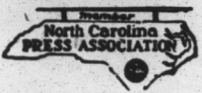


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not—John 1: 5.

A CANDLE, accompanied by prayer and patience, that is lighted for Jesus can dispel any darkness — it is inextinguishable.

O God, we would make the world brighter by the good we seek to do in thy name. May each of us light a taper of love and hope for the guidance of ourselves — and others.

As It Should Be

At the suggestion of Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., a new policy has recently been adopted by Town Council which should tend to result in more thoughtful consideration of problems confronting the Councilmen.

Citizens or groups of citizens wishing to present a petition or other important matters are required now to inform the Town Clerk of their intentions no later than noon on the Saturday preceding the Council meeting on Tuesday night. This enables the clerk to prepare an agenda to be presented to the various Councilmen by Monday before the meeting, so that some thought can be given to any important matters.

This method is not only fair to those making requests but also to the Councilmen as well. All too often in the past problems have been thrown into the laps of the Councilmen during a meeting, when no time had been allowed for consideration, and those making requests sitting around awaiting a decision. As the result, many a Town Council meeting has been long drawn out with Councilmen hurriedly pondering over the merits or demerits of certain requests. There have been instances when, due to lack of time for thorough consideration, the Councilmen, becoming weary as the hour hand slowly moved toward the midnight mark, took snap judgment on some matters only to discover later on that they would have voted differently had they had time to more thoroughly study the problem.

Some matters confronting Town Councilmen require serious study and consideration from a number of angles, so that it isn't fair to expect snap judgment to be taken and always a fair decision reached for all parties concerned.

Town Councilmen to the man desire to transact the town's business, and it is a big business, to the best advantage of the town as a whole. To do this they are willing to sacrifice time and effort, so that when any important requests are to be acted upon, they deserve some advance notice so that adequate thought can be given to what action each one as an individual will take on any controversial issue.

Citizens are, therefore, urged to report to the Town Clerk any important requests they may have in time for him to prepare an agenda for the meeting to be presented to each Councilman before each monthly meeting.

The individual who seeks the truth rarely thinks he knows it all.

You may discover many things in church, and you won't lose anything.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

The other week I had something to say about fish biting the day before a fellow goes and again the day after, which brought some comment in a letter from New Jersey. "What you said about fish biting reminds me of a deep sea fishing trip I took some time back," wrote a friend. "I went out on one of those fishing boats and no one aboard was getting any bites, so, naturally, there was some complaining going on. The skipper of the boat tried to console the fishermen by saying he didn't quite understand it, for the day before a lot of fish were caught. But he hadn't much more than gotten the words out of his mouth when a lady on the boat piped up, 'Why, that's strange. I was on this same boat yesterday and that's what you told us then!'"

Pork tenderloin is good eating according to my taste, maybe because the bloomin' stuff costs so much. Which reminds me that a friend was telling me the other day that he and his wife had some for dinner, and they sure they'd have no company, they locked the doors and pulled down the shades. Not a bad idea.

Here's one who, like many others, has a hard time writing letters to relatives and friends. It's nice to get letters, but it's another thing to answer them. (Which reminds me that I have two nieces who live in Los Angeles, Cal., and because I owed one of 'em a dime, she recently wrote to tell me to invest the dime in postage stamps and write her some letters. You owe anybody a letter? If so, they'd like to receive one, I'm sure.)

I lost track of Gurnie Hobbs, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hobbs, until this week, when he sent me an article entitled "It Seems To Me." Gurnie now lives at Radiant Valley, Hyattsville, Md., and his column will be found on page 15.

Maybe I was wrong about my comment last week about the fuss heard at the Post Office. James Bond reminded me that it sounded to him like the Republicans were, no doubt, trying to undermine the Post Office.

Town Councilmen, who were used to long-winded meetings, had a comparatively short meeting Tuesday night, even without a baseball game on tap. The boys were on their way home before 10 o'clock and quite a bit of business was transacted, too. Incidentally, a lot of baseball fans are wondering if Edenton will have organized baseball next season. But then it hasn't been quite warm enough yet for the baseball fever to set in.

Frank Hughes, who because of illness has not attended a Red Men meeting for about a year, managed to climb up the steps to the hall Monday night for the meeting. Of course, Frank forgot the password, but the Red Men didn't forget that Frank is a past master at putting on feeds, so at once they appointed him to stage a wiener roast next Monday night before the regular meeting. Frank says the hot dogs will be ready to eat at 7:30 o'clock.

In looking around, one still sees a lot of 1952 license plates on automobiles. The 1953 plates were supposed to be carried on all automobiles on January 1, but the State allowed 30 more days to buy the new licenses and put 'em on cars. After January 31, you better have the 1953 tags or else have a conversation with one of the State patrolmen. The same thing also applies for the Edenton city tag. If you don't have an Edenton license plate for 1953 displayed before February 1, Chief of Police or one of the Edenton cops will want to know the reason why? Better check on this little matter before you get in dutch with the cops.

