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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God.—Psalm 51:10.
Purity lives and derives its life solely from the Spirit of God.
Make us beautiful within, we pray, Our Father

On The March

At the present time four projects are under consideration by various officials which deserve the full cooperation of citizens in Edenton and Chowan County. All of them are important to the future of this area and the well being of the entire citizenry.

Like most other things, these projects will hit where it hurts the most—right in the pocketbook. The entire Albemarle area is on the march. Thus far, thanks to farsighted leadership, Edenton and Chowan County are leading the parade. We are literally setting the pace for numerous other counties in the northeastern section of North Carolina.

Now is the time to hue anew our pledge for continued development.

The projects under consideration range from little more than \$20,000 needed to upgrade Edenton Municipal Airport to approximately \$1,000,000 needed by the Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution. The other undertakings are a new home for Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and an adequate fire station.

Put them all together and you about run the gamut of necessities of a well balanced community with services for its people.

A new library building situated near the Cupola House would have numerous advantages. It would not only beautify the Water Street area and add culture to our town and county, but with it would come books which are now being withheld because of the lack of adequate facilities to house them. The citizens of Chowan County are actually being penalized because of the situation which now exists.

Edenton Town Council led the way this week with approval of a letter of intent to appropriate \$15,000 toward construction and furnishing of the library building. We feel sure that in the near future the County Commissioners will take similar action on a request for \$20,000.

The urgency in this request at the present time is the availability of federal funds for library construction. Chowan can qualify for 46 per cent in matching funds. That ain't hay—it's nearly \$30,000.

Town Council has been wrestling with the fire station problem for some time. Architects first proposed a building which proved too ambitious. By the time new plans and specifications are completed the way is expected to be cleared to go ahead with the project which is badly needed. Like the library, the fire station cannot be expected to function at top efficiency in an out-moded building.

The Town got a real deal in Edenton Municipal Airport. But the facility is not designed for small scale operations. With the establishment of an Airport Commission, with guidance from the Council, this property could become the pride and joy of the entire area.

The pretty part of this set-up is that funds derived from the airport can be used only at the airport. A commission, composed of a representative of the Council, the County Commissioners and area people interested in aviation, could make this project go and grow with those using the facility paying the bills.

Edenton would have a distinct advantage with a lighted runway, hangar, gasoline service and proper communications. There are many people in Chowan interested enough in flying and others who know the importance of the airport to our growth to make it successful, without tax funds.

The proposed Hall of Fame is a most ambitious undertaking. Some doubters snickered when it was proposed. However, a New York firm which specializes in fund raising campaigns for such endeavors were greatly impressed with the project. Shortly after January 1, 1965, a pre-campaign survey will be made.

This project will take an untold number of hours by volunteers, in addition to the complete financial support of the area. But when it is completed and thousands of people make their way to Edenton and Chowan County each year to visit the center, the increase in business will make it a profitable venture.

Visitors to the Hall of Fame will come by all modes of travel, including airplanes. There is where the Edenton Municipal Airport will function as a diamond in the rough.

While the visitors are here they will want to visit area landmarks to learn more about historic Edenton. This is where the new Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will function as a cultural center.

And for goodness sake, while the visitors are in our community to want them to be safe. We will look to an efficient fire department for a portion of this protection, thus the fire station will play a vital role.

All of these things can be a reality in a relatively short period of time.

Now is the time for everyone to put on Good Citizens badges.

Just Helping Santa

Up a stump as to what to give him for Christmas? The N. C. Traffic Safety Council suggests that you put seat belts under the tree for every member of the family who's seat in the family car is not already equipped.
Seat belts do save lives and reduce injuries. Okay, Santa. We have spread the word.

Heard & Seen

By Buff

Two very interesting visitors in The Herald office last week were B. G. Coates of New Castle, Pa., and his son, Ray Coates, a Church of Christ preacher at Reading, Pa. The elder Coates went into a very interesting spell of reminiscing. He was a foreman on the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge when it was built back in 1907 and recalled quite a few episodes in connection with the work. He came here at the close of the Jamestown Exposition and recalled that the work was stopped for a time due to a money panic and script had to be used. The men, he said, lived in barracks on the Mackeys side of the Sound, but he managed to get a room with a Baumgardner family who lived in the house now occupied by Mrs. Kathleen Skiles. Two Baumgardner girls, who were fatherless, lived in the house and they were so kind to Mr. Coates that he has not forgotten them over the years. In fact, he was on his way to Raleigh to see the two women, but stopped for a night at Hotel Joseph Hewes in order to look around Edenton. "There has been a great change since I was here," he said. Mr. Coates also planned to stop off at Roper to see the mother of Earl Knowles, manager of a C. D. Penney store in New Castle. Mr. Coates, who said the Lord has been especially good to him, was very much enthused over the fact that he was able to go to Raleigh to meet "two splendid ladies" who he has not seen since 1907. It was very interesting to hear Mr. Coates tell about Edenton back in 1907. It is always a pleasure to hear about what some old-timers have to say about Edenton—then and now.

