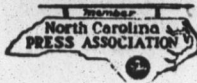


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Give an account of thy stewardship.—Luke 16: 2.
Accountability to God gives eternal significance to what we do and how well we do it. In addition to talents and opportunities, God has put his infinite resources at our command—and he expects something of us.

Our Father, may we not presume upon Thy unending Mercy; but so number our days that we may make all of them count in Thy Work.

Mixed Up Affair

On Monday night another effort was made to organize Edenton merchants, the plan being to form a Merchants Committee which should pass on policies affecting the merchants as a whole.

At that meeting, represented by 26 Edenton business concerns, the majority voted to close for a half holiday, beginning Wednesday of this week, at 12 o'clock noon. Since that meeting a group of other stores have decided to close each Wednesday at 1 P. M., starting Wednesday of this week through September 2. Grocery stores have decided to close at 1 o'clock Wednesday throughout the year except the month of December.

To say the least, it is a mixed up affair so that shoppers will be puzzled to remember when any particular store is closed.

Call it Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, Merchants Committee or what not, no organization will reach its zenith of effectiveness until all are willing to be governed by the majority—that's democracy.

Don't Be An Easy Mark

We are living in an age when the fine art of trying to get something for nothing is being practiced by nations, states, cities, and on down to the lowliest pick pocket and professional writers of bad checks.

Fred Johnson, Vice President of the American Stores of Philadelphia, has compiled information on the growth of the bad check racket. It reads like a fast moving story. For example, he points out that in the trading area of the American Stores a certain group of banks formerly turned back from three to five worthless checks a day. Now they turn back eighty each day. The recent crime investigations have caused certain lawless elements to switch their activities into other types of swindling, particularly the pushing of bad checks among merchants, with shoplifting, and counterfeit money as side lines.

After listing scores of examples of the way merchants and individuals are imposed on and bilked by the bad check artists, Mr. Johnson gives some sound advice: "Checks should never be cashed on the basis of casual acquaintance, sympathy, hard luck tales, distress telegrams, vague answers, altered credentials, haste, bluff and bluster, offended dignity, personal resentment, threats to report to the main office, or alleged friendship with an official of the company. Phoned instructions to cash checks, regardless of the source, should be disregarded."

There is one safe rule to follow. Don't cash a check for anyone whom you don't know or who cannot furnish you with absolutely satisfactory credentials.

Yes, There's Gold In Grass

Grass Is Gold! That is the dramatic slogan of an extensive grasslands program which is sponsored by the Portland, Oregon, Chamber of Commerce. The whole idea, based solidly on practical experience and scientific knowledge, is that one of the greatest opportunities for agricultural improvement lies in growing more grass and better grass.

The fact that an urban chamber of commerce has sponsored the work is significant. Generally speaking, these chambers are primarily concerned with seeking new factories and other industrial development. But the Portland Chamber realizes that the welfare of industry and of the cities depends in the long run upon the welfare of the farmer and of the rural districts.

The Grass Is Gold movement has the active support of many elements. Federal, state and university agronomists, forester sand soil conservation experts serve on committees. The Union Pacific Railroad, long an aggressive force for better farming, has played an important role.

The Grass Is Gold idea can be profitably applied to every agricultural state and area. It presents a great and inviting challenge to the farmer.

A lot of the community's dirty linen would never be paraded if it were not for the love of scandalous gossip by some waggy tongues.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Some time back I was reading that a Boston bank was experimenting with making its checks and check books attractive for its customers. For the ladies there were checks in jewel tones of jade, coral, amethyst and turquoise, with book covers in red and blue print. For men gold, green, pink or blue checks were placed inside dark blue silky plastic covers. I don't know how it is working, but as for me, the color of the checks would have little to do with my bank balance.

Then I was also reading about movement of perch in Lake Mendota, Wisconsin, being recorded with the help of an echo-sounder mounted on a 40-foot Navy launch. It was reported that perch move in large schools at a depth of from 25 to 35 feet below the surface. At sundown they move toward shore until they reach the bottom, at which time they disperse and each fish quietly sinks into the sand and stays there for the night. At daybreak the perch congregate back into schools and move back into the deep water. Thought some of our fishermen might be interested in this information.

If any town in the State has any more insurance agents per capita than Edenton, I'd like to know where it is. In fact, there are so many in Edenton that one of 'em was telling me they are thinking about wearing buttons so they'll not be trying to sell insurance policies to each other.

