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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful sound unto him with psalms.—Psalm 95:2.

Best of all is it to preserve everything in a pure, still heart, and let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song—Gesner.

We praise Thee, Almighty God, for the manifold blessings which Thou hast showered upon us.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1958.

Light On The Subject

With a \$55,000 bond election scheduled to be held in Edenton Tuesday, February 16, a number of questions on the part of citizens have been raised. Meeting Friday, the Board of Public Works made some decisions which should clarify some of these questions before voters go to the polls to cast their ballot.

As is generally understood, the Board of Public Works anticipates paying the bulk of this indebtedness from earnings, but in so doing it is not planned to transfer any more money to the town's general fund. This, of course, means that Edenton's tax rate must obviously be increased in order to meet operating expenses.

The Board of Public Works has decided that under the sewage expansion program, water rates will remain the same as at present and that electric rates and discounts shall remain the same.

As to the sewerage charge, it has been decided to base this charge upon the consumption of water. The cost for sewerage service will be 50 per cent of the water bill.

These are answers to some of the questions asked by interested citizens and, of course, there may be others which Board of Public Works members will be glad to answer.

It is also generally understood that if Edenton voters defeat the bond election, the state is equipped with authority to construct a sewage disposal plant in accordance with instructions from the State Stream Sanitation Commission. If this becomes necessary it is also the general opinion that the cost will be much greater and will, of course, have to be paid by Edenton taxpayers, whether they like it or not.

Most people in Edenton realize the situation as it exists, and by far the majority express themselves as favorable to the bond issue. However, there is some opposition coming, so far as The Herald understands, due to lack of extension of sewer lines to the Cypress Lodge area and Jackson Street development, which was left out of the project due to the added cost.

Objection or not, Edenton voters have little choice in the election, for they will be obliged to pay for a sewage disposal plant if they vote for it or not. The only difference is that by voting for the bond issue the cost, according to information available, will be considerably lower than if the state does the job.

The project will cost a lot of money in either case, and even if the bonds and interest is retired from electric, water and sewer earnings, the Edenton tax rate will of necessity have to be increased. For many years the Board of Public Works has each year turned over a substantial amount to the town's general fund. This source of revenue will, of course, be terminated and the only other way the town fathers have for raising money for the town's operation is by taxation.

However, progress in any field of activity necessitates expenditure of money, and the town is no different from any other kind of business. For many years Edenton has not had any indebtedness, but there are very few towns and cities and even business concerns who do not owe money. Edentoniens have been fortunate in having a tax rate as low as it has been for many years, but that time appears to be one of the things of the past.

With the bond election only a little over two weeks in the offing, Edenton voters should give thought and consideration to the situation as it exists and strive to become as enlightened as possible.

Just Why Not?

Mention has been made in the Three P's column which appears weekly in The Herald, as well as a letter to the editor concerning a telephone at the Shepard-Pruden Library. Just why a telephone is not at this library is hard to understand.

The library is a source of information just as much so as a newspaper office, the Court House, the schools, etc., and what sort of a newspaper office, Court House or schools would we have without the services of a tele-

Heard & Seen By Buff

was pretty stumped down cold over the week-end and on Saturday I said to Wilborne Harrell, "Wilborne, it's pretty cold around the edges." But it didn't take Wilborne long to reply, "You bet your life, and around the middle, too." Anyway, at this writing it has moderated, so that Wilborne is working without wearing his overcoat.

Celia Spivey called in the office Monday and said, "I must have three affidavits for a legal notice for the town." "I'm not going to bother with you," I told her. But she snapped back, "If you don't fix up those affidavits, I'm going over there and clean up your desk." Well, if you take a look at said desk, you'll soon realize that I fixed up the affidavits for her.

Little Rita Mayo and Bonnie Conger happened to wander in the bank lobby one day last week and as they looked at the sign "John A. Kramer, Executive Vice President" at his desk, Rita said to Bonnie, "He must be the principal." As they were on their way out, Bonnie spied the sign "Bonds" at Mrs. George I. Dail's desk. Peeping up at Mrs. Dail, she asked, "Are you related to me?" Mrs. Dail promptly replied, "No, honey, I don't believe I am." Bonnie hesitated a few seconds and then replied, "Well, I thought you were because you look just like my grandmother." Yep, some of us are beginning to look old.

