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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.—Exodus 23:2.
Wickedness may prosper for a while, but in the long run he that sets all knives at work will pay them.
Almighty Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Higher Tax Rate

Taxes, like death, have been and will always be with us, and both are more or less dreaded by the majority of people. So that whenever it is necessary to raise taxes, there is usually an outcry.

Chowan County Commissioners, it will be noted, have been forced to raise the tax rate for the fiscal year 1961-1962 in the amount of 22 cents on the \$100 of property valuation, so that the new rate will be \$1.32 as compared with \$1.10 last year. Of course, taxpayers outside the corporate limits of Edenton will be obliged to pay a rate of \$1.42 due to a special tax levy for rural fire protection.

The Commissioners and the County Accountant spent a great deal of time working on the new budget in an effort to hold the rate as low as possible. In fact, they were more or less agreeably surprised to come up with a \$1.32 rate, for when the budgets from the various departments first came in, there was sort of a feeling that at least a 35-cent boost might be necessary to meet the anticipated expenditures. However, some reductions were made so that the rate is not as high as at first anticipated.

The major cause of the increase is due to the cost of operation of schools in the county. This requirement alone calls for a budget of \$177,799 which, after deductions of revenue anticipated from other sources, calls for 76 cents of the \$1.32 tax rate.

Town Councilmen are also up to their necks in figures in preparation for the budget which will determine Edenton's tax rate. While no indication has been forthcoming as to the possible tax rate, every effort will be made to prevent an increase. Operation of town and county governments is an expensive business, so that those whose duty it is to make up the budgets deserve not only the well wishes but sympathy as well of those whom they serve.

Giving Good Driver His Due

Announcement in Massachusetts of a merit rating plan for automobile liability insurance premiums is in line with a movement that has spread through 20 states in the last two years and should soon become nationwide.

The rising cost of such liability insurance, which is needed for the protection of the public, stems basically from the accident rate. There are also factors such as fraudulent claims, excessive jury awards, and—until compact—the price of parts for larger, more expensive cars. But if more of the cost of insurance can be placed on those responsible for most of the damage, this will not only serve the interests of fairness but may also act as some deterrent to carelessness.

Otis M. Whitney, insurance commissioner for Massachusetts, believes the means are available to begin to do this. He finds that for every motorist with a "bad" driving record there are five whose records, taking the preceding year as a basis, are clear. He proposes therefore to balance the total premium intake of the companies by giving a 2 per cent reduction to each "good" driver (or car owner) and assessing a 10 per cent increase against owners on whose accounts insurance payments were made for bodily injury or property damage.

Other states, notably California, where the selective premium plan was introduced in 1959, make a wider spread in immediate penalties and rewards, often based on three-year records. Through a year-to-year cumulative feature in Massachusetts, a series of years in which claims were paid could become quite expensive to an insuree or a 10-year clean record, for example, could result in substantial saving.

An earlier plan in this state was thrown out after a short, perhaps too short, trial. Mr. Whitney attributes this to the fact that demerits were charged for traffic violations which did not result in accidents. Other states have found a distinct correlation between such offenses as speeding or drunken driving and some of the accident-prone drivers. In any case, a higher insurance premium on evidently negligent driving should put a pocketbook premium on more careful driving.—The Christian Science Monitor.

Heard & Seen

By Buff

In last week's issue of The Herald an item was used which was written by Sam Ragan of the Raleigh News and Observer. The paragraph had to do with moving the Confederate monument in Edenton and in answer to Mr. Ragan's remarks, Mrs. Elizabeth Wiggins Hassell has replied as follows:

Dear Mr. Ragan: A quotation from your weekly column in the News and Observer used by Mr. Bufflap in his Heard and Seen column of The Chowan Herald, June 15th issue, inferred your surprise at the lack of concern the actual relocating of the Chowan County Confederate monument created a year after the "violent opposition which almost became a battle royal."

To make your mind as to the feeling of many of us who "violently opposed" the moving of the monument from the Court House Green to the lower end of Main Street, I wish to give as briefly as I can the strategy of the coup d'etat that so successfully brought about this "revolution" in Edenton to which you referred to as going unnoticed and ask you "What do you think?"

On March 7th, 1960, the Chowan County Commissioners, consisting of W. E. Bond, chairman, Gilliam Wood, Cary Hollowell, Dallas Jethro and veteran commissioner of thirty years service, Mr. Raleigh Peele, turned down a request for approximately one-half of \$10,000.00 refused to give the Woman's Club of Edenton permission to move the Confederate monument by a vote of 3-2. Mr. Bond and Mr. Wood being the minority, in turn they voted by the same ratio and by the same commissioners to carry the controversy of the Confederate monument to the people themselves—to let the citizens of Chowan County decide this important issue by the right to express their wishes at the May election of 1960. This, the Woman's Club refused and withdrew their request for funds and the removal of the monument.

