

# The Chowan Herald

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**A LIFT FOR TODAY**

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. —John 15:5

**CHRIST-ABIDING BRANCHES** bear such fruits as love, peace, patience, meekness, purity and temperance. All the riches of spiritual resources belong to us if we abide in the vine. Christ has said, "If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it," and he never fails to keep his promise, provided we meet his conditions.  
We pray, O God, that ye may express Christ in all our thoughts, words and deeds.

### Worth Emulating

It is interesting to note that a major fund-raising campaign has been inaugurated for the restoration of Old Salem in the western part of North Carolina. The goal for the campaign is \$1,250,000 to be raised locally, which is expected to be realized by May 21. Later in the year an extension campaign for a matching goal of \$750,000 will be completed throughout North Carolina and the nation by selective solicitation, including individual friends of Old Salem, corporations and foundations.

Old Salem plans to celebrate its 200th anniversary in 1966. It is reported that the \$1,250,000 will be used to continue the restoration program begun in 1950. By restoration is meant not only restoring authentic old buildings to their structural design, materials and floor plans but it means the restoration of Salem much as it existed in the first quarter of the 19th century.

Edenton in some respect might emulate Salem, but even then Edenton has quite an advantage over our western neighbor in that practically all of our historical shrines need not be restored. In Salem there are eight or nine buildings which are planned to be restored at an estimated cost of \$507,000.

There is a vein of thought that for Edenton and Chowan County to undergo a restoration or even an improvement program it will be necessary to find a fairy queen to shoulder all or the major portion of the cost. Some restoration projects have benefitted by benefactors, but the example at Salem points out that if a strong enough desire permeates the citizens of a community much can be accomplished without the aid of a Rockefeller or Ford.

Edenton and Chowan County people can rightly point with pride to the place this particular area holds in history. However, history is being made today just as much so as when those of colonial days did what they did of which we of today are so justly proud.

If those of other days were no more progressive than most of us are today, the chances are that we would have very little to offer in the way of historical interest. Our forefathers made it and it is up to us of today to preserve and maintain it so that what was left to us can be preserved for generations to come when history becomes more valuable as the years roll on.

In one instance, one of the most valuable historical buildings in Edenton, in the opinion of this writer, is about to disappear, and ere long the only tangible recollection of the Tea Party House will be the bronze teapot beside the Court House Green. Much has been written and spoken about the Edenton Tea Party, and it is next to a crime to have allowed the house to deteriorate even as what is left of it today. This is one phase of restoration which should interest Edenton people in particular. There are other ways, too, that funds could be used to enhance local history.

If Old Salem realizes the wisdom in restoring historical sites, surely Edenton and Chowan County might think seriously along similar lines.

It has frequently been pointed out that the tourist business is a big business even though some people more or less frown upon the idea. But it cannot be disputed that millions of dollars annually are spent by tourists bent upon visiting points of historical interest. There are enough of these points of interest in Edenton and Chowan County to attract far more people here than heretofore, but we cannot sit down, do nothing but rest upon the laurels of our forefathers and expect tourists to flock here to see what we have and spend their money like at so many other places which have no more and some even less than we have to offer.

After the ambulance takes away the victim, it is too late to resolve to drive slowly.

Self-righteous people often owe their reputations to the lack of temptation.

## Heard & Seen By Buff

Mrs. William Adams has been having a hard time lately, with some of the time being spent in the hospital. On that account, Bozie, her husband, has had to be chief cook and bottle washer and, of course, has gotten far behind with his fishing. However, there's no ill wind that does not blow some good and in this case it affects Bozie's daughter. The other night she told her father, "Daddy when you doing the cooking I'm certain to lose some weight." Gosh, at that rate maybe a lot of Edenton women would like Bozie to be their cook.

John Mitchener, Jr., several days ago was named on the Dean's List at the University of North Carolina. His youngest brother, Bill saw it in the paper and said to his daddy, "Say, daddy, John must be pretty smart for he's on the Dean's List. Were you ever on the Dean's List when you went to college?" Mayor Mitchener studied a few seconds and then replied, "Yes, son, when I was in college I stayed on the Dean's List."

Thanks to Bill Rosevear, I recently learned an almost perfect way to make soft-boiled eggs without sitting and watch the seconds tick off for three minutes. I was telling him about a favorite breakfast I make which includes soft-boiled eggs on toast bread. Then pouring on hot milk, to which I add a big hunk of butter, some sugar, salt and pepper. After telling Bill how I make it, he said, "What, and no whiskey?" I don't know what sort of a recipe it is, but I like 'um.

It's only natural that when somebody is in the hospital that a lot of friends and relatives want to visit a patient. However, things are about to get out of control at Chowan Hospital and things must come to a screeching halt. Why Tom Ridgeway, the administrator, says there have been times that the hospital took on the air of a convention hall instead of a hospital. He and the medical staff are very anxious that friends and relatives strictly observe visiting hours and that when signs are placed on doors they mean what they say. Apparently a lot of visitors have not been the least bit superstitious by not believing in signs. Anyway, visiting hours, the number of visitors allowed in a room at one time and other instructions are primarily for the benefit of patients and are not intended to be a hardship on visitors. Mr. Ridgeway says that it frequently happens that when a patient is apparently on the mend and then has a great deal of company, a change for the worse occurs. The patient's welfare is the paramount concern of all those connected with the hospital, so that friends and relatives of patients are urged to comply with all regulations.