A few nights ago I was talking to William Ed McPherson, handy man and grave digger for Williford's Funeral Home. I hadn't seen him for a little spell, so I asked him, "Don't you work for T. B. Williford any more?" He hesitated a bit and then said, "Well, you just die and you'll find out if I work for the Williford Funeral Home."

Mayor John Mitchener, like myself, must often call at the Post Office window for packages too large for the box. The other morning John went to the window, but saw nobody. He then yelled, "All right, one of you Sextons get up here and get my package." But he didn't wait very long until he said, "And remember, old men and women do not use profanity."

Red Men held an honest-to-goodness good oyster roast Monday night, with E. L. Hollowell having a nice warm place fixed up for the affair at the veneer mill. That gang made a big pile of oysters look sick, and everybody ate their fill. At any rate one of the tables was placed near the steaming outfit, so that the oysters would not have to be carried so far. For at that table was Gus Bunch, Willie T. Bunch, Milton Bunch, Kenneth Worrell and Caswell Edmundson. Of course, Hawk Crumney was crowded out, but he, too, was pretty near the steaming outfit. That crowd was still eating oysters when I left, but I forgot to check to see if they had finished Tuesday morning.

Then another first class oyster roast was held Tuesday night by members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion. The oysters were roasted outdoors, but they were carried inside the building, so that it was very comfortable. Not only did they have oysters, but along with them were shrimp cocktails, hot coffee, SOFT drinks, crackers and even napkins. Besides, a lot of the fellows filled up cups with oysters and sat down at tables to enjoy eating 'em. It was hard to figure out the biggest oyster eater, but Lloyd Briggs and Earl White must have been pretty close to being the champ. Of course, Jordan Yates and a few others put away a gang of oysters and then observed sort of a recess before taking on another serving. Incidentally, besides yours truly, a number of others at the Legion oyster roast also were on hand at the Red Men roast the night before. One of the Legionnaires said his wife told him before leaving home not to eat so many oysters—because they have a lot of calories.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the John A. Holmes High School is sponsoring the Joe Franklin Show in the Elementary School auditorium Saturday night, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The PTA needs money so that Dr. L. F. Ferguson, as well as all members of the PTA are hoping the auditorium will be filled to capacity. An evening of wholesome entertainment is assured and for those who don't want to go to bed early, a dance in the armory will follow the entertainment.

The Herald understands that the Shepard-Pruden Library is the only library in the state in a town the size of Edenton which does not have a telephone.

Can the directors or board of trustees advance any legitimate reason why there is not a telephone at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Favors Recreation In Edenton For Teenagers

Dear Buff:

The thought-provoking letter from Bud Parker, and the item in your column about the lack of recreational facilities for young people here in Edenton touch upon a situation about which I have been long concerned.

I can speak with authority about roller skating. On three different occasions Presbyterian young people have joined with the young people of the Edenton Baptist Church to rent the roller skating rink in Elizabeth City, and on each occasion have had more who wished to go than we had room for. Each Monday I have been taking one of our Sunday School classes there, and always we have met other people from Edenton. Last Monday there were four carloads of people from Edenton at the skating rink near Elizabeth City, and on more than one occasion there have been more people from Edenton there than Elizabeth City people. Several of our local young people own their own roller skates.

Surely a roller skating rink here would pay; smaller communities than ours have them (Micaville, North Carolina, for example, which has a population of about one-hundred). There are several buildings here that could be adapted for roller skating without too much trouble: The Armory, the American Legion building, the Eden Theatre, for example.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with anyone who is interested. If one of our local clubs would be interested in sponsoring one night, say, of roller skating each week, I would be willing to lend them the use of roller skating music and sound equipment.

Sincerely,
James MacKenzie

Community Progress Prizes Are Awarded

Chowan County community progress awards programs were held Monday and Tuesday nights. On Monday night the colored groups met at White Oak Consolidated School, where the following winners were announced:

Blue ribbon communities—Hudson Grove and Center Hill-Cisco.

Red ribbon communities—Warren Grove and Triangle.

White ribbon community—Canaan Temple.

A program was held Tuesday night in the auditorium at Chowan High School, where the following winners were announced:

Blue ribbon communities—Center Hill and Ryland.

Red ribbon community—Advance.

