

**Heard
& Seen
"By Buff"**

Miles Bunch is might thankful that he is not a few inches taller and that a certain trailer truck's body was not a few inches lower. Friend Miles one day last week was blinded by the sun while driving his automobile and ran into the rear end of the truck, smashing the windshield and tearing off the top of his car. Fortunately, aside from a sound shaking-up, Miles miraculously escaped serious injury. And in talking with him late last week, Miles said, "if I was a few inches taller or if the truck body had been a few inches lower, I'd not be here to tell you about it." So he thanks the good Lord that he's still alive after an accident which could easily have snuffed out his life.

Some more additions have been made in downtown Edenton which, if properly used, will go toward having a cleaner and neater business section. A number of attractive trash receptacles have been put in place and being constructed of cement and tiny stones, there's no danger of anybody carrying any of them away, nor for a strong wind to move them nary an inch. They've been put in place not only for looks, but to deposit paper bags, paper cups, empty cans or any other things that some people discard wherever they happen to be. A little cooperation will go a long way to having a cleaner and neater business section.

Mrs. Harry C. Hand (Saintie White) now living in Alexis, N. C., was among those who renewed their subscription to The Herald last week. Friends in Edenton will be interested to learn that her husband has been in Gaston Memorial and Charlotte Memorial Hospitals for 34 days, surgery and had three coronary vascular arteries replaced. Fortunately, however, Mr. Hand is now at home and apparently doing well. "I have not been home but once in the last three years," wrote Mrs. Hand, "but I still think of all of you, and Edenton will always be my home. Hello to all."

If you take a squint at February on a calendar you'll notice that there are five Sundays in this month. It might not seem very significant, but Preacher W. H. Davis informs me that five Sundays in the month of February occurs only once every 28 years. How many people have known that? Me, for one!

With so very much of the news these days having to do with a flock of candidates making a stab for the nomination for President of the United States, one hears a lot of hot air most of which goes in one ear and out the other. And like appeared on the front page of a current magazine: "Does it make any difference who wins?"

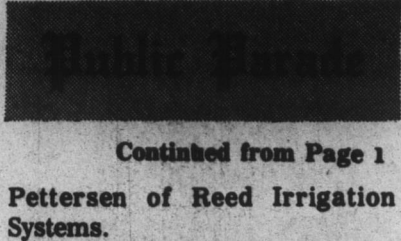
Anyone appreciating good music might get satisfied Thursday night, March 4 if they go to the local United Methodist Church. At 8 o'clock the Peace College Choir will present a concert and advance reports are to the effect that this is a very talented group. And adding a local young lady, Martha Jo Hollowell, is a member of the choir. It is hoped that sanctuary will be filled to capacity to hear some honest-to-goodness good music.

Just 84 years ago, February 24, 1892, to be exact, this writer put in his appearance up in

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Pettersen of Reed Irrigation Systems.

It involves growing vegetables in the dirt-filled centers of old tires, using drip irrigation. Importantly, it offers a method of obtaining high density plantings of vegetable crops in a relatively small amount of space.

In addition, it provides a trouble free garden that can produce large vegetable crop yields well ahead of normal growth periods. This "in-tire" garden system is established simply by obtaining old tires free from gasoline stations or tire dealers, and filling the tire centers with planting mixes. DRIP-EZE drip irrigation is then placed along the row of tires, to allow regular, automatic replacement of moisture lost through plant utilization and evaporation in each tire center.

Nutrients can also be distributed regularly through the drip irrigation system. Pettersen has found this optimum distribution of water and nutrients to produce amazing results.

"For example," he says, "we've grown golden zucchini from seed in just 45 days. Also, we've used tire centers to grow large Hubbard squash in only 67 days (instead of the usual 100 days), and up to 22 quarts of dill pickles from one tire."

The heat that these black tires absorb and transmit to the soil helps speed plant germination and growth, Pettersen finds.

Also, they practically eliminate one of the biggest problems of all for home gardeners - weed control.

In short, they return home vegetable growing to an easy and rewarding avocation!

The Legacy of George Washington

We honor George Washington as the "father of our country" not only because he was our first President, but also because of the great ideals reflected in his character. The enduring principles reflected by Washington were well expressed by the late J. Edgar Hoover upon receiving the George Washington Award of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Penn., on February 22, 1962. Mr. Hoover said:

"Today, as never before, America has need for men and women who possess the moral strength and courage of our forefathers - modern-day patriots, with pride in their country and faith in freedom, unafraid to declare to anyone in the world: 'I believe in liberty. I believe in justice. I will fight, if need be, to defend the dignity of man.'"

