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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me.—Matt. 19:14.

If our future leaders are to be dominated by righteous principles, the children of today must find the path that leads to God. That is our only hope for civilization.

O God, bless children everywhere. May the meaning of Thy love and care reach their tender hearts and save them to be used of Thee.

Lucky At That

Hurricane Donna has come and gone and in its wake has left a great deal of damage not to say anything about the scattering of debris from one end of the town to the other. The experience of the hurricane, if nothing else, emphasizes the insignificance and helplessness of man, when faced with the elements of nature. Man oftentimes apparently takes on the attitude that he is all-powerful and supreme, but there are times when his ego must take a back seat.

True, the hurricane has caused a great deal of damage in Chowan County and much money and effort will be necessary to get back to normal. But even then this county has been extremely lucky in that there was not more damage. Fortunately, indeed, are we that in the midst of so much wreckage there was not a single life lost nor any serious injury reported. With the wind blowing huge trees and limbs and scattering debris of all kinds it could easily have resulted in injury and even death.

It takes calamities sometimes such as the hurricane to see what people are made of. Here in Edenton the whole town was permeated with consideration and cooperation. Places of refuge were opened so that people could escape possible injury. Members of the local National Guard Unit offered their services in various ways, which can also be said of highway patrolmen, local police, firemen, members of the Street and Electric & Water Departments, as well as others.

To be sure many people were obliged to undergo inconveniences due to electric and telephone services knocked out. Trees and limbs blocked streets, as well as entrances to homes and general littering of premises with debris.

Street Department employees were on the job as soon as possible Monday morning and did a magnanimous job in opening up streets which were blocked. They worked like Trojans so that generally people realize that all the debris cannot be cleaned up at one time. Progress is being made and, like one Edenton lady remarked, she will wager a bet that Edenton will be cleaned up faster than any other town which was a victim of the hurricane.

Electric & Water Department employees also bent their efforts to make repairs to electric lines and removing wires so that fallen trees could be removed. They, too, deserve a word of praise for the way they tackled the tremendous task of repairing the damage done by the hurricane.

There were many others also who made worthy contributions of one kind or another during the emergency.

Edentonians, while more or less dazed at the fury and damage done by Donna, met the emergency four-square and but for the precautions taken and cool-headedness of its citizens much more disastrous could have been the consequences.

Yes, the town is messed up and much damage has been done, but Edenton and Chowan County citizens have every reason to thank a kind Providence that we escaped as luckily as we did.

Help The Band

It will be noticed that Mayor John Mitchener has proclaimed the week of September 18-24 as Band Week in Edenton. The band makes only this one appeal for funds, so that it is hoped their budget for the year, \$3,412.95, will be forthcoming during the week. The band is one of Edenton's best advertisements. It benefits the town and what benefits the town directly or indirectly benefits every person making up the town.

With such a valuable and delightful asset, it behooves Edenton business concerns and citizens as well to make a generous contribution so the band can continue to be an organization of which we can well be proud.

Rumors are the basis for much opinion and behavior and seldom bear any relationship to the truth.

Heard & Seen

By Buff

Edenton's Aces will make their longest trip of the current football season Friday night when they go to Wallace to tangle with the Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs. The Duplin County aggregation is reported to be the best Coach Thel Overman has had in years. He's had some good 'uns, so that it looks as though the Aces will face just about the toughest foe on their schedule. The band and cheerleaders will make the trip and, though it's a pretty long piece to Wallace and back, here's hoping a lot of Edenton fans will go to the trouble to go to the game. The Edenton boys are in good shape and they realize they will have a tough battle, so that the game might be well worth the trip. The Aces stumped the Bulldogs 26-0 last year, but it might be a different story this year. See you in Wallace!

Women in Edenton often object to trees being taken down, but a gang of trees were down Monday morning and no objection was heard. In fact it was proof that some of 'em should have been taken down even before Hurricane Donna unleashed its fury. Though many trees and large limbs were hurled to the ground, Edenton can consider itself fortunate that nobody was killed or even seriously hurt. It's a lot of mess to clean up, but it could have been a lot worse.

Among Edenton students who have been busy getting their duds ready over the weekend was Ashby Tarkington. Ashby had to buy a new pair of shoes and was rather undecided if he wanted black or brown shoes. The clerk must have been rather accommodating, for when Ashby opened the shoe box at his home he found one black and one brown shoe.

The banquet room at the Edenton Restaurant was just about filled Thursday night when a dinner was served in honor of the worthy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. The meal was exceptionally good and to top it off chiffon lemon pie was served as dessert. One of the ladies, after eating her slice remarked, "Just what I want for Christmas." And at the dinner a bag of roasted peanuts was among the favors. The peanuts were sent from California, but I'm informed they were good old Chowan peanuts inside the bags. They were sent by John Ritchie, head of a large nut concern in California, who was recently in Edenton and fell in love with the place so that he remained two or three times longer than he anticipated.

It was easy to see that a lot of people were stirring around much earlier Monday morning than usual. Reason: Hurricane Donna. Many people didn't sleep at all during the night, some not even donning bedclothes, and were out bright and early to see what had happened. Well, they saw! There's a lot of 'em who took naps during the afternoon to catch up with a little sleep.

