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A LIFT FOR TODAY

★ Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.—Psalms 27:14.

WITH PATIENCE bear the lot to thee assigned, nor think it chance, nor murmur at the load; for know what man calls fortune, is from God.—Rowe.

merciful Father, grant us a portion of the patience that Thou hast shown to us and grant us Thy healing power in our hearts.

Important Issue At Stake

For many years a problem has existed in Edenton regarding firemen answering calls to fight fires in the rural section of Chowan County. So far as The Herald knows, not a single time has deaf ears been turned toward a call for help.

But for firemen to go beyond the city limits to fight fires means not only sacrifice of time on the part of volunteer firemen, but creates hazards which could easily result in a wreck and possible injury or death to those who rush to the scene of a fire. And from another angle, it costs money to operate and maintain a fire department which is paid for solely by the taxpayers of Edenton, thus giving this service to rural people without sharing in the cost.

It is true that sometimes the firemen answer a call for help, but due to the distance are unable to do very much to save a house or barn from being consumed by flames. But on the other hand many times a fire has been brought under control, not to mention the times when a fire was prevented from spreading, thus saving the loss of other property.

On Saturday, June 11, those people who live in Chowan County outside the Edenton city limits and who have registered for a special election will have an opportunity to cast a ballot to determine if they desire to have fire protection and pay a fair share of the cost. In the election the issue is whether or not a levy of 10 cents on the \$100 property valuation should be assessed to pay for fire protection.

A recommendation has been made by the Chowan Fire Commission that if the election is carried, a new fire truck be purchased and a new fireman employed, with both stationed at the Edenton Fire Department to be ready to answer any call to fight fires in the county. This recommendation was only to start in the direction of solving the fire protection problem in the county. It may not be adequate and after a trial some other plan might be worked out which can provide better protection. It may be possible that later an auxiliary fire station will be located more closely to the center of the county, but to make a start the Fire Commission recommended the new truck and fireman as a basis to determine the efficiency of a program of fire protection.

The general feeling among rural residents is that fire protection is desired and that those affected are willing to pay their proportionate share of the expense. However, the election was called to definitely decide the issue, so that every qualified voter is urged to cast a ballot one way or the other in the election.

Needs Help

Edenton for many years has been a hot bed for baseball and so that this great American pastime might not pass out of the picture in Edenton, Alton Brooks has agreed to manage an Edenton team in the Albemarle League this season. The league season is scheduled to open Tuesday, June 7, with the first home game to be played on Hicks Field Thursday night of next week.

It is quite a job to round up and manage a baseball team in order to have a winning combination and with it goes the matter of expenses. Mr. Brooks' only source of revenue at present is selling season tickets which are good for all games played on the Edenton diamond. To be sure, fans can expect to see some good games as well as some sorry games, which is not uncommon in any class of baseball.

The only interest Mr. Brooks has in taking on the duties and problems of manager is to provide wholesome recreation and pastime for lovers of baseball in Edenton. He should not be required to rack his brain due to financial worries, so that fans should rally to his support and purchase season tickets in order to provide the necessary funds needed at the outset. Coach Alton Brooks will do his share of the work to have baseball in Edenton this summer, but it is more than a one-man job. He needs help.

HEARD & SEEN

BY "BUFF"

Every once in a while an editor receives an encouraging letter, which was the case early this week when I had a letter from the Paul Weathersbee family, now living at Williamsburg, Va. Said Mr. Weathersbee:

"Dear Buff—Thanks for forwarding the paper to our new address. I have enjoyed the paper very much from the very first issue I received. The family and myself have missed all our friends in Edenton since we moved away and in your paper we can keep up with most of the things which happen. It seems to me that a town and its people are much like an old favorite pair of shoes—you never know how comfortable they are until you've lost them. Give my regards to all the fine people of Edenton. We intend to make frequent visits and renew old acquaintances. P. S. Tell Grandpa Ralph R. Hall he can just send my stogie in the mail."

At this season of the year various trophies, awards and other honors are presented to members of the graduating classes. It was while the Rotarians last week were discussing presentation of the Rotary Cup that Tick Elliott said the only cup he knows anything about while going to school was the Cup of Wrath.

