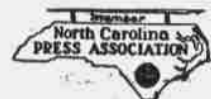


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### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

**FAITH IS A MIXTURE OF LOVE AND COURAGE:** Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.—Matt. 15:28.

### It's Clean Up Week

Although the weather this week has brought little thought of spring, or spring activities to one's mind, nevertheless, these are the days designated by Mayor Darden as annual Clean-Up Week for Hertford.

The Weekly hopes every yard and garden in Hertford will be thoroughly cleaned of all weeds and rubbish during this week. It's surprising how a little work on a lawn will improve the entire appearance of a home. So let's all cooperate during clean-up week.

### Tomorrow Is The Day

The Weekly has a circle drawn around the date April 27.

That date means the opening of the new registration books in Perquimans County. Every person should make it a point to remember that a new registration has been ordered for this county and that in order to maintain one's right to vote in the coming primary election one must register anew.

No one is excepted on this rule... your right to vote will depend on whether you register or not and failure means you will be deprived of your right to vote on May 25.

We all enjoy the privilege we have to choose our officers, therefore we should all take the time to comply with the rules that govern the election of those officers.

The Weekly urges every eligible citizen to register tomorrow.

### Youth's Day at The Wheel

This newspaper is in perfect sympathy with the aims of the nationwide Good Drivers' League, promoted by Edsel Ford to encourage safer driving by boys of high school age. At the same time it feels that youthful drivers are being given a good deal more than their share of censure.

"A nation of boys and girls who have grown up behind steering wheels," wrote Lewis Gannett in his New York Herald-Tribune book review column recently, "ought to drive more instinctively than their parents, who made the transition from buggy whips and bicycles."

National Safety Council figures show 38 to 40 per cent of reported motor accidents in a group of States involved drivers from 30 to 49 years old—the highest percentage—while only 11 per cent were attributable to drivers under 20 years old.

Deep down in his heart every man knows that his son of 18 or over is a better driver than he—but he is not expected to admit it in front of the boy's mother.—Christian Science Monitor.

### SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

STILL WE SPEAK OF CANDIDATES. It occurs to me that we do not take our candidates quite seriously enough and that perhaps therein lies the reason for the seeming failure now and then of society to get what it wants from its law makers. He is really a good fellow—honest, sober, goes to church, is a good farmer, doctor or candlestick maker—and so he should have the office he seeks at the hands of the voters. Well, he may be all of the above and still be a very poor man to place in public office. We like to weigh a candidate for public office somewhat along the following lines. He must, of course, be a man of proven integrity and uprightness of life. He must have shown by his service to the public welfare as a private citizen, that he has, not only a sincere, but an intelligent interest in the political life of his community.

## Chewing The Rag With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

"Mothballs, Perfumed or Plain!" Where do we go from here? To vanilla and chocolate onions? To Rye and Bourbon mouthwashes? Perfumed mothballs are really a product, a salable product. You can buy them here in Hertford.

Remember the old-fashioned mothballs. They smelled like nothing else in the world... except other mothballs.

It's a boon to women, but it lessens Mama's chances of catching Papa off the straight and narrow.

Nowadays if he reeks with the odour of Night In Paris or Eue de Rose Petals, there's nothing to it. A strange aroma lurking about the Man of the House isn't grounds for suspicion anymore.

Unless Mama filled his pocket with Plain Mothballs.

It's always up to somebody after awhile to get away from collective talking about "the candidates," from grouping them under a common title like "the herd," or "the tribe," and boiling them down to individual specimen with individual qualifications.

And since it seems like it's up to us to fire the first volley, here we go... sticking our neck out.

Let's take a look at the candidates; not as "The Candidates," but as J. T. Benton, Mattie Lister White, Joe Campbell, Jim McNider and Walter Edwards.

Which one is best fitted for the prominent post the five is seeking?

Which one can do the most of the best "mixing" with the other lawmakers in Raleigh?

McNider and Benton have had their show; they can relax on their laurels, and that elimination narrows this down to Mattie Lister, Joe and Walter. There's no call to take Jim and J. T. apart. They've each served two terms in the House.

We'll take Mrs. White first; the gentle sex is entitled to first consideration in or out of politics... at any rate, as long as Southern chivalry is a known quantity.

Mrs. White is versatile, energetic

Then he must show why he aspires for a given office. Is it because he needs a job? Is it because he has a notion that holding office will bring to him honor? Or does he just want to run to pass the time away? Sometimes it seems that men reach out for office for any one, or all, of these reasons. In that case they have no claim to the voters' attention.

The aspirant for any office must be in a position to demonstrate he stands for something—certain principles or certain legislation—which will, in his honest estimation, be of value to the body politic. Until the aspirant can show that to be the case he has no right to appeal to the electorate for consideration.

If the candidate for office is in all honor bound to answer certain qualifications the electorate is by honor equally bound to see to it that those who appeal to them for votes not only measure up to the qualifications but also demonstrate that they do so measure up. Right there, perhaps, is the great weakness in the carrying out of our democratic system. The individual citizen is not alert. He does not take the aspirant for public office seriously enough. He does not look Mr. Candidate over critically enough. "It's just politics." "I'm not interested in politics and politi-

... years in newspaper work will give anyone a fair perspective or cross section of the community the newspaper serves. The doctor serves a definite class of people, sick people. The lawyer deals with legal matters and while he knows little or nothing about farming, the farmer knows as little about law.

