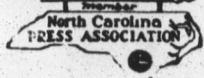


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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

IF WE ARE GOD'S AMBASSADORS: The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.—Psalms 121:8.

Happy Birthday!

The Herald congratulates the Chowan Hospital upon its first anniversary, which was observed Monday of this week. It was on March 8, 1947, that the first patient was admitted to the hospital after a very discouraging start, for there were many obstacles to be overcome before the Naval dispensary could be used as a hospital, despite the fact that it was left almost as it was while in operation by the Navy.

Reviewing the initial efforts of getting the hospital in operation, no little credit is due Dr. Frank Wood and Miss Lucille Hall, the first manager. If these two people had little faith in the ultimate success of the hospital, there is no doubt but that they would have left these parts long before the hospital was opened. Then, too, a group of persistent hospital trustees met one obstacle after another and despite some handicaps which appeared almost insurmountable, they stuck it out so that today the hospital is not only a blessing but a distinct asset to the community.

It is interesting to note, too, that some of those who were employed before the hospital was actually in operation are still connected with the hospital and who, no doubt, occasionally recall with some degree of interest the very early days of the hospital.

That the hospital is a lusty "youngster" is reflected in the first year's achievements. Faced with the many problems of organization and actual operation at the outset, there have been 641 persons admitted to the hospital during the first year, and during that time Dr. Frank Wood has performed 407 operations, an average of more than one a day. There were 87 births and 3,107 laboratory examinations made, while patient days amounted to 4,119, of which 309 were credited to newborn babies.

The above statistics are, we believe, a credit to the hospital, and the first year being the roughest studding, the future of the hospital will most assuredly be even more creditable. The editor of The Herald has on numerous occasions heard those who have been patients highly praise the hospital both from the standpoint of treatment by Dr. Wood as well as the nurses who attended them. With such splendid recommendations, the outstanding work of the hospital will necessarily spread, so that more people will gradually choose the Chowan Hospital when ill.

Miss Frances Tillett, present manager, is very much encouraged over the first year's achievements, and expresses the hope and belief that the hospital will steadily become more useful to a larger number of people.

Taking the first year's accomplishments as a measuring rule, The Herald sees no reason why Miss Tillett's ambition will not be realized, and as the years roll on, the efforts of those who were so much concerned and interested in a hospital in Chowan County, be rewarded with the realization of a hospital of which any community can well be proud.

Welcome Home

Edentonians in general will welcome the news that Judge and Mrs. Richard D. Dixon expect to depart from Germany next Monday and will in all probability arrive in Edenton before March is spent. Judge Dixon has been conducting war criminal trials, the final decisions and judgements of which will be handed down this week.

Judge Dixon says his experience has been very interesting, yet he and Mrs. Dixon will be glad when they once again set foot on the soil of dear old Edenton. We gather from that remark that they are anxious to get

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Over the week-end I had the pleasure of receiving a combination Christmas and birthday present. It all came about because Mrs. H. V. Bass happened to be born on the same day I was—February 24. She was reading in this column what I had to say about my birthday, so she brought in a generous helping of fruit cake. The cake, incidentally, was baked before Christmas. Mrs. Bass says she bakes up a storm before Christmas, but the order goes out in her home "hands off" of one fruit cake which she always saves for her birthday. To say the cake was delicious is putting it mildly. Gosh, I could stand a birthday almost every day if it would produce a piece of such good cake. Nope, I didn't have the nerve to ask Mrs. Bass if her birthday was the same year as mine—1892.

Edenton High School's basketball team wound up the season by losing 12 out of 19 games. Of course, any sort of team likes to win, but after all it doesn't matter so terribly much who wins or loses. The most important thing is how the game was played—whether it be baseball, football or basketball, or even the game of life. However, Coaches Tex Lindsay and Nick George have the right idea in developing a program of athletic games among the younger boys, for in this way most of them will be more or less seasoned players when they take their places on varsity squads.

Not a few folks are up to their necks in figures these days, for March 15 is only a few days off—the deadline for filing income returns. But if these folks are sick and tired of figures, just think of R. F. Tuttle who spends practically every day worrying about other people's troubles. Of course, he has one consolation—he doesn't have to write the check after he's done juggling the figures.

Almost every mail these days brings in a letter or two from various candidates, so that there will no doubt be a scramble for votes in the May election. Of course, if all this material would be printed there would be little space left for news. At any rate John Graham officially filed for re-election as district solicitor, which makes a three-cornered race with John, Walter Cohoon and John F. White in the contest. That contest alone will no doubt bring out a big vote, but there's one sure thing—only one will be elected, and I'm not saying who that will be.