Henry Gardner tells me the Bank of Edenton will be closed next Monday, January 19, which is Robert E. Lee's birthday. I have a calendar over my desk which shows all holidays. Were all observed, we'd be working just about half the time.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Keating

Probably the cutest snake of them all, if you can imagine any snake being cute, is the hog-nosed snake, also known as the puffing adder, puffing viper and spreading viper. Outdoor writer Shep Shepherd thinks this completely harmless snake is the biggest ham in the reptile world.

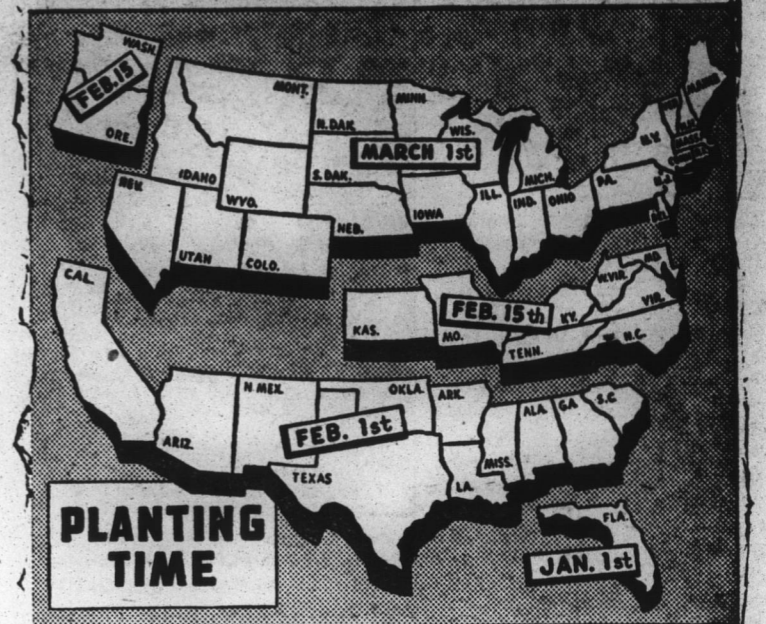
When danger threatens, he raises his body upward, flattens his head and spreads a cobra-like hood. With mouth open he hisses and strikes ferociously. This awesome performance is designed to frighten other creatures into flight. For all this show of pugnacity, the little hognose won't bite even if you put a finger in his mouth. If this bluff fails, he resorts to other means. He dies. And when it comes to playing dead he can out-possum the most expert possum that ever lived.

He goes into violent convulsions, turning on his back and thrashing about in fancied pain. Gradually the convulsions cease, the mouth comes open, the tongue hangs out and the hognose looks for all the world like the dearest snake alive. He makes one mistake in this convincing act. So intent is he upon his purpose that if you turn him over on his belly after he has "died" he will instantly flop over on his back again. This is his death and, by golly, he is going to die in the manner of his own choosing.

When he is completely "dead," walk away somewhere out of his sight and wait. After a few minutes he turns slowly on his stomach again, raises his head and takes a careful look around. If his audience has departed he does likewise. If they ever come up with an Oscar for snakedom, the little hognose is a cinch to cop it. Incidentally, he got that name from his snout, which is turned up on the end for rooting in dirt after the toads that are the main item on his menu.

Now comes the moral of this piece. Destroy poisonous snakes. Let the others live. Don't smash the skull of every snake you see just on the theory it might be poisonous. Learn to know the four dangerous kinds and give the rest a chance to leave you alone, which they will gladly do. In most sections of the country people have only one or two poisonous snakes to think about. The West concerns itself only with the rattlers, except for a portion of the Southwest where a few coral snakes may be found. The central states will encounter rattlers, copperheads and occasionally moccasins. New England has rattlesnakes and copperheads. The southeastern states have the greatest number and variety of venomous snakes since it is here that the range of the rattlesnake, the

Planting Time Festival Will Follow the Sun North



Garden Organizations will initiate Planting Time activities on the date shown for each zone.

Spring spreads slowly over the North American continent. In Florida planting time is three months earlier than in Minnesota. This makes it impossible for gardeners throughout the country to celebrate a national garden week, which would fit the season in all states.

To obtain action in unison among all who are interested in practicing and promoting home gardening, the American Council of Horticulture has devised a moving spring festival, known as Planting Time, which follows the sun as it travels north from January until March.

Based on records of the U.S. department of agriculture the country is divided into four zones. In each the average date of the last killing frost is approximately the same. One month before this date is selected as Planting Time in that zone. Seeds of hardy varieties may be sown; tender plants may be transplanted; tender varieties may be started under protection, and merchants of garden goods should make these available to their customers.

Since it is considered impractical to divide a state into several zones, each state has been considered as a unit, and assigned a date for the beginning of "Plant-

ing Time" which represents the average climate of the whole state, although it may not be exactly right for either the earliest or latest sections of the state area. The dates assigned to the various states on this basis are as follows:

January 1—Florida.
 February 1—Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas.
 February 15—Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.
 March 1—Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The Men's Garden Clubs of America, National Garden Writers' Association, and many other horticultural organizations have endorsed the Planting Time programme, and urge that all home gardeners join in observing it and urge others to observe it in their communities.

