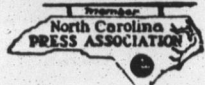


# The Chowan Herald

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## A LEFT FOR TODAY

★ The Light shineth in the darkness.—John 1:5. LIGHT is the symbol of Truth—the very shadow of God.

We thank Thee, Our Father, for the gift of Thy Son, the only way of Light and Life.

### Nearer Realization

That some progress is being made in the ultimate construction of a swimming pool in Edenton is reflected in the fact that a corporation has been organized to construct and maintain a pool.

The idea of a swimming pool has bobbed up in Edenton time and again over many years, but it never extended beyond the talking stage. Though there is plenty of water around Edenton, it has been declared unsafe for bathing purposes, so that the argument for a swimming pool has merit.

The most recent activity for a pool is headed by Jesse L. Harrell, president who thus far has been persistent, which trait is necessary if the project is to be realized.

With a corporation organized and the board of trustees representing just about every organization in town, the prospect of realizing a swimming pool appears more brighter than any time heretofore.

With the backing of the various organizations, which will be asked to appoint solicitors to try to raise funds, the going should not be so rough.

So optimistic are those backing the swimming pool movement that a request is made to suggest a name for it. Any ideas should be submitted to Jesse Harrell, who is president of the corporation. Of course, a name is necessary, but even more important is contributions with which this project can be carried out.

A swimming pool would be a great asset to Edenton in its efforts to provide adequate and worthwhile recreation for its youngsters.

### Splendid Record

All too often volunteer firemen are criticized, but citizens of Edenton have every reason to be proud of its Fire Department.

It is interesting to note that during 1953 Edenton's per capita loss by fire was held down to 30 cents when property involved amounted to \$369,500. Edenton, therefore, is fortunate that it has not had more than 63 alarms, as reported by Fire Chief R. K. Hall, and that in view of the property involved firemen were able to hold down the year's damage to \$1,571.

Edenton has reason to be proud of the fact that it has the oldest active fire chief in the nation, although he is at present confined to his home by illness, and at the same time proud of the group of volunteer firemen who risk their lives and give up the comforts of home to race out to fight fires whenever and under any kind of conditions when the alarm sounds. Their one desire is to prevent loss of life and property by fire, and in 1953 they have hung up a splendid record, for which they are to be congratulated.

### Help March of Dimes

If organization means anything the 1954 March of Dimes in Chowan County should be a success. Canvassers from the VFW Post, VFW Auxiliary and Degree of Pochontas have been allocated certain areas to canvass for contributions, some having already completed their work.

Organization, however, is not the only requirement for a successful campaign. Citizens must be in sympathy with the work done with this money, and be willing to make a contribution. It should be a case of many people giving a little rather than a few giving much.

Much progress has been made in the fight against infantile paralysis and if the victory is to be won, more

## HEARD & SEEN

BY "BUFF"

This area had its first real taste of winter early this week. Monday night sleet and snow produced a wintry scene, and also made traveling on foot and car difficult. After the Red Men's meeting Monday night the sleet had sealed my car so that I had a dickens of a time to get the door open, and after managing to get inside, so much ice had collected on the windshield that it took a long time for the defroster to make it possible to drive. I'm told that several people had to pour hot water on their cars in order to open the doors Tuesday morning. Tom Goodman had a rough time reading the light meters, too. One time, he said, his feet flew from under him and his sitting down place landed on top of his book which served as a sled for a ride about half way across the street. I didn't fall, but while walking I had about decided to walk backwards, for every time I took one step forward I slipped about two steps backward.

Some post office box holders were fooled last week. When they tried to unlock their boxes it appeared as though a key had been broken off so that the owner's key could not be inserted. However, when reporting it to the Assistant Postmaster Oscar Duncan, they were informed that the box was "operated" upon from inside, which was a gentle reminder that the box rent had not been paid. In other words, no box rent, no box service.

Many of my friends have asked me about my experience last week in connection with being arrested on a charge of "speeding" (at 50-55 miles per hour). "Were you really guilty?" one of 'em asked. "I certainly was not," was my reply. "Well, what did the judge say?" I was asked. Well, the judge must have been on my side for I didn't even hear him say "guilty." He didn't talk much, for all I heard him say was "ten dollars and costs."

At any rate, being arrested for "speeding" at about 50 miles per hour was not without some reward. At the Rotary Club's meeting Thursday afternoon Bill Harry made a "speech" during which I was presented a miniature racing car (it must be a Chevrolet) and with it was cited as a charter member of the Rotary Club's "Hot Rod Club."

Congressman Herbert Bonner is a thorough reader of The Herald and early this week he sent the following letter from Washington, D. C.:

"Dear Ed (Hot Rod): I read with a great deal of sympathy the editorial entitled 'Irony' and I am confident every word of it is correct. In such a serious vein I then turned to the column 'Heard & Seen' by 'Buff.' That old country squire tickled me. I reckon he is about right—very few of us drive as far as his customer has driven without making a few mistakes. "I always enjoy reading your paper and your column. Best wishes for the New Year."

