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A LIFT 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.

Advancing With Caution

Two problems face the Edenton Town Council, both of which have to do with the welfare and progress of the town. The two important matters concern zoning and extension of the city limits. A considerable amount of time has already been spent on the two projects and it is encouraging to note that the Councilmen have not plunged head-long into a hasty decision.

Rather, they are seeking all the information possible in order to be intelligently informed before any definite action is taken, and just about the most comprehensive explanation of zoning in particular up to the present time, was given Tuesday night by George Franklin of the League of Municipalities when Town Council and the Edenton Zoning Commission met jointly.

Zoning was considered in detail and many questions were asked by those present at the meeting, so that Mr. Franklin was employed to work with the Zoning Commission in further investigation of the feasibility of Edenton adopting a zoning ordinance.

It is rather significant that Edenton is the largest town in North Carolina which does not have a zoning ordinance and it is also significant that of all the towns and cities which have adopted zoning not a single one has been rescinded.

What has proved beneficial for the majority of North Carolina towns should also be good for Edenton, so that The Herald is favorably inclined to the adoption of a zoning ordinance.

New Era For Your Dollar

That dollar of yours has taken a fearful beating, so far as purchasing power is concerned. But things are looking up, in the view of Sylvia Porter, a widely syndicated writer on business affairs.

In one of her late columns she said: "It's a new era for your dollar. For the third consecutive year, the dollar you are earning, saving, spending, borrowing, lending or investing is a 'stable' dollar. Its buying power no longer is being slashed by vicious inflation—soaring prices, increasingly shoddy goods, black markets. Your dollar is holding its own. It is buying better quality goods and greater variety of products. It is becoming worthwhile to save because its value in the marketplace has steadied. At the same time, it is becoming more worthwhile to spend because it commands higher quality and variety of goods at stable prices."

We can see this situation in our retail stores today. Naturally, the dollar doesn't buy what it did in past times—current wages, taxes and other costs preclude that. But its value isn't going steadily downhill either. As Miss Porter also observed, "... it has regained respect and respectability." Let's all pray it keeps those characteristics.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

In an effort to boost membership in the Edenton Golf Club, A. B. Harless, president, sent me and no doubt some others a letter this week. Effective July 1, when the Marines take over the golf course, the dues will be \$5.00 per month, which is half of what they formerly were. Then, too, he says, the Marines will provide a much better course. The reduction in dues alone should be an incentive for former members, as well as newcomers to join the club, but not being altogether devoid of vanity, Mr. Harless' opening paragraph intrigued me. Wrote Mr. Harless, "As one of the original members and one of the BETTER PLAYERS of the Edenton Golf Club, we hope you will once again renew your membership." Yep, I was one of the original members, but who in the dickens have I ever beat playing golf. What the heck, is Harless getting ready to run for some kind of office?

Quite a number of people wondered why Old Glory was displayed in the business section Monday. Well, it was Flag Day—the national flag was adopted June 14, 1777. And speaking about flags, Jimmy Ricks informed me Monday morning that the Bishop Laundry has adopted a year-round policy of dry cleaning any American flag for a business concern or individual free of charge. Incidentally, some of the flags need a good cleaning and in a few instances a new flag wouldn't hurt a bit. Let's be grateful that we still have the opportunity and privilege to see the Stars and Stripes wave in the breeze.

I sort of lost track this year on the clocks in Campen's windows which decide the two winners of watches, one at the Edenton school and the other at Chowan High School. Anyway, members of the two graduating classes watched the clocks closely and when the hands stopped Harriett Bembridge was the winner in the Edenton school and Alvis Perry for Chowan High.

One of the boys at my home got a haircut the other day and his mother was scolding him for getting such a short haircut. "I didn't tell the barber to cut it so short," said the boy. "Well, what did you tell him?" asked his mother. "I just told the barber not to leave much hair on my head, that's all," was the boy's reply.

One day last week while his wife was still in the hospital following an operation, Harry Crumme carried her some flowers and a box of candy. "The flowers are beautiful," said Martha, "but I don't like that kind of candy." Harry was quick to respond, saying, "I made darn sure I bought the kind of candy I like."

