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## A LIFT FOR TODAY

That the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest—Deut. 14:29.

Most of the work of the world is done just for love—a glorious service that cannot be bought for money. Anything done for The Master, even though it seem to entail sacrifice and toil, always blesses both the servant and the one ministered unto.

*As the Saviour went about doing good, O God! may our lives be rich in service and unselfish work for Thee and our neighbors—here and abroad.*

## Things We Take For Granted

More than any other people, we Americans tend to take the good things of life—including many articles that the average family abroad would regard as rare luxuries—for granted.

We assume that our farms and factories will produce endless streams of foods and manufactured goods. We assume that our thousands upon thousands of retail stores, large and small, chain and independent, located in the great cities and the little villages, will stock the goods we want and offer them for sale at prices we can afford to pay.

What we often forget is the system, the way of living and doing things, that has made this possible.

It is basically, a system which places its strongest emphasis on individual initiative and freedom. It is a system which encourages people to take chances in the hope of reward. It is a system—despite all the deviations we have taken from it in recent years—which holds that government is best which governs least.

It is a system in which all kinds of enterprise, from the biggest manufacturer to the newest and smallest retailer, must compete for business—and in which those who do the best job win the public's favor and patronage. And it is this system which created our living standards and which supports them.

You might think of that the next time you go shopping. All the abundance of foods and goods you see are the result of our unique system of free enterprise.

## Letter To Parents

A sergeant in a United States Army camp has mailed us a suggested (or perhaps the copy of an actual) letter to be sent to homeowners and parents by Parent-Teacher representative and other interested persons. It asks:

Would you do your or our children a service? Will you, at leisure, periodically glance through the display racks of magazines and paper books at your corner drugstore?

If enough good citizens responded to this succinct appeal, the resulting awareness of the unsavory wares available to young readers at slight cost might bring sufficient protest to make police measures, with their attendant dangers, unnecessary.

That, of course, is only half the job. The other half is the cultivation in home and school of reading habits, standards of taste, intellectual curiosity, and imaginative vitality sturdy enough to make the child turn voluntarily to better fare. But that is a long-term job for enlightened parents and educators, and their task meanwhile is not made easier by the open appeal of cheap sensationalism from every magazine stand and corner drugstore.

—Christian Science Monitor.

## As It Should Be

It is a source of satisfaction to learn from Chief of Police George I. Dail that the Christmas holiday season was one of the quietest in many years in Edenton, with only three arrests made from Christmas eve through the week-end. It was very noticeable, too, that there was very little explosion of fireworks during the holidays.

A quiet and peaceful celebration of Christmas is more in keeping with the commemoration of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

What connection fireworks and over-indulgence of strong drink (the principal cause of trouble) has to do with the Yuletide season is more than we can understand.

Religion and tolerance go hand in hand, but some of us evidently miss the connection.

If you are in doubt about saying something, don't say it.

# HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Like everybody else, I was very busy prior to Christmas and on Tuesday I was in a big hurry to jump in my car and rush home. But as I sat in the seat I saw that one of the cops stuck a ticket on the windshield for over-parking. I was forced to drive around the block to the police station and while complaining, Chief George Dail said, "What are you beefing about? Your over-parking penalty will be paid by Blades Lumber Company." I forgot that the Blades concern bought red tickets to be placed on over-parkers during the holidays and paid for the over-parking—which helped to make some people feel better. But me—I could have been home sooner had I taken time to look at the bloom-in' ticket. Anyway, it was a good idea on the part of the Blades people.

And speaking of parking, Bob Pratt dropped in the office Tuesday afternoon. "Happy New Year," he exclaimed with his hand outstretched. "I hope you will be prosperous enough during 1953 to pay for your parking. Give me a nickel, please." What Santa Claus should have brought me is a pocket alarm clock which rings every hour to remind me to make a call to the parking meter.

Here's hoping Santa Claus was good to everyone. He didn't forget me, but in one instance he was a little stingy. He brought me a fishing tackle box, and while it had some essential fishing things inside, he forgot to leave a reel—and it's a long time and much fishing will be done before next Christmas. But that's what I get for not writing him a letter.

One of the most popular songs heard over the holidays was "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus." Little Vicki Allshbrook was listening to someone singing the song on television one night, and all of a sudden she rushed over to her daddy, saying, "Daddy, if I see mama kissing Santa Claus, I'm going to tell you, too."