"What we desperately need Pennsylvania and of those 84 years, 53 of them have been spent in Edenton, and another settled fact is that the remainder of time allotted me will be right here in Edenton. Though during these many years there has been some sorrow and heartaches, yet the countless blessings far exceed the unhappy experiences of life. To be blessed with a reasonable portion of good health and possession of my faculties, makes one wonder why a kind Providence has been so good to an unworthy piece of humanity over this long period of time. So having had a birthday Tuesday of this week, maybe the following piece, found in my desk, might be appropriate:

I find as I grow older . . . my needs get less and less . . . for years have taught me free things are . . . the things that truly bless . . . I care not for trivial things . . . like hearts of latest style . . . but my heart knows great pleasure when . . . I see a person smile . . . love beams more brightly for me . . . than it did before . . . I realize the value of . . . the loved ones I adore . . . each day has tender meaning . . . even the rain holds bliss . . . and I am truly happy when . . . I feel its cooling kiss . . . trees, grass and flowers to my eyes . . . are priceless works of art . . . so it is when one has reached . . . such is the blessing of old age . . . I love the things for sooth . . . too bad these things were seldom found . . . as I spent my youth.

Mrs. Thorud
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Mrs. Thorud was also cited for her active work in Edenton Baptist Church where she is president of the Baptist Women.

"She loves people and loves doing for people," Mrs. Hassell said of the recipient. "She lives her life for others."

Telling a little story about long life and hard work, Mrs. Thorud accepted the award by saying that when she died she hoped she would be "all used up".

Mrs. Asbell, a retired school teacher, pointed out that during the Bicentennial year people are learning a great deal about America. "We need to stop and appreciate the fact that we can enjoy citizenship in this great country," she said.

She received a healthy round of applause when she said: "With all the troubles, trials and tribulations we still have the greatest country in the world and I'm proud to be an American."

The speaker challenged her audience to enjoy freedoms and not sit back and rest on our great heritage. "Take advantage of the opportunity to make America a better place to live, not only now but for generations to come," she added.

She encouraged those at the banquet not to be content to be in the dark of the past, but be a lamplighter for America.

She also said there is no greater service to mankind than to set a good example for our youth. She said we should be a people of love and concern, keeping the body strong and minds alert.

In conclusion, she called for Americans to get back to the basic principles on which the nation was founded - divine guidance. She compared life to a toll road where you get on without paying but must pay to get off.

Mrs. Gayle Gieseke, club president, presided and Miss Edna Snell introduced past winners. Twelve of them were present.

Mrs. Shelby Strother gave the invocation and directed the Edenton Choral Society Octette in a program of patriotic music.

Thomas Byrum responded to the welcome by Mrs. Gieseke.

today is patriotism founded on a real understanding of the American ideal; a dedicated belief in our principles of freedom and a determination to perpetuate America's heritage.

"America has no place for those timid souls who urge 'appeasement at any price' nor those who chant the 'better dead than dead' slogan. We need men with a large capacity for moral indignation, men of faith, men of conviction, men with the God-given strength and determination to uphold the cause of democracy. Our freedoms were not won by defeatists - fairweather patriots who crawl into hiding at the first sign of danger.

"Our strength lies in our firm belief in freedom and a determination to maintain our freedom with sound, informed understanding of American ideals and principles. In the tradition of the early patriots, we must make our American heritage a living, dynamic, meaningful force. The men of Valley Forge knew why they were fighting. They had faith in an ideal - a faith which warmed their bodies against the bitter cold, which numbed the pain of frostbitten hands and feet, which quelled the gnawing hunger, which buoyed the spirits of an army far outnumbered.

"George Washington and his valiant troops fought not for themselves alone, but for generations yet unborn. This too is our task. From our shoulders the mantle of freedom - worn proudly for all the world to behold - must pass unstained to our children, and to our children's children. No generation ever faced a more vital responsibility.

"Our challenge lies directly before us. The course is indelibly clear. Ours is a just cause. If we have faith in humanity, if we seek God's divine guidance, if we summon the courage of our forefathers, our heritage will be preserved."

Although spoken 14 years ago, the words of the late J. Edgar Hoover, even as the legacy of George Washington, meet the test of time.

Courtroom Drama Comes To The Stage

RALEIGH—Practiced court-watchers are well aware that there is frequently high drama connected with trials. Beginning March 1, some of the state's ninth graders will be able to experience that drama themselves, and learn about the court system at the same time.

The courts of North Carolina and the Department of Public

McGraw Meets Ford

Being at the right place at the right time added a touch of excitement to Bruce McGraw's attendance to the 60th Annual Convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) in Washington, D. C., on February 13-18. Unbeknowningly, McGraw, principal of John A. Holmes High School, took an aisle seat in the security section of an auditorium where President Ford made an unannounced speech and was inducted into membership to the National Honor Society.

As President Ford was making his entrance, McGraw had the opportunity to personally meet the President.

