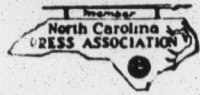


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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK:

MORAL RECKLESSNESS IS DANGEROUS:
For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. Prov. 9:11.

On The Home Stretch

That Chowan County people, and the writer is taking the liberty of classifying all those stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station in that group, can be depended upon to support any worthy undertaking is again reflected in the fact that apparently the county will meet its quota of \$1,637 in the infantile paralysis drive. Incomplete reports, up to Wednesday morning, placed contributions at \$1,189.16, which lacks less than \$500 of reaching the goal. Quite a few more canvassers have yet to make their report, therefore, the chairman, as well as Miss Emily Smithwick, chairman of the Women's Division, Treasurer W. H. Gardner and others interested are very optimistic that Chowan again will not be found lacking.

The chairman, especially, was very much encouraged Wednesday morning when the first tabulation of reports was made. Because of the pressure of so many other duties, it was felt that the drive might possibly bog down, due to insufficient time devoted to preliminary arrangements. However, much credit is due Miss Smithwick, who appointed capable canvassers and as a result, it appears that the quota will be realized.

It can be said, too, that Chowan County people do not need a lot of prodding to do their part in a worthy endeavor. In this particular case, they evidently realize the worthiness of funds with which to fight an insidious enemy of childhood, and will, no doubt, see to it that Chowan County will contribute its proportionate part in providing funds with which to carry on a fight, not only among victims of the disease, but in research work in an effort to finally conquer the disease.

Though the quota has not yet been reached, the writer, taking no credit whatever, confidently predicts that it will be realized and hopes to be able to so report in the next issue of The Herald.

Home Front Men Must Serve

Though a news story relative to curbing absenteeism in Edenton was written too late to appear in this issue, a movement is now under way which already has had good effects in keeping men at work.

There is every need for the total mobilization of the energy of the people of the United States to the prosecution of the war which goes well but may go worse unless our fighting men receive the maximum support of every American.

The critical condition of some production programs, deemed essential to the safety and security of our troops, as well as the winning of the war, demands that nothing be omitted which will guarantee adequate workers in basic industries.

We have no desire to drag any American into the armed services or to compel any citizen to leave his present employment for a job somewhere else but, if this is necessary to win the war and support our fighting men, we are for it and against every effort of every group that tends to hamper and delay the necessary transfer of workers.

With men dying every hour on foreign battlefields, as they give their lives in our war, there is no excuse for the establishment of a favored class, immune to the inconvenience of warfare. This applies, without exception, to laborers and farmers, regardless of the pretext upon which they seek exemption.

While many Americans have been deferred on account of essential employment, they have not acquired any super-status as citizens. They are still subject to the requirements of the nation, just as much so as the men who fight in the mud, fly over the enemy targets or stand watch on the decks of our warcraft.

The writer has no way of knowing all the facts of the present military situation. These are in the possession of the leaders. They cannot be broadcast to the world. We have, as we see it, one obligation as a citizen of this country, at the present time. It is to uphold and support the war effort of the nation, as it acts through its duly elected leaders.

We regret to see young men forced to shift

HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

J. A. Bond had quite an experience the other day, after buying a mule in Hertford. He was driving along in fine spirits when, all of a sudden, the mule kicked, broke the singletree in half and chased off into the woods. He caught the mule, with the aid of dogs, over in Washington County and says some German prisoners over there showed him what kind of a bit to use. Bond says that if he had had a knife with him when he finally got up with the mule he would have cut its throat, but now he wouldn't sell the thing. Not that he's in love with the scudder, but he says his conscience would hurt him if he put it on somebody. Bond almost lost his mule, but he doesn't deny the fact that he lost his temper.

Rodney Harrell, near the close of the duck and goose season, shot a nice goose and upon one of the legs of the goose was a metal band with the following appearing: "Write Jack Miner, Kingsville, Ontario." Rodney intended to write the man, and the other day he was asked if he had ever received a reply. "No, I haven't written," said Rodney, "I heard that the man had died, and I don't know his address."

Cal Kramer appears so much interested in that poem a week or two ago about Frank Hughes, Willie White and myself, that I'm beginning to think he "forged" the initials B. A. J. But he says he's working on another one in reply to it, so I'm still trying to figure out who in the dickens lives in Edenton with the initials B. A. J. and writes poetry.

Did you say poetry, Buff—Operator.

The war is bringing to light a lot of dormant talent if writing poetry is any indication. On my desk is a gang of poems sent from boys in the service, but I hope that the war is over before I get chance to print all of them. Anyway, here's a short one sent in by Private Dorsey C. Forehand:

Trusting in God every day
He will lead us all the way.
Trusting in God, hour by hour,
He will save us by His power.

Trusting in God day by day,
He will teach us how to pray.
If you're trusting in your prayer,
He will take you home up there.

Trusting in God, as you pray,
He will lead us from day to day.
Trusting in God and Him alone,
He will send us safe back home.

