



The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF EDENTON AND CHOWAN COUNTY:

One reason why you people of Edenton do not appreciate your historical heritage as you should, is that you are living too close to it. It is true—familiarity lends contempt. You were born in the midst of local surroundings that have had—through the years, as you grew older—their real meaning and significance submerged in a surfeit of familiarity. It was hard for you to realize that anything in this little town could have a broader meaning than just houses and streets that comprise an average small town.

The most significant historical shrine, to you, was simply where "Mr. Jones" lived; or the most imposing and dignified public building was just another building—around which you played as a child.

Only in quite recent years has any recognition been taken of the true worth and value to posterity of these locations, buildings and shrines. And some attempt has been made to restore and rectify the ravages of time and neglect.

We view with awe the restoration at Williamsburg, which has a colonial and historical background no more authentic than Edenton. Why do we take this attitude? Because Williamsburg is a strange, distant town, and things happen in far-away places. It couldn't happen here, we say. Edenton is only the little town where I was born—it

can't be as important as Williamsburg or Yorktown—or even nearby New Bern.

But make no mistake about it—Edenton is historically important. North Carolina saw the beginning of the colonization of this land, that has grown to the richest nation in the world. This River of ours, the Sound, this land we tread, heard and saw the ships and men, these early explorers and adventurers who first touched this new land. We—our ancestors—were in the midst of the great pageantry of discovery in its inception. For this reason, alone, if for no other, we must awake to an awareness of what really lies behind this little town in which we were born. This typical, sleepy, country town—Edenton.

In this respect, the initiative has been taken by the Woman's Club and much progress has been made by them to bring Edenton's Past to life. And Edenton—and the county—must stand behind these women and give them our support. This fine group of women, actively and creatively, and with insight and imagination have the courage to attempt a work that is treated with scorn and contempt by many Edentonians.

We owe them, at least, our loyalty. For if we have nothing, we have nothing.

These women have the best interests of Edenton at heart. I feel certain that "wrecking the town," a phrase used in opposition to the Woman's Club work, was not seriously made,

but merely a facetious expression to point up an argument. No Edentonian can but feel that the Woman's Club is wholly sincere in its undertaking, entirely dedicated and committed to their objective only after careful and thoughtful consideration.

Since writing the foregoing, it is with regret I have learned of the Woman's Club's decision to abandon the monument removal project. A stand that is to be deplorable, for this was the first worthwhile undertaking to underwrite Edenton's history that had been proposed in quite a while. Frankly, I think that the Woman's Club is quitting under fire, an attitude unworthy of this fine group of women I know them to be. Few undertakings of a public nature are brought to a completion without some adverse, and often acrimonious and irresponsible criticism. It is the opinion of this writer, the Woman's Club should have stuck to their guns.

Outside my window, the birds are chirping and twittering as though it were Spring. Poor, deluded little feathered creatures—don't they know a snowflake from a buttercup!

Grandpa wasn't kidding when he bragged about the rugged winters they had when he was a boy.

Preserve Edenton's Past with a progressive Present.



LITTLE WHEEL—Hoda Nasser, eldest daughter of Egypt's "big wheel," President Gamal Abdel Nasser, pedals with girls' cyclist group during Cairo's third Festival of Youth and Future Organizations.

you have a good loamy top soil, this should be sufficient. If not, it would be best to incorporate more compost, peat or sawdust in this second layer. The third or drainage layer is usually porous enough to carry off surplus water. If it is not, some method of sub-drainage, such as tile, should be considered.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACAENZIE

This week's column consists of three more messages from prominent Christian leaders on The State of the Church (from the February, 1960 issue of Moody Monthly Magazine).

Dr. S. H. Sutherland, president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, feels that "there are several deficiencies that seem to be the root causes of the spiritual impotence so prevalent in our times. Significant among these are a lack of prevailing prayer, a lack of vital Bible study, a lack of spiritual discernment, a lack of zeal and a lack of love both for the brethren and for the lost."

He also feels we need to return to church discipline of worldly church members and self-discipline. "The phrase 'Thus saith the Lord' as it applies to daily conduct is entirely too unpopular a subject for the average minister to touch upon. Instead, he must preach on palliative subjects that tickle the fancies of the hearers or he will soon find himself without an audience or a church."

According to E. M. Wadsworth, General Director of the Great Commission Prayer League, Chicago, we are much in the same situation as the church

at Corinth: Wealthy, greatly blessed in a material way, but unconcerned about holy living. "Vanity, pride, and vainglory robbed them of peace, joy and power. They gloried in man, and in the wisdom of man, lightly esteeming the wisdom of God. Thus they were easily deceived by false prophets and deceitful workers. Likewise, the Church today is largely satisfied with appearances and with things that generally please people in the flesh." Dr. Wadsworth concludes: "Paul called upon the Corinthian Christians to 'Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith' (II Corinthians 13:5). This it seems to me is also God's Word to the Church today, which is likewise in an unspiritual state."

Billy Graham is of the opinion that the influence of modern movies that either poke fun at the Bible or are openly obscene, and modern literature have sapped what there was of spiritual power in the Church. He accuses the church of too often trusting in "men, money and methods".

Dr. Graham continues: "The greatest need of the Church is a daily crucifixion of self, a daily disciplined life, a new separation from worldly influences and a positive witness for Christ in daily living."

He sees "encouraging signs

everywhere, especially among laymen, and concludes, "the concern of many clergy and laity alike is the first step toward a genuine revival that could transform the Church overnight."

(The term "Church" as used by these men means the entire group of born-again believers).

Matrimony should never be entered into without a full recognition of its enduring obligations on both sides.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

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**GARDEN TIME**  
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Last week I suggested that the best time to seed permanent (evergreen) lawn grasses, such as Bluegrass and fescue, was

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give some suggestions about lawn making. I made no reference to the warm season grasses, such as Bermuda, but will in due course.

What are the basic principles involved in the preparation of a good seed bed? If we can establish certain basic principles, we can then apply them to most any soil type—and there are many in North Carolina, ranging from heavy clays to porous sands. We might consider figuratively speaking, the seed bed as composed of layers: the top three inches will compose the plant food layer; the next four or five inches the moisture reserve; and the next four or five inches the drainage layer. In some sections of the state you may have soil conditions similar to what I have described. If you do, the problem is simplified. Since many of us are not so fortunate, perhaps some suggestions will

The second layer, moisture reserve, should also contain organic matter to hold water. If

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