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WELL TIMED

Starting the Heart Fund drive along about Valentines Day is appropriate, to say the least. Of course, it's sort of disconcerting to be reminded that even the most romantic ticker is apt to act up from afflictions other than love, but such is the unfortunate case.

It is gratifying to see outstanding civic leaders in our various communities join forces to further a cause as worthy as this one. Those who have assumed responsibility for the drive's success are busy people, but busy people are the only folks you can really count on.

Just as vital to the Heart Fund as the publicized leaders are the many volunteers who solicit in their neighborhoods. Their only compensation is the warming awareness that they are devoting a portion of their time and energy to helping their fellow man.

The solicitor who calls on you for a contribution will, of course, make a contribution too. The chances are that his or her gift to the Heart Fund will surpass yours, but whether your contribution is small or large it will be a big help.

Don't treat the neighbor who knocks on your door in this instance like a panhandler trying to shake you down. Whether you give or not is your business, but rudeness—with or without a contribution—is inexcusable.

Looking at the Heart Fund from a selfish angle, if that is the way you want to look at it, it should be obvious that the money so provided might save or prolong your own life.

In fact, research already done—thanks to Heart Fund support—has increased your chances to remain among the living for a longer spell. Have a heart, and give the Heart Fund the Valentine gift it needs.

PRAYERS FOR BREAKFAST

Grace is said at noon and evening meals in most New Bern homes, but we've been wondering how many families take time during the haphazard breakfast rush to offer thanks to God.

Especially during the months from September to June, the morning meal is apt to be punctuated by utter disorder and mutual uncongeniality. Parents are grumpy, kids are milling madly to avoid tardiness at school, and in the excitement the toast gets burned to a blackened crisp.

No one of tender years in the household is the least bit interested in eggs, be they poached, fried or scrambled. And Mom and Pop, glowering at each other like a couple of demons, set a poor example for proper eating when they restrict their digestive intake to a pot of strong coffee.

All of this could be avoided by getting out of bed a half hour earlier than usual—or better still an hour earlier. It may not make you healthy, wealthy and wise, as a well remembered nursery rhyme promises, but it can do surprisingly nice things to your disposition.

You've heard some of your friends say, almost boastfully, that "everybody at our house knows better than to say anything to me early in the morning." Perhaps you've made the same remark, and felt rather superior and strong willed about this shameful facet of your personality.

Let's face it. Those of us who can't be civil when first we wake once more to the daylight splendor of God's wonderful world are in need most of all of a swift kick in the pants. It's neither clever nor sensible to behave like a disgruntled bear when morning rolls around.

After all, the chances are we've had a night of restful and uninterrupted slumber. The fact that we're able to be up and complaining is proof that the Creator Who designed us and gave us the breath of life has seen fit to give us another day among the ranks of the living.

It should be an hour of gratitude for so many things. That's why all of us—including ungrateful newspaper editors—can do worse than say grace at breakfast to start the new day right.

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

EDMONDSON FAMILY RECORDS

North Carolina, Craven County. September 25, 1760. Account of Thomas Edmondson, deceased. Mentions: Francis Dawson, Isaac Reed, Francis Dawson, James Edmondson, Philip Edmondson, James Edmondson, Thomas Carraway, William Shine, Joseph Edmondson, Benjamin Hall, William Biggs, Philia Edmondson, Joseph Bell, Farnfold Green, John Edmondson. Filed 1760.

Inventory of Estate of James Edmondson, deceased, taken March 1766. Sworn to before Chris. Neale, C. C. July 3, 1766.

Inventory of Joseph Edmondson, deceased, 29 March, 1766. Lists livestock, farm tools, linen wheel, hand mill, grindstone, chairs, pewter plates, hides, calf skins, bottles, candle sticks, silver spoons, earthen plates, pitcher, &c. Returned by Joseph Nelson, Joseph Edmondson. Filed April Court, 1766. Chris. Neale, C. C.

Account of Sales of Estate of James Edmondson, deceased, sold at public vendue at 6 months credit, 5 Sept. 1766. Mentions: Alief Edmondson, David Ambrose, William Vaughan, Robert Hall, David Andrews, Nathaniel Gabriel, Robert Hall, Chris. Dawson, John Gooding, George Hennesy, John Martin, John Bryan, Jesse Smith, John Thomas, Robert Hall, John Bedscott, Elias Justice, David Andrews, Charles Shaneywolf, Jesse Bryan, John Nelson, William Bryan, John Nelson, William Shine, John Biggs, Jun. Elizabeth Riding, Philip Thomas, Thomas Hall.

Joshua Fulcher, Joseph Edmondson, James Green, John Franklin, William Whitty, John Mill, John Nelson. Items listed: Pewter Plates, spoons, glass tumblers, coffee mill, delph bowls, mugs, bottles, linen wheel, woolen wheel, sugar tub, small gun, powder and shot, one cut lash, one Bible and cloth brush, Testament and Prayer book, basket, smoothing plain, vinegar cruet, horse bell, tea kettle, livestock, &c. Filed by Richard Blackledge, Sheriff.

Account of Estate of Joseph Edmondson, deceased. Mentions Joseph Edmondson, Chris. Dawson, Martin Worsley, John Mill, Arthur Carraway, Joshua Fulcher, Thomas Nelson, John Bryan, James Carraway, Nathan Carraway, John Bryan, Daniel Vendrick, William Shine, Joseph Edmondson, Robert Brown, Benjamin Bush, Thomas Shine, William Vaughan, Hannah Edmondson, Thomas Nelson, Mary Green, Francis Dawson, Robert Burney, John Carraway. Returned Nov. 18, 1766. Thomas Nelson, Joseph Edmondson, Executors.

Inventory of Estate of Joseph Edmondson, returned 1788 listing livestock and farms tools, also inventory of his "wife's estate when he married her," returned by Joshua Fulcher.

Inventory of John Edmondson, deceased, 1791. Mentions Oliver Hall, John

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Village Verses

KEEPSAKE

Love is always sweetest when a boy of eight or nine
Shyly scrawls the name of Mary on a penny Valentine;
The costly gifts of later years can never quite compare
With hearts embraced by paper lace, and kewpids everywhere.
It's true that childhood loves at best are only temporary,
But little boys and little girls are seldom mercenary;
They treasure simple, trivial things a grown-up throws away,
Unmindful of the price tag that someone had to pay.
Yes, love is always sweetest when a kid of eight or nine
Shyly scrawls the name of Mary on a penny Valentine;
A flaming heart she'll view with pride, forever more to keep,
While grown-ups throw the things they get upon a garbage heap.
—JGMCD.

Biggs, Ben Ballance, Bryan Edmondson, Simon Edmondson, Edward and Elizabeth Edmondson. By Joshua Fulcher, Admr. Inventory of personal state of Edward Edmondson, returned by John Biggs. March Term 1797.

Inventory of personalty of Simon Edmondson, deceased, returned by William Shine, 1799. Inventory of Bryan Edmondson, deceased. Filed 9 November, 1831. Returned by Asenath Edmondson. (Clerk's Loose Paper, Craven County, N. C.)

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The Spring sophisticate will bloom in this black, brown and white floral patterned polyester doubleknit coat over the now and forever chic short sleeve black dress of woven polyester. Sizes 10-20,



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