And speaking about the Rotarians, last week the Edenton Rotary Club Echoes, weekly sheet edited by Bill Cozart, had a group of words which the Rotarians were to determine if correctly spelled and what they mean. Among the words were: Paroxysm, innuendo, syzygy, pituitary and infinitesimal. Elton Forehand was asked what infinitesimal means and his answer was: "The lower part of the intestines." Well, the word sounds something like intestines anyhow.

Like other businesses, running a newspaper has its headaches, one of which occurred last week. Two pictures were sent away for the purpose of making cuts to appear in The Herald, but somehow or other the cuts were never sent back and nobody seems to know anything about them. The two pictures were Peggy Perry, who for the third time won the medal for high school music at Chowan High School and the other was Miss Juanita Bennett, whose wedding to Hugo Michael Calaci is scheduled to take place Sunday afternoon, June 5, at 4 o'clock in the Christian Church. I'm just as sorry as can be that the pictures went astray or whatever happened that I did not receive the cuts.

Masons enjoyed a splendid fish fry Tuesday night and the women (God bless 'em) added an extra touch by baking pies and serving slices as dessert. There were so many different kinds that the pie looked more like a decoration on the table than dessert. Anyway, Jess Wilson picked out a piece of coconut custard and after eating it, he said, "I'd like to eat another piece, but I'm afraid it will make me feel uncomfortable." But about that time Walter Wilkins picked up a second slice and said, "That's exactly what I aim to do."

And speaking about eating, Ernest Kehayes invited West Byrum, Ernest Ward, Jr., and yours truly around to his restaurant for breakfast at 7:30 Wednesday morning. Ernest served covered shad, which is a new dish so far as I'm concerned. All four of us agreed that it was a tasty breakfast and rather exclusive, if you please, even following the Masonic fish fry only the night before. Anyhow, here's one who likes the new (or isn't it new?) way of eating shad long after the shad season is over.

Governor Luther Hodges and all the highway patrolmen are going all out on the "Slow Down and Live" program. Patrolman Mack Rogerson is keenly interested in safer driving and points out that the "in a hurry" driver is a menace to everyone on the road. He is very anxious to see no highway accidents in this neck of the woods and is talking himself almost hoarse in saying "Slow Down and Live." We are now in the midst of a traveling spree, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, so we all should eliminate excessive speed, driving too fast for conditions, following cars too closely, failing to yield right of way and improper passing—all major contributions to automobile accidents.

Business must be sort of bad for some of Edenton's merchants, for the other day I heard one say, "I haven't heard my cash register ring a single time so far this morning." Well, there's one consolation, the bloomin' cash register should not get out of fix quite so soon.

According to reports, fish are biting like hot cakes. J. A. Wheeler came in with a few nice stringers lately and one fellow said, "Well, if Wheeler catches a mess of fish, they sure are biting." It might be a good time for One-fish Malone to try his luck.

Gentle Comments On His Resignation

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gress was being made with the band. Since the Edenton High School Band was placed under the supervision of the school, the band parents took it for granted that under the supervision of the school everything would be O. K. How wrong they were in their judgment. Now let us examine the record.

"First, I was deprived of the band room for band practice. I was at a dead standstill for three months, then it was decided to give me the workshop room.

"I was informed by the principal that the band annoyed the school students. Second I was deprived of band students for private instruction because they would not be released from the 7th and 8th grades. This had a great affect upon the morale of the band and quite a few quit. Third, I was deprived of my full band members at the 6th period. Therefore, out of a class of 36 band students, I was lucky if I could get 7 to 13 students at one time. Among the many obstacles were restrictions to not more than four trips out of town during school time and no night drills for football games. Because of these unfortunate conditions and many others too numerous to mention, I was unable to put on a good performance for the football games.

"I, alone, have fought desperately against these conditions, with

no help from the band parents, or the president of the Band Association.

"Therefore, suffice to say, the Edenton High School Band is a dream of the past.

"In leaving Edenton I wish to say I leave with many fond memories and associations, especially the years of 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953. These parents know what they wanted and demanded the best for their children. It was a pleasure to serve you."