A newspaperman is compelled by his profession to know a little something about almost everything. The newspaperman probably comes into contact with a larger number of separate fields than any other professional man. If he has had the best interest of his readers always in sight, then he hasn't failed in his chosen work.

Mrs. White hasn't failed.

The only question involved there, it seems, is whether or not Perquimans County is ready to send a woman to the legislature.

Then there's Joe and Walter, a newspaperman and a lawyer; both are of winning personalities. And if the ability to "mix" isn't a vital quality in Raleigh, then your correspondents are sadly misinformed. It has grown clearer and clearer since long before the days of Tom Brown that all the business transacted in Raleigh isn't carried on in official session.

Brown could yodel... and he was a good mixer. His power of speech wouldn't have set the world on fire, but his "good fellow" traits were factors to be reckoned with in "outside sessions." Brown made us a good representative, so don't regard this "mixing" too lightly.

Our Man in Raleigh, as well as being able to put his ideas across, must have a pleasing personality, be of great stamina (they are hectic days and nights when the legislature is in session), and he must be invited "in" on get-togethers and other sessions; unofficial and otherwise.

Consider the "mixing" quality for what you think it's worth. It's as important as most of us are beginning to believe it is.

Not interested? You do not care for the things that make this country of ours the best land in all climes!" Not interested? You do not care that we have free speech, freedom of religion, universal education? You do not care that we have a land free from military rule and all that goes with it? Well, Mr. Slacker, perhaps you don't care. But one thing is true about you, Mr. Slacker, when things go wrong because of your indifference as to whom shall hold office you put up a long, loud yell! You blame every one but the right one for the mistakes that are made. Never do you blame yourself, the slacker, the indifferent voter!

AND THAT REMINDS US! WE REMIND YOU—do not forget to register at the Court House if you wish to vote this coming election.

"TOBACCO TAGS" AT BELVIDERE ON MAY 1  
Come! See! Hear! The Tobacco Tags at Belvidere Community House on Wednesday evening, May 1, at 8 o'clock. The entertainment is sponsored by the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club. The public is cordially invited to attend. A small admission will be charged and refreshments will be sold.

### WHITESTON NEWS

Floyd Winslow of Norfolk, Va., was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chappell, Arthur Chappell and Mr. Moon of Portsmouth, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Winslow Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Lamb of Tyner, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winslow of Bagley Swamp, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Hendron of Tyner, spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie T. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Winslow of Norfolk, Va., were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, Floyd, Clarence and Pentress Winslow visited Mrs. Lucy Lane at Center Hill Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Carroll Williams and Miss Lucille Lane went to the tulip farms at Terra Ceia Saturday.

Mrs. Ellis Stallings of Sandy Cross, spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jolliff, Marietta and Guthrie Jolliff visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

### MORE ABOUT ROADS

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a crown and is otherwise as flat as regular straight road.

To get back to the Nicanor Road some of the sharper curves there resemble race-track curves, the outside being three feet higher than the inside.

Cars rounding these turns at high speeds, instead of skidding off the concrete, press against the wall of the grade much in the manner of a motorcycle rider in one of the huge drums you see at carnivals and county fairs.

The chances are that the fellow on the motorcycle, roaring around and around at a dizzy pace, is probably in a safer position than the average motorist is while rounding a flat twenty-degree turn at sixty an hour.

About road-building in Perquimans County, the structures, bridges, culverts, etc., on the Center Hill-Hertford road are all finished. Nothing remains now but for the F. J. McQuire grading crew to move in. Location has been made for the im-

provement of the road from the Chowan County line on into Center Hill. No bids or contracts have been made, but the location is under consideration.

To go on into eventualities, it is quite likely that in the not distant future, the Edenton-Elizabeth City Highway will follow a new course from the Elmwood Dairy on the north of Hertford to a point near the new home of David Cox on the Edenton Highway on the south.

If and when this comes to pass, U. S. 17 will follow a straight line from the Dairy to the end of the causeway, continue on across the

bridge at Hertford and leave Hertford by way of Church Street instead of turning from Church into Dobb and thence into Edenton Road Street as it does now.

Location is already made on the causeway-dairy stretch of North Carolina's Roads for 1970, and it's only a part of the plan to do away with as many dangerous hairpin and right angle turns in the State Highway system as possible. It may be 1970 before U. S. 17 moves away from Dobb Street and goes across the swamp off the south end of Church Street, but make no mistake... it's being considered.

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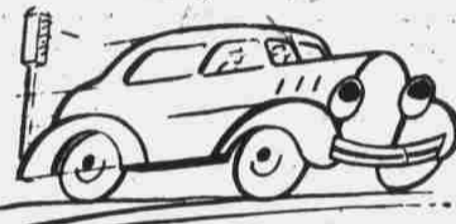


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