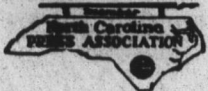


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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

LIFE IS A WITNESSING: A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness will utter lies.—Prov. 14:5.

Chowan Not Guilty

Congressman Stephen Pace of Georgia delighted the large number of farm people who heard him speak at the annual Farm and Home Week held in Raleigh last week when he said that North Carolina has made the greatest progress agriculturally of any state in the nation, and that the South is in the role of the nation's number one land of opportunity.

Congressman Pace also during his remarks denounced farm tenancy as the curse of the South and a major problem in a list that included purchasing power, industrial development, marketing facilities and opportunities on the farm. He stated that Sherman's destruction of Georgia at the close of the Civil War was by no means comparable to the evils visited upon that state by its present farming methods by which tenant farmers who have no other interest in the land they use except to mine the soil are depreciating the land at a rapid rate.

In this connection it is not amiss to call attention to Herald readers that in Chowan County the number of farms have increased from 623 in 1890 to 1,048 in 1945, according to the U. S. Census. This fact obviously means that there are more individual farm owners and no doubt has little to do with the fact that Chowan County, though small in size, produces the most crops per acre and had the reputation, according to statistics a few years ago, of receiving a higher price for crops than any other county in the state.

In this respect the Rocky Hock section especially can be pointed out with pride, where practically all farmers own and operate their farms. The land is kept in good condition and as a result record crops are produced.

As a city is a better community where the residents own their own homes, so is a rural community better in more ways than one where the farmers own and operate their own farms, rather than allow their land to be at the mercy all too often of careless and reckless tenants.

Scheduled To Be Up-to-date

From all indications, the ancient Chowan County Court House will not go through another winter with the fire hazards which have been present over a period of many years. In fact, it is more or less of a miracle that with the old style stoves in use over the years and the sort of janitor service maintained much of the time that no fire has occurred.

As a matter of fact, but for the vigilance of Clerk of Court E. W. Spires, the chances are that at least a portion of the building would have been burned several times. On a number of occasions Mr. Spires has discovered an overheated coal stove in the main court room, and more times than he can remember he has come from his home late at night after various kinds of meetings to make sure there was no chance of a fire in the building.

Modern heating of the Court House has for many years been the subject of discussion by the County Commissioners, and on Monday the present Board took the biggest step in this necessary improvement by authorizing Architect Frank Benton to advertise for bids for the erection of a boiler room and the installation of an oil burning hot water heating system.

Not only will this improvement do away with the fire hazards in the building, where several stoves are

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

It cannot be said that I am a woman-hater, for a whole room full of 'em and I—the only man—were on hand Friday afternoon when Badham Bros. put on a fashion show on the second floor of their store. Of course, Jack McMullan came in for a short while, but he took pictures of the models—he'll be able to look at 'em longer than I. At any rate, the gals looked very nice all diked out in the latest fashions, but what business an old married man like me had at a fashion show I'm still trying to figure out. I did learn, however, that while I expected to see dresses down about to the shoe-tops, they were just a little below the knees, so a lot of we old codgers still have something to look at.

There must be something to this thing of each succeeding generation being wiser or smarter. My granddaughter spent several days in Edenton last week and the day she left she confronted me with a hat. "Can you donate to the cause?" she asked. "What kind of a cause?" I inquired. "Because I'm going home," she replied, and, of course, it isn't a penny or a nickel like it was when a lot of us were kids.

The County Commissioners are the "bosses" of the County, but they were crowded out of their regular meeting place Tuesday due to a session of Recorder's Court. The "bosses" went upstairs in the panel room and on other meeting days, if they are as hot as last Monday, it might be a good idea to meet upstairs. There was a nice breeze going through the room, and it wasn't "hot air" either.

And speaking about being hot, Sunday afternoon was a corker, but a large number of baseball fans braved the scorching sun to watch Edenton and Hertford wind up the semi-finals in the Albemarle League play-off. The supply of pop gave out, despite the fact that the cops didn't cooperate. One fan yelled at an Edenton cop as he paraded past the bleachers, "Hey, bring us a bottle of pop. You're doing nothing but walking around anyway."

At the Rotary meeting the other day Cal Kramer threw a cigar to Charlie Overman. Charlie looked rather surprised and asked, "What's this for?" Well, it wasn't for the usual reason, so Cal replied, "I caught another big bass." He's no doubt giving away a cigar for every fish he catches. What I've got to do now is to check on how many cigars he has left in order to see how many fish he caught.

