

# The Chowan Herald

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**A LIFT FOR TODAY**

Thou hast proved us; thou hast tried us.—Ps. 66:10.

through affliction, He makes his own enjoy the life to come.

Help us to realize, O God, that without purification we can hope for no crown in the life to come.

### Nobody Likes Taxes

Nobody is especially pleased to pay taxes even though all too often one forgets what he receives in return for the taxes he pays. County Commissioners and Town Councilmen, too, regret when it is necessary to increase the tax rate, so that not everybody knows how much time and effort is consumed over making up a budget for the town and county.

Like living, however, the cost of operating the town and county is ever increasing. More and more requests for appropriations are included in the various departmental budgets and in many cases an increase over previous appropriations is requested. So that each governing body goes over the long list of figures in an effort to see what items might be reduced and even deleted altogether.

Members of the two governing bodies are just as eager, and maybe more so, than the average taxpayer to hold the tax rate at a minimum and both groups almost shudder at the thought of increasing the rate.

This year the County Commissioners, in view of the demand for appropriations, were forced to raise the county rate 10 cents, putting it at \$1.10 instead of \$1.00. There are a number of things the Commissioners have been requested to do and which they would like to see accomplished, but the money is not available, so that they are to be commended for being able to get by with only a 10-cent increase in the rate.

Town Councilmen were a little more fortunate in that they were able to anticipate enough revenue from a \$1.00 rate to meet the requirements of the 1960-61 budget, so that no boost in the tax rate appears necessary. They, too, spent considerable time juggling figures in an effort to escape a higher tax rate for the new fiscal year.

Like death, we all must face taxes, and Edenton and Chowan County taxpayers are fortunate in that they are not called upon to pay more than they are.

### An Irreparable Loss

In the passing of John G. Fletcher, Chowan County has sustained an irreparable loss. Though living at Bandon Plantation in upper Chowan County, he was a frequent visitor in Edenton and was usually on hand for any occasion when the glad hand of Edenton was wont to be put forward.

His affable smile and genial disposition could but nothing else than leave a favorable impression on those he met, so that he was a past master in the art of making lasting friendships.

Bandon Plantation has been a showplace for visitors in Edenton and the warm Fletcher hospitality has made many people glad that they made the visit. Both Mr. Fletcher and his wife have been gracious hosts, in which John Fletcher played a very prominent role. He will not only be missed by his family, but Chowan County as a whole has lost a valuable citizen and a true friend, for he was one of the Fletcher team who have had the happy faculty of generating friendship wherever they happened to be.

### Congratulations In Order

Congratulations are in order for Warren Twiddy, who last week was one of five Jaycees in the nation to receive the Clint Duncan award, an honor singled out for only five national Jaycee Directors who are deemed the most outstanding in the entire country.

The honor is well deserved, for Mr. Twiddy, if anybody has, has put his heart and soul in the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the local, district, state and national level. He has been showered with many honors in recognition of his services, with the climax coming last week in St. Louis when he brought to a crowning glory, due to the age limit, the end of his active career as a Jaycee.

The Clint Duncan award is a coveted honor and Mr. Twiddy is to be complimented and the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce and Edenton as a whole can well be proud that one of Edenton's citizens has been so highly honored.

## Heard & Seen By Buff

Town Councilmen met in special session on Monday night and should draw pay for two meetings, for they were in session Monday and Tuesday. They didn't get away from the Municipal Building until 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. The reason for the long meeting was due to taking the first stab at the budget for the fiscal year 1960-61. The Councilmen carefully scrutinized every item in the budget and at times would branch off on a tangent until George Alma Byrum, chairman of the Finance Committee, would say, "Gentlemen, time is passing rapidly and we still have a long way to go." Some changes were made in the various budgets as presented, but the Councilmen left the meeting practically certain that the tax rate could remain at \$1.00, the same as last year. Mayor John Mitchener had some drinks sent in early in the evening, but he must have forgotten to order some sandwiches or sumpin', for it didn't lack a terrible lot of being breakfast time by the time the Councilmen finally hit the hay and got to sleep. Figgers! Figgers! Figgers!

