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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. The angel said, fear not. I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.—Luke 8, 9, 10.

To humble shepherds, not kings, God announced the miraculous birth of his Son, for in God's kingdom there is no privileged. Through faith and love all—wise and simple, rich and poor—can hear the angels sing and draw near to Bethlehem.

Open our hearts to the song of the angels, we pray, O Lord.

For A Better Edenton

Edenton has outgrown its present trash pile, that it is good news to hear from Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, that the General Services Administration has authorized the assignment of 32 acres of the former U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; which department will convey the property to the town of Edenton.

This piece of land lies back of the former C. V. Parrish home and will be used by the town of Edenton as a sanitary land fill area to replace the present burning operation within the city limits.

Acquisition of this property will solve at least two serious problems for Edenton. In the first place the present trash pile has been filled to such proportion that it is next to impossible to dump any more garbage and trash. In fact the trash pile has considerably encroached upon the small creek which is one of the principal outlets for a considerable amount of the town's storm drainage.

Another problem to be solved in the immediate neighborhood of the trash pile is the offensive odors at times caused by burning garbage and trash, not to say anything about the nuisance of ashes and smoke. Then, too, abandonment of the trash pile will to a great extent eliminate the rat nuisance.

Of course, changing from the burning operation will cause an initial expense to the town. In the first place a tractor will be necessary to dig and cover trenches in which the garbage will be deposited. Then, too, it is not very practical to convey trash and garbage to the new site in the present trucks. It will, therefore, be necessary for the town to purchase an enclosed water-tight body for hauling the town's garbage and trash.

This new method of disposition of the town's garbage and trash is a step forward, for the public interests are served from a health standpoint, as flies, mosquitoes, rats and other disease-carrying vermin are eliminated. Fire and odor nuisances are also eliminated.

Of course, there will be an initial outlay to put the land fill system in operation, but progress can be made without some outlay of money. The new system will be a big asset to Edenton and will without doubt help make Edenton a cleaner and better place to live in.

To say the least, town officials feel very grateful to the General Services Administration for the government land. It will solve a problem which has for a long time worried town Councilmen, so far as trash and garbage disposal is concerned.

One Vote!

In every election millions of Americans who possess the right of franchise fail to exercise it. Apparently they reason that one vote doesn't amount to anything.

If they can think at all, the last election could cause them to think again. The returns show that Mr. Kennedy's margin over Mr. Nixon was under 112,000 out of a total which approached 70 million. The President-elect's edge was the result of the relation to the total vote in all of the states.

A specially dramatic example of the importance of every vote is provided by the election in Hawaii. At first, Mr. Nixon thought to have taken the state with a majority. More recent tabulations showed that Senator Kennedy—by a 21-vote margin out of just under 185,000 cast!

Whether or not a full vote would have made the result is beside the point. The election of 1961, in which the stakes are higher, should make every non-voter realize how much work some folks

Heard & Seen By Buff

William S. Powell, librarian at the University of North Carolina Library, is about to complete work on a North Carolina gazetteer which will list and briefly describe cities, towns and named communities, rivers and other streams, lakes, sounds, bays, rivers, creeks and other bodies or streams of water, mountains, gaps, pocosins and swamps and other geographical features in North Carolina. The main entry in every case will be under the present or last used name of such feature, but he'd like to know of former names which are no longer used or which ceased to be used. He also hopes to explain the origin, meaning or derivation of the names and in as many cases as possible to indicate when cities, towns and communities were first settled and when they were incorporated. He will be grateful to Herald readers for any information of this nature which they can supply. He would like them to distinguish between what they know for a fact and what is simply tradition handed down to them. Such information may be sent him in care of the University of North Carolina Library.

Gary Martin, who is now operating the Albenmarle Restaurant and Motel, had a surprised look on his face the other night after Dusty Rhoades had finished eating a T-bone steak. Gary sort of thought he'd have a little meat to feed a dog, but when he looked at Dusty's plate there was no semblance of any meat left on the bone. Dusty is a past master at getting meat from a bone and he doesn't pick the steak up in his hands to eat it, either.

Mrs. Roger Spivey, the very efficient secretary of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, severed her connection with the Chamber last of December after a year's service. In "What's New," published by the Chamber of Commerce, the following appears: "The stork will visit the Spiveys before the very first flowers of spring will appear. So our secretary will devote herself to more loving tasks than changing a stubborn typewriter ribbon. We all will miss Mae's cheerful efficiency and wish her and her husband the best of everything."

Also in the same issue of "What's New" a report on the recent membership drive appears. As of the date of issue, new members added to the Chamber of Commerce included the following: David L. Bass, Belch Motor Express, Birchard Dairy, Colonial Motel and Restaurant, Colonial Motor Company, Harmon TV & Radio Service, Holland & Warren, CPA, N & R Cleaners, G. B. Potter, Seabrook Blanching Corporation, John E. Shackelford, Southern Dairies, Thomas & Howard, Triangle Restaurant, Westover Service Station and Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation.

Winks Bond is in sort of a dilemma, for he received four different brands of cigarettes as Christmas presents. He started out to trade 'em in for his favorite brand, but discovered that each package had an advertisement printed on it. So for a while, at least, he'll be smoking almost any kind of cigarette.

Mrs. Irene Dunbar had a lot of company at the Western Gas Service Store Monday. She had a color television set rigged up to receive the Rose Bowl parade and even had a gang of chairs arranged in the store for her guests. Here's one who had a front seat for a while and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful colored pictures of the big affair in California. It was so real looking that I imagined I could smell the roses, but it must have been perfume used by some of the ladies among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parrish and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Twiddy won the two top prizes for the best out-door Christmas decorations, but Haughton Ehringhaus could have won a prize for the most unique Christmas tree. In the Hotel Joseph Hewes lobby Haughton decorated a cactus plant which attracted just about as much attention as the other Christmas decorations. The cactus didn't have many leaves, so that it looked sort of like a rooster with most of his feathers picked off.

