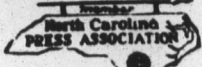


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### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

WHO CAN CREATE A BLADE OF GRASS? The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.—Job 33:4.

### Tough Situation Disposed Of

Very seldom is Edenton visited by a snow such as the magnitude of last Sunday when at least eight inches fell from about 5:30 A. M. to shortly before 11 o'clock. Naturally, expensive machinery for handling snow is not part of the Town's equipment. However, members of the Street Department faced the situation Sunday and in an effort to provide some relief put into action the grading machine and in a short time had opened two driveways through the business section.

Because of the snow banked along Broad Street, it was impossible to park in front of the parking meters, so that Street Department employees tackled the job of removing the snow and by Wednesday morning had all of the snow on the street in the business section removed.

The result of the Street Department's efforts brought no little praise from Mayor L. H. Haskett, who said he also had heard much favorable comment upon the way the situation was handled, and complimented the local department for the splendid job done.

It is only fair and proper also to give credit to the State Highway force, who early Sunday morning, had equipment rolling on the main arteries of travel, opening up the highways so that travel was possible.

While the unusually heavy snow for this section caused some hardship and inconvenience, it also was reason for no little fun and enjoyment for groups apparently had a lot of fun wading and sliding through it Sunday. Some effort also went toward making snow men, some rather artistic at that, and, of course, not a few took advantage of the opportunity to get a mess of snow cream.

The snow was pretty, to say the least, and while some folks were inconvenienced, it was quite noticeable that there was little complaining, and after all, what would have been the use? Nature will take its course whether we like it or not, and if nothing else, it provided a new subject for conversation at least for a few days.

### Bordering On Over-Organization

Another effort is scheduled to be made Friday night to organize a Junior Chamber of Commerce, and while The Herald is wholeheartedly in accord with any movement for the betterment and progress of the community, the opinion is expressed that a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Edenton is ill-timed and will have more of a detrimental effect than it will help.

In the first place, Edenton lacks very little at present in being over-organized, for even now there are a number of people who are connected with this or that group and not a few times even meetings conflict, as do also the activities of various organizations.

At present the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association is only in its second year with

# HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

I consider Johnny Curran a real friend. Last Thursday night I was walking up Broad Street, followed closely by Sheriff Bunch, Deputy Sheriff Herman White, Judge Marvin Wilson, Mayor Leroy Haskett and members of the police force. As we passed Friend Johnny, he stopped and asked, "How much is Buff's bond?—I'll stand for him." However, we were on our way to the Albarle Cafe to eat a steak at a farewell party for E. R. Tolley. So if I get in trouble I'll be calling for Johnny.

Edenton's population increased considerably over the week-end, but all of the newcomers were men, and spineless ones at that. The men were made of snow, so that some of the youngsters no doubt figured they came from the North Pole and were, therefore, "furriners," for most of the snow men were decapitated before the sun just about finished the job Wednesday. Anyway, there were quite a few attractive snow men, so that the next snow of that size we have, we ought to offer prizes for the best one.

And talking about the snow, a lot of folks had a big time. The "kid" who had just about the biggest time, however, was Jordan Yates, for he had been wishing for just about what we got. A trio of young ladies, all diked out in men's trousers, also had a lot of fun, for in front of The Herald office they got down on all fours to play in the snow. They just wanted to get close to it, perhaps.

It's welcome news to the town's teen-agers to hear that the Teen-Age Club will open again. From what I hear this group of boys and girls has had a few miserable week-ends since the club has been closed for a couple of weeks.

Now that the snow is pretty well gone, one of the favorite pastimes is for folks to measure how much oil they have in their tanks.

Carey Bunch gave the low down on fishing at last week's Rotary meeting. He was saying that if there are not enough small fish for the large fish to eat, the latter will soon disappear. Gosh, a lot of us evidently have been catching some of the big fish's victuals. Then Carey said quite a few people are constructing private fishing ponds both for pleasure and as a source of food supply. I wanted to get the names of some of 'em, for the fishing holes around here are about fished out. But the way Carey explained it, these folks are just as particular about the fishing ponds as they are their smoke houses.

a full-time secretary, so that it can still be considered in its infancy so far as a Chamber of Commerce is concerned.

Then, too, if a Junior Chamber of Commerce is organized it is obvious that it will draw from the Chamber of Commerce not only members, but financial assistance as well. If The Herald understands the function of the Chamber of Commerce, there is plenty of opportunity for both young and old members to devote their energy to worthwhile projects.

The fact of the matter is that already too many organizations are in existence with the primary purposes of each at times being greatly neglected due to the fact that too few are willing to put their shoulder to the wheel and help carry on various projects. We have the Rotary and Lions Clubs, the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary, the VFW Post, the Varsity Club, the Junior Woman's Club and possibly others, and in way of fraternities the Masons and Red Men. All of these organizations have for their primary purpose the making of a better community and such is, no doubt, the purpose of a Junior Chamber of Commerce. However, if some activities for the welfare of the town are now neglected, there is little reason to believe that another organization added to what we already have will set the world on fire.

There are enough capable men affiliated with present organizations to handle any phase of local activity, if they desire to be active. There is room, however, for every organization to become more interested in the community and become a power for good and progress. This is more to be desired than the formation of a new organization which will most likely sap from the Chamber of Commerce, at least, enough strength to render it ineffective, especially if it is forced to revert to a part-time secretary.

The Herald ventures the prediction that if a Junior Chamber of Commerce is organized, the success of both Chamber of Commerce groups will gradually but surely peter out.

## Program Features Founders' Day At Meeting Of P. T. A.

### John A. Holmes Lists Accomplishments of Local Group

This year, 1948, being the 51st anniversary of the Congress of Parents and Teachers, the major portion of the meeting of the Edenton PTA Tuesday was devoted to a program to this effect.

Mrs. John Burton Harrison of the program committee read the message from the Parent Teacher's magazine telling how the organization was founded on February 17, 1897, by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, for the welfare of children. The article described the whole national design of the organization, comparing it to a great Mosaic masterpiece in which each unit is essential for the perfection of the whole. Mrs. Harrison concluded the article with the well-known belief that firm faith and a sense of responsibility for every individual is necessary for the successful functioning of such an organization.

John A. Holmes gave a resume of the accomplishments of the local PTA since its beginning, expressing his belief that the PTA is a real morale builder and that the school

would be at a tremendous loss without it.

Some of the projects of the association are the lunch room which is such a fine asset to the school; the fence enclosing the grounds, the election to operate the school on a higher standard, beginning with the addition of the ninth month before this was taken over by the State, the organization of Girl Scouts in Edenton, the Teen Age Club, free lunches and clothing for needy children during the depression, purchasing phonographs for school and supplying records, support of movement for increasing teachers' salaries, the drive to raise funds for the revival of a band, donations to athletic association, sponsoring a dancing class and supporting the bond issue.

During the business meeting, Mrs. John M. Elliott reported 5660 lunches served in January, 803 being free.

A motion was carried to have PTA members aid supervision of lunch room with Mrs. H. A. Campen as chairman.

Mrs. Albert Byrum announced that the Teen Age Club will again be open Friday of this week.

Miss Lena Jones was named chairman of the health program which will soon begin with a spring round-up and summer clinic. She will work with the County health officer, Dr. S. V. Lewis.

The attendance banner was awarded to Mrs. Lloyd Griffin's Fourth Grade.

### JIM DANIELS IMPROVING

W. Jim Daniels, who has been seriously ill at his home for two weeks, is gradually improving. He was able to get out of bed for several meals early this week.

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