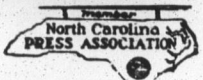


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

★ God leadeth thee to repentance.—Rom. 2:4.
GOD PROMISES pardon to him that repenteth, but He does not promise repentance to him who willfully and continually sinneth.

Merciful One, may we see ourselves as Thou seest us, and come to Thee for cleansing.

Another Cog In Efficiency

As the result of action by Town Council Tuesday night, the Edenton Fire Department will secure a new piece of equipment which will assuredly add a cog in its efficiency. Authorization was given to purchase a machine which will serve as a resuscitator, inhalator and aspirator to be used in helping to revive lives.

In case of drowning the department will now be equipped to apply artificial respiration in an effort to save a life. The same is also true of a fireman who may be overcome by smoke, gas or other causes. The machine, however, will not be confined to use in the department alone, but the firemen will be ready to bring it into use whenever the occasion arises.

The machine is a necessary part of fire fighting equipment and goes toward the Edenton Fire Department being able to cope with more emergencies.

Farm Standards and the Machine

According to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the living standards of farm-operator families in this country showed an average improvement of 53 per cent in the 10 years between 1940 and 1950. The Bureau then made this very significant observation: "... the rise in level of living among farm people was generally most rapid in those parts of the United States in which mechanization was most rapid."

Here is a well-deserved tribute to the almost inestimable value of modern farm equipment. Actually, in present-day farming, the machine isn't just something desirable—it's something that the farmer who wants to make the most of his resources simply can't afford to do without.

Mechanization has been going ahead at a much swifter rate than most of us realize. In 1940 there were a trifle more than 1,500,000 tractors on our farms and a decade later the figure was 3,600,000. There has been a further substantial growth since then. And the use of other equipment has undoubtedly shown gains of comparable dimensions.

Farm equipment is the answer to two big farm problems—how to get maximum production at minimum cost, and how to conserve and improve the land for future generations.

HEARD & SEEN

BY "BUFF"

It is not the policy of The Herald, nor other newspapers, to publish anonymous letters, but in that one received this week directs its principal criticism to the Herald editor, it appears below:

"Dear Sir: I have been reading of late about your most unfortunate episode with the N. C. State Highway Patrol. It is most unfortunate, indeed, that you are among those who have received traffic tickets for violations of rules that you have infringed. However, each person is so self-assured they think themselves right in all circumstances, regardless of the nature. But at times we do not stop to think that we might very possibly be at fault. Of course, we wouldn't admit it to ourselves or anyone else that the error may lie within our minds, or in this case speedometer."

"I am quite sure that the case may be that you were wronged. You aren't the first and certainly not the last. Think of all the cases where men have been sent to prison for crimes someone else committed and consider yourself fortunate that you got off as easily as you did. After all your life or someone else's might have been at stake."

"If the people of this community would think of more important things that surround us and less of the more insignificant things, then we would have a much better place in which to live. For instance, if you would devote more of your time and paper to the unfair prices in rent, high cost of living and taxes of this town and county, then I feel sure that, even though you may not succeed in doing too much about it, you would certainly bring to light in the people's minds the needs of this community and I feel sure your time would be more appreciated. For instance, one thing you might look into is, that even though prices and rent is at an all-time high, wages around this vicinity remain very low. There is a demand for jobs here, there are people around here that need help, but do we think of them? No. We had rather concentrate our efforts on degrading our most efficient N. C. State Highway Patrol."

"In closing I feel quite sure that patrolman, not knowing you personally, would not stop and fine you for a crime you did not commit. After all it is no money in his pocket one way or another. He is only trying to protect your life and doing his job