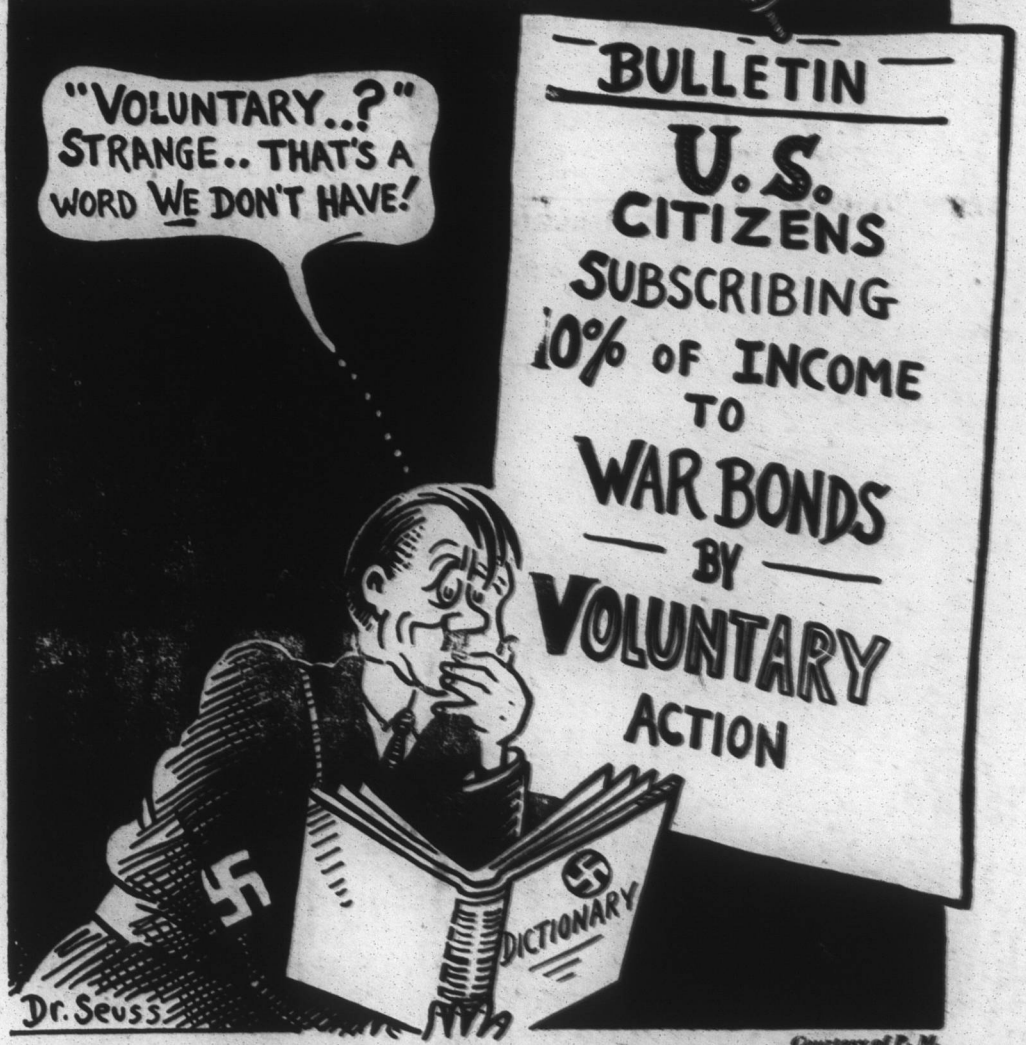
### Groundwork Laid For Welfare Of Marines

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ing of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, at which Lieutenant C. G. Prahl, officer in charge of construction of the air station, was the principal speaker. The Legion at that time, as well as the Auxiliary members, were very much impressed with the idea and promised to do everything possible. A Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association meeting immediately followed the Legion meeting and the idea struck a responsive chord there, too, so that there should be an interesting and spirited meeting when Mr. Benson calls it.

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