Anybody have a spare dime while parking in the business section? It has been agreed that all dimes found in the parking meters during January will be turned over to the New March of Dimes campaign. Of course, the dimes will not register any parking time, but they will register a little boost in the March of Dimes contributions.

Arthur Chappell has moved his billiard parlor from East King Street to the building on Broad Street for many years occupied by the Edenton Restaurant. Chap has fixed up the place so that it is attractive and he figures the new location is a better stand. He'll be glad to meet his friends in his new quarters. Besides a billiard parlor, he will also serve light lunches.

Well, the holidays are now over and most everybody no doubt had a fine time. I heard one fellow say the other day that now that Christmas is over, everything with no whiskey in it tastes funny to him.

Now that the State Highway is planning to have a central warehouse up near the old county home, the warehouse used on Granville Street back of the hospital will be abandoned. Winks Bond on Tuesday morning asked W. F. Sessoms, district engineer, what will be done with the warehouse. "The hospital needs a building to store lawn mowers and other equipment," said Mr. Bond. "At present it is necessary to store this sort of equipment under the trees." But D. M. Bridgeman, maintenance supervisor, quickly chimed in, "Well, they might just as well store them under the trees as in that old building."

About the best that an eel gets in this neck of the woods on the part of sport and commercial fishermen is a good cussing, but Darrell E. Louder, writing in the January issue of the Wildlife Resources Commission's monthly magazine, "Wildlife in North Carolina," has this to say

about the eel: "North Carolina is stuck with the eel, and we might as well learn to like him. The eel lives out his murky existence under a shroud of misinformation. Some people consider him a snake, others call the eel a male catfish, and most fishermen simply ignore the eel as far as fishing is concerned. The eel is a true fish, and is found all over the eastern United States. Spawning grounds for the snake-like fish are far to the south, in the Sargasso Sea between Puerto Rico and Bermuda."

Louder describes the long one-way journey for adult eels, and the arduous return trip for young eels. Dams and other obstructions that block the way for young eels are bypassed on damp nights, he says, when they slither through wet grass to reach the waters above. The biologist says that the role of the eel in fresh water streams and ponds isn't completely understood, but says that they can't be condemned as real trouble-makers. Even though they can be removed temporarily, there's an annual crop of new migrants from the Atlantic each year, he concludes, and so we might as well learn to like the eel, or at least tolerate him.

Even if Mr. Louder says the pesky eel should not be condemned as trouble-makers, I'd like to see him up the creek when speckled perch are biting and hook one of the bloomin' things and get it off the hook.

WCS MEETS TUESDAY
The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Tuesday night, January 10, at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. John Priovott on East King Street. All members are requested to attend.

20 YEARS AGO

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New officers for Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., were installed with G. A. Helms succeeding C. W. Sawyer as master.

C. W. Overman, county agent in Dare County, was detained at the Manteo office so that he was unable to begin his services as county agent for Chowan County for 10 to 15 days.

Badham Bros. store and Mrs. R. P. Badham won top prizes for the best business and home decorations for Christmas. The decorations in Edenton surpassed previous years both in number and beauty.

Lieut. Carr of the U. S. Army Engineer Corps was in Edenton to make their headquarters in the Edenton armory. In the corps were 50 men who made surveys throughout the section.

The Christmas Stocking Fund was able to deliver presents to 104 children in 31 families.

C. H. Barker was installed as new sachem of Chowan Tribe of Red Men.

Four Chowan County farmers, John G. Wood, B. W. Evans, T. C. Byrum and A. C. Boyce received federal payments in excess of \$1,000 for faithful compliance with the 1938 agricultural adjustment program.

Lunch Room Menu

Menus at John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of January 9-13 will be as follows:

Monday: Weiners, pork and beans, pickle relish, block chocolate cake, butter, weiner rolls, cole slaw, mustard, milk.

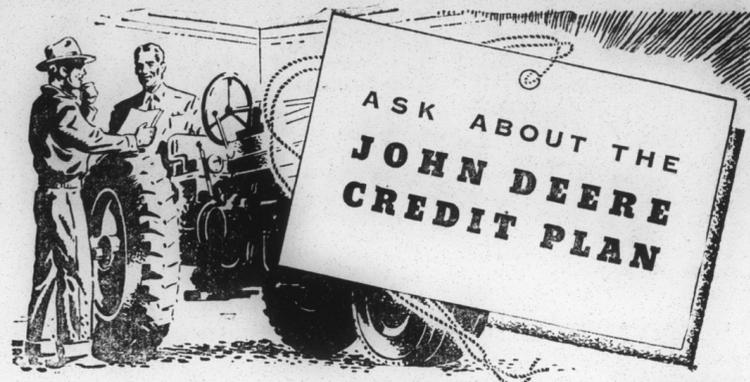
Tuesday: Meat loaf with gravy, creamed potatoes, hot biscuits, milk, garden peas, butter,

peach halves.

Wednesday: Chicken pan pie with yellow corn, candied yams, fruit jello, bread, butter, milk.

Thursday: Beef vegetable soup, pimento cheese sandwiches, salted crackers, cookies, peanut butter sandwiches, milk.

Friday: Stew beef with potatoes and onions, green string beans, hot biscuits, butter, milk, apple pie.



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