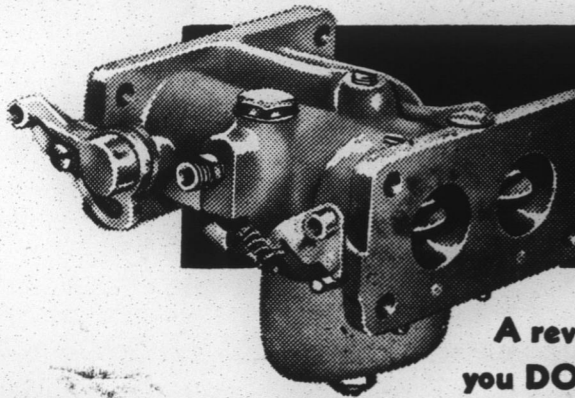
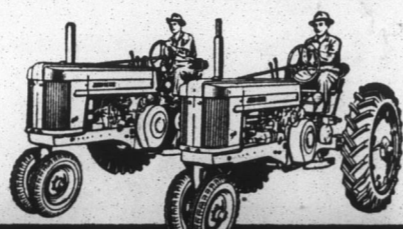
Fortunes Of Fame

It was the day of the big cricket match. The famous batsman arrived with full escort of fans. One sprightly urchin dashed up to the hero and presented an autograph album and pencil. "Let's 'ave yer nime here, will yer?" and he departed with the prize scrawl.

The game went opposite to expectations, the hero was a thorough miff, the favorites lost. As the players finished and the hero filed out of the dressing room, the urchin piped up from the crowd: "Hi there! Got an eraser?"

Reason is the only faculty we have wherewith to judge concerning anything, even revelation itself.
 — Joseph Butler.

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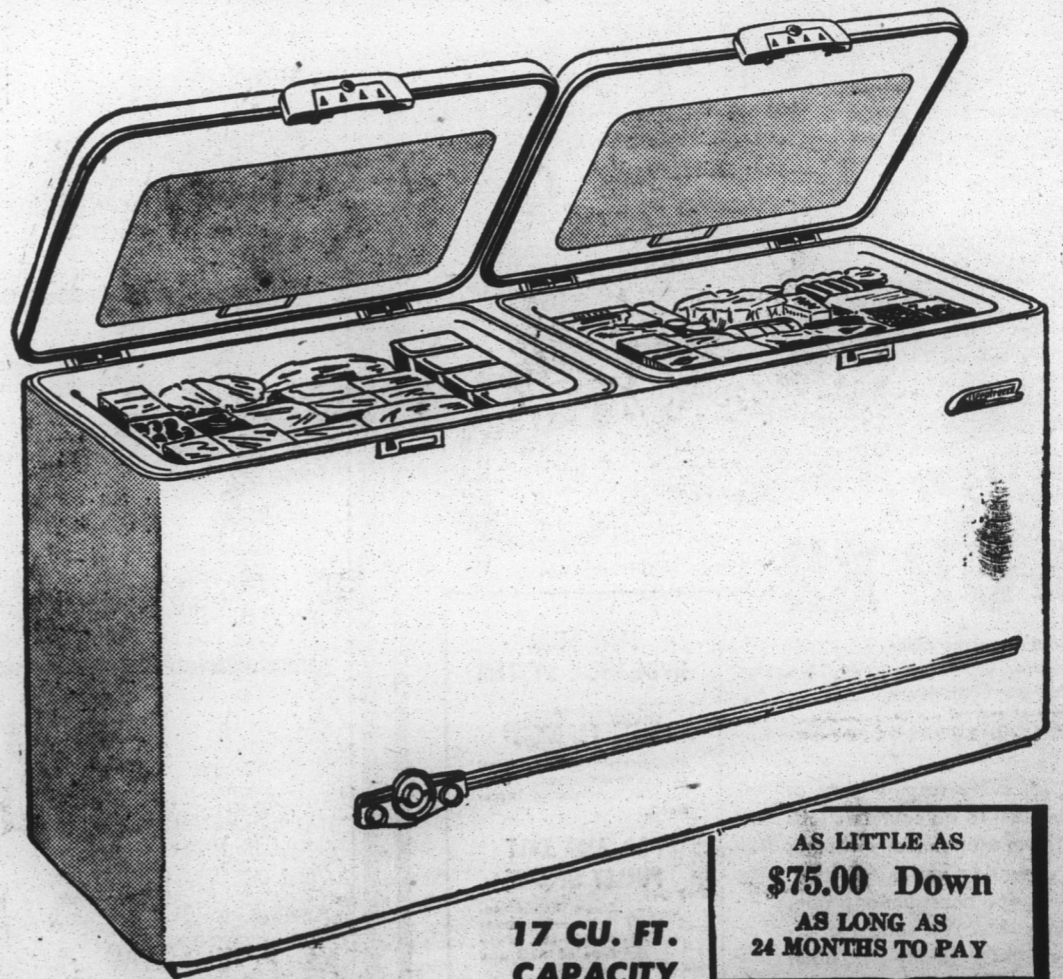
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