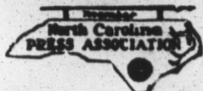


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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT
DOWN BUT NEVER OUT: The Son of man is come to save that which was lost.—Matt. 18:11.

Welcome, Churchmen

It is noted that next week Edenton will be the scene of a convention, when the North Carolina District of the Assemblies of God convenes for a four-day session, beginning Monday. Between 400 and 500 representatives are expected to gather for the sessions, the convention being the first of any size to be held in Edenton for many years.

The Rev. David B. Lawrence and his congregation will be hosts to the visitors, but it will also give Edentonians in general an opportunity to extend the glad hand of friendship and a sample of the traditional Edenton hospitality.

Edenton is, of course, limited in way of accommodating a large convention, but there are enough places in our midst to entertain a large group such as is expected next week during the time the convention is not in session. The forthcoming meeting will provide an opportunity to discover our capability of handling a convention, upon which will depend seeking similar gatherings in the future.

The Herald welcomes the visiting churchmen and hopes all will have an enjoyable time, going away at the close of the meeting with a soft spot in their heart and pleasant memories of their brief visit in our midst.

"A Shot In The Arm"

If Chowan County's ancient Court House could speak, it would no doubt express the opinion that it is receiving a number of "shots" in order to get out of a rut and keep pace with modern times. At present holes are being bored here and there for the purpose of piping steam throughout its entirety, and ere long the building will sport a steady and adequate heat supply without keeping many admirers in continuous suspense, none the least of whom is E. W. Spires, clerk of Superior Court, who by virtue of his office is custodian of the venerable "house of justice." Quite frequently, Mr. Spires, sensing a feeling that all is not well in the Court House after some of the many meetings held in the building, has gotten out of bed, gone to the building and made a strict search of the premises before he was able to go to sleep in peace. And to his credit it can be said that on a number of occasions, due to his diligence, he undoubtedly prevented a destructive fire by finding an overheated stove. The building, erected in 1767, was for many years heated with open fireplaces, some of which are still in existence, and later stoves were added in the various rooms, in some cases necessitating long lines of pipe, which added to fire hazards.

The fire hazard a number of years ago caused no little concern on the part of one group of County Commissioners after another, and every so often the idea of adding a modern heating system cropped up at monthly meetings. The discussions was as far as the project advanced until late in 1947 the present Board of County Commissioners decided that enough talk had been devoted to the heating proposition and that it was time for some concrete action. A motion was subsequently made to secure plans and advertise for bids. However, this was only the beginning for some more headaches after financing of the project had been solved.

In the first place, a boiler room had to be provided, and this brought together a group of the ladies of the town, who objected to building the boiler room adjoining the old building. A number of meetings were held in order to iron out this problem and finally it was decided to build the boiler room at the northeast corner of the Court House.

Apparently, the road had become rocky for the Commissioners until Architect Frank Benton of Wilson presented the plan of heat distribution which called for pipes crossing the ceiling on the first floor in front of the rotunda. This not only caused a furor among a group of ladies, but men also joined in the objection, claiming such arrangement would mar the beauty of the room. As a result the project was again delayed until plans could be changed. Then the idea was advanced to heat the lower floor with heating devices suspended from the ceiling, but this was argued as being too commercial-like, so another change in plans had to be made. The Commissioners had about reached the place where they were tempted to throw up their hands and give up the idea of modern heating. But another meeting was called and when it was generally agreed that one "cannot eat the cake and have it, too," some concessions were made in view of the construction of the building, so that while the radiators and pipes are not altogether to the liking