Last week I had something to say about seeing enough of Nikita Khrushchev's picture in the papers. I forgot—the same goes for Fidel Castro, the Cuban dictator.

A host of friends are glad that Chief of Police George Dail has been able to leave the hospital and is now recuperating at his home. Before he left the hospital, however, he had two visitors who went to his room together. They were Mayor John Mitchener and Town Clerk Ernest J. Ward, Jr. When they entered the room George said to himself, "Those two sons-of-a-guns (mild version) are surely up to something." Well, they were, for they presented the sick Chief of Police a framed certificate which read something like this: "For meritorious service beyond the line of duty in leading the band, parades and dignitaries visiting in Edenton." He was also presented a baton, which he will hardly use. It had no effect on the chief's heart condition, but he'll no doubt get 'em told when he regains his strength and is able to be on the job.

Roy Emminizer was the first one to report picking a cotton blossom, which he brought to The Herald office early Monday morning after plucking it Sunday evening. However, Asa Griffin shortly afterward brought in a cotton blossom just to let folks know that he is farming also. Earl White also sent in a couple of cotton blossoms picked from the Hayes farm, and West Byrum, too, brought in a handful of the blooms, so that it looks as though cotton is off to a good start. The blossoms are sort of early, for I remember when the Fourth of July was sort of early to find one in this neck of the woods. Now who'll be the first to bring in a nice ripe and juicy watermelon?

While the disastrous fire Friday night, when the Spedic Food Products plant was totally destroyed was news, still another bit of real news was fortunately prevented when one of the fire trucks was moved just in time to prevent it from catching fire. The blaze developed tremendous heat and when the wind shifted a portion of the paint on one side of the truck was scorched. The upholstery on the seat was burned at one end and the plastic dome over the red light on top of the truck melted. Fortunately the firemen were able to move the truck before it caught fire, but it would have been a piece of real news for a fire truck to be burned while fighting another fire.

It was no foolin' about the alligator story appearing in this column last week. Oscar Duncan and Mrs. Duncan declare they saw an alligator back of Brown's Mill while they were fishing. Further, Walter Adams says if anybody doubts there are alligators in that neck of the woods, he'll show tracks made by them. It is further reported that alligator eggs have been found. Take it or leave it, there are some people who are sure some alligators are in the waters hereabout.

Mrs. Margaret Bell sometime back went on a trip and forgot to take along some powder, so she stopped at a drug store along the way. She was shown a certain brand, but she said she didn't particularly care for that kind. However, the clerk was rather insistent and said, "Why, lady, we sell a great deal of this powder to MIDDLE-AGED women." She took another look at the box and suddenly said to the clerk, "Oh, is that so? Well, give me two boxes."

Monday of next week will be the Fourth of July, which means another long week-end and no doubt many deaths. Many folks will be on the highways and at vacation spots, so that here's a reminder to beware of the "Terrible Two"—Traffic and Drownings—top hazards to be encountered during the holiday. Try to be alive on the fifth.



**REALLY SKIMMING ALONG**—This 20-foot Hydrostreak craft being tested by the Navy speeds atop the water by riding a cushion of air sucked in by fan at top.

### New Books At Local Library

Following is a list of books recently received by the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library:

- Lampedusa, The Leopard; MacLean, Night Without End; Yogananda, Autobiography of a Yogi; Howard, The Sea Change; Sat. Ev. Post, Adventures of the Mind; Richter, The Waters of Kronos; Axelrod, Tropical Fish; Lawson, History of North Carolina; Snow, The Affair; Stern, The Search for Tabatha Carr; Gasser (ed), Best American Plays; Fitzgerald, This Won't Hurt You; Fletcher, Blindfold; Cox, One Way Out; Smythe, Golden Venus; King, May This House Be Safe from Tigers.