Readers of The Herald will miss Peter Carlton's "Scoutin' Around" column this week. Due to the Labor Day holiday and the fact that Peter was more or less under the weather a day or two, it was impossible to get his column in type. He'll be back next week with his usual chatter.

Who would have ever thought that so many people would attend a baseball game as was the case Monday and Tuesday nights at Hicks Field? Practically everybody in town must have turned out. At least there wasn't enough people down town during the game to start a decent poker game. One fellow arrived at the park about half hour before game time, and a friend asked him why he didn't come on time. "I am on time," he said, "but not time enough to get a seat." Even young Clarence Leary requested over the loud speaking system, "Folks, please tighten up as much as possible." About the only way to make more room would have been for some fans to sit on the laps of others.

I heard some good philosophy the other day. One fellow was asked why he was working so hard. I don't know what the answer was, but his friend remarked, "what's the difference in working one's self to death than starving to death?" Well, after all, is there much difference?

now used, but it will add to the appearance of the interior by the elimination of the unsightly stoves and pipe, dust and dirt. Of course, the installation of a modern heating system will cost some money, but there is no amount of money which could replace the dean of Edenton's historic shrines if it were destroyed by fire. The Commissioners are to be congratulated upon the step they have taken, which is more effective than mere talking about the project.

John S. Dozier, Jr., Manager Maytag Co.

Announcement has been received by Ralph E. Parrish, Maytag dealer in Edenton, that John S. Dozier, Jr., has been named regional manager for the Maytag Company of Newton, Iowa, with jurisdiction over 41 counties in Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Dozier works under the Richmond branch, headed by Wint Wilks, and will make frequent calls on the local dealer.

A native of North Carolina, Dozier attended the State University and before the war was engaged in sales work with the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company. He is the son of John F. Dozier, tobacco buyer, of Rocky Mount, N. C. He is unmarried. During the war Dozier served 44 months in the Army Air Forces. Prior to taking over his duties as a regional manager, he underwent intensive training in sales and service supervision at the Maytag factory in Newton.

Colonials And Colerain Split In League Series

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were the only Colerain batters to make a hit off Vick, while Bohonko led the Edenton batters with two hits and Claude Griffin, John Byrum, Herman Vick and Joe Wheeler getting one hit each.

The two teams crossed bats again Tuesday night on Hicks Field, when Colerain won 2-0 in a game called on account of rain after one man was out in the first half of the ninth. Vinnie DiLorenzo and Lester Jordan were the opposing pitchers, with the Colerain port-sider having a shade the better of the argument. He set down the Colonials with three hits, a triple and single by Trot Leary and a single by John Byrum.

Jordan gave up only four hits, but was in trouble several times due to streaks of wildness, which put men on the paths.

The visitors scored their first run in the third when Magee and DiLorenzo singled in succession. Sangalli walked, filling the bases. Batchelor walked, forcing in Magee. The other run was registered in the sixth when Fowler doubled, went to third on a play at first base and scored on Fred Castello's fly to left field.

A large crowd of spectators was again on hand for the second game, though somewhat smaller than the opening game Monday night.

The two teams were scheduled to meet in Colerain at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon at about the time The Herald was printed. The fourth game of the series is scheduled to be played tonight (Thursday) in Edenton. The fifth game will be played in Edenton, the sixth in Colerain and the seventh in Edenton, if necessary.

Gates County News

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell have returned from a trip to Baltimore where they visited their son, Cpl. Roy A. Harrell and Mrs. Harrell. They also visited her sister, Mrs. Jimmie Sutton and Mr. Sutton in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. R. L. Byrum and children spent last Thursday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell.

Jack White of Edenton spent a few days last week with Walter and Luther B. Harrell.

Rev. and Mrs. Alphonso Jordan of Raleigh spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan and preached at Gatesville Baptist Church Sunday A. M.

Kermit Jordan has finished his school course in Norfolk and is now home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jordan.

Rev. and Mrs. Alphonso Jordan of Raleigh, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Morris and two children of Richmond and Mrs. Johnnie Lane of Hertford and Jimmie Sutton, Jr., of Richmond and Mrs. R. L. Byrum and two children of Suffolk dined with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell recently.

The Gates County schools will open Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Jordan of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell visited Mrs. Isaac Jordan of Smalls Cross Roads Sunday afternoon.

62 JAILED IN AUGUST

An increase in the jail population in Chowan County resulted in August, when 62 persons were placed behind the bars. Confinements ranged from one to 31 days with the cost amounting to \$200.35, which includes jail and turnkey fees.