This week winds up The Chowan Leatherneck at the Base, and here's one who regrets that it goes out of existence and the Marines, ere long, will all be gone. But in my copy of The Leatherneck this week, which will be remembered for a long time, a brief note signed by "The Staff" reads as follows:

"Dear Buff: This is the end of our precious paper—but from all of us thanks so much for all of our cooperation and the good times you have given us. You have been and will continue to be a grand friend of ours. 'Bye, editor, and good luck!'"

Abe Martin, director of the USO Club, is convinced that folks read The Herald. Last week a short item appeared to the effect that in the new quarters coat hangers will be needed. Miss Paulina Hassell was the first to give some of the hangers and Mr. Martin says a goodly number have come in. Incidentally, it seems mighty dark and more or less lonesome around the hotel since the USO got 'hifalutin' and moved up on Broad Street. And, incidentally, again, it is so far up and I'm so bloomin' busy that I don't know when I'll be able to check on the appearance of Abe's desk. And a third incidentally is to let folks know that just as The Herald was being made ready to be printed, Director Abe Martin called up to say that the new USO Club will not be formally opened to the public until Sunday, when he says the place will be all fixed up and the USOers will be delighted to show anybody around.

Together with Editor Max Campbell of Hertford, and Bill Manning of Williamston, I attended the N. C. Press Institute in Chapel Hill the latter part of last week. Of course, the newspaper folk have fun when they get together and, after all, it does a fellow good to meet up with a gang whose troubles and worries are almost identical. Governor Gregg Cherry, who had part on one of the programs and was on hand for two banquets, looked as though he hadn't a worry in the world (but he has). Then, Mrs. Mark Etheridge, author, of Louisville, Ky., who has claimed a lot of attention in public print of late, chased away the blues in an address which delighted everyone. Josephus Daniels apparently enjoyed the meeting, as can be said about many others prominent in the University of North Carolina and other parts of the State. Whoa, I had better quit saying any more about the convention, 'cause some things were "off record."

Lieut.-Col. John S. Carter, commanding officer of MOTG-81 at the Base, left Edenton Wednesday for the West Coast. He was honored at a farewell party at the Base Tuesday night and at the Masonic lodge meeting he was presented a gift as a token of love and esteem of the members. He was given a big hand when he said the year and a half he has lived in Edenton stands out as one of the most pleasant experiences in his life.

Just in case you have not made a contribution in the infantile paralysis drive, it's not too late to do it right now. Help put Chowan over the top.

their jobs but, with millions now fighting daily for their lives, we waste no crocodile tears over the fate of some young men who will be required to leave their present employment. They may suffer some inconvenience and their going may mean that we will have to tighten our belts at home but this is as nothing compared to the shattered bodies and blasted corpses on the fighting fronts.

Infantile Paralysis Drive Reaches \$1,189

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extending campaign period throughout nation to February 15. If your county quota is not subscribed by January 31st, suggest that you extend your drive. But if your quota has been raised, we suggest you use your own judgment as to whether you extend your drive into February. Please wire me collect your decision."

The local chairman is hopeful that the county's quota will be reached by the latter part of next week and has wired the State chairman to that effect. The principal reason advanced by Basil O'Connor for extending the drive is due to abnormal weather the last two weeks in many parts of the nation, which in some instances has closed schools, theatres, and other places resulting in postponement of affairs planned to raise money. "They tell of March of Dimes events having been snowed out, rained out and frozen out or postponed because of lack of fuel," stated Mr. O'Connor.

Chowan County's chairman feels certain that many people have been missed by canvassers who would like to make a contribution, and in that event, they are urged to send or bring their contribution at once to W. H. Gardner, treasurer, at the Bank of Edenton; to Miss Emily Smithwick, or the chairman himself at The Herald office.

Early Repair of Machinery Needed

The vast production of foods and fibers called for this year will require the efficient use of all available machinery in planting, cultivating, and harvesting the needed crops, says David S. Weaver, in charge of Agricultural Engineering at State College.

Since the quantity of new machinery will not be sufficient to meet the demand and take care of the replacement of worn equipment, Weaver suggests that all usable machinery be properly repaired as early as possible and put in the best condition for the jobs ahead.

"Present machinery needs inspection, checking, ordering of parts early, repairing, servicing, and general maintenance," Weaver says. This includes both old and new machinery.

Weaver also urges a safety program that will include protection of the machinery from damage, protection of the crops themselves in the operation of the machinery, and pro-

Baptist Speaker



Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of Dr. Hill Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., will be the Baptist Hour speaker in a broadcast at 8:30 Sunday morning. Dr. Newton will have Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, of London, England, as his guest in the broadcast.

tection of the operator of the machine from injury.

With present labor shortages on almost every farm, the sharing of labor and machinery will again be an essential part of the plan for getting farm jobs completed in 1945. Where farm families have work together in groups, utilizing all available machinery to the fullest extent, much time and labor has been saved and greater production has been obtained.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Belle Bennett Circle of the Methodist Church will sponsor a spaghetti supper Friday night, at 6:45 o'clock, in the Sunday School room at the church.

SOCIETY MEETS MONDAY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the church. All members are requested to attend.

ON BUYING TRIP

Mrs. H. H. Preston left Edenton Wednesday for New York, where she will spend some time purchasing spring and summer merchandise for her store.

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