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Local people are not the only ones who were concerned about the recent snow. Sidney McMullan, who is now located in New York State near the Canadian border, read in the newspapers and heard over the radio about Eastern North Carolina being snowed under, so he called his mother, Mrs. Sidney McMullan over the telephone to learn first hand how things were in Edenton. "Haven't you any snow up there?" asked Mrs. McMullan. Sidney replied, "Yes, we have, but we have a million dollars' worth of snow equipment, so it isn't much of a problem to us." Well, the only difference is that here in Edenton we have about 30 cents' worth of equipment to combat a snow the size of the two we have had thus far this winter. And incidentally, on Monday morning it looked for a while as though we were in for another deep snow. The weather was just about right, but fortunately the large flakes didn't last very long. It is worthy to note, too, because compliments come a dicens of a lot less frequent than criticism and bellyaching, that Mrs. McMullan complimented the Street Department for the job done in combatting the snow, which was a problem very seldom faced in these parts. She also complimented the writer for the cooperation of The Herald in several affairs recently held in Edenton. If I'd list the complaints and bellyaching, there would hardly be room enough for anything else in The Herald. Tanks, Mrs. McMullan!

And speaking about our deep snow, Henry Gardner, who is attending Yale University at New Haven, Conn., a little while back wrote his daddy to the effect that they have had five feet of snow since he has been at Yale and that he was itching to get back home. Henry Senior, just about the time we were having our snow, wrote Henry Junior that he better stay at New Haven if he didn't like snow.

E. T. Rawlinson is more of a Bible student than I gave him credit for. Last week I used the word "several" a number of times in stories and after reading The Herald, E. T. called my home to ask me what I mean by "several." My reply was, "Well, two or three or something like that." E. T. chuckled and said, "Get your Bible and find the third chapter of I Peter and read the 20th verse, then let me know what you have learned." Well, the verse reads about like this (dust off your Bible and see if I am quoting correctly): "... while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." But then I looked in N. Webster's "book" and find this definition: "Persons, or objects, more than two, but not very many." I don't like to dispute the Bible, but old man Webster must have been a mighty smart guy, so how in the dickens am I to know which is right?

Red Men of Chowan Tribe turned the lodge room into a virtual smokehouse the other Monday night and it was all Robert's Whitehouse's fault. Robert was on hand early with a box of cigars. He's recently become a daddy, but turned up a little late with the cigars. Who's next? Well, William Adams came across before this column was written. He's a new daddy, too, and sent by special messenger two cigars down to The Herald office (and they were good cigars, too). I'm trying to figure out why he sent two cigars, either he must have been somewhat nervous when he reached in the box, or maybe he's making an advance "payment."

And speaking about the Bible, a bill collector who frequently calls in The Herald office to collect from one of the boys, says his favorite Scripture passage is that brief portion where Paul says "Owe no man anything." But then, he said, if everyone complied with that exhortation, he'd be out of a job. Anyway, there's a lot of business people who would like to see more people practice what Paul said.

Shucks, I don't understand it. The Bank of Edenton was closed all day Monday due to George Washington's birthday, which fell on Sunday. Then on Tuesday the bloomin' bank was wide open. It should have been closed Tuesday, too, for that was my birthday.

And while on the subject of birthdays, I understand the Junior Chamber of Commerce limit is 35 years. If the organization is successful, I was sort of figuring on trying to join by turning the figures in my age around before Tuesday, but even that would have been little help. Born in 1892, I was 55 up until my birthday, so what advantage would it have been to change one figure five in front of the other? Now, by gosh, it would be even worse to put the six in front of the five.

of all, it is generally agreed that under the circumstances the best arrangement possible has been worked out. If the Court House could speak, it would most likely say the "shots" have improved its condition, but whether the Court House speaks or not, Mr. Spires will be greatly relieved of a continuous fear that fire will break out through carelessness, the County Commissioners will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have made an effort to eliminate fire hazards and townspeople in general will feel a bit more proud in showing the old historical building to the hundreds of visitors who come here continuously to see Edenton's historical shrines.

Though embellished with history, Chowan's Court House could no longer withstand the march of progress, and by the action of the present Board of County Commissioners the old and historic building will no doubt stand longer to be cherished by succeeding generations.

March Of Dimes Not Yet At Half Way Mark

Report Incomplete But Rather Disappointing To Both Chairmen

Contributions received during the week in Chowan County's March of Dimes amounted to \$118.64, bringing the total to date to \$848.51, still not half of the county's quota, which is \$2,200.

