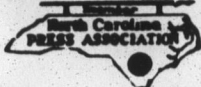


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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

THE MAIN ISSUE: Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.—Proverbs 4:23.

Nature In Principal Role

Chowan County and Edenton in particular came face to face with a real problem Tuesday when the entire section was blanketed with a 12 to 18-inch covering of snow. With so much snow seldom falling hereabout, and not being equipped to cope with the situation, naturally the paralyzing conditions affected every phase of our activities.

To be sure, there were many hardships, but for the most part the problem was tackled with little murmuring, for after all, who could do anything about it? This fact is recognized, so that we must be resigned to do the best we can under the circumstances.

The snow once again, however, brought out the fact that we are composed, generally speaking, of a kindly people. On numerous occasions men, from one up to groups of five or six went to the rescue of motorists whose cars were stuck in the snow or slipped on the icy highway and needed just a little more power to proceed. Then, too, drivers of a number of jeeps and tractors, able to better negotiate the difficult driving conditions, offered their services in moving stalled cars.

As the result of the heavy snowfall, many people were stranded here, and in an effort to prevent suffering and inconvenience, quite a few local citizens offered their services late into Tuesday night in an effort to procure sleeping quarters. The hotel and tourist homes were filled to capacity so that private families were contacted, many of whom agreed to share their rooms for the night.

The snow, of course, was a problem in many respects, and efforts on the part of State and Edenton workmen are being made to open highways and streets for traffic. In Edenton one of the Cannon Company's Sherman tanks was pressed into service Wednesday in order to make some headway, and results were very gratifying.

Nature, however, took its course in providing the snow, and while no little effort is being made to move some of it, after all, most of it will likewise be moved by nature, when the rays of a friendly sun begin their work.

Let Us Not Fail!

To say the least, it is rather discouraging to note that contributions in Chowan County's March of Dimes appear to be so greatly lagging. Of course, the sort of weather experienced ever since the drive started has had an ill effect on the result, and not all reports are in. However, with what reports are still to come in, it can hardly be expected that these will make up the deficit between the quota of \$2,200 and the \$599 in hand.

The Herald, like Drive Chairman R. L. Pratt, cannot believe that Chowan County people are not in sympathy with the fight being made against infantile paralysis. The funds derived from the March of Dimes not only go for direct relief of polio victims, but a large portion of it goes toward research in an effort to get at the "root" of the disease, so as to prevent it rather than fight it after it occurs.

Chowan County has been very fortunate in not being a victim of the disease, but who can say if and when it will strike in our midst? The more contributions we receive, the more will be on hand for any possible emergency, and by the same token the more we will have to do with solving the mystery of the disease.

Chowan County has always met its quota. Shall it be said that this year its citizens are not interested enough to maintain its splendid record?

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

One of the most agreeably surprised couples in Edenton Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, when their son-in-law and daughter, Chaplain and Mrs. Harry C. Hand and their little son walked in on them, wholly unexpected. The Hands returned from Japan, where they have been making their home while Captain Hand has been serving as chaplain in the U. S. Army. The grandson of Mr. and Mrs. White entertains his grandparents by singing Japanese songs, which he learned while living in the land of the Rising Sun. These grandchildren are sumpin', and some of 'em will be spoiled if they hang around their grandmammys and grandpappys too long.

Arthur Hollowell must not have wanted any business Tuesday morning. With snow about knee deep, I called him at his grocery store to deliver a box of matches, but he wouldn't do it. "I have a customer in my store," he said, "but although he has been over an hour, he hasn't bought anything yet." Well, what store in Edenton did sell anything Tuesday? Which reminds me of Willard Rhoades, who operates a shoe repair shop near The Herald office. Willard slipped out a few minutes Wednesday and instructed his boy to lock the door until he came back if a prospective customer came in.

The theme song of my column this week is "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow." We had a mess of snow a little over a week ago and a few days later a light snow fell, which no doubt served as a dessert. However, Monday's snow was an overdose, and if we have any more such weather as we had the beginning of this week I'm going to try to enlist the other native Pennsylvanians in Edenton to go back up to the Keystone State or even farther north until the weather around this neck of the woods is not so rough. Why don't the Chamber of Commerce do something about this weather, anyhow?

