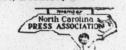
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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1954

## A LIFT FOR TODAY

We have found him .-- John 1:45.

America, and the other countries of the world, need a spiritual awakening which Christ only can give to those who accept him and know him as Saviour and Lord.

Our hearts are hungry for a living God, O Lord. Guide us to Calvary's Cross that we may see the up-lifted Saviour of men and find peace.

## Something Wrong Somewhere

Apparent lack of interest and, of course, a band which falls short of expectations, come in for some discussion at Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council and, unless more interest and progress is shown, the annual appromight be eliminated from the town's budget.

Prospects for continuation of the band are rather gloomy according to Director Ernest Gentile, who in-formed The Herald this week that at the present time he has only about 10 boys and girls to attend regular band practice sessions.

According to Director Gentile, three important mem-bers recently dropped out of the band, four take typing when band rehearsals are held, and nine practice with the Glee Club. Besides, one takes mechanical drawing, an-other is obliged to leave to work in the cotton mill, one is hopeless, another shows no interest in the band and two are not making much progress. In the group also are four beginners and three elementary pupils.

Mr. Gentile says he is very conscientious in his work and would like to turn out a good band for the school, but that with the present lack of interest and conflicting schedules of classes he is about ready to throw in the towel.

The Herald is not acquainted with the situation other than to sense the fact that the band is not as good as it has been, and on Monday night former members were pressed into service in order to make a good showing, which is not as it should be.

The Herald is of the opinion that a good high school band is just or more important not only to the school but the town as a whole, than a good football, baseball or basketball team or glee club. In fact, a football game lacks something and is mighty flat without a band on hand and then, too, more impetus and interest is develop-ed in any community affair, such as the Christmas and Halloween parties and other activities when the services

of a band are available. Whatever the difficulty is, The Herald hopes it will be solved to the end that students as well as citizens of Edenton will again be proud of its band.

HEARD & SEEN By "BUFF"

Jimmy Ricks was parading around town Friday after-noon with a box of cigars shortly after he became daddy of a daughter, little Elizabeth Burke Ricks, in Chowan Hospital about 3 o'clock. Of course, he gave me one, but it appeared to be a little stale. You see, Jimmy has had the cigars for two or three weeks, expecting any minute to distribute 'em. In fact, he just about accused the Missus of holding out in order to keep her name out of the paper. Anyway, here's congratulations to both of 'em for helping to increase Edenton's population.

A timely item at the football game Friday night would A timely item at the football game Friday light would have been a barrel of molasses. Both the Edenton and Roanoke Rapids boys had a hard time holding on to the ball, so that fumbles were very frequent—in fact too darned many for one game. At any rate, the Edenton Aces managed to win their opening game, so let's all go out Friday night to see 'em perform against Morehead

Sitting with the Missus in the bleachers I didn't show up in the press box, where the boys had on tap some hot coffee and cookies. They wanted to know where I was, but I'll turn up when it's more like hot coffee weather and too bloomin' cold to be sitting on the seats.

Town Council now has an agenda for its meetings, so that it is necessary to be included before the meeting is held in order to be given a hearing. It's good the reading of the minutes of the last meeting is on the agenda, for at Tuesday night's meeting Clerk Ernest J. Ward, Jr., read minutes of five meetings held since the regular August meeting. None the Councilmen are not regular August meeting. Nope, the Councilmen are not paid on a per diem basis.

An open meeting will be held in Elizabeth City Friday night at 8 o'clock to hear any objections with rela-tion to the speedboat regatta planned for October 2-3 in the Pasquotank River. Gosh, is somebody going to object to that, too?

Free schools in North Carolina aren't so free after all—ask the parents of kids in school. At any rate, when a certain boy came home from high school when school a certain boy came home from high school when school opened he told his mother he had to have in the neigh-borhood of \$8.00 to take back to school. "Holy smoke," she said, "You'll have to get your education in the gram-mar grades." But they catch 'em there, too, by gosh, for one thing or another. And speaking of free schools, when I was a youngster it cost nary a cent to go to school, not even for paper and pencils. That's what I call free schools call free schools.

Thank goodness, Hurricane Edna skipped us just about like Hurricane Carol did. Here's one who'll be glad when the hurricane season will be over, and further that none takes a crack at us.

Some fishing trips aren't so hot, especially like one I shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday morn-took Saturday. I paid Kermit Layton two bucks for a ing when some gasoline ignited at the boat, went out beyond the pound net stakes, at Sandy Bridge Turn Service Station as a Point, cut a piece of bait, fished about two minutes, came back to shore, unloaded and went home. Why Kermit allows the Sound to get so rough in so short a time 1 can't understand. However, the one good thing about such fishing trips is that after returning home a fellow doesn't have to further wear himself out by cleaning fish.

This week several news items were obliged to be omitted, for which I'm sorry. However, we must have new in the office by Tuesday. Wednesday morning is usual ly too late and this week two items were sent in after ncon when The Herald was being printed. I'm anxiou to get news, but we must have it on time.





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