Francis, That Certain Something; Landis, World Religions; Chase, Three Men on the Left Hand; Gerson, The Queen's Husband; Pierce, On A Lonesome Porch; Rutledge, The World Around Hampton; Slaughter, Pilgrims in Paradise; Stephens, All the Queen's Men; Duggan, The Cunning of the Dove; Stout, 3 At Wolf's Door; Taylor, Storm the Last Rampart.

### Chowan Team Wins First Place Honor In State Contest

The peanut demonstration team from Chowan County, James Taylor and David Felton, representing the Northeastern District at the state contest, was awarded first place at 4-H Club Week, June 20-25 at A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C. James and David gave a demonstration on "The Fertility Requirements For Peanuts." For the last several months they have been active presenting their demonstration at 4-H Club meetings and to community groups. They were judged first place in the county contest, then won first honors in the district before going on to receive the highest honor in the state among peanut demonstrations. James and David will be in the 8th grade 4-H Club at White Oak Consolidated School next term.

### John G. Fletcher Dies In Charleston

Continued from Page 1, Section 1 in California, Alaska, Oregon, Mexico and North Carolina. Later he became associated with the Standard Oil Company and

worked for the company in California for 23 years. Following his retirement he lived in Santa Ana and Balboa, Cal., and about 15 years ago he and Mrs. Fletcher came to Edenton, where they purchased and lived at Bandon Plantation, a showplace for many tourists who always were greeted with the pleasant smile of Mrs. Fletcher and the inimitable Fletcher hospitality.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Commander J. Stuart Fletcher of Charleston and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the National Cemetery at Wilmington, N. C. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Wright, bishop of East Carolina, officiated.

### Four FFA Members At State Convention

Four members of the Future Farmers of America in Chowan County are attending the 32nd state convention of the FFA in Raleigh Wednesday through Friday.

Attending are H. Ivey Ward, who will receive a state farmer's degree, next to the highest award for members; Ray Perry and Graham Bass, both delegates, and Malcolm Bunch, incoming president of the local

chapter. They were accompanied by T. S. White, agricultural teacher at Chowan High School.

Fahey Bunch, who was a federation winner in soil and water management, will be awarded \$15.

Over 2,000 delegates are expected for the convention. They will stay at State College and business sessions will be held at the Raleigh Municipal Auditorium.

### CIVIC CALENDAR

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Service of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. A. B. Harless, Jr., Tuesday night, July 5, at 8 o'clock.

Chowan County Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday morning, July 6, instead of the first Monday which falls on the Fourth of July, a legal holiday.

A joint meeting of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will be held Tuesday night, July 5, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of installing officers for both groups.

Woodland field day will be held at the farm of Fahey and Carroll Byrum Friday afternoon, July 1.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pittman of Edenton announce the birth of a daughter, Kathy Lynn Pittman, 8 pounds and 14 ounces, in Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Saturday, June 18.

The people are that part of the state which does not know what it wants.

## Classified Ads

**GUMS BLEED**, tender, receded. See dentist. Buy soothing **OLAG Tooth Paste** at the drug store.

**M. G. BROWN COMPANY** NOW buying logs and tracts of timber. Highest market prices paid. Phone 2135, Edenton.

**FOR SALE**—1953 PLYMOUTH Cranbrook 2-door sedan. A-1 mechanical condition and good rubber. New seat covers. Priced for quick sale. Phone 2859 after 6 P. M. June 30c

**74 YEARS OF PROUD SERVICE PROVES**... that Avon Beauty is a number on business. Make it your business to become an Avon Representative. Openings at Ballard's Bridge and Yallaha. Write P. O. Box 242, Ahoskie, N. C.

**WANTED**—GOOD USED FOUR-drawer file cabinet. Phone 3737, Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr.

**FOR RENT** — KILL DEVIL Hills ocean-front cottage. Two bedrooms, screened porch, electric kitchen. Near Avalon fishing pier. Available July 17 to July 31 and August through Labor Day. Contact Mrs. Wood-Privott. Phone Edenton 3230.