Tom Ridgeway, who recently resigned as administrator at Chowan Hospital, was also chairman of the Chowan Red Cross blood program. With Tom gone, Dr. Archie Walker informed me just before going to press that the Red Cross bloodmobile is scheduled to be in Edenton Friday, September 30. It will be at the armory from 10 A. M., to 5 P. M., and the quota for Chowan (and that includes the area outside of Edenton) is 105 pints this time. At the last visit the quota was 95 pints and the quota was not reached so that make-up donors had to go to Plymouth to save the blood program. This blood is too much needed for Chowan County, so that surely there are 105 people out of about 12,000 who are willing to donate a pint of blood to relieve suffering and possibly saving a life. Who knows — the next person who needs a blood transfusion might be YOU!

A rather surprising visitor to The Herald office Wednesday morning was Harry Perkinson, a former Edentonian, who now lives in Norfolk. Harry said he wanted to apologize to me for something he did many years ago. Harry said some rather uncomplimentary things about me and even threatened to beat my frame for something I put in The Herald. The incident, so far as I am concerned, has been long since forgotten until he mentioned it, but it's a grand and glorious feeling when you think a fellow is mad at you and then discover that he isn't. Just as I've said before, the world is full of surprises and Harry's visit was one of 'em.

And speaking about goodness in people, Dick Hines was running over with appreciation early this week. Hurricane Donna messed up the electric service and Dick says he never experienced so much consideration and appreciation on the part of people in trouble. His department done all was humanly possible to do and apparently most everybody realized it. Anyway Dick hopes his men will have all the damage fixed up by Friday night except in possibly a few isolated places.

Edenton Band Officers



Those pictured are officers of the John A. Holmes High School Band. They are: Bud Skiles, band captain; Jimmy Ashley, personnel officer; John Marshall, administrative officer; Mac Privat, equipment officer; Vern Goodwin, library officer; Bob Powell, public relations officer; Judy Elliott, secretary; Priscilla Bunch, treasurer. (Photo by J. P. Ricks, Jr.)

CIVIC CALENDAR

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Auxiliaries will be held in the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday night, September 18, at 7:30 o'clock.
A dance will be held at the Stork Club Saturday night, September 17, beginning at 9 o'clock.
Chowan County Farm Bureau membership drive is now in progress.
An office will be open at the Edenton Police Station today (Thursday) and Friday from 1 to 5 P. M., to receive applications for Red Cross assistance for hurricane damage.
Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR will meet Wednesday afternoon, September 21, at 3:00 o'clock at the Iredell house.
A revival meeting will be held at Warwick Baptist Church September 18-24.
Edenton's BPW Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Penelope Barker house.
Chowan Hospital Auxiliary will meet Friday afternoon, September 16, at 3 o'clock at the nurses' home.
Edenton's Aces will play Wallace-Rose Hill in Wallace Friday night, September 16, at 8 o'clock.
Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday night, September 19, at 8 o'clock.
A stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.
Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion will meet

Tuesday night, September 20, at 8 o'clock.
Ryland Community will sponsor a barbecue chicken dinner Saturday, September 17, from 6 to 8 P. M.
Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night, September 12, at 7 o'clock.
The George Truslow prayer group will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Coffield this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock.
Youth Sunday will be observed at the Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday, September 18.
Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.
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.

Committeemen For ASC Are Selected

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vice-chairman, E. M. Howell; regular member, E. G. Blanchard; first alternate, Ralph Holwell; second alternate, Beecher Ward.
Persons receiving the most votes and have been declared to be elected as community committee chairmen and delegates to the county convention are: Woodrow Lowe, Ray Byrum and Ernest E. Boyce. The county convention will be held September 23, at which time the County Committeemen will be elected.

TRY A HERALD GLASSIED

Easterling Thanks Hurricane Helpers

With such a splendid job done during the disastrous hurricane Monday morning, Bill Easterling, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Disaster Committee, desires to express his sincere appreciation for what was done in the emergency.

He especially thanks the local National Guard for use of the armory as a shelter and the assistance rendered by members of the company. He also thanks Edenton and County School officials for the use of school buildings as shelters and those who administered to the needs of those who sought refuge.

His thanks also go to the highway patrol, police, fire department, radio station and Mayor John Mitchener, all of whom offered valuable services and were eager to do whatever was possible during the terrible storm.

Band Week To Be Held Sept. 18 To 24

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get this year is set at \$3,412.95, which is the lowest in the past three years. Items included in this budget are debt reduction, funds for transportation, contingency funds and acquisition of some additional equipment.
It is hoped that the people of Edenton will continue to give the band the support that it has enjoyed for the past several years. With this assistance it will be possible to provide the community with even better representation than has been enjoyed in the past.

Mayor John Mitchener has proclaimed September 18-24 as John A. Holmes High School Band Week. He points out that the band provides means for musical training for boys and girls of the community, and that on its trips to areas throughout the state and nation it promotes Edenton. He, therefore, urges all citizens to support the band in its fund raising activities.

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