A note this week from Ernest F. Hettrick of Atlanta, also an Edenton old-timer, sort of makes the head swell a bit. Mr. Hettrick paid up his renewal to The Herald for two years and with his check had this to say, in part: "You have a fine paper which has done much for the city of Edenton. A newspaper plays an important role in the development of a city and in the molding of the characters of the citizens of the city, and I am sure you have done your duty. I am very proud of having been born in Edenton (in 1886) and I expect to be buried there in the year 2006 (not sooner, I hope) in Beaver Hill Cemetery by the side of my father, William Hettrick. If I ever fail to renew my subscription to The Chowan Herald, you will then know why and where to locate me."

And while old-timers can see that a great deal of progress has been made in Edenton, another recent improvement has been the neat trash receptacles placed about the business section. These receptacles, 25 of them, were purchased by the town, with the Jaycees making a substantial contribution. They replace the old trash cans which were about "shot" and adds to the appearance of the town. The next thing is for folks to use them instead of throwing paper cups, paper and other trash along the street.

Edenton's Christmas parade Friday afternoon was just about the best ever. At least one of the bands played while passing The Herald office. For those who may not know it, those two Street Department employees pushing a cart and carrying brooms didn't happen to get in the parade by mistake. Their assignment was to follow the group of horses in the parade. This is not a one-horse town, you know. And speaking about the parade, if it becomes the practice for Miss North Carolina to sit on the lap of Santa Claus, we might have a gang of applicants to play Santa Claus hereafter.

Dr. Wallace O'Berry of Tarawa Terrace, N. C., was another to renew his Herald subscription and in a note said, "Enjoy reading of things of our friends in Edenton. Keep the good Mayor in good company."

A lot of Rotarians were given a scare Thursday when they found tags on their cars for parking on the left side of West Gale Street. Chief of Police Jim Griffin was the speaker for the Rotary meeting and informed the guilty ones that they were tagged just to remind motorists that it is now unlawful to cross a street to park on the left side.

Many Edentonians were shocked to hear about the death of Ike Perry, principal of Perquimans High School at Hertford. Mr. Perry, only 42, died Tuesday in the Veterans Hospital at Durham following an illness of two months. Mr. Perry, before being named principal of Perquimans High, coached the Indians' football team, so that many former Aces remember him very well. While his Indians scalped the Aces, a number of times, his Edenton friends regret that he has passed on and extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Members of the Chowan County Scottish Rite Club are in for a treat Friday night when a supper will be served consisting of country ham and turkey. Clarence White will see to it that everybody will have enough to eat, so that President Tom Francis urges every member and his wife to turn out for an honest-to-goodness good meal and a nice time. Each one attending is requested to take a present to be distributed as well as a toy or clothing for needy youngsters.

Edenton's street Christmas decorations are especially attractive this year. With the dark colored lights crossing the streets and more brightly colored bulbs paralleling the street makes for a very beautiful decoration. They're very nice and a credit to put 'em up.

Last week's cold snap emphasized how forgetful a fellow can get. Looking for my overcoat, it could not be found around the house, so that I thought it was lost. However, the other day a package arrived from Pennsylvania containing my overcoat. It was left in that neck of the woods while on a recent trip there. Well, that eliminates a suggested Christmas present at any time.

Dec. 15 Important Day For Farmers

Outcome of Referendums Will Vitally Affect Economy

Tuesday, December 15, is the most important single day North Carolina farmers will have in the next three years, according to a ranking farm official. W. R. Carver, district fieldman for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said Tuesday night that four important issues are before farmers in the referendum but the tobacco program is most vital to the total economy of North Carolina.

Speaking to a group of interested persons in Chowan County Court House, Carver pointed out that more than 80 per cent of income from crops in the Tar Heel State comes from tobacco. "Therefore, it is a very important crop to the economy of our state," he said.

In the referendum, farmers and others deriving income from flue-cured tobacco will be voting on whether to continue the present program that has been in effect for the past 25 years.

Carver said in 1938 there were 603,500 acres of tobacco and the average price was \$22.70 per hundred pounds. That year farmers voted out the government program. In 1939 there were 843,000 acres planted but the price per hundred pounds fell to \$15.20. Later in the year the present program was voted in.

By 1962 total acres had decreased to 483,000, the yield per acre was 1,890 pounds, an all-time high at that time, and the average price was \$60.20 per hundred pounds.

Although tobacco is not a big money crop in Chowan County, Carver said local farmers should support the program because of the widespread importance of the crop on our total economy.

The farmers will also vote on a two-cent per hundred pound peanut assessment for continuation of the N. C. Peanut Association. This group does research, promotes the use of peanuts and sponsors legislation relative to the crop.

