



Well, here it is, another new year and, together with the mell of a hess to get a gallon or two of gasoline in these parts, the new year poses another problem. One of my duties is to set the date lines for The Herald, as well as writing a number of long overdue letters. Where the problem comes in is to forget that it is now 1974 and instead continue to use 1973. Anyway, here's hoping it will soon become a little more easier to buy the gasoline we need so that the new year will be just a little more happier for all.

Some Methodist women, no doubt will have sort of a vacation from the kitchen for a few days at least. Wednesday night of this week the Methodist Men's Club held its monthly dinner meeting. Then next Saturday morning the Men's Club will have another pickled herring breakfast from 7 to 9 o'clock. The "boys" will serve all one can eat for \$1.25 and last month's breakfast was just about the best attended in a long time. Then next Sunday morning the Men's Club will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock. The hole congregation is invited to attend and, rather unusual for these times, there will be no charge so that the men are expecting a large crowd to be on hand—and remain for Sunday School—and church, too.

Gosh, don't tell me that pennies are now also becoming scarce. Just the other day I bought some groceries which amounted to \$4.98. The checker said, "I'm sorry. I don't have any pennies. How about taking two pieces of bubble gum to make it an even \$5.00?"

In a brief letter from I. H. Spruill, living in Deland, Fla., it is apparent that Chowan County peanuts are sold at far distant places, said friend Spruill:

"Dear Buff: Enclosed herewith is my annual renewal for your newspaper. The Heard and Seen column weekly by you is an enjoyable feature. So is the paper in its entirety. The farmers of good old Chowan County know how to raise delicious and nutritious jumbo peanuts packed by Jimbo's Jumbos of Edenton which can be purchased here in Deland."

Many Edentonians will be interested in recent reviews in the Virginian-Pilot, Ledger Star and the Newport News Times-Herald of the show "Milk and Honey" at the Cavalier Dinner Playhouse. A former Edentonian, Mrs. Sallie Dixon Suter, is highly praised as the musical director, who has brought together a very professional sounding group of musicians and their performance is said to be one of the best Cavalier has ever offered. Mrs. Suter is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Minton Dixon of Edenton who many Edentonians will remember.

Mrs. Santie (White) Hand, now living at Stanley, N. C., too, sent in her renewal to The Herald and said: "Dear Buff: Enclosed is payment for The Chowan Herald. I don't want to miss a copy. I haven't been to Edenton lately but I sure miss all of you, and Edenton will always be my home. Best of luck to all of you."

Then Tony Saks of Virginia Beach, Va., husband of the former Miss Grace Hollowell of Ryland, sent in his belated renewal to The Herald, having found his notice among Christmas cards. He married Miss Hollowell in Edenton in 1937 and at that time was teaching guitar in this area. He now has the largest guitar studio in Tidewater and his students have been national and world championship contest winners. Mr. Saks also owns a guitar that is autographed in gold by all the Beatles as well as a guitar autographed by Paul Revere and the Raiders.

Officers for the year 1974 will be installed at an open installation ceremony tonight (Thursday) for Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A.M., at the Masonic Temple. Sam Long will be installed as new master of the lodge and he, as well as the other officers, will be delighted to have relatives and friends attend the affair.

Good Cotton Year

"This has been a very unusual cotton year in North Carolina in several ways," says E. M. Stallings, extension economist at N. C. State University. "First, we have experienced perfect weather for harvesting. Second, prices during the fall reached the highest level since Civil War days. Third, we have produced a good yielding crop of very high quality cotton." Stallings adds that harvest of the N. C. crop moved past the 96 per cent completed mark and prices moved upward three to four cents per pound during the past week.

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absence of same, his appearance on the scene put things back into proper perspective.

The new lieutenant is a strong advocate of home rule. He abhors intervention from outsiders—whether they be agitators or so-called mediators. He is a tough line cop with a level head, a big heart, but a firm hand.

He'll be missed in the Albemarle. But Asheville won't seem nearly as far away.

Twice From Second

State Sen. D. Livingstone Stallings of New Bern has made public what he was saying privately recently over in Williamston. He aspires to a second term in the General Assembly rather than a seat in the U. S. Congress.

In the past the state legislator who had a big clout in the 1973 session as a freshman has been critical of this newspaper's support of Rep. Walter B. Jones. This was especially true a few years back when the political scribes were painting him as a formidable opponent.

Since then the Craven County insurance executive's ego has been put back into socket. He served the Second Senate District with distinction and deserves to go twice from the Second. And if we could vote down there we would put one in for Sen. Stallings.

The Gas Situation

The coolness, the level headedness, the sensibleness and the restraint which prevailed along the Public Parade during the long hot summer just passed has now turned to near panic. And while the citizenry was able to remain reasonable when a school was burned by the same substance—gasoline—they have become almost maniacs over a few gallons of the stuff to put into their motor vehicles.