Well, Congressman Bonner apparently believes me, but the judge didn't, nor did he believe the three witnesses who testified that I was not speeding.

At the Rotary meeting Thursday Charlie Overman asked Izzy Campen what the "H" stands for in his initials "H. A." Izzy hesitated a few seconds and said, the "H" is for "Handsome." Charlie replied, "Thank you, I thought it stood for 'Homely.'"

And then this one about Izzy Campen just reached me the other day. Izzy played the role of Santa Claus at Edenton's Christmas party on December 4 and, as usual met and greeted the youngsters on the Court House Green, asking them what they wanted for Christmas. Izzy spied one little fellow who didn't seem so happy and asked, "What do you want Santa Claus to bring you, son?" And Santa Claus soon got a reply. The boy said "Nothing, you fat-bellied so-and-so, you promised me a bicycle last year and you didn't bring it."

Hubert Williford had charge of the Rotary program Thursday afternoon and as he was walking to the front of the room he said he wanted to read an article which would consume 45 minutes. "Well," piped out another Rotarian, "I'll listen to the first 20 minutes of it." However, Hubert finished on time, and incidentally at the previous week's meeting Hubert won the prize for wearing the "loudest" vest or necktie received as a Christmas present. He was wearing a vest which made him look like an advance agent for a circus.

I'm somewhat in the same category as E. T. Rawlinson was shortly before Christmas when he put a Christmas present in the wrong car. I had a .22 calibre Winchester rifle in my car and it was stolen some time last week. I bought the gun from newspaper earnings when a boy and it has some sentimental value. Nope, I didn't have it in my car to use on a certain highway patrolman, so if anyone will return the gun to me I'll not ask any questions and will greatly appreciate it.

While getting a shoe shine in W. M. Rhoades' shoe shop the other day a fellow came in for a pair of shoes he had stretched for his wife. As he left the man said, "My wife is 54 years old and she has never bought a pair of shoes to fit her."

money will be needed this year than ever before. Think it over. Would you need financial assistance if polio struck home? Give your dimes and dollars to help overcome this baffling disease.

## Letter To Editor

2414 So. Ives St.  
Arlington 2, Va.  
Jan. 11, 1954

Editor, The Chowan Herald  
Edenton, North Carolina

Dear Sir:  
We read your editorial and news item in the Jan. 7th issue of The Chowan Herald to the effect that you were arrested by Patrolman B. W. Corey on a North Carolina highway and charged with driving 70 miles an hour when you were actually driving less than 55 miles per hour. Then after three competent witnesses had testified that you had not driven over 55 miles per hour Judge J. B. Davenport rendered a verdict of guilty and ordered you to pay a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

This doesn't sound like democratic America. Are you sure you didn't dream that you were driving in Russia and the Gestapo got you?

We all believe in safety on the highways and that the patrolmen should do their best to keep them that way. Of course we all know that persons who are continually violating the laws do not have any respect for the patrolmen, but the hard working honest citizen knows they have a job to do and should respect them. On the other hand the patrolmen should conduct themselves in a manner which would show that they are due the respect of all decent law abiding citizens.

When an honest and law abiding citizen is riding along the highways of the great State of North Carolina and a patrolman makes a mistake and charges him with something that he absolutely did not do and then in the face of definite evidence showing otherwise the judge upholds the patrolman in his error it certainly does not help to maintain a feeling of respect for the patrolman. Furthermore, one would expect to get justice in the courts. What are we coming to?

We would like to take a little trip down in N. C. but we don't want to have the uncomfortable feeling that we might be arrested when we are doing our best to obey the laws.

Very truly yours,  
O. E. Spivey

### Edenton Teams Downed By Williamston High

Williamston High School's basketball teams had little difficulty in defeating Edenton High School teams in the local gymnasium Tuesday night. The visiting boys won by a score of 54 to 41, while the Edenton girls lost by a count of 47-33.

The Williamston girls were paced by Pat Wynne, who scored 31 of her team's 47 points. Faye Haste led the Edenton girls with 16 points.

The Aces led the visitors at the end of the first quarter 14-12, but the Williamston cagers gradually forged ahead and led 25-21 at half time. In the third quarter the Aces scored only five points while the visitors ran wild to score 16 points, leading at the end of the quarter 41-26.

In the final quarter the Aces chalked up 15 points to Williamston's 13, with the final score being 54-41.

James Perry led the visitors with 21 points, followed by A. Hardison with 11. Batton and Wright tied for Edenton honors with 14 points each, followed by Byrum with 11.

### Senior Hi-Light

BY JANE YOUNT

This week the Seniors had the privilege of voting on the Senior Superlatives. Only the Seniors themselves know the result of this important vote and we are all anxiously awaiting the names of those who were honored by their classmates. The best of democratic procedures was used in this election, with nominations being from the floor and then voting from a secret ballot. Approximately one-half of the Seniors were told, received recognition for their outstanding qualities.