Too, farmers will be asked to vote on a tobacco assessment of not more than \$1.00 per acre for support of Tobacco Associates. This group promotes the sale of tobacco products in foreign countries. Carver said it is more important now than ever that U. S. tobacco interests be represented on the national market.

The third issue will be continuation of cotton quotas which have been in effect since 1952. This includes a 30-cent per pound support for those complying with allotment quotas.

All of these issues must carry by a two-third vote in order to be law. Therefore, Carver and other farm officials have urged everyone who is eligible to vote on Tuesday, December 15.

Library Officials Renew Efforts

Continued from Page 1, Section 1 was taken due to the absence of W. E. Bond, chairman. The commissioners said Mr. Bond had more knowledge of the

situation than other members of the body. It will be on the agenda again in January.

Tom Shepard, chairman of the library's board of trustees, renewed the request for assistance from the county. He said the temporary North Broad Street quarters were totally inadequate and action is being sought while federal funds are available.

Shepard said a 3,500 square foot building is deemed necessary for Chowan County. The land structure and adequate furnishings would cost approximately \$65,000.

The commissioners were told that Chowan County is in line for a 46 per cent government grant which would leave \$35,000 to be put up locally.

It was noted that \$1,400,000 in federal funds have been made available to North Carolina for library construction. No state funds are available and federal grants will end in June, 1966.

A representative of the N. C. State Library told the board more books could be put in the Shepard-Pruden library but there is no suitable place to put them. It was pointed out that inadequate quarters are actually costing local citizens the benefit of the type library they deserve.

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the commissioners, at the suggestion of W. P. Jones, tax supervisor, named the following tax lists: Mrs. Pattie Byrum and Mrs. Annie Martha Hare, first township; Henry Bunch, second township; T. D. Berryman, third township; and Ward Hoskins, fourth township.

Jones also discussed tax listing schedules with the board and reported that revaluation was progressing on schedule. He also recommended a review in the salary scale of office personnel in the supervisor's office. He said some of the help had not received a raise since 1956.

John Graham was re-appointed county attorney. County offices will be closed from 5 P. M., December 23 to 8 A. M., December 28 for the Christmas holiday.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin reported that 36 persons were confined to the county jail for from one to 30 days at a cost of \$284.86 during November.

Gilliam Wood, highway commissioner, advised the board that a narrow road from Indian Trail to Yeopim would be widened and re-surfaced with government surplus funds. The cost of the project, which includes about four miles of Chowan secondary roads, will cost \$115,000.

Leary thanked Wood for what he had done for Chowan County in the way of providing better roads. Wood is not expected to be renamed to the commission when his term expires June 30, 1965.

First Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

A stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. W. M. Rhoades, master of the lodge, has announced that the first degree will be conferred upon a candidate, so that he invites all Masons to attend.

For the world was built in order And the atoms march in tune.—Emerson.

Home Demonstration Clubs Hold District Meeting In Edenton

Home Demonstration Club officers and committee chairmen from the 16 counties in the Eastern District met at the Methodist Church in Edenton on Wednesday, December 9, for their annual planning meeting.

Mrs. R. W. Humphries, state coordinating treasurer from Gates County, presided at the general session. Mrs. John A. Winfield, Beaufort County, state president, gave the officer training to County Council and district officers.

The following committees met and planned their year's activities: Education, Safety, Family Life, Citizenship, Health, International, Music, and Public Relations.

Mrs. J. L. Chestnut of Edenton is district chairman of the Health Committee.

Mrs. Maggie Al Sweet, radio and television editor, and Miss Anamerle Arant, Eastern District home economics agent, both from Raleigh, attended the meeting.

Attending the meeting from Chowan County were Mrs. M. T. Barrington, second vice president, 25th Federated District; Mrs. Morris Small, County Council treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Jordan, County Council secretary; Mrs. J. L. Chestnut, Mrs. B. P. Monds, Mrs. Ruth Efrid, Mrs. O. M. Blanchard, Miss Harriet Leary, Mrs. B. L. Penny, Mrs. Grace Sawyer, Mrs. Tom Goodman, Miss Hulda Wood and Miss Pauline Calloway, home economics extension agent. A total of 116 people attended the meeting.

Donald J. Beaudoin Dies Very Suddenly

Donald J. Beaudoin, 71, died suddenly Saturday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock at his home on Stratford Road.

A native of Connecticut, he was a son of the late Joseph and Amanda F. Beaudoin and lived in Edenton the past five years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Katherine Kelly Beaudoin and three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Berry of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Mrs. Arthur Veroneau and Miss Ora Beaudoin, both of Meridan, Connecticut.

He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, a veteran of World War I, member of Disabled Overseas Veterans and a past commander of Imperial Golden Rodent.

A funeral service was held at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Joseph Catholic Church at Meridan and burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery at Meridan.

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