In the fall of 1960, the Edenton Woman's Club again appeared before the commissioners and requested that the commissioners look into the advisability of removing the point from the Chowan Court House, thus restoring it to its original unpainted brick condition and if found to do no harm to the Court House to proceed to have the paint removed. This was voted to be done and after tests were made, the commissioners authorized the removal of the paint at a cost of \$4,750.00, plus repairs to bricks and chimneys amounting to \$4,930.00—total of \$9,680.00. Please take note that there was no protest by the taxpayers at this expenditure of taxpayers' money at the request of the Woman's Club, although opinions have been expressed that some preferred the Court House painted to its present condition and it seems to me when I saw Independence Hall in Philadelphia it was painted red, too.

On May 10th, 1961, a special meeting of the Town Council of Edenton was called. The purpose for which this meeting was called was to decide whether the town of Edenton would endorse the bid for the sale of Government property, namely the old Edenton Fish Hatchery. A group of women representing the Edenton Woman's Club were present also. I was told a year before by Councilman-at-large George A. Byrum that no group of persons could come before the Town Council without first asking for a hearing making known their requests and being approved by being placed on the agenda for said meeting, so definitely the knowledge that the Club would make their request at this meeting was known by the Council. The Club asked permission to place the Confederate Monument on town property supposedly even before they knew they were going to have permission to move it from the Green. The motion was made to grant this request, seconded by Elton Forehand and carried by the Council.

As important an issue as this was to the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County as testified by your so-called "battle royal" that went on in the Court House in 1960 not one word of this request by the Woman's Club and the granting of the request was published in any paper until after the Commissioners had met and granted the complete carrying out of the Woman's Club plans. Chowan residents read both the News and Observer and Virginia-Pilot every day and reporters are employed to furnish such pertinent happenings to their publications.

As important an issue as this was to the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County not one inkling of what was underfoot leaked—not at the coffee hour at Hollowell's Drug Store, not to wife, husband, or friend who might let drop a clue to what was in the process of becoming a Blitzkrieg of 1961 as Miss Bufflap has so aptly stated.

Six days later on May 16th at another special call meeting the County Commissioners advised to bear complaints about a coming bond issue of \$289,000.00 for schools. Quietly the delegates from the Woman's Club again were on hand and asked permission to carry out their original plans for the removal of the monument this time at the Club's expense. This time the motion was made by Gilliam Wood to allow the Woman's Club to carry out their plans for the Court House Green in its entirety, seconded by Cary Hollowell and after hesitancy and delay on the part of Mr. Evans (elected in November to succeed Mr. Peele upon his retirement) and Mr. Jethro the motion was carried unanimously. Less than an hour Edenton was stunned and bewildered. Why did the Commissioners think it was of less importance to the citizens of Chowan in May 1961 to be allowed to vote on the issue of the Confederate Monument than they did in March 1960? If it was right to refer the matter to the voters in 1960, why not in 1961? It could not have been (as they have said) in the interest of taxes because they didn't hesitate to spend \$9,630.00 at the Club's request for paint removal and subsequent repairs. What do you think?

Before the Monument was moved, Mrs. Robert Grady Johnson of Burgaw, N. C., State President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of North Carolina, having been informed and very much concerned in the issue of the removal of the Monument called Mr. W. E. Bond, Chairman of the Commissioners and asked for a hearing to appear with the past president of the U.D.C., Mrs. Henry Stevens (wife of Judge Stevens) before the Commissioners. She reports that after talking with Mr. Bond in which he refused her (without consulting other members of the board of Commissioners) a hearing, telling her the Monument would be moved the coming week and there was "nothing she could do about it" she regretted very much ever talking to Mr. Bond and was "thankful she did not live in Chowan County."

The removal of the Monument was completed from the Green to the foot of Main Street in one day by a local bull-dozing and dragline concern. My husband having recently required the services of this same concern on his farm I am in a position to state that their services to us were at the rate of \$15.00 (Fifteen dollars) per hour. Contrast this with the amount spent on the Court House without protest from the taxpayer and see if you can come up with the answer that the main opposition was based on the tax angle.

Chowan County has been unfortunate in and the loser of this controversy because of lack of organization to fight organization. The opposition has been widespread but not organized. Some wanted to resort to an injunction to stop this marriage of free choice, but an investigation disclosed that an injunction settles nothing

and often grows into a long drawn out costly court battle with ensuing suits.