**FOR SALE**—TAPE RECORDER in excellent condition. Price for immediate sale. Call 2045.

**LOST** — A FIELDER'S GLOVE behind the Edenton armory. Finder please call Rudy Newsome. Phone 2391.

**FOR SALE**—36-INCH CABINET gas range, 4 years old; good condition. Price \$60.00. R. I. Thornton, Route 1, Box 174A, Edenton, N. C. June 23, 30c

**FOR SALE OR RENT** — FOUR bedroom house, two baths; fireplace, copper plumbing. Also 4-room house for rent. C. C. Wiggins, Cypress Road, Edenton. Phone 2322 or 205 after 5 P. M. June 16, 23, 30, July 7

**WANTED AT ONCE**—MAN or woman to supply families with Rawleigh Products in Chowan County. Consumers write for Products. Can earn \$5 weekly part time—\$100 and full time. Write Rawleigh Dept. NCF-210-1, Richmond, Va. June 2, 16, 30p

**FOR RENT OR SALE**—2-BED room house in Albemarle Court. Stove and refrigerator furnished; also floor furnace. Phone 3122.

**"King of Swine"** Mammoth meat type OIC. Grand champion blood lines. Service boars, gilts and pigs. Minton's Ranch, Merry Hill, N. C. expMay12

**HELP WANTED** — MALE or female in Edenton. No strike or lay-offs. A better than average income for full or part time. Will consider older men. Investigate Watkins Product, Inc., today. Write Box 5071, Dept. S-3, Richmond, Virginia. June 9, 16, 30p

**FOR RENT OR SALE** — TWO and three bedroom houses. Electric stove, refrigerator, hot water heater. On school bus route. Terms can be arranged. L. E. Francis, Route 7, Edenton. Phone 3472.

**WATCH REPAIRING**—JEWELRY repairing and engraving. Prompt service. Ross Jeweler. Phone 3525.

**FOR QUICK AND EXPERT** service on your radio and phonograph, call the Griffin Musicenter, phone 2828. We carry a complete line of phone needles.

**HOME FOR SALE**—Attractive bungalow near Dick Coffield's Store on Sound Bridge Highway. Two bedrooms, living room, combination kitchen-dinette. All modern conveniences and garage. Large lot with lovely grove of trees. Priced for quick sale at \$3900; partly financed. Contact E. W. Spires at once. June 30, July 7c

**BEACH LOTS FOR SALE**—Three lots at Pilot's Point (Nixon's Beach) on Albemarle Sound. Ideal for summer or permanent homes with beautiful grove of trees. \$1200 each. All lots adjoint. Price subject to confirmation. E. W. Spires. June 30, July 7c

**FOR SALE**—GOOD USED GAS ranges as low as \$35.00. Western Gas Service. Phone 3122, Edenton. June 21f

**SIX-ROOM HOUSE FOR RENT**. Located 308 W. Queen Street. Large yard. Rent \$45 month. Phone 2380. June 23, 30p

**HOUSE FOR SALE**—108 TWIDDY Avenue. Pay \$1,760 equity and assume payments. Already financed by FHA. Phone 3618 day or 4145 night. June 23, 30c

**OR SALE** — PORTO RICO sweet potato plants, now in time to turn your snap beans and other early crop acreage into a profitable crop by setting out sweet potatoes. We buy and store potatoes. Colonial Potato Company, West Carteret Street, Phone 2204, Edenton. expJune30

**VILL BUY OLD COINS AND** gold coins. A. T. Hurlbert, Sunbury, N. C. Phone 3431. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30c

**COTTAGE FOR RENT** — KILL Devil Hills. Electric kitchen, hot water, three bedrooms and screened porch. J. L. Chestnut, phone 2389. Aug 25c

**HOUSE FOR RENT**—TWO bedrooms; refrigerator and stove. Newly painted. Call Dr. A. F. Downum, 3218. \$45 month. lay19fc

**OR RENT** — NAGS HEAD cottage; ocean side. Best location; 3 bedrooms, screened porch, electric kitchen. Mrs. J. D. Elliott. Phone 3586. xpJune30c

**ICTURE FRAMING**—FOR THE best in custom picture framing see John R. Lewis at the Edenton Furniture Company. Complete line of moulding to choose from. tfe

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