And speaking about the weather, a lady called the Post Office Wednesday to inquire if a pair of rubber boots she ordered had arrived. Bill Goodwin informed the lady that no boots were there for her. "Well, that's funny," she replied, "I ordered them in time to be here now when I need them." Bill, obliging as he is, told the lady to hold the phone until he took another look. "No, mam," Bill said over the phone, "I cannot find any boots, but there are two boxes of straw hats here." That ended the conversation, for who in the dickens is studying straw hats when outside it looks as though we are somewhere near the North Pole?

Emily B. Elliott informed me by postcard Wednesday that she is in Colerain on account of the Edenton oil shortage. She got off hurriedly and unexpectedly, but another reason she is not back in Edenton at this writing is because there is not a shortage of snow in Edenton or Colerain either.

And speaking about the snow, how would you like to be a bird these days? The poor things are fed up on snow, so if you have any scraps or crumbs (beside the old gent) around the house, why not put 'em out so the birds can eat something beside snow balls.

They say the Gulf Stream has moved. What I want to know is in which direction. We must be nearer the Polar Stream (if there is such a thing).

The mail box at the Post Office corner is in bad shape on account of that instead of having four legs, it has only two. The thing is tied against a pecan tree at present, so maybe we ought to start a movement to get some crutches for it.

That word "digging" in the front page streamer is used advisably. In fact, so much digging was in progress Tuesday and Wednesday that not a shovel could be bought at any of the hardware stores. The next "run" should be for liniment in our drug stores.

Miss Frances Tillett, manager of the Chowan Hospital, was high in praise of the local Cannon Company, for she was in somewhat of the position of a lost airplane party or floundering boat crew Tuesday when some of the National Guard boys fought their way to the hospital with urgent supplies, and enabled contact with the outside world. "That's a worthwhile organization," she told The Herald Wednesday morning, and wants the folks to know she appreciates what was done.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FATHER McCOURT DENIES ALL CHURCH SERVICES CALLED OFF

In your February 5th front page article "Chowan Digs Out of Sunday's 8-Inch Snow," its first sub-title stated "Snowfall Has Crippling Effect on All Local Activities"; its second sub-title stated "Church Services Called Off" and its story third paragraph began, "The snow had a crippling effect on all activity. All church services were called off..." I conducted services in my church that morning at scheduled hour with congregation of almost its normal number. Regardless of weather or surface conditions, services will always be held at St. Ann's Church on the scheduled days and hours as long as I am pastor, church serviceable and priest can conduct services.

Story In Herald Apparently Gave Wrong Impression

Writer Informed Jaycee Meeting Had Been Called Off

Frank Holmes, who is interested in the organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Edenton, informed The Herald that an error was made in a story appearing on the front page last week headed "Second Call".

The opening statement of the story read: "In view of the fact that very few put in an appearance last Friday night for the purpose of organizing a Junior Chamber of Commerce, another meeting has been called for next Friday night at 8 o'clock."

The story was based on the information that only about three or four gathered in the Municipal Building on the Friday night in question. Mr. Holmes claims that the statement was very unfair in that the meeting had previously been called off due to inability of a group from Rocky Mount to attend. He said most of those invited to the meeting had been contacted by telephone and informed that the meeting had been called off and in turn they were urged to attend.

ed to attend the lecture by Nicol Smith at the high school the same night. The few who gathered at the Municipal Building, said Holmes, went there primarily for the purpose of informing any who had not been reached by telephone and might call at the Municipal Building.

The writer of the article, though not enthusiastic over the organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce, wrote the story on information picked up and neither the heading of the article nor the story itself was written in an effort to belittle the movement or cast any reflection on those who are interested in forming the organization.

Jimmy Weathers Taken Into Music Fraternity

Jimmy Weathers, who made his home in Edenton for several years, was among 13 music students in the University of North Carolina to be initiated in the Alpha Rho Chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity of America.

The fraternity, which sponsors campus concerts and provides a music scholarship, is a social-honorary organization. Hal Kemp, the late band leader, was a charter member of the Chapel Hill chapter, and Norman

Cordon, Metropolitan Opera singer, who recently presented a concert in Edenton, has been granted national honorary membership through the sponsoring of the Alpha Rho Chapter.

METHODIST SERVICES

Services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and night, at 7:30 o'clock when the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Freeman, will preach. Church School will be held Sunday morning at 9:45 and the Youth Fellowship meeting Sunday night at 6:30. Mid-week prayer service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30. All are invited to these services.

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