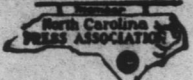


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We Salute 'Em

The Herald salutes the six Edenton firemen who have been connected with the Fire Department for from 25 to 40 years, and who were recently presented 25-year buttons in recognition of this long service, most of whom are voluntary firemen.

The group, who represent 172 years of service, includes Al Owens, Skinner White, Tom Goodman, Frank Hughes, Willie H. Bunch and Clyde Adams.

The Fire Department at present is made up of four paid firemen and 23 volunteers, all of whom take a great deal of pride in the Department and have over the years been very loyal and at times made great sacrifices and faced danger in order to fight a great enemy—fire.

At present the fire station is inadequate to even house all of the necessary equipment, much less provide ample quarters for the firemen in their regular duties as well as recreational activities which goes to hold interest among the group.

Edenton's firemen, of course, like any other person working for the public, have often been criticized for this or that, but on the whole they are a loyal and efficient group of men having as their paramount purpose saving of lives and holding down damage caused by fire—man's best friend and at times his worst enemy.

Destroying The Irreplaceable

About 150 years ago, John James Audubon, the painter of the monumental "Birds of America," estimated that he saw 2 billion passenger pigeons at one time. They darkened the sky and whitened the earth as they passed. The last passenger pigeon died in a mid-western zoo early in this century, and the species is now extinct.

Less than one century ago, buffalo roamed the Western plains in vast herds. Now only a comparative handful are left.

The giant whooping crane was once known in great numbers. Now only about 30 have been counted in the Florida sanctuary to which they migrate, and there is grave fear that this species may soon go the way of the passenger pigeon.

The tragedy is that we can destroy wildlife resources—destroy them relatively quickly. But we can bring them back from the brink of destruction only with the greatest difficulty—and often we cannot bring them back at all.

It is a rare American who has no stake and no interest in the out-of-doors and its creatures. In a recent years something like 14 million fishing licenses were sold. Many millions go hunting. Untold numbers go to the streams, the mountains, the seashores and the forests for recreation and restoration of the spirit. Is it not the part of the most elementary wisdom—selfish wisdom—for everyone to help conserve these resources to the limit of his ability?

Carelessness, ignorance, and exploitation are enemies we must fight. Fire, stream pollution, game hogs, the litterbugs who leave trails of trash and filth—these menace the existence of the irreplaceable. Don't be one of them.

Apathy And Polio

We Americans were generous when we contributed millions of dollars to fight paralytic polio.

We were triumphant when, after years of research, our scientists developed a vaccine against it and the number of cases dropped 47 per cent last year.

Now we are shocked to hear that, according to a recent estimate, 58 million Americans under 40 who should get this simple, effective protection have neglected to do so.

What is the word for this neglect? Polio authorities, like the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, call it *apathy*. The dictionary defines apathy as "lack of interest" or "indifference".

But can anybody afford to be indifferent about polio? When it strikes it leaves ruin in its wake—crippled bodies, disrupted homes, wage-earners unable to go on with their chosen work.

Indifference in the face of this kind of risk is folly. Better roll up your sleeve and vaccinate before it's too late!

"The hen is the only thing we know of that can lay around and make money."—The Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Journal.

Heard & Seen By Buff

At the ball game Tuesday night one of the players was scratching a hole at home plate with his spikes, when one of the high school boys yelled, "Hey, stop digging that hole for we'll have to fill it up when we go back to school." But another boy sitting nearby said, "Heck, boy, talk about anything else but going back to school." Well it's only a little more than four weeks until fun and loafing will be over.

Cub Scouts, as well as some of the parents, had a wonderful time at the playground Tuesday night when a number of games were played and the whole works filled up with watermelon. In one event, a foot race, the Cub Scouts came very near being embarrassed. While lining up for the event Mary Allison Leach, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. John Leach, decided to get in the line and for a while it looked as though she would come in ahead of all the boys. However, she managed to win fourth place, which is far better than a lot of the Cub Scouts did. What Mary Allison can't quite understand is why a prize was not awarded for fourth place. Anyway, she gave the boys a run for their money and was right on the heels of the winners.

That Marine families take a liking to Edenton is reflected in a brief letter from Mrs. J. J. Corr, now living in Winston-Salem. Said Mrs. Corr: Enclosed is check for renewal of The Herald. We have greatly enjoyed the news of that area during the past year—especially the NAAS Notes and your editorial page. All activity ceases at this household on Friday (the day The Chowan Herald arrives) until it is read from cover to cover. Not only do we enjoy it, but numerous copies, or clippings from the paper have been sent to friends formerly stationed at NAAS, now stationed elsewhere, so it serves a two-fold purpose." Sgt. Maj. Joseph J. Corr was formerly stationed at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station.

It was a very unique sight Friday when over 50 old model automobiles chugged out Broad Street in the sixth annual tour of the Horseless Carriage Club sponsored by Esso. Models dated as far back as 1904 and those in the cars were attired in somewhat of the dress of the times. Time was when the various cars in the line of march were the stuff, but there's been quite a change.

The 1957 official North Carolina highway map is being distributed and included on the map are over a dozen North Carolina scenes. But nary a picture pertaining to Edenton is on the map. We're losing quite a bit of business in Edenton, but are we losing our historical points, too?

Somebody wanted to talk to one of the boys in the shop the other day and I said, "All right, hold the phone." But a reply came back; "It's too heavy, but I'll try to hold this end."