Edenton's Aces on Tuesday won the opening baseball game of the season by defeating Windsor High School 5 to 1. However, had it not been for the players, nobody would have been on the ball field. Edenton has a change of heart so far as baseball is concerned. Time was about the time I came to Edenton that when a baseball game was on tap it was next thing to a holiday. And for many years after that Edenton was a hotbed for baseball. It doesn't require much of a memory to recall when it was necessary to go to the ball park at least half an hour before the game started in order to get a seat. In recent years, however, a baseball game hardly attracts a crowd large enough to pay for the balls.

Edentonians will have an opportunity to hear what some of the state's candidates have on their minds. Walter Jones of Farmville, candidate for Congress, spoke to the Lions and Legionnaires early this week. Today he is scheduled to speak to the Rotarians. On April 11, Dr. I. B. Lake is scheduled to speak at a Lions meeting and then on April 25, Herbert Bonner is slated to speak, followed by Malcolm B. Seawell on May 9. There will, no doubt, be others, so roll up your pants a little, fellows.

Edenton Cotton Mill was host to a group of high school seniors from a group of northeastern counties Tuesday at a fried chicken dinner at the Edenton Restaurant. The boys and school officials apparently enjoyed the affair and Elton Boswell must have figured the appetite for a boy 17 or 18 years old. The plates were piled high with fried chicken, but just about every boy made a clean sweep of their plate. The group was then taken on a tour of the cotton mill under the direction of Rupert Riley, superintendent. Why I was invited I do not know, but here's one who would like to be in the same sphere of life as the boys are. Wouldn't a fellow do a lot different if he could live his life over?

### Letter To Editor

#### IN RE THE EDENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

In discussing the issue of The Chowan Herald dated March 17, the withdrawal of their request to move the Confederate monument from its present location to the foot of Broad Street, the Edenton Woman's Club has served notice on the 10,000 or 11,000 citizens of Edenton and Chowan County that they intend to persist in their efforts to have the monument moved without giving the people of Edenton and Chowan County the chance of voting to approve or disapprove its removal.

I think there is one great fact the Woman's Club has overlooked altogether. We are living under a democratic form of government—this is a kind of government in which the people rule by a majority vote, and this is the way we elect our Governor and other state officials.

Our members of the Board of County Commissioners and Town Council—and even our representative to the State Legislature. And since the removal of the monument affects every man, woman and child in Edenton and Chowan County, it is inconceivable to me that either the present Board of County Commissioners or any future board will permit a group of 30 or 40 women to move the Confederate monument without giving the 10,000 or 11,000 people of Edenton and Chowan County a chance to voice their approval or disapproval of its removal. This smacks too much of the tail wagging the dog.

The Woman's Club knew on March 14, and they know now that if the removal of the Confederate monument ever comes before the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County for approval or disapproval it will be overwhelmingly disapproved, and that is why they resorted to the subterfuge that the question of the removal of the monument

had become involved in politics and that since they, as a body, could not engage in politics they would have to withdraw their request for permission to move the monument. And this unfortunately led to the cancellation of the referendum ordered by the County Commissioners at their meeting of March 7th to be held on May 28. This referendum could have been held at approximately no cost to the county and the request of the Edenton Woman's Club for permission to move the Confederate monument would have been settled once for all. In my opinion it is indeed regrettable that the referendum was canceled by the County Commissioners.

In calling on people in behalf of my candidacy as representative to the General Assembly I have been remarkably impressed in that I have yet to find one person who is in favor of letting the Confederate monument be moved from its present location to the foot of Broad

Street among all that rubbish down there. In fact the people I talk to ask me why a group of a small number of women should be allowed to move the monument against the wishes of a vast majority of the people of Edenton and Chowan County. Why is the Edenton Woman's Club so determined to prevent the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County from voting their approval or disapproval of their plan to move the monument? Those of us who are opposed to the removal of the monument would like to get an explanation of this from some responsible officer of the Edenton Woman's Club.

ERNEST W. LEARY

### Development Goals Topic Of Meeting

Last Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock a group representing the various communities of the county met at the Advance Community Building to discuss

the 4-H Development Fund. The purpose of the meeting was to check up and see what progress had been made toward the fund. The reports showed that the group had been working on the project because a considerable amount was turned in. Quite a bit more work has to be done to meet the goal but the group agreed it could be done. It was decided that another meeting would be held the last of March to wind up the campaign.

**BLOODSHED BOXSCORE**  
N. C. HIGHWAYS

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M., Monday, March 21, 1960 is as follows:  
Killed To Date: 191  
Killed To Date Last Year: 348

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