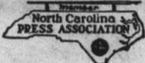


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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

DO YOUR PART: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.—Matt. 6:10.

An Unadulterated Lie

Hastening to spike a rumor which was heard circulating early this week, the editor of The Herald wants to try, with all his being, to brand this vicious rumor as an unadulterated lie. What the writer heard was that whispers were going the rounds to the effect that last year's March of Dimes contributions were not turned over to the treasurer, W. H. Gardner. If there ever was a lie in circulation, this is one.

True, last year Chowan County failed to reach its quota, which is no credit to the county, but contributions in Chowan amounted to \$1,681.40, which amount was placed in the hands of Mr. Gardner as treasurer of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Why such a rumor, with no foundation whatever, should get into circulation is more than the writer can understand other than that it must have been started by someone who is not in sympathy with the movement to fight infantile paralysis. Furthermore, The Herald cannot understand why anybody should be antagonistic to a program, the principal purpose of which is to see to it that no victim of the disease suffers unduly due to lack of treatment so far as is known, as well as to carry on research work in an effort to fathom the disease.

Every cent of money which was collected last year, and every previous year for that matter, has gone for what it was intended, any rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

For the benefit of readers, the Chowan County Chapter's bank balance before the 1950 drive began was \$1,424. During the past year approximately \$1,800 was sent to State headquarters in response to appeals for financial help in areas where infantile paralysis claimed many victims. Half of the annual March of Dimes contributions go to the State organization, which last year, due to epidemics of infantile paralysis, received much more money from national headquarters than was raised in the entire State.

As stated before in The Herald, Chowan County has been blessed and is extremely fortunate in that it has been spared the ravages of an infantile paralysis outbreak. Were any cases to develop in Chowan County, comparatively few are well enough off financially to pay for the expensive treatments and care needed for victims. Chowan County, then, should be willing to send what financial aid it can to more unfortunate communities rather than be forced to appeal for help from other counties due to an outbreak of the disease.

However, to be in position to offer aid when an appeal comes, Chowan County is obliged to raise funds through the March of Dimes. The more money raised, the more will be on hand for use locally if the need arises, and by the same token, more help can be given more unfortunate communities in time of need.

Anyone who makes a contribution may rest assured that the money will go into the treasury of the Chowan County Chapter, despite any dastardly lies to the contrary which may be put into circulation.

Many Should Attend

Attention is called to a meeting to be held in the Court House Tuesday night, February 14, at 8 o'clock, when the organization of a community chest will be considered. This plan of making contributions has been hanging in the balance long enough now and a decision should be made one way or another. It is a project affecting the entire community, so that a large number of citizens should attend and help in making the decision.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

D. Skiles, who examines automobile drivers in order to renew driving licenses, has some rather amusing experiences sometimes. For instance over at Ahoskie the other day he displayed a picture of an intersection on which appeared a white line in about the middle of the scene. "What is that white line for?" he asked a colored man. After studying a while, the colored man piped up, "Oh, dat's fo' bicycles." Then later he was questioning another man about a pedestrian's rights. He sensed the fact that the fellow didn't know exactly what a pedestrian was, so he asked the question, "Do you know what a pedestrian is?" After a period of deep study, he came up with this answer: "A pedestrian is a married man with only one automobile." Well, he's about right in a lot of cases.

In the Broad Street Fish Market window early this week was on display a rock fish (striped bass, if you want to be sporty like), beside which was a sign reading "Caught by H. W. Jones." To make it appear a bit more authentic, an old rod and reel was standing in the window with the string jammed in the fish's mouth. But after looking at it, I found there was no hook on the string, so that I ought to have finished printing the sign by adding, "It's a darn lie."

And speaking about fishing, he hasn't said anything about it, but Sgt. Johnnie Jones of the Edenton Police Department went out early Monday morning—in fact so early that it was too dark for him to see the corks when he started to fish. The catch amounted to one small jack pike just about long enough to pass the size limit. Attention, Mr. Game Warden, better investigate, for I doubt if the bloomin' jack was that large.

One of my friends was telling me about what Winston Churchill had to say about the last war, to wit: "The war was won by blood, sweat and tears." He further went on to say that "if we have another war, it will apparently be won by whisky, cigarettes and beer." Yea, but what about the rationing racket?

It's a good thing The Herald has a box at the post office, for in it that post office gang puts just about everything that has no other place to go. Why only the other day I found in the box a golf tee. One of 'em must have watched me play golf and hit the consumm tee just about as far as the ball. However, there's some consolation, for a guy does not have to go hunting for a lost tee. Anyway, I'm one better off now.

Soil must be rich out North Edenton way, for the latter part of the week L. W. Stallings brought in a huge turnip which would have made quite a few meals for me. The thing weighed four pounds and 15 ounces—and that's some turnip in anybody's garden.

What the heck ails the weather man? Here it is, February here and we're still having regular spring weather. The old scudder must be getting all balled up with this weather business. Maybe we need a new weather man. But then, maybe he's a friend of mine, for allowing such mild weather when I'm unable to have heat in most of my house due to the recent fire. Tanks, old man!

And speaking about the weather, my friend Harry H. Jordan out in Minneapolis, sent me a copy of the Minneapolis Morning Tribune and circled the weather report. The high reading of the mercury for January 27 was five degrees above zero. B-r-r-r! It makes me shiver as folks hereabout are walking around in their shirt sleeves. Anyway, Mr. Jordan tacked on a little note: "Dear Mr. Bufflap, now you will know why I love my home town."

While on the topic of letters, this week I received a very nice and comforting letter from Mrs. Dorothy M. Ballenger, who is overseas. Mrs. Ballenger, the former Miss Dorothy Moore, said she had just learned about my great sorrow and wanted to be counted among those persons who sincerely extend their sympathy in my loss. Dorothy put a group of English words into such arrangement that the letter was one of the most comforting I have received during my spell of trouble.

As this column is written Mrs. James Mitchener, treasurer of the 1949 Christmas Seal Sale, called to mention the fact that it's not too late to send in contributions for the seals which were mailed out. Mrs. Mitchener points out that names should be written on the envelopes so that proper credit can be given.

Charles Newcomb In Charleston Hospital

Friends of Charles Newcomb will regret to know that he is a patient in St. Francis Hospital at Charleston, S. C., where he underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis. Mr. Newcomb was stricken while enroute from Virginia Beach to Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb were very popular in Edenton while Mr. Newcomb was employed at the Edenton Marine Corps

Air Station for several years.

Mr. Newcomb had gone to the Charleston Navy Yard, where he was assigned to Florida to work, but before he reached a hotel, where he and his wife planned to spend the night,

he became violently ill. A doctor was summoned and Mr. Newcomb was rushed to a hospital. Latest reports were to the effect that his condition was not too encouraging.

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