Mr. Ragan, you referred to "time having a way of healing" and sometimes it may apply to the Civil War." We do not want to forget the love of native soil and the desire for the freedom to decide their own problems that inspired the boys and men in Grey in 1861-65 who faithfully served and laid down their lives to preserve the way of life of free men. Their bravery and sacrifices may be matched but they can never be surpassed. Neither can we forget that here in Chowan County in the year of our Lord 1961 when we as a nation, we as a state, and we as individuals, are proclaiming to the world our belief in democracy and freedom of choice by expressing our wishes by the ballot, citizens can be denied and refused the right to settle an issue that has so much appeal to nearly every man, woman, and child. We had every right to believe that when and if the issue was revived it would be referred to the voters to decide. The Commissioners completely about-faced not caring to find out the wishes of the people. They cannot justify their contention that when funds were not wanted the battle was over because evidence overwhelming by points otherwise and they would not allow their theory to be tested by vote. How many times in the future when they say the thing will they about-face and do the opposite. We wonder!

In conclusion, Mr. Ragan, if any organization should in years or months (who knows) to come, decide they want the Confederate Monument moved from the Capitol Square in Raleigh tell them to come to Edenton and get excellent advice on the technique of such an operation. Our elected officials of town and county know all the answers of how it can be done to a trusting and unsuspecting public.

Interest continues to mount in the Edenton Softball League with a goodly number of fans attending the games. Rain has more or less played havoc with the games with three out of five games being rained out. The Varsity Club is setting the pace with three victories to no defeats, but the P & Q team, Red Men and Jaycees are hoping to improve in order to develop a hot race for the lead.

League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Varsity Club.....	3	0	1.000
P & Q.....	2	1	.666
Red Men.....	1	2	.333
Jaycees.....	0	3	.000

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Tynch Registered For Baptist Meeting

An Edenton resident, M. J. Tynch, has registered for the second national conference of Southern Baptist men, which will be held September 13-15 at Memphis, Tenn.

More than 10,000 men are expected to attend the conference and hear such noted speakers as Charles Malik, former president of the United Nations General Assembly; Brooks Hays, assistant secretary of state and former Southern Baptist Convention president, and Roy McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

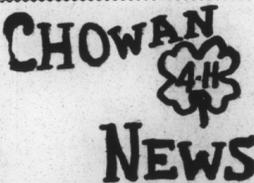
Theme for the conference is "That the World May Know." The event is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood departments, June 22-29, July 6, 13, 20, 27.

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The group we carried to camp this year was certainly one of the finest groups I've had the pleasure of camping with. They attended the four classes daily, which consisted of: Swimming, recreation, handicraft, and two days of wildlife and two days of electric classes. Even though a bit hesitant to rise at 6:30 each morning, the 4-H'ers managed to clean the cabins and get to flag raising on time. And so went the busy schedule until taps blew at 10:30 each night. For a much fuller and more detailed report, just ask any 4-H'er who went to camp. I'm sure they can fill you in on many subjects of camp I've left untouched!



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The Eastern District 4-H Demonstration Day was held at the Chocowinity High School in Chocowinity, N. C., on Tuesday, June 20. Chowan County had the following 4-H'ers participating in events: Lois Chappell, Dress Revue; Judy Evans and Kay Bunch, Dairy Foods Team; Joe Bass and Gene Harrell, Peanut Production; Richard White, Cotton Production.

N. C. Peach Crop Largest Since 1957

The 1961 peach production for North Carolina is estimated at 1,450,000 bushels and is the largest crop since 1957 when 1,500,000 bushels were produced, according to the N. C. Crop Reporting Service. In the commercial counties of the Sandhill area the crop is in good to excellent condition. Harvest of the early maturing varieties has been under way since the first week of June.

Mrs. Lucille Jones Dies In Rest Home

Mrs. Lucille Ashley Jones, 75, died Thursday night at Morgan's Rest Home in Winfall after a lingering illness. A native of Chowan County, she was a daughter of the late Jobe and Dellaiah Ashley.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Vergie Bass of Edenton and Mrs. Peggy Flynn of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two brothers, Norman Ashley of Philadelphia and Ben Ashley of New York; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a member of Fairmont Park Baptist Church in Norfolk.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Williford Funeral Home. The

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our most sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us during the recent death of our mother, Mrs. Lucille Jones.
THE FAMILY.

Legal Notices

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Luther N. Keeter, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 22nd day of June, 1962, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
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TAKES OVER — Lt. Gen. Chang Do Yung, above, has taken over the reins of South Korean government following a military coup.

Rev. Thurman Allred, pastor of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church, officiated.

Rocky Hock Baptist Church

choir sang "Does Jesus Care?" and "Have Thine Own Way" and Miss Becky Harrell sang a solo, "Beyond the Sunset," officiated.

Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Fallbearers were Edward Harrell, Earl Smith, Marvin Smith, Alvin Evans, Raleigh Harrell and Clarence Bass.



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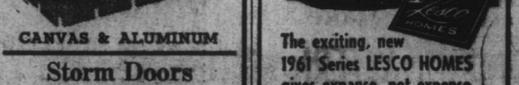
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