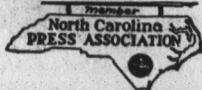


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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

THE SOURCE OF ALL TRUTH: It is written in the prophets. And they shall be all taught of God. Every man, therefore, that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.—John 6:45.

Respect Old Glory!

Right timely, to say the least, is a letter appearing on another page in this issue of the Herald, which has been sent out under the signatures of Henry G. Quinn and Elwood Nixon, commander and adjutant respectively of William H. Coffield, Jr., Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The veterans are disgusted and worried over the fact that there is too much apparent disregard for the American flag, so that the Herald goes along with the veterans in urging more frequent display of Old Glory as well as paying the respect due it when it is on parade.

One of the biggest fights the writer recalls having ever seen was when as a boy a circus parade was marching down a street lined several deep on both sides with spectators. Old Glory led the parade and as hats were lifted, one man in the crowd looked on without any effort whatever to lift his hat. It wasn't long before his straw hat was knocked from his head, which precipitated the fight in which the unfortunate fellow no doubt, realized that he should have complied with the yells from others to take off his hat.

Even here in Edenton where practically a 100 per cent pure American population is boasted—Yes, here in Edenton where so many early efforts were made to gain American independence in order to have an American flag—it isn't unusual for the Edenton High School Band to parade on the streets led by Old Glory, and to see men watch the flag go by without lifting a hat or making any other gesture of loyalty and appreciation for what the flag means.

Another apparent lack of appreciation of Old Glory is cited by the veterans in that all too frequently the flag is not displayed on national holidays. The next occasion on which the flag should be displayed will be Armistice Day, November 11, when the veterans especially appeal for Old Glory to wave in the breeze. So much are the veterans interested that if any business concern feels that it cannot afford a flag, the VFW Post will gladly donate one. That's fair enough, so that if any concern fails to have a flag on display it can mean hardly nothing less than lack of patriotism or downright unconcern for the Stars and Stripes.

War veterans more than anyone else realize what Old Glory means. They have seen, and know it is not only a privilege but a duty of every true American to respect the flag wherever and whenever its bright colors are displayed.

Were we to suddenly lose Old Glory and that for which it stands, we would be in a terrible fix and would do almost anything to get it back. Let us, therefore, be more patriotic and appreciative for our flag. Let us all realize the value of freedom and the American way of life, and pen up in our hearts the respect and appreciation due Old Glory.

Welcome Back!

Edenton's city automobile license tags will next year again carry the wording, "Cradle of the Colony." This inscription appeared on city tags some years ago, but for some reason or other was dropped.

Thanks to the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, the wording will again appear on tags, following a request made to the City Fathers in March of last year.

With the part Edenton has played in the formation and progress of the colony, it is no more than fitting that the wording should reappear on the tags. It will serve, no doubt, as a piece of publicity for those who travel elsewhere, for the wording will no doubt arouse the curiosity of many people who will want to know the significance of the four words.

The optimist believes in luck; the pessimist in fate.

Wrong-doing carries its penalties without an installment plan of payment.

The person who continually offers to resign will some day have his resignation accepted.

Any old excuse will suffice for not working, but the best is the possession of plenty of cash.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

With the deer season open, some of Edenton's deer hunters have already had some luck. I've heard of at least two who have bagged one each but, of course, there may be others. Anyhow, Asa Griffin went for the first time in his life Monday. He was with Ernest Lee, who was sportsman enough to allow Asa to shoot first. Well, Asa shot and Mr. Deer dropped to the ground, and from what I understand, it is hard to tell who was most surprised, the deer or Asa. Other members of the party did not get a shot and they, of course, claim that it was just a case of beginner's luck. He was so elated that he acted like a kid—so much so that had he not been so big, Ernest would have laid him over his knees and spanked him. Asa took the deer's head to Portsmouth to have it mounted, so that it will no doubt be a topic for conversation for years to come for any who visit Asa. Then Maynard Perry was on a stand all by himself when a deer came along. Maynard shot and Mr. Deer fell, but that was only the beginning of Maynard's trouble. He tried to drag the deer and his belongings to the road, but soon discovered it was too much of a job. He then made sure he could find the spot and left the deer on the ground to go to the road for help. He happened to meet a colored man driving along the road, who was kind enough to notify others in the party to come to Maynard's assistance. But just the same quite a few people will have a meal with venison as the main dish, embellished with a lot of hot air and maybe a little bit of bragging thrown in.

Major W. R. Lucius packed up his wife and daughter early this week to go on a trip to the mountains of Western North Carolina and Tennessee. The trip is, no doubt, a "spite" trip, for after seeing where I took a brief trip to Pennsylvania, he said, "If a bloomin' newspaper guy can take off a few days for a trip, I don't see why a Major in the Marines is not entitled to go away for a few days."

Since last Thursday there should be better golf players in Edenton, especially among the Rotarians. John Graham was on the program and spoke about playing golf, getting his information from a book written by an old golf player. John pointed out about all that a fellow should do to play a good game of golf—except the cussing phase of the game. But then, that usually comes without any teaching or coaching.

Thanks to the Marines being stationed in Edenton, the population of the town has increased at least one, for Colonel and Mrs. G. W. Nevills last week became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. The Nevills family lives in the James Iredell house, so just chink my cigar across the street, Colonel.