Soil Conservation Notes

By R. C. Jordan, Soil Conservationist

Complete soil conservation farm plans have been prepared recently for F. W. Hobbs, Frank V. White, M. C. Hobbs, Guy C. Hobbs, H. C. Goodwin, I. D. Harrell, R. H. Hollowell, Herbert V. Bass and J. B. Webb. These farm plans have been set up for the above farmers by R. C. Jordan, farm planning technician of the Soil Conservation Service, included in the plans are measures to better conserve soil and water. On some farms plans have been made to install erosion control practices, on others drainage practices, and on still others practices which offer better land-use. Farmers who are interested in getting conservation plans set up for their farms may do so by placing their name on Mr. Jordan's list of applications.

E. L. Ward, a SCS Cooperative, has built the first fishpond in Chowan County. Starting a couple of years ago, he built his dam across a ravine located on his Greenhall farm. This dam flooded an area of approximately 1/3 acre. Since this area was not as large as was desirable, Mr. Ward has been enlarging his pond by excavation along one side and has doubled his water surface area. Next year he plans to make an addition equally as large. He should then have a pond with approximately an acre of water surface. From a pond of this size, under recommended stocking and production practices, Mr. Ward expects to produce from 300 to 500 lbs. of fish per year. Aside from the fact that this is an important contribution to his dinner table, Mr. Ward anticipates many hours of fun and relaxation in making his catches and in just sitting on the dam watching them feed and grow.

In addition to tossing them a few grasshoppers now and then, his fish are being fed in a scientific manner. The adding of several applications of fertilizer per year to the water increases the growth of plankton in the pond. Aquatic insects that feed on this plankton are thus greatly increased, thereby providing more food for his bream. His bream provide more food for his bass and his bass (and bream) in turn provide more food for his table. Mr. Ward is already taking sizeable specimens and expects to continue to produce them by attending to the matter of proper stocking proportions—1500 bream to 100 bass per acre in fertilized ponds. Mr. Ward is finding that a farm fishpond will provide not only a most pleasant hobby but one which will supply a regular and appetizing food item to the family diet.

Other farmers having fishpond sites and interested in building farm ponds may secure assistance by contacting the Chowan Soil Conservationist.

R. H. Hollowell, E. B. Boyce, J. A. Webb, W. A. Twine, B. P. Monds and others plan to establish permanent pastures this month.

WELFARE REPORT

According to the monthly report of Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare, 110 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance during August, with \$2,058.50 being distributed among this number. During the month there were 18 aid to dependent children cases who received \$639 and 10 blind cases who received \$204.

General assistance was given in six cases and other financial assistance amounted to \$50.66, which included hospitalization for two persons outside the county, medical care for three persons in Chowan Hospital and ambulance service for David Cooper.

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REVIVAL NOW IN PROGRESS AT PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services are now in progress at Providence Baptist Church with the Rev. George Smith of Richmond, Va., as evangelist. Services are held every night at 8 o'clock. The pastor of the church, the Rev. C. C. Boone, invites the public to attend.

LEAVES FOR COLORADO

Miss Judy Cozzens left Friday for Denver, Colorado, where she will be director of the Industrial Department of the YWCA. Miss Cozzens gained quite a reputation as director of a Teen Town development in New Orleans, which project was discontinued.

LEAVES FOR MARS HILL

Davey Lee Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, left Wednesday morning for Mars Hill, N. C., where he will attend Mars Hill College.

POOR TAX COLLECTION MONTH

August proved to be a poor month for paying taxes, Sheriff J. A. Bunch reporting to the County Commissioners that during the month he collected only \$107.62 for 1946 taxes.

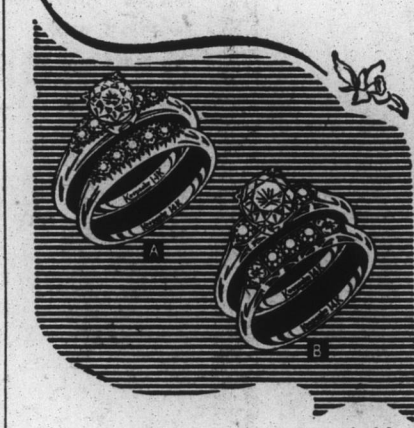
To date Sheriff Bunch has collected a total of \$84,062.07 of the \$90,539.15 levy for 1946. He also reports that \$8,292.40 has been collected for pre-payment of 1947 taxes.

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