It is unfortunate, yes quite puzzling, that Edenton and Chowan County is the hub of a picket of gasoline dryness. Neighbors 30 miles in every direction aren't inconvenienced by the shortage to the same extent as those in this area. If you sense the attitude that someone is picking on you you are reading on target.

One of Edenton's four major name brand stations has been closed permanently, and another was without gasoline from 9:30 A.M. December 22 until Wednesday morning—although the owner had earlier limited purchases to \$2 per vehicle. The other two stations were without gasoline from December 26 and a deputy sheriff—employed by the owner—has to ride shotgun over a self service operation just north of town.

On Friday we meandered outside the Public Parade for the first time since the recent shortage of petroleum. We were impressed by two things—the availability of gasoline at reasonable prices and the motorists' compliance with the new reduced speed limits. Stations around the capital of the Isle of Pasquotank were doing business as usual. At South Mills a dealer appeared amazed to hear of the acute shortage we reported, saying he could get all he could sell—at 49.9 cents per gallon.

In Tidewater Virginia the lines at stations didn't seem unusual for the metropolitan area. There were few stations closed. At a big Exxon company owned self service they were asking that purchases be limited to \$3 and the price of regular was 39.5 cents. It was late on Saturday afternoon with pumps nearing the weekend witching hour, but there was no display of greed or panic.

Returning to the Albemarle we found more of the same which we had left the day before. In Gates County about 15 cars lined Highway 32 at a self service operation. Just outside Edenton a similar operation attracted three times that many vehicles—and the law enforcement officers were conspicuous.

When a gasoline dealer has to employ law enforcement personnel to protect his property and maintain peace on his premises, then we are in a sad

Edenton's Tea Party

By MELVIN M. PARRISH

Every American is familiar with the famous Boston Tea Party in December, 1773. To some historians it is the only one of renown. But there were other tea parties in New York, Philadelphia, Annapolis and Charleston. And even a second one in Boston in March, 1774, however, it never received the publicity of the first.

There was another tea party; a tea party in Edenton, but over the years the event has gone almost unnoticed.

No men inflamed by the spirit of rebellion marched to wharves, boarded ships and cast tea in the harbor. Instead women entered the act. They usually get things done when men fail.

A group of patriotic ladies numbering 51 gathered at the home of one Mrs. Elizabeth King of Edenton in October, 1774, and declared they would not drink, consume, swallow or imbibe in the "horrible fluid" until the hated tax passed by the British Parliament was removed.

It wasn't the first time the ladies had expressed their resistance to the Crown. High taxes, land rents and cruel punishment for petty crimes kept the citizens in a constant uproar.

One brave young lady, Penelope Barker, instilled a great spirit and enthusiasm against English tyranny. Although married three times she was the leader of the Edenton affair.

"We will not conform to the pernicious custom of drinking tea; we will not promote or wear any garment manufactured in England," she cried.

While another lady perked: "They have enslaved us too long." No doubt about it the patriotism of the women exceeded the feeling of the men.

The Edenton Tea Party even made the London newspapers, and aroused one citizen so much he wrote his brother who resided in Edenton at the time and expressed his disgust. He wanted to know if the ladies had taken "over the town" and were running it like the Amazons.

During the period tea was the

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The speech and hearing program is funded by the Regional Medical Program through Albemarle Human Resources Development System, of which James Lewis is executive director. It is the only such regional center in operation in North Carolina.

In addition to McGraw, a certified speech pathologist, professional staff includes Mrs. Becky Hite, audiologist.

state of affairs. Rationing may be unpleasant but it could be something more tolerable than what is not prevalent along the Public Parade.

However, the question still remains: "Why aren't major brand stations here able to operate when their colleagues in every direction are doing business as usual?"

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principal beverage of the English as well as its colonies. Coffee was unknown on the European continent until a later period, when Louis XIV of France is reported to have drunk the first cup. Speaking of inflation today, coffee sold for \$29 per pound in those days. Some believed too much tea would even cause drunkenness.

The ladies of Edenton met for several hours before dispersing to their homes to notify their husbands and families that they would no longer permit tea in their homes. It was never known until 56 years later that the British had a caption of the Edenton Tea Party

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in a mimic caricature. Lieut. William T. Muse, a U. S. naval officer, while on a tour of duty in the Mediterranean came upon a picture of the tea party hanging in a barber shop at Port Mahon on the island at Menorca. (His mother had lived in Edenton.) Lieut. Muse bought the picture and took it back with him during a leave.

It was first hung in the courthouse, then later in a Edenton tailor shop and eventually drifted into the hands of a resident to the town. During the Civil War being shuffled from one place to another it was broken in three pieces. At a later date the

picture was reproduced again on canvas and exhibited at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

The English had attempted to make fun of the affair more so as a "kissing affair," rather than a tea party as seen in the picture.

Mrs. King's house was still standing in 1867, but by the turn of the century had succumbed to the cruelties of vandalism.

A tea pot mounted on a cannon to commemorate the event is still in place.

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