White ribbon communities—Gum Pond and Cross Roads.

In each group blue ribbon winners received \$120 each; red ribbon, \$60 and white ribbon, \$30.

The contest was sponsored by the Chowan County Agricultural Workers Council and was financed by the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, for which \$750 is set up for prizes each year.

About 225 attended the colored meeting at White Oak School and in the neighborhood of 100 were present Tuesday night at Chowan High School.

Door prizes were contributed by the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation of Hertford for both meetings and after the programs refreshments were served.

CHICKEN SALAD SUPPER
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken salad supper on Thursday, February 4. Plates will be \$1 and will be delivered. Anyone desiring a plate is asked to call 3579.

Edenton Speaker



New Parcel Post Rates Go In Effect Monday, February 1

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced that the Post Office Department is putting the new parcel post rate increases approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission into effect February 1.

In petitioning the ICC for the increase in November, 1958, Mr. Summerfield reported annual losses on parcel post were running about \$88 million.

This will be the first increase in parcel post rates in approximately six years. The last increase was in 1953, and since then, there have been substantial increases in the Post Office Department's costs for wages, transportation and many other items.

Some examples of the increases are as follows: A four pound parcel post package for local-area delivery will require 28 cents postage instead of 23 cents.

The same parcel going all the way from the East Coast to the West Coast, or to Hawaii or Alaska, will cost \$1.02 rather than 87 cents.

Colored Glee Club At Kadesh Church Next Sunday Night

The Glee Club of the Edenton colored high school will present a program at Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday night, January 31, at 7 o'clock.

This group is one of Eastern North Carolina's outstanding glee clubs and the public is invited to attend.

20 YEARS AGO

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Due to treacherous highways, a small crowd attended President Roosevelt's birthday dance, so that C. L. McCullers, chairman of the March of Dimes drive, reported a deficit of about \$50.00.

Alterations were made by Lloyd Burton at his service station at the corner of Broad and Church Streets.

Mrs. Martha Umphlett, 87, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Boyce.

Edenton Lions and Rotarians joined in an effort to stage a wrestling match in Edenton.

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs passed a motion favoring a mail box contest in Chowan County.

C. Wayland Spruill of Windsor announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture to oppose Kerr Scott.

tribute was paid to the memory of Associate Justice James Iredell when a program was held in the Court House, from when the gathering went to the Iredell grave in the Johnston Burial Ground at Hayes, where a wreath was placed on the grave.

Edenton was in darkness over seven hours due to a damaged transformer.

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet with Lawrence H. Duncan, secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, as the principal speaker.

Scouting The Skies' Planetarium Feature

"Scouting the Skies," a program designed to acquaint Boy, Girl, and Cub Scouts with features of astronomy necessary to understanding and advancement, is now being presented at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill. It will continue through February 15th.

Every possible advantage which the University of North Carolina facility can offer will be directed toward Scouting during this period.

With the Planetarium instrument, real motions will be described in order to clarify misconceptions which arise from seeing the apparent motions in nature. The brightest stars enhancing the winter skies over North Carolina will be located and identified.

In addition to the nightly 8:30 o'clock performance, "Scouting the Skies" will be given at matinees at 11 A. M., 1, and 4 P. M., on Wednesdays through Fridays, (by advance reservations) at 11 A. M., 3 and 4 P. M., on Saturdays and 3 and 4 P. M., on Sundays. One Scout official (including Den Mothers) will be admitted free with each 10 Scouts in attendance for any program.

VFW MEETS TUESDAY

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet at the VFW Hall, February 2, at 8 o'clock. Commander John Bass requests a full attendance.



JUST THE PLACE
Mistress—"Good gracious, Annie, what's all this mess in the oven?"

Maid—"I dropped the candles in the water, ma'am, so I put them into the oven to dry."

SOLVE CROSSWORD PUZZLE WIN CASH PRIZE

Match your wits against the expert. Try solving the Jackpot Crossword Puzzle each week in the Baltimore Sunday American. The reward is never less than \$200, and if the prize goes unclaimed, \$100 is added each week until someone wins.

Let the whole family try their luck: maybe you'll be the next winner of the Jackpot Crossword Puzzle found each Sunday in the BALTIMORE AMERICAN on sale at your local newsstand.

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