

Letter To The Chowan Herald Editor

Dear Editor:

At a time when people are paying the Town of Edenton higher utility bills while waiting for tax refunds from Uncle Sam, City Council has voted itself a salary increase of FIFTY per cent.

Each councilman is to

receive \$150/month instead of \$100/month. And they are to receive this retroactive to January first.

Let us reflect on this matter.

Remember that a few weeks ago council rejected a request for \$5,000 for

historical survey work in the town and county. One council member explained her negative vote by saying, "They'll ask for it again next year, too".

So whereas the Town can't find \$5,000 to do historical survey work, they can find additional monies (\$3,600 yearly) for themselves.

The unanimous vote seems to indicate that no one was worried that "They'll ask for it again next year, too".

Consider also the manner in which the increase was enacted.

Did the increase come up at a regular monthly meeting which the largest number of people attend? No, Sir!

Instead it was tacked on to an improvised meeting (for executive session) at the end of the month. Would we even now know about the increase if state law did not require the media to be notified of council meetings?

Years ago the mayor was very vocal in campaigning against alleged "secret" meetings of the council. Now he seems to be presiding over the same thing he was once against.

Consider also the reasons

given to justify the increase. The main one given is that \$150 per month is the wage in Nags Head. There is no talk of "doing a better job" or of "increased productivity" or of "additional responsibilities".

So for essentially no good reason Council has voted itself a FIFTY per cent pay raise.

Mark Twain once wrote, "Life, liberty and property are safe ... except when Congress is in session." If Twain were alive in Edenton today, he would surely amend his adage to include the Town Council!

In summary the financial logic to this situation is suspect, the manner of implementation conducive to misunderstanding and the justification for the increase totally lacking.

The responsible thing for the Council to do is a rescind this abuse of the public purse and get on with the business of fixing the sewerage system.

John A. Mitchener, III

Dividend Change Is Noted

CHARLOTTE—NCNB Corp. Florida, headquartered in Tampa, and NCNB National Bank of North Carolina, headquartered in Charlotte.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

A DETECTIVE "WHODUNIT" - IN THE BIBLE?!

YES, INDEED! THE BIBLE IS BELIEVED TO CONTAIN THE WORLD'S TWO OLDEST DETECTIVE STORIES, WRITTEN SOME TIME DURING THE SECOND CENTURY B.C., THEY ARE NOW FOUND IN THE BOOK OF APOCRYPHA AND ARE SMALL MASTERPIECES OF SUSPENSE, PLOT, AND CHARACTERIZATION... EACH TEACHES A MORAL LESSON OF TRUST IN GOD.

"SUSANNA AND THE ELDERS" IS THE TALE OF A YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL WIFE WHO IS LUSTED AFTER BY TWO EVIL JUDGES, CALLED ELDERS, BECAUSE SUSANNA WOULD NOT ACCEPT THEIR OPULENT ADVANCES THEY FALSELY ACCUSE HER OF ADULTERY WITH AN UNKNOWN MAN - AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY DEATH! FORTUNATELY, DANIEL, HE OF THE LION'S DEN FAME, SUSPECTS THE TWO ELDERS AND, BY SOME GOOD REPRODUCTION AND SOME VERY CLEVER QUESTIONING, TRICKS THE TWO ELDERS INTO EXPOSING THEIR OWN FALSE ACCUSATIONS OF SUSANNA. THUS, AN INNOCENT VICTIM IS SAVED FROM DEATH IN TRUE DETECTIVE STORY STYLE! HOW DANIEL DID ALL THIS IS IN THE APOCRYPHA AND IF YOUR OWN BIBLE DOESN'T HAVE IT, JUST RUN UP TO THE ATTIC AND DUST OFF GREAT-GRANDPA'S FAMILY BIBLE - ALL THE OLD-TIME BIBLES INCLUDED THE APOCRYPHA - AND IT'S MORE FUN TO READ THIS EXCITING TALE RIGHT OUT OF THE BOOK ITSELF - YOU'LL SURELY AGREE DANIEL HANDLED THE CASE JUST AS ABLY AS THE GREAT SHERLOCK HOLMES WOULD HAVE!

NEXT WEEK - THE OTHER OLDEST DETECTIVE STORY!

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