Resuscitator Given Hospital Nursery

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have been raised in various ways, including pencil sales on election day, bake sales and contributions by the membership as well as money received through the Memorial Fund.

The ladies of Chowan Hospital Auxiliary are to be commended for the fine job they have done. They have worked hard and spent considerable time in an effort to make the nursery a credit to the hospital. The community is, indeed, very proud of them.

MacKenzie Preaches Sermon To Seniors

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sion of wealth does not mean a truly successful life," he said. Mr. MacKenzie, referring to science, said it will not answer all

of our needs and when in peace and prosperity for with the A-bomb it is possible to blow man off the earth. "Only Christianity can save the world," he said, "and I urge you to build your foundation on the saving grace of Jesus Christ and take Jesus as a goal. Wealth, prestige and knowledge will all be left behind, but by faith one can set Jesus Christ as a goal, for only He can provide the real meaning of life. Only as Jesus is the center of life will you have something to live for."

CIVIC CALENDAR

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Edenton Chapter No. 51, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in the Masonic Temple Monday night, June 6, at 8 o'clock.

Wildlife Commission will hold a meeting for the First District in the Court House Friday night, June 3, at 7:30 o'clock to consider tentative hunting regulations for the 1955-56 season.

Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Chowan County I-H Elimination Day will be held Friday, June 17.

VFW Post meets in VFW home Tuesday night of next week.

The Fidelis Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Chowan County Fair will be held October 17 to 22.

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

Ed Bond Post, No. 40, of the American Legion is sponsoring dances at the Legion hut every Saturday night from 8 to 12 o'clock.

Fund raising drive for the Edenton swimming pool still in progress.

VFW Post home open every Friday and Saturday nights for members and guests.

An election will be held in Chowan County (excluding Edenton) Saturday, June 11, from 6:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M., to determine if a 10-cent tax is to be levied for rural fire protection.

Albemarle League will open the 1955 season Tuesday night, June 7 with Edenton playing in Elizabeth City and Chowan at Colerain.

Edenton will play its first home game of the Albemarle League season on Hicks Field Thursday night, June 9, with Colerain. Chowan is scheduled to meet NAF on the same night but with lights not yet installed, the game will be played Saturday afternoon, June 11, on the Chowan diamond.

Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold a hay ride and weiner roast Friday evening, June 3, at 7 o'clock.

Edenton Methodist Church will conduct its annual vacation Bible school Monday through Friday, June 6-10.

Young Woman's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet at the church Tuesday night, June 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

Chowan County Commissioners will hold their June meeting in the Court House Monday morning, June 6, at 10 o'clock.

ROTARIANS MEET TODAY

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. Gerald James will be in charge of the program and President Gilliam Wood urges a 100 per cent attendance.

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Read these facts and you'll know why volunteers are urgently needed for the **GROUND OBSERVER CORPS!**

IT'S A FACT that the Reds have recently completed several huge air bases in northern Russia from which they can reach any point in the United States.

IT'S A FACT that, at these new bases, the Reds have stationed about 1000 heavy bombers—enough to blast 89 top U. S. cities at a single blow leaving eleven million casualties!

AND, WORST OF ALL, IT'S A FACT that should such an attack occur, the Red bombers have a good chance of successfully carrying out their mission because of a serious lack of volunteers in the Ground Observer Corps.

To combat an enemy air attack effectively, our Air Force interceptor planes...now on twenty-four hour duty...require an early warning. Unfortunately, our Radar alone can not be depended upon to give this all-important warning because of its inability to spot low flying aircraft. *Only the human eye and ear can do this job.* That is why the Ground Observer Corps is so important and why volunteers are so urgently needed for this vital civilian arm of our air defenses.

Sometimes the Red leaders talk sweet; sometimes they talk tough. But so long as the Iron Curtain still exists, we must not relax our "Sky Watch." So won't you join the 250,000 patriotic men and women who already wear the silver wings of the Ground Observer Corps? Take another look at the picture above...then, ask yourself if you don't think two hours a week is worth giving to protect your country, your town, your family!

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