A donkey baseball game was played on Hicks Field Tuesday, as the result of which there were no doubt some sore sides Wednesday morning. The soreness could have resulted from two causes, one by being thrown from the donkeys and the other by laughing so much at the would-be "rodeo stars." The game wound up by a score of 3-3 with no arguments except with the bloomin' donkeys.

I'll have to, no doubt, give a schedule of my working hours in that I get up early the first part of the week and go home about 8 o'clock to wrestle with a couple of eggs and a frying pan. The other morning I met Fenton Larson in front of my house when I was going back for breakfast. "What you doing just coming in?" asked Friend Larson. "Have you been out tom-cattin' all night?" Oh me!

Edenton's Aces have been playing a pretty good brand of ball, especially considering the fact that the team is composed for the most part of inexperienced players. However, the Edenton Band is right on the job at every home game and these boys and girls are also doing a bang-up job.

Information was brought to me this week that a Canasta Party will be held by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. "If you do not know how to play Canasta," the note read, "there will be persons there to teach you." Well here's one ignorant enough not to know what in the dickens a Canasta Party is. So was Webster, no doubt, for I can't even find the word in my dictionary. Anyway, maybe the mysterious affair on October 25 will attract a large crowd for that's what is desired in order to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the famous Edenton Tea Party. Nope, I don't know what sort of an affair it is—but I Canasta.

A group of women were scheduled to meet in the Red Men hall Wednesday night for the purpose of organizing a degree of Pocahontas. Here's hoping the thing went through, for the Red Men need a bunch of women in their hall to make it more tidy and, of course, women are very handy at serving refreshments. They may go along to the Great Council meetings, but in that case the Red Men will send 'em to bed before "attending to business" not on the agenda.

C. Of C. Suggests Merit Certificates

Presented to Board of Directors For Final Approval

The Awards Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, headed up by John Graham, chairman, has presented to the board of directors for their approval the following citizens of Edenton and Chowan County to receive certificates of merit:

Miss Audrey Pearce, 4-H Club winner of the State; Aubrey Harrell, 4-H State peanut growing contest; Edenton Lions Club for their fine work in the rehabilitation of Lloyd Norfleet, colored blind man; George Thompson for his fine work in inaugurating the Edenton knee-pants league; the DAR Chapter for activity, which resulted in purchase of the historic Iredell home and preserving it for posterity; the Junior Woman's Club for their outstanding sponsorship of the colonial homes garden tour; Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt for her unswerving determination in the face of many difficult problems in spearheading the activities of the garden tour as chairman of the project; J. Rodney Byrum for his splendid leadership as chairman of the Santa Claus night for the kiddies, sponsored by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association; and H. A. Campen, for his valuable community usefulness in many projects, especially the engineering of the Halloween party for the children which is sponsored each year by the Junior Woman's Club.

Mrs. Herbert H. Smith Dies At Ahoskie Home

Mrs. Herbert H. Smith died at her home in Ahoskie Sunday afternoon following an illness of three years. Mrs. Smith, daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. H. C. Covert of New York City was born in Edenton. Deceased was a graduate of Combs Conservatory of Music and had served as organist for various churches in Ahoskie and Norfolk. Funeral services were held in the Oliver Funeral Home in Norfolk Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. George Pickard, pastor of the Ahoskie Presbyterian Church, officiated. Burial was made in Riverside Memorial Cemetery, Norfolk.

Surviving are her husband; a son, Herbert H. Smith, Jr., of Ahoskie; four sisters, Mrs. Roscoe Turner, New York City, Mrs. Ruby Thompson and Mrs. L. Gresham Hutchins of Norfolk, and Mrs. James L. Hodges of Wilmington; a brother Claude L. Covert, Norfolk.

It is a good practice to appear just a shade more ignorant than you happen to be.

Highway Patrol Has Busy Month

8,945 Arrests Made and 1,486 Accidents Investigated

A total of 1,486 accidents in which 78 persons were killed and 774 injured were investigated by the Highway Patrol during September, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

During the month the Patrol spent 152,285 hours on duty and traveled 1,484,561 miles. A total of 102,079 and 112,817 drivers' licenses were inspected on the highway. One thousand and three hundred and thirty light tickets were issued, 3,627 equipment tickets and 3,976 warning tickets. Lights were corrected on 113,351 vehicles, 209 vehicles were weighed and 73 were found to be overloaded. Stolen cars recovered numbered 51.


The Patrol made 8,945 arrests, 651 of which were for drunken driving. Citations were issued to 8,839 persons. A total of 7,960 complaints were investigated. Patrolmen rendered 12,483 courtesies. First aid was rendered in 5 cases and one fire was extinguished.

Of persons arrested by the Patrol, 9,087 were found guilty and 726 not guilty. Those convicted were sentenced to 80 years, 11 months and 18 days.

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Cars and property recovered by the Patrol and returned to owners were valued at \$63,230.00; fines collected from persons apprehended by the Patrol amounted to \$194,563.79, which was turned over to county school funds; costs turned in to county general funds in counties where cases were tried amounted to \$113,304.38; \$3,343.96 in highway revenue was collected, for a total of \$374,342.13.

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