Philip McMullan was the only Rotarian at last week's meeting who wore a coat. One of the Rotarians asked him why he didn't shed his coat and Philip said, "Do you want me to tell you why? Well, I'm wearing a torn shirt." "Torn shirt or not, it's too bloomin' hot lately to wear a coat at a Rotary meeting or church, either."

For a minute the other day I thought sure Cap'n Dick Hall, now only 88 years old, became bitten by the golf bug. From all appearances from my side of the street he was practicing with his cane in front of the fire station. However, upon going over to see how he was getting along I discovered that he was knocking cigarette butts from the sidewalk to the street with his cane, and so proficient has he become that he usually hits 'em out on the street with one wallop. Should we say a hole in one? Anyway, Cap'n Dick uses a cane, but he doesn't need glasses to see the cigarette butts, nor does he need 'em to read. If I resume playing golf, I'd like to have him as a caddy, not because of the distance I can hit a golf ball, but rather to find the bloomin' thing in the ditches and bushes.

Use Of Machines Will Be Feature Of Cotton Meeting

July 28-30 Session Will Place Emphasis On Mechanization

Highlighting the annual Beltwide Cotton Mechanization Conference to be held at Little Rock, Ark., July 28-30 will be a field demonstration of mechanized cotton farming, the National Cotton Council has announced.

The field demonstration will tie in with the general conference emphasis on mechanization of pre-harvest practices such as sub-soiling, seedbed preparation, planting and thinning methods, cultivation, weed control, insect and disease control, fertilizer placement, and irrigation.

A special effort will be made to show: (1) the contrast between good and bad crop disposal as it affects precision planting—both drilling to a stand and hill-dropping to a stand—can eliminate thinning operations; (2) how thinning operations can be mechanized with mechanical choppers and by cross-ploving; (3) How rotary hoes, flammers and chemicals can help eliminate hand labor in weed control; (4) how soil fumigation may aid in insect-disease control; (5) how fertilizer placement two inches to the side of the drill and three to four inches deep, compares with the old under-drill placement; (6) how cotton on sub-soiled land compares with cotton on land which has not been sub-soiled; (7) how cotton receiving supplemental irrigation compares with non-irrigated cotton.

Site of Demonstration
The site for the demonstration will be about 15 miles from the Arkansas capital on the farm of Harold A. Young, chairman of the National Cotton Council's board of directors.

Kyle Engler, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department of the University of Arkansas, is in charge of the demonstration phase of the conference.

Machines, chemicals, and new cotton production techniques are rapidly lowering the man-hour requirements, for producing cotton in the Southeast, the agricultural engineer observed.

Improved Practices
Irrigation, precision planting, vastly improved mechanical methods for weed control, chemical weed control,

insect control, and defoliation, all are making it possible for cotton farmers to avoid many of the bottlenecks and heartaches associated with cotton production, Mr. Engler declared.

Attending the sessions will be farm implement manufacturers, agricultural technologists (both public and private), producers, and industry leaders from all sections of the Cotton Belt. Approximately 700 persons are expected to attend the speaking sessions, while more than 1,000 will view the elaborate field demonstrations.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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Edenton Rotary Club meets today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

United Methodist Church of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

VFW Auxiliary meets tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the VFW hall.

Edenton Lions Club meets next Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Final BPW Club meeting of the summer will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Penelope Barker house.

I Knew Her When—

St. Peter was interviewing the fair damsel at the pearly gate.

"Did you while on earth," he asked, "indulge in necking, petting, smoking, drinking or dancing?"

"Never" she retorted emphatically.

"Then why haven't you reported sooner?" said Peter. "You've been lead a long time."

Important BPW Meet Is Scheduled Tonight

An important meeting of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Penelope Barker house. This will be the last meeting until fall, so that every member is especially urged to attend. Members are requested to come prepared to pay their annual dues.

So He'll Try Again

A blond flapper called at the hospital the day after the accident.

"I want to see the young man who was injured in the auto wreck last night."

"Are you the girl who has with him?" asked the nurse.

"Yes," was the reply, "and I thought it was only right to come and give him the kiss he was trying for."

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