While at the NASSP, McGraw, along with colleagues from all over the country, explored possible solutions and alternatives concerning issue facing education and the school in 1976. More than 8,000 school administrators participated in a myriad of sessions focusing on such topics as the national decline in student performance on standardized tests, suspension and expulsion practices, crime in the schools, and educational reforms. One entire morning during the convention was set aside for delegates to visit their congressmen to discuss these critical issues.

Majors speakers at the 60th Annual Convention, besides President Ford, who spoke on the possibility of minor increases of Federal spending for education, included Sen. Hubert Humphrey, U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica, Former Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz, Federal Communications Commissioner Richard Wiley, D. C. School Superintendent Vincent Reed, and Boston University President John Silber.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals, organized in 1916, serves 35,000 school administrators through the National Association of Secondary School Principals, organized in 1916, serves 35,000 school administrators through several monthly publications, seminars and conferences, research and information clearing houses, and legal assistance. Its annual convention is one of the nation's largest professional gatherings of educators.

World Day

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World Day of Prayer from its beginning. Two dynamic church women established a day of united prayer after a visit to the Orient where they saw the great need of educating women and for Christian literature. In the early 1900's they raised \$3-million to strengthen existing Christian colleges and to found new ones for women in the Orient. Women's colleges in Asia and the Middle East continue to receive an annual grant from World Day of Prayer offerings. The Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children, founded with World Day of Prayer Gifts, also receives an annual grant.

In recent years emphasis has been placed on writers' workshops where women are trained to prepare literature related to their special needs in the areas of faith, family life, nutrition and development.

Annual gifts from the offerings are also made for a Christian ministry in our national parks; for scholarships for women through the World Council of Churches and to the International Committee for the World Day of Prayer for leadership training.

Offerings also make possible gifts for short-term projects often related to the Celebration Theme. This year gifts are being made through Church World Service and UNICEF for projects in Niger, Malagasy Republic, and Bolivia to provide a safe and accessible water supply and a source of protein.

Contributions are being made for legal defense and family assistance for political prisoners under repressive regimes; for political refugees from Latin America who need physical, psychological, and economic rehabilitation; and to projects helping women make their full contribution in their communities and nations, through programs such as the one in Goa, India, which enables rural women to articulate their needs, to seek and suggest solutions, and to receive training which will help them earn a living.

For further information about "Get Acquainted with Job Corps" Day, the public is invited to call CARELINE toll-free at (800) 662-7030.

Nearly everyone has a remedy for the troubles of everyone but his own.

Bloodmobile Visit Slated

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be in Edenton on March 8 and the cooperation of the entire community is sought to reach a goal of 125 pints.

Gary Anderson, Jaycee volunteer chairman, said the last visit netted only 65 pints of blood. "We need the cooperation of the entire county to meet our goal next month," he said. Those who desire to make an appointment to donate much needed blood can contact Anderson at 482-4461 between 9 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The bloodmobile will be at the Fellowship Hall of Edenton Baptist Church from 12-noon until 6 P.M. on March 8.

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Protest Filed By Contestant

A protest has been filed by one of the contestants in last week's Bicentennial Youth Debates, Section II tournament, held in Edenton. Earl W. Willis, Jr., of Hertford, coordinator, said the outcome of the protest is not known at this time.

David Carlton of Warsaw was named winner of extemporaneous speaking. However, Jeffrey Seal of Wilmington lodged a protest after reviewing the sheets turned in by three judges.

Carlton had already claimed his Alexander Hamilton Medal and U. S. Savings Bond. He was to represent the section in regional competition next month in Atlanta, Ga.

Winning clear-cut honors were Teresa Hill of Wilmington in the Lincoln-Douglas debate; and Leland Rogers of Garner in persuasive speaking.

Presenting the awards were Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, Rep. Vernon James of Weeksville; and Lou Hafermehl, site manager of Historic Edenton.

High school students from as far west as Burlington gathered in the Panel Room of historic Chowan County Courthouse at 10:30 A.M. Saturday to begin the tournament. They then performed for judges at the Barker House, Iredell House, and Municipal Building as well as in the Panel Room.

The debates are a historical program focusing on questions of value that underline the American experience. Issues discussed required students to gain an understanding from the Colonial and Revolutionary periods to present.

Get Acquainted

The First Annual "Get Acquainted with Job Corps" Day for Edenton has been set by Hazel Tayloe, Job Corps counselor, March 10 at the Chowan Social Services Department from 9 A.M. until 12-noon.

Jobless youth between the ages of 16 and 21, who are no longer in school, will be provided with an opportunity to talk at length with the Job Corps counselor from the N. C. Department of Human Resources. Opportunities in residential Job Corps Centers include individual and group counseling, job training with a variety of trades from which to choose, and remedial education.

A number of North Carolina youths earn their GED High School Equivalency Diploma each year in Job Corps camps in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

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