With just about the coldest weather of the winter on Sunday, the heating plant at the Methodist Church went on the fritz. I've heard people talk about "cold" churches, but it wasn't the same kind of cold in the church Sunday. As a result of the breakdown all services had to be called off. But, shucks, I'm betting a lot of Methodists didn't even know about it. Anyway, the trouble will be remedied by next Sunday, so Preacher Edwards would like to see some of his members before Easter Sunday.

I was reading a story the other day that rats have a lot of sense, and they no doubt do, but wild geese are not so dumb, either. While out fishing (and fish are not so dumb at times) Friday of last week I saw a flock of wild geese which appeared at first to be a dark cloud floating in the sky. Of course, I didn't have a gun—nor a duck stamp, either, so the bloomin' geese flew near enough to shoot at 'em with a sling-shot. But had I had a gun, the scudders would not have come anywhere within shooting distance. Then to top it off, four of the things flew so close I thought they would land in the boat to grab what few fish we had. Yep, human beings are not the only critters that have sense—and some of 'em don't have very much at that.

As is the case whenever anyone is obliged to leave Edenton, Mrs. William Privott told me she regrets very much that she, her husband, Lieut.-Comdr. Privott, and son are moving to Pleasantville, New Jersey, just a short distance from Atlantic City, where they will make their home for at least two years. Well, let's see, that means they will be there two summers—a good place for some Edenton friends to spend a vacation. Here's one who also regrets that the Privotts are leaving Edenton.

A host of friends, including the writer, are glad that John F. White is back home. Mr. White was a patient in a Tennessee hospital, but was able to take a plane for Edenton to get home in time for Christmas. I don't know if he passed Santa Claus in the air, but his family and friends welcomed him home just as much as Santa Claus himself. Here's one who hopes he makes progress on the mend.

Quite a few lovely and attractive Christmas decorations were seen in Edenton over the holidays, but of those I've seen, I'd pick the Chowan Hospital display as the best. A large lighted tree in the front yard attracted a lot of attention not only among Edenton people, but many who were traveling and passed through Edenton. Anyway, the holiday season has about passed, and most of the Christmas decorations have been stored away for next year and trees and other decorations placed out for the trash truck.

Well, the year 1952 has now passed into history, and by reflection a lot of us would like the opportunity to live it over, but we cannot. The new year 1953 is here, so that maybe the best we can do is to try to profit by some of the mistakes we made.

## Essay Announced For High Schools

### First Prize Winner Will Be Awarded a \$600 Scholarship

An essay contest for all high school students in North Carolina starts January 1, 1953, and runs through February 26, 1953, sponsored by the Medical Society of North Carolina. Subject of the essay contest is "Why the Private Practice of Medicine Furnishes This Country With the Finest Medical Care." First prize for the best essay will be a \$600 scholarship, payable to any college or university, selected by the winner, which meets the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Prizes will also be awarded to winners of second and third place essays.

To enter the contest, a student must write and submit to his or her principal an original essay of not more than 1,500 words on the topic. Small packaged libraries with bibliography for use in this contest have been furnished each high school and additional copies of the packets are available from the Medical Society Public Relations Office in Raleigh.

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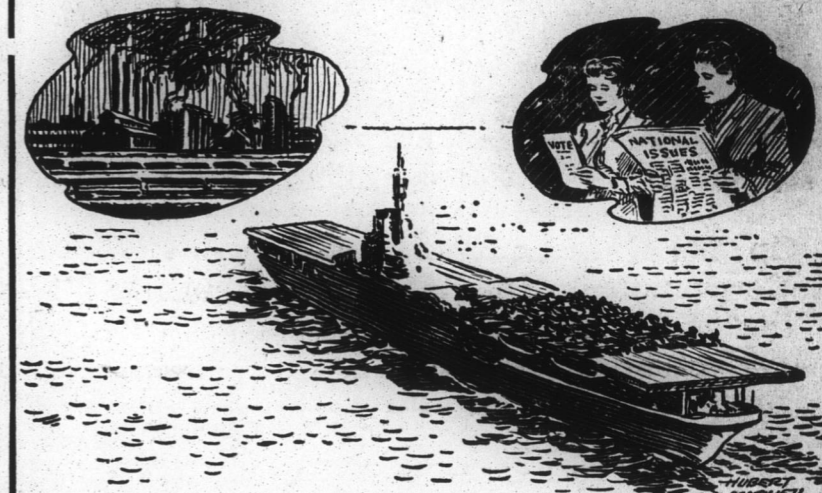
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