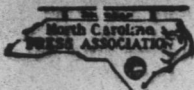


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1959.
A LIFT FOR TODAY

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith—Heb. 12:2.
Looking unto the Crucified One, we find life and joy in abundance.
Merciful Father, our sins cry against us. Have mercy upon us and cleanse us from all evil.

"Age Of The Shoddy"

"This was the era, domestically, when everything was half done; the era, in foreign affairs, when nothing was done right because nobody seemed to care enough to exercise the foresight and take the pains to see that it was done right. This was the time when the job on the car was always half finished, the suit came back from the cleaners half dirty, the yard work was overpriced and underdone, the bright new gadget broke down a week after you got it home, the prices climbed higher and higher as the quality got less and less, and the old-fashioned rule of a fair bargain for a fair price was indeed old-fashioned, for it never applied to anything. The great Age of the Shoddy came upon America after the war, and Everybody Wants His became the guiding principle for far too many."

Thus Allen Drury describes the postwar era, in his remarkable novel "Advise and Consent"—a work in which he uses the vehicle of fiction to present an extraordinarily revealing picture of Washington's political, diplomatic and social worlds.

The accuracy of his indictment is undeniable. Yet, in the immediate postwar years, it was possible to find seemingly valid excuses. The relaxation of war tensions resulted, naturally enough, in emotional and financial excesses. An attitude of "live for today and never mind tomorrow" became general. On the purely material side, the lifting of wartime restrictions on industrial production created an eagerly anticipated insatiable market for almost anything, no matter how poor the quality or exorbitant price.

Had this sorry situation spent itself in a reasonable time there would have been small cause for worry. But who can honestly deny that the dark picture Mr. Drury paints is still—in the fundamentals, if not all the details—the picture that obtains in this country.

The problem, of course, is a moral problem. The Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, the Rt. Reverend Richard Emrich, speaks for churchmen of all the denominations when he says: "Everywhere I travel I hear arguments, but I never hear a moral argument, with someone saying, 'this is wrong, or unjust, or dishonest, and I will have nothing to do with it.' I think we are floundering as a people."

And there lies the tragedy. For the basic strength of any nation is its moral strength. All the weapons, all the productive capacity, all the money on earth, cannot save a people from ultimate destruction if their moral fiber decays, their national character rots, and they sink into an abyss of material cynicism, indifference, selfishness, avarice, greed.

A short time ago the television scandals, centering around rigged quiz shows, captured the national headlines and were publicized the world around. The Saturday Evening Post has devoted a full page editorial to the matter in which it makes a big and often overlooked point. It offers no excuses for the deceit—"those who have been damned by the revelations deserved to be damned." But, the Post also says, "... we believe that the importance of their guilt has been wildly exaggerated, the significance of their guilt almost wholly overlooked. What is important is that we recognize the television scandals for what they are—a symptom of the declining standards of moral behavior in the United States, that twinge in the national belly that warns of deep-seated malignancy in the body politic." And those declining standards, it goes on, can be found in some form and in some degree virtually everywhere—in schools, professions, the labor unions, business and the government.

So much for the indictments. There is a bright side. It is found in the fact that more and more people, in public and private discussion, are talking about the problem, thinking about it, worrying about it. An astute English observer of the American scene observed that the television mess may prove to be of enormous benefit—by awakening the American people to the extent and character of moral decay, and removing the blinders from their eyes. The American people have been awakened to many kinds of dangers in the past, and have met them with wrath, with courage and with understanding.

And that is the hope—that there will be a moral revival in this country, a cleaning of dirty houses. Failing that, everything else is doomed to fail.

Heard & Seen By Buff

Last week I had a story about the Peoples Bank & Trust Company and the Edenton Savings & Loan Association being closed for the holidays. As a head I used "Banking Houses Closed Two Days." Dick Atkinson called my hand, telling me that there is only one banking house in Edenton and that is the Peoples Bank & Trust Company. Well, I just showed my ignorance, but I put money in both of 'em and I borrow money from both of 'em, so shucks, what's the difference?

I missed out on Christmas eve by not being at home. Mrs. Gus Spruill and her Troop No. 8 of the Girl Scouts went out Christmas caroling and stopped in front of my house to sing, so I'm sure I missed a real treat. Some lights were burning in the house (nothing unusual) so the group, no doubt, thought somebody was home. Sorry I missed 'em.

Somebody sometime during November left a fur piece in the Methodist Church. The pastor, the Rev. Ralph Fowlkes, would like to find the owner. Of course, if the owners can't be located, there's a lot of women who would like a nice fur piece.

According to all reports, a very quiet Christmas season was observed in Edenton and Chowan County. Police arrested only one person during the holidays and that was for imbibing a little too freely. A quiet observance is altogether fitting and proper to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Izzy Campen had the scare of his life Sunday at his jewelry store. Izzy was accompanied to the store by his grandson, 14-months old Henry McMullan, and while piddling around in the store the youngster swallowed a small quantity of potassium cyanide. The youngster was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment, and was released Monday none the worse for the experience. Then Craven Bothers, a 16-months-old colored boy, on Monday morning swallowed some Lysol and he, too, was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment. He was released the same day.

Lloyd Bunch (Green Hall Bunch, that is) dropped in the office Wednesday morning to pay up his subscription. I asked him what the date was, and he said, "December 30, and if you want to do anything in 1959, you better do it darned quick." And ain't he so right?