A postcard from Ray Childers, who is now at Dunedin, Florida, says: "This place is only good for swimming, fishing, boating, golfing, rest and relaxation—soaking it all in."

Then Frank Muth over at Snow Hill sends me this little poem:

MR. NOBODY
I know a funny little man as quiet as a mouse,
Who does the mischief that is done in everybody's house.
There's no one ever sees his face,
And yet we all will agree
That every plate we break was cracked by Mr. Nobody.

Tis he who always tears our books,
Who leaves the door ajar,
He pulls the buttons from our shirts,
And scatters pins afar.
That squeaking door will always squeak,
For Prithie, don't you see,
We leave the oiling to be done
By Mr. Nobody.

He puts damp wood on the fire,
That kettles cannot boil,
His are the feet that bring in the mud,
And all the carpets soil.
The papers are always mislaid,
Who had them last but he?
There's no one tosses them about
But Mr. Nobody.

The finger marks on the door,
By no one of us is made,
We never leave the blinds unclosed
To let the curtains fade.
The ink we never spill, the boots that lying
around you see
Is not our boots, they all belong
To Mr. Nobody.

The county dock was a scene of activity on Wednesday afternoon of last week when in the neighborhood of 100 youngsters gathered to participate in the first fishing rodeo ever held in Edenton. The boys had a lot of fun and managed to catch some fish in a contest for

which very nice prizes were offered by Edenton merchants. The only trouble with the rodeo is that it's likely to develop even more Nimrods who will help crowd the local fishing grounds. Anyway, Coach Alton Brooks is to be complimented for arranging the rodeo as a very worthwhile phase of recreation of Edenton's youngsters.

Asa Griffin sent in a pile of watermelons for a Red Men watermelon cutting Monday night, so that everyone on hand went away with a belly full. Watermelons generally are not as large as in previous years due to dry weather, but what they lack in size is made up in taste. Here's one who has eaten Florida, Georgia and South Carolina melons this summer, but none can beat the Chowan County product.

Running around quite a bit this summer maybe I'll have to take a trip to California. Mrs. Helen Pressgrove, who lives at Van Nuys, in a brief note had this to say in renewing her subscription: Enclosed please find my check for the renewal of my subscription to The Herald. I would be lost if it failed to come each Monday morning. Even though I get it later than the folks back there, it is nice to hear the news from Edenton. It is wonderful living here in California. If you have never been here, you should visit it some time."

GUILD MEETS AUGUST 6

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church will meet Tuesday night, August 6, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Leslie Morgan. All members are especially urged to attend.

"E" WIVES CLUB MEETING

The "E" Wives Club will hold a business meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Special Services Building at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station. All members are especially urged to attend.

NO COMMENT

By JAMES W. DOUTMAY

Washington—Some members of Congress say the clean-up movement in organized labor shows signs of becoming a flop.

Defiance of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee is already seen in actions within the teamsters union. It is similarly expected in the bakery workers union. An immediate result may be to increase pressure on the

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Senate Rackets Committee, headed by Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) to broaden the scope of its inquiry to all parts of the country.

Exposure of labor union corruption and hoodlumism is regarded by some Congressmen as the best method of bringing about a clean-up in the near future. More and more legislators voice the opinion that legislation will be necessary to halt union corruption.

Legislation now is pending in Congress to this end, but no action is foreseen soon. The legislation includes: (1) Abolition of compulsory unionism; (2) Reversing court decisions permitting the federal government to pre-empt rights of states; (3) Removing union antitrust law exemption.

Seriousness of the problem within organized labor is emphasized by some members of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee. A. J. Hayes, chairman of the committee, has been quoted as saying that "Organized labor needs the help of government, needs the help of industry, needs the help of business, and others" in eliminating whatever wrongs may be in the trade union movement.

Meantime, the McClellan Committee is completing preliminaries of its proposed hearings on labor union corruption in the New York area. One witness has turned over books which may help in uncovering "paper" local unions set up by labor racketeers in New York.

Economy Drive Continues—The economy drive in Congress continues. This is due to failure of Congress to enact all appropriation bills by commencement of the new fiscal year on July 1. Opportunity to save billions of

dollars still exists.

The Senate restored approximately \$1 billion out of \$2.5 billion cuts made in the Defense Department Appropriation Bill by the House.

The Administration won a victory in enactment of a new Foreign Aid Authorization Bill in the Senate, but final triumph is in doubt. The House may change the Senate bill, lowering the authorization and placing other restrictions in the measure. Further, once the authorization bill is passed, appropriations must be voted separately.

The goal of the "economy bloc" in Congress is to cut the \$3.8 billion authorized by the Senate to an even \$3 billion. This would represent a real victory, since the original program of the administration totaled \$4.4 billion. Success or failure of the economy movement, which startled the country—and especially Washington politicians—still hangs in the balance.

Civil Rights Debate—The historic civil rights debate in the Senate may block much legislation of importance to business. This could result in many bills of this character being acted upon next winter—during a political year. Thus uncertainties for business could be increased!

Once the civil rights fight is ended, however, there may be a rush to pass important measures in a week or 10-day period before adjournment. If so, big spending advocates would make every effort to push through programs involving huge future commitments. Pre-adjournment rush periods also are often employed by the advocates of big government to force action on measures to this end.

Easy Choice
"Guilty," said the Judge. "I'll give you ten days or \$20."
"I'll take the \$20, Judge," said the accused.

A small group of wise thinkers is better than a wilderness of dullards and stronger than the might of empires.
—Mary Baker Eddy.

Too Late To Classify

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