This week as our Senior Girl, we have chosen Emogene Rhoda Morgan. Emogene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan of 111 South Oakum Street. Emogene's main interests vary, but she especially like popular music, all sports, and Charles. She is an active and faithful member of the Baptist Church. She belongs to the High School Glee Club, and F. H. A. Club. She is a library assistant and has been one for three years. Emogene has not decided on her future plans but we feel that in whatever she decides, she will succeed.

And for our Senior Boy this week, we have chosen Robert Winifred Twiddy, otherwise known as "Fat." "Fat" is the son of Mrs. Edward Cuthrell of 409 East Queen Street. He is captain of our football team and quite naturally likes all sports. He has been on the football team for four years and the baseball team for two years. He is a member of the Monogram Club here in school and takes an active part in it. "Fat" is undecided about his future plans but we know that whatever he decides to do he will succeed.

A good action is never lost; it is a treasure laid up and guarded for the door's need.  
—Calderon.

## COTTON QUIZ

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### Christmas Seal Sale About Half Of Quota

Late last week John Mitchener, Jr., Christmas Seal chairman for Chowan County, announced that \$1,150 had been contributed up to that time. Since the county's quota is \$2,400, Chowan citizens have reached a little less than half of the goal.

Anyone who has not made a contribution for the fight against tuberculosis is urged to do so at once so that the drive can be completed.

### Mrs. Hector Lupton, Jr. Breaks Leg In Accident

Mrs. Hector Lupton, Jr., had the misfortune to trip and fall Friday night at the home of her husband's parents and as a result sustained a broken right leg near the ankle.

The young couple arrived from Raleigh to spend the week-end in Edenton shortly before the accident happened.

The victim is confined to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lupton and is getting along as well as can be expected.

### Play Friday Night At First Christian Church

A play, "What Would Jesus Do?" will be presented at the First Christian Church Friday night, January 15, at 8 o'clock. Taking part in the play will be members of Zion's Chapel Church of Christ near Roper.

This is the third presentation of the play by the Roper group and the public is cordially invited to attend.

### POCAHONTAS MEETING

Chowan Council, No. 54, Degree of Pochontas, will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall. Mrs. Hilda Bass, new Pochontas, urges every member to attend.

### St. John's Church Will Sponsor Dance Group

The St. John's Evangelist Episcopal Church is sponsoring the Orange Street Junior High School dance group of Fayetteville in a benefit program of creative dances at the Edenton High School on Friday night, January 15th, at 8 o'clock.

This group comes well recommended and a small admission charge will be made at the door.

### WINTERING IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Harrell left Edenton Sunday to spend the winter at West Palm Beach, Fla. They are making their home at 618 35th Street.

### First Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. At this meeting their first degree will be conferred. W. M. Rhoades, master of the lodge, urges all members to attend and extends a cordial invitation to visiting Masons.

### Certainly, Madam

Bride: "I would like to open an account at this bank, please."

Teller: "We shall be very glad to accommodate you. What amount do you wish to deposit?"

Bride (smiling): "Oh, I mean a regular charge account, such as I have at the department stores."

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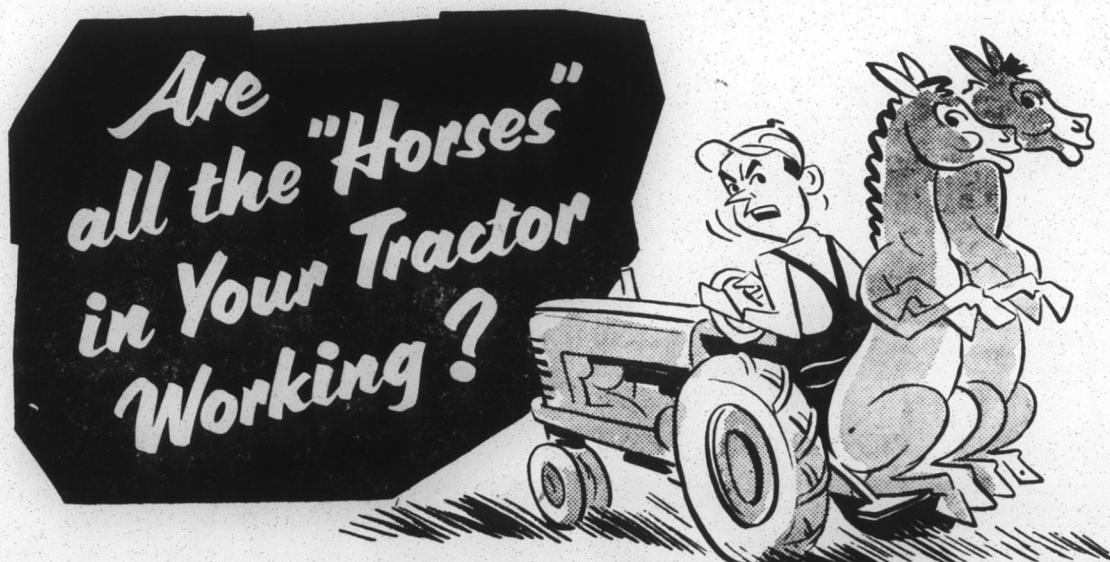
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