Edenton Rotarians will not meet today (Thursday) due to the New Year holiday. They've missed two consecutive meetings now, so every last one of 'em should turn up at next week's meeting. Anyway that's the way President Jimmy Earnhardt feels about it.

Well, Christmas parties and other holiday activities are a thing of the past now. Maybe things will be getting back to normal again. Which doesn't mean that folks should abandon the friendly and cheerful spirit so prevalent around Christmas time.

Mrs. I. J. Moran, who lives in Norfolk, recently wrote me a letter to the effect that Mrs. Pattie Rea cannot see to read The Herald and that she is so deaf she cannot hear Mrs. Moran read it to her. Mrs. Rea is among the oldest subscribers to The Herald and when she lived in Edenton she always paid her subscription on her birthday. Because of her present condition, she has no use for The Herald and so she reluctantly has asked the paper to be stopped. In the letter Mrs. Rea sent her wishes for all of her Edenton friends to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's one who regrets very much to lose Mrs. Rea as a subscriber and for quite a while now has missed the very pleasant and cheerful conversations with her while she lived in Edenton.

On Tuesday I met Gerald James and Victor Tucker, both former members of the John A. Holmes High School faculty, who were visiting in Edenton. We were talking up a storm, when Mrs. James chimed in, "You better be careful what you say, or you'll see it in Heard and Seen." That put the damper somewhat on some talk which was becoming interesting.

Oh, yes, before winding up this column, here's wishing all a Happy New Year.

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

The holiday season has been a safe one in Chowan County so far as I know. I sincerely hope that the New Year weekend will complete it safely. I have not heard of a single accident in Chowan and hope there will not be one.

For this safe holiday season, I congratulate you Chowan County people. I know that your Christmas season was a much happier one because of no accidents. Let's practice farm and home safety throughout 1960 and it will be a Happy New Year.

New Year resolutions are of two types: Those made and forgotten and those made and kept. Why not give a lot of thought to New Year resolutions for 1960, make some good ones and keep them. Here are some I suggest to make your New Year a more happy and prosperous one.

Make it a safety conscious year. Take time, don't take a chance.

Plan your crop and livestock production for maximum returns. Include good crop rotation, insect and disease control and orderly marketing for best prices.

Have your soil tested, not just one or two fields but every field on the farm. Follow your soil test report for applying lime and fertilizer. Feed your crops right for best results.

Plant good varieties and good seed. Select varieties for high yield, good quality and that will meet market demand. Be sure seed are clean and have good germination. Most seed should be treated for disease control.

We raise a lot of hogs but we can raise a lot more from the same number of breeding stock if we will. Keep breeders that produce large litters of thrifty pigs. Give those sows a good chance to save their pigs by providing proper farrowing facilities and careful attention at farrowing time. The good hog producer can still stay in business even with present prices. Replace breeders that don't do a good job after you have done your part. Breed for meat type and feed for top market price.

A swine growers' meeting will be held at the Chowan Community Building on Thursday afternoon, January 7, at 1:30 o'clock. Hog growers, feed dealers, feed manufacturers, hog

dealers and others interested in hogs should be there. Will you be there?

Specialists from N. C. State College will conduct the discussion. You have swine problems, be there and ask for the information you need. We hope to have a veterinarian present to discuss disease and parasite problems and their solution.

Attend educational and informational meetings held by your agricultural workers, is another good resolution. We hold meetings to discuss your problems and give you information, not just to have something to do. When you attend a meeting and are pleased, tell us so, if you feel a meeting was not worth your while, tell us so.

When you are asked to serve on a committee or participate in some activity, jump in and do your best. Demonstrations are conducted to show you and your neighbors how an improved practice will help you. Occasionally we may just test something new. Your cooperation in conducting a demonstration helps you all.

Community progress should be another of your 1960 goals. This helps you and all of your neighbors have a better community in which to live. It also helps you in your home and on your farm. Youth and adults both have a great part in good community progress, so enlist your youth.

Keep farm and home records in 1960. Farming is a business. Good records are as valuable to a successful business as a rudder is to a ship. They serve as a guide and point out ways to do a better job or changes that should be made. Keep your social security account up to date, don't neglect it because you never know when you will need that help.

Curtis S. Chappell Heart Attack Victim

Funeral services for Curtis Silas Chappell, 77, who died suddenly Friday morning at his home in Tyner following a heart attack, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Piney Woods Friends Church by the Rev. Orval Dillon, pastor of Up River Friends Church assisted by the Rev. Mark Hodein, pastor of Piney Woods Friends

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Church. "Beyond The Sunset" and "Heartaches" were sung by Elmer Lassiter, accompanied by Mrs. Ralph White, pianist.

The casket pall was made of white glads, white mums, red carnations and fern.

Burial was made in Up River Friends Cemetery.

Mr. Chappell, a native and lifelong resident of Chowan County, was the son of the late Silas W. and Elmira Boyce and husband of Mrs. Julia Winslow Chappell. A retired farmer, he attended the Piney Woods Friends Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Dail of Tyner and Mrs. Linwood Layton of Edenton; two brothers, Ambrose H. Chappell of Belvidere and William T. Chappell of Tyner; and 13 grandchildren.

Chowan Students In College Play

Dr. J. A. Withey, director of the East Carolina Playhouse, has announced the cast of five

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men and five women for the parts were awarded through try-outs. Two Chowan County students were selected for the cast. The drama, scheduled to open a three-day run January 28. All Harrell.

Happy New Year.

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