All during the holidays and even after we've had snow-like weather—in fact several good chances to snow went by the board until Sunday when those who crawl out of bed before noon had an opportunity to see snow falling. However, the flakes were mingled with rain, so that no trace of the snow was left on the ground. If it keeps on messing around, maybe we'll have a snow one of these days after all.

Up around the Post Office lately it sounds like a gang of woodpeckers at work. However, they're a gang of cement peckers in the basement trying to out a door through a cement wall reinforced with steel bars. What actually is going on is that Uncle Sam is trying to provide a little more space for the county agents and the PMA office. Charlie Overman, county agent; Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, and J. M. Price, PMA representative, are crowded into three small offices like sardines in a can—so bloomin' close that none of 'em can cuss (and I reckon they feel like cussing sometimes) without the whole works hearing it. The former Post Office storage room in the basement will be used for office space, so maybe there'll be some cussing going on to see who gets what extra space.

Folks in Rocky Hock are angling for a preacher in the Rocky Hock Baptist Church to succeed the Rev. R. E. Gordon, who resigned to enter missionary work. Several prospects have preached trial sermons, but up until last Sunday no decision was reached. While talking to one of the members of the church, he said "we want a skinny preacher who we can fatten up." But another in the group replied, "What about Frank Cale—he never got fat." Well, as a matter of fact, Frank was raised in Rocky Hock so he was used to the good eating in that neck of the woods.

Speaking about Christmas, Santa Claus was good to Willie Saunders. Willie received a huge pipe, a pack of Granger tobacco (my brand) and a box of toothpicks to put in his mouth while smoking. Who said nobody can do more than one thing at a time? Well, Willie can smoke a pipe and chew the dickens out of a toothpick all at the same time.

I was among Raleigh Hollowell's friends who paid him a visit over the week-end. Raleigh says he has been in "low cotton" for quite a spell, but I was delighted to see him looking almost natural. He's able to be about the house for short periods now and here's hoping he'll soon be strong enough to be able to be out and increase the number of insurance agents running at large in Edenton. He's also greatly missed at the Red Men meetings.

I haven't seen it, but I was told that just about the most outstanding Christmas decoration in this neck of the woods is out at the Marine Corps Air Station. The Marines fixed up a manger scene with lifelike characters and Christmas carols are broadcast over a public address system. The display is still up and Col. Brackett has allowed the station to be open to the public tonight (Thursday) from 7 to 9 o'clock so civilians can go out and see it. The display made the Christmas spirit contagious among the service men, so how about going out tonight to see it before it is taken down. It will not hurt to prolong the Christmas spirit a little while longer, and the Marines will enjoy civilians seeing it.

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School will tackle teams composed of members of the school faculty Saturday night in the school's gymnasium. The first game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock, and that will be one time the teacher will not be able to dictate. Imagine one of the students getting ready to shoot a goal and a teacher saying, "Don't you throw that ball in the basket." Anyway, both games should be good and it is hoped a large crowd will turn out.

I thought I'd heard about all the fish stories, but the other day I saw in a Baltimore newspaper the picture of a fish said to be 50,000 years old. It was said to be a prehistoric Coelacanth Latimeria, which first made its appearance on the earth 300,000,000 years ago and which until recently was believed to have become extinct at least 50,000,000 years ago. The thing was caught near a remote Indian Ocean island. Scientists believe it will prove to be the long-sought "missing link" in the evolution of land animals from the age when the earth was populated only by fishes. It's too darned much of a fish story for me.

Of course, January is still young, but it will not take long for it to slip away. During January you must list your property for taxation, so that the sooner this is done, the better it will be. The tax listers urge taxpayers to list their property as soon as possible, for, as always, there will be a big rush during the waning days of January. It's one of those things which just has to be done—like it or not. The listers say quite a few have already listed, but not as many as they would like.

Our Neighbors

By MISS REBECCA COLWELL
Chowan County Home Agent

Perhaps there are many, even some of the Home Demonstration Club members, who do not know just how their contributions to "Pennies For Friendship" and club dues are used. "Pennies For Friendship" are a gift from countrywomen to the Associated Country Women of the World which is a world organization of country women. The members of its Constituent Societies, scattered all over the world, are united by friendship and the aims they hold in common. Mrs. George Apperson of Mocksville, N. C., is National President of the Country Women's Council which is the U. S. branch of ACWW.