Drive Chairman R. L. Pratt states, however, that the business section, nor the industrial plants have yet been canvassed, which will be done during the next few days. He still holds out hope that Chowan will meet its quota, though contributions already turned in were rather disappointing in some instances both to Mr. Pratt and J. Edwin Bufflap, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The contributions turned in during the week were as follows:
Edenton White Schools \$ 52.65
Received by R. L. Pratt 19.00
Received by J. E. Bufflap 2.00
J. B. Small 29.44
Center Hill Baptist Church 12.25
Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt 3.30

Accounted for last week, but not acknowledged were the reports from the following colored canvassers under Mrs. J. A. Hines, chairman for East Edenton:
Mrs. E. L. Byrd \$ 8.25
Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church 5.00
Mrs. Annie Granby 6.80
Rev. N. S. Harris 8.35
Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Zion Church 3.00
Mrs. Pearl Blount 1.75
St. John Episcopal Church 3.25
Mrs. Herman Evans 4.03
Mrs. F. A. Parker 2.00
Rev. W. H. Davis 1.00

Any who have not made a contribution are urged to send or bring it to R. L. Pratt or J. Edwin Bufflap without waiting to be solicited.

Henry Allen Bunch Injured In Wreck

Narrowly Misses Death When Automobile Overturns

Henry Allen Bunch narrowly escaped death Sunday afternoon when his car overturned and pinned him underneath on the curve just a short distance north of Phthisic's Grocery

on Route 17. Mr. Bunch in rounding the curve apparently lost control of his car and when it hit the soft shoulder overturned. He was pinned underneath and fortunately was released by two colored men who happened to pass at the time.

He was cut about the mouth and badly shaken up. Taken to the home of a brother, Haywood Bunch, he was able to be taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bunch, in the Rocky Hook section, Monday. Wednesday morning he was resting easier, but still suffering from the shock and bruises.

Surly Salesman Irks Few Edenton Women

C. of C. Urges Citizens To Ask For Written Approval

Varied reports filtered into the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association headquarters this week relative to a surly man who termed himself a "vet" and tried to arouse sympathy in obtaining subscriptions to magazines he was selling by claiming he was a disabled veteran. How-

ever, when he was asked by one citizen to produce authorization from the local merchants committee on solicitations and selling, he made vague references to a "Father Duffy" who was said to be heading up ten of the group "working" the town.

A lady reported that a man answering the above description tried to sell a magazine subscription to her. To each courteous statement made by the lady the salesman appeared most abrupt and discourteous and finally turned on his heel and left her standing in the doorway. President H. A. Campen of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, in conjunction with A. L. Boaz, chairman of the Merchants Committee, strongly urge citizens not to fall for any high pressure in any form, whether under the guise of religion or army service, but to inform the solicitors to get permission from the local protective committee of the organization.



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- 7 1/2 H.P. Martin Outboard Motor.
- 10 H.P. Neptune Outboard Motor.

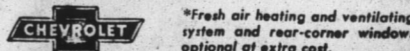
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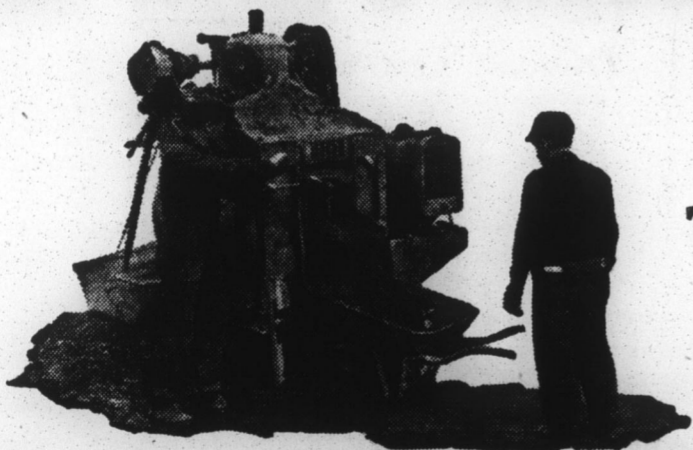
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