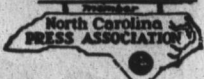


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

I am the Lord that healeth thee.—Ex. 15: 26.

INFINITE POWER of God, can replace medicine and nursing to heal our physical illness. Then, too, He heals the sickness of the soul.

O Master Physician, we thank Thee that we can bring to Thee our ailing bodies and sin-scarred souls for relief and healing.

Vandals At Work

Every now and then some acts of vandalism crop up in Edenton which cause no little amount of concern. The latest is wanton damage done at the playground on Hicks Field, where on Monday night benches were broken and some of the children's equipment damaged. This damage was not done by the little children who use the playground, but by older boys who should have more sense.

Members of the Edenton Woman's Club, sponsors of the playground, were up in arms and appealed to the police in an effort to apprehend the guilty parties, and Chief of Police George I. Dail has promised to instruct his officers to keep an eagle eye on the playground in order to break up the practice.

Monday night isn't the first time damage was done at the playground, for on a number of occasions members of the Street Department replaced bolts from benches which were deliberately broken or removed as well as made repairs to equipment damaged by vandals.

Benches on the Court House Green also fare very common at times. On several occasions lately all the benches were stacked on a pile, as the result of which some were broken. The Street Department at one time was obliged to remove a bench from the top of the Joseph Hewes monument. At another time it was necessary for the men to wade out in the water to recover benches which were thrown overboard and on several occasions benches were found behind the old Norfolk Southern railroad freight warehouse, almost a block from the Green.

Once the cannon balls in front of the Court House Green were thrown into the water, all of which must have been done by persons old enough to know better and the sooner this practice of destruction is broken up the better it will be.

The Town and Woman's Club procured the benches on the Green and playgrounds for the convenience and comfort of citizens and visitors, but if such devilment continues the best thing to do is to remove these benches, thus eliminating a lot of worry, work and expense.

Good Men Gone

With the departure this week of a large number of Marines from the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field, Edenton will miss a group of splendid men. Edenton has been very fortunate in always having, for the most part, law-abiding and cooperative Marines at the local base, many of whom joined in the town's activities and joined in any worthwhile endeavor. Some of them regretted leaving Edenton as much as Edenton people regretted their departure.

Replacements are gradually arriving at the base and The Herald feels that these new Marines will find Edenton and its people as friendly and hospitable as any place they have been or will be stationed.

The end of the world, when it comes, will find some human beings still trying to tell others how to live their lives.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

After last week's comment about a trip to the Western North Carolina mountains, Leon Halsey, said it made him sort of "homesick" for he once took a similar trip which he enjoyed very much and proved beneficial to his asthma trouble. But one thing Leon couldn't quite understand about the Westerners occurred when he went to see one of the outdoor pageants. He and his family drove to the pageant, but when he went to buy tickets he was told "standing seats" were all that were left. He looked sort of puzzled for he couldn't quite figure out what a "standing seat" was. After a while he decided "seat" was a superfluous word and that if he went in he'd be standing on his feet during the whole performance, which he didn't do that particular night.

Then I was told that Joe Webb once was on top Mount Mitchell and while looking all around he stuck up his hat and said "that's about as high as you'll ever get." Well, hats are mighty high these days. But on a trip westward one thing is cheap, for all along the route one sees signs "Free Ice Water."

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bunch of the Rocky Hock section had a thrilling experience Tuesday. While riding in their car they ran over a large rattlesnake near the Rocky Hock Baptist Church. The reptile was four feet long, with seven rattles and a button. It was about as large around as Mr. Bunch's arm.

Again one hears talk about a swimming pool for Edenton. The idea has been popping up every now and then for several years, but no progress has been made. While listening to a discussion the other day, I heard a suggestion which might be better than a swimming pool. There's plenty of water here for bathing and swimming, but we're told the water is polluted and not fit for swimming. The suggestion was advanced that a sewage disposal plant would prevent water pollution and thus provide safe water for bathing. Maybe that's the solution to the whole problem. Worth thinking about, anyway. It's just too darned bad that we have so much water around us which is deemed unsafe to use for bathing.

At every meeting of the County Commissioners they scan over the list of people who were jailed during the previous month. One of 'em was asked on Monday morning who he was looking for. He replied, "Well, I was just looking to see if one of my hands took a brief vacation." I don't expect the jail is air-conditioned, but it was a popular place during July, when 63 people were penned up.