These "Pennies" are important to A.C.W.W. because this fine organization could not carry on its work without them. In 1951 A. C. W. W.'s income was 7,500 pounds, 5,300 pounds of this came from "Pennies for Friendship."

These "Pennies" are used to finance the Triennial Conferences; to run the central office; to find letter friends for members; to link Institutes and groups in different countries; to arrange "Exchange Programmes" between groups in different countries; to publish the A. C. W. W. news sheet "The Countrywoman"; and to send representatives of country women to meetings of the United Nations.

Mrs. Godfrey Drage, A.C.W.W. member of Honor, thought of this plan to raise funds for A.C.W.W. It enables thousands of country women to make a personal contribution to A.C.W.W. their international organization. This is completely voluntary.

Home Demonstration Club dues which are paid by each member at their January Club meeting are used for the following:

State, District, and County A.C.W. W. dues, delegates fund, "Penny For Friendship", amounting to a total of 61c per member. Of course, some of the clubs pay about 40c club dues. Even \$1.00 per year is a small membership fee in any organization.

SCHEDULE

January 12—Chowan H. D. C., 2:30 Community Building.
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January 13—Beech Fork H. D. C. 7:30, Mrs. Paul Ober.
January 14—Ward H. D. C., 2:30 Mrs. A. D. Ward, Jr.
January 15—Center Hill Community Development Committee meeting, 2:30 Community Center.

Tobacco Specialist Speaks To Growers

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as the crop is harvested. Other tobacco diseases affecting this area were discussed and control methods explained.

Mr. Nau is of the opinion that it is necessary for Chowan tobacco growers to use a black shank resistant variety but even a resistant variety must be used in as wide rotation as possible in order to avoid the disease. While Dixie Bright 101 is not considered a perfect tobacco variety, it has proven to be the most profitable of the black shank resistant varieties on an aver-

age throughout the state. Mr. Nau explained that Dixie Bright 101 must be allowed to get completely ripe before harvesting for best results. He also gave some valuable pointers on better and more efficient curing.

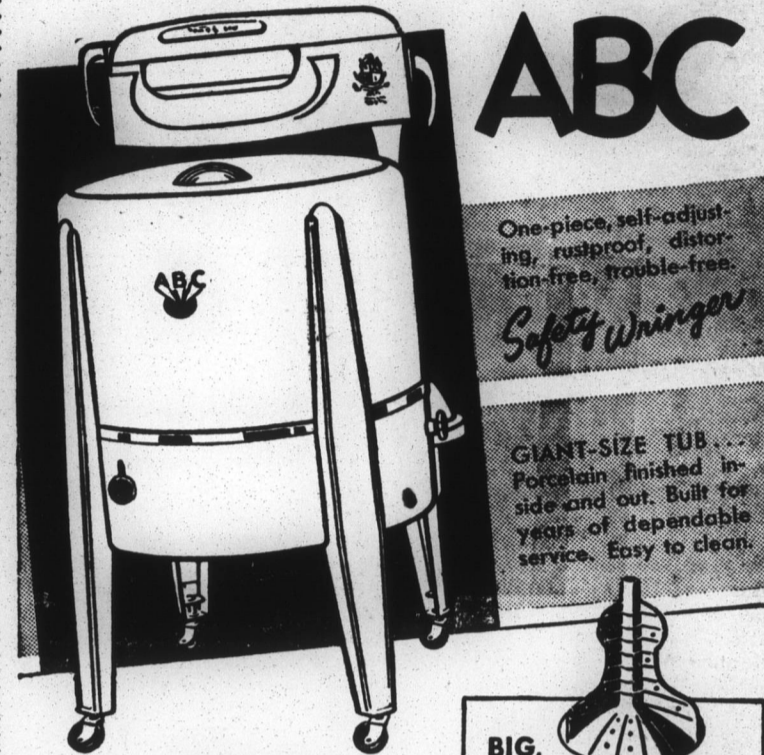
Patience is power; with time and patience the mulberry leaf becomes silk. —Chinese Proverb.

Character is that which can do without success. —Emerson.

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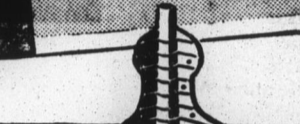
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