I've had several letters from the Rev. H. F. Surratt, who was sent from Edenton to Tabor City. Of course, he is interested in seeing the local Methodist Church repaired, and knowing that some damage has been done by termites, sent me the following note: "Note on Termites—To get rich fast, import and raise little ant eaters for people to put under their houses." Yea, but where in the Sam Hill can we get hold of an ant eater—or should I say two so that they would increase in order to keep up with the devilish termites?

Arthur Hollowell is a good prospect to sell a preparation to make fingernails grow fast. Reason—he keeps them worn down to the quick opening pistachio nuts. In fact, he has worn out a pocketknife trying to keep his nails scraped even. He gives some of the nuts a good cussing when they are extremely hard to open—but he keeps on eating 'em just the same. Maybe some nursery could sell him a pistachio tree—but then he can't eat a tree.

I have, already, noticed fellows close their eyes when putting a bottle to their lips for a drink of whiskey. Maybe I've figured out the reason. Either the fellow is ashamed to see how much of the stuff he's drinking, or possibly he's like the Kentucky colonel who always closed his eyes when he took a drink. When questioned concerning his habit, he explained: "The sight of good hah, suh, always makes my mouth water, suh, an' I do not like to dilute my drink, suh."

Forest Warden Frank V. White has started a fish pond on his farm and has stocked it with 500 bream and 50 bass. He has had some Baltimore minnows for bait, but upon investigation, he says, some of the things have grown to be eight inches long. It might be a case of the bait eating the fish.

back home and The Herald ventures the guess that their many friends will be equally as happy to have them once more in our midst.

Masons Will Observe Past Masters' Night

Brunswick Stew Dinner Served at 7 O'clock Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) Past Masters' night will be observed by Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., when past masters will occupy all of the stations and places. Plans have been made to have some of the oldest past masters present, which include W. S. Summerell and D. B. Liles, both of whom are in ill health.

A feature of the meeting will be the presentation of a past master's jewel to William O. Elliott, immediate past master.

Prior to the meeting, Brunswick stew will be served at 7 o'clock, with each member paying for his plate. The affair is expected to attract a goodly number of Masons.

Police Stop Peddler Who Had No License

Local Citizens Urged to Report Any Without Receipt

Due to the alertness of Chief of Police R. L. Pratt and his officers, at least one peddler was stopped Monday for operating without a license.

A representative of a Suffolk clothing concern was detected selling merchandise from a well-stocked car, working at private homes. At first, according to the police, the salesman denied he was selling from the stock he carried, but was taking orders for future delivery.

Chief Pratt was most courteous but yet firm in his questioning and after dispatching officers to two homes learned that clothing was purchased from the peddler directly from his car.

Inasmuch as the salesman did not have a peddler's license, this constituted a violation of a Town ordinance. However, no indictment was lodged against him when he agreed to go to the Town office and purchase a State and Town peddler's license.

President H. A. Campen and Manager Peter Carlton of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association were present at the questioning and thanked the police for their efficient work, explaining that peddling without a license is unfair to local merchants.

Mr. Campen also urges local citizens to report anyone who cannot produce a receipt that he or she has a license to sell from door to door as a peddler.

QUOTA FAR SHORT

No contributions were received during the week for the March of Dimes. The quota of \$2,200 is not half met.

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A. R. Bridgford Will Be Legion Speaker

Regular Meeting Scheduled For Next Tuesday Night

Legionnaires are reminded of the monthly meeting of Ed Bond Post, which will be held Tuesday night, March 16, at 8 o'clock in the Legion

hut. The special speaker for the meeting will be A. R. Bridgford, who will speak on the subject "The GI Bill of Rights and Its Application to Flying." Mr. Bridgford has recently begun operation of a flying school at the Edenton Naval Air Station. A report will also be presented by the Club Committee, which is expected to be far more encouraging than has been the case for several months. All Legionnaires are urged to attend.

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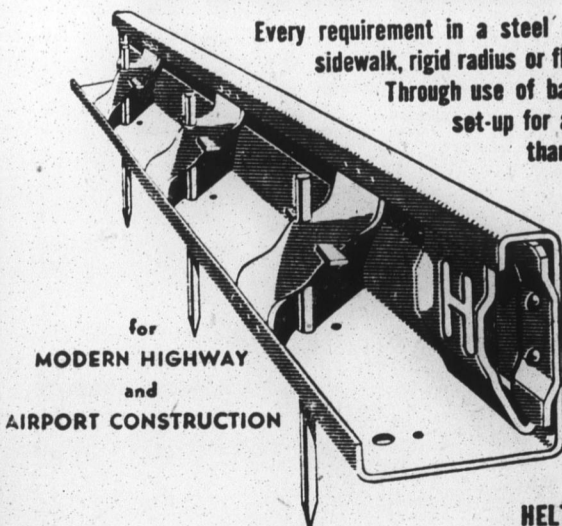


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