I recently received an attractive placard on which is printed: "All fishermen are liars except you and I, and sometimes I am in doubt about you." It all depends, you see, who's talking.

I think pallbearers should be given lessons in marching. I happened to be following Jack Mooney as a pallbearer Tuesday, and he couldn't keep in step with me to save his life. A pallbearer has to take some mighty short steps sometimes, which was my case following Jack.

Here's one who has had a fill of cantaloupes and watermelon this year, and all due to the fact that Charlie Boyce raises 'em on his Rocky Hock farm. Related to him on the Missus' side, I made several raids on his fields and in one instance used his tobacco sled and mule to haul watermelons to my car. (Of course, Charlie was not home at the time). Not knowing much about farming, I soon learned that it's a hard job toting watermelons even from the patch to a tobacco sled, let alone from the field to my car, some two or three blocks away, under a hot afternoon sun. Anyway, if I ever tasted any better cantaloupes and watermelon than I have this year, I do not remember when it was. Nope, Charlie hasn't any more for sale—they're about gone.

Maybe a lot of people do not scare very easily, but the electrical storm Friday night surely scared a lot of people in Edenton. Not only was the lightning very sharp, but the claps of thunder almost made a fellow jump out of bed—if he remained in bed during the storm. We could have used more rain and less thunder and lightning.



WITH A GRACEFUL LEAP, this Army dog clears an obstacle at the Army Dog Training Center at Camp Carson, Colo. During basic training at the camp, dogs learn to obey commands of their handlers. The command for clearing hurdles like the one shown above is "up and over."

Weather Damaging To 4-H Projects

Corn Principal Victim of Long Hot and Dry Period

Dry, hot weather has seriously damaged most of the Chowan 4-H Corn projects, according to Assistant County Agent Robert S. Marsh. Visits were made last week to several of the 4-H corn contestants and their acre of corn was measured and staked by Mr. Marsh. Some sections of the county had more rain than others and, consequently, those boys are more fortunate.

The dry weather has also affected peanuts but most of the 4-H peanut projects are looking well. The majority of the boys who have 4-H peanut projects have sulphur dusted their crop. They used copper sulphur dust and applied 50 pounds on their acre by making three applications. Experiments and actual field experiences have established the fact that dusting peanuts with copper sulphur to control the leafspot disease pays big dividends.

People get mixed up on equality; men and nations are not equal. But they should both have equal rights and opportunities, which they don't.

Better Facilities For Oregon Inlet Traffic

Commissioner Winslow Announces Addition Of New Boat

According to J. Emmett Winslow, First Division Highway Commissioner, a new ferry will be added at Oregon Inlet to relieve the congested traffic condition. The new boat, he says, will be named Governor Umstead, and will be able to transport 22 cars across the inlet.

The old ferry boat with a capacity of 11 cars will continue in operation, so that with the new boat 33 cars can be carried instead of 11.

One of the big advantages of the new ferry is that car doors can be opened in transit and passengers can get out and walk around. To do so now they must climb out of their car windows, Winslow said.

Commissioner Winslow also pointed out that possibilities of erecting a bridge across the inlet are being considered.

It Was

Patron (at lunch counter): "Take this coffee away, sister. It tastes like mud."

Waitress: "Well, it was ground only this morning."

Lay Leader Speaker At Methodist Church On Sunday Morning

Clifton Everett, an attorney from Bethel, N. C., associate lay leader of the Rocky Hock District, will fill the pulpit at the Edenton Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. E. B. Edwards, is on vacation.

The public is cordially invited to hear the visiting speaker.

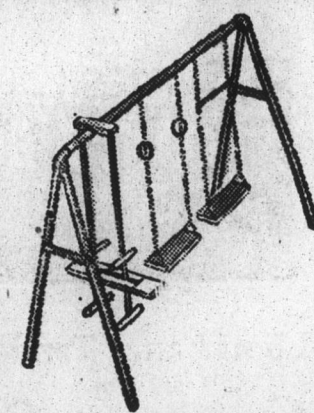
Give Him The Works

Magistrate — "Witness says you neither slowed down nor tried to avoid the pedestrian."

Motorist—"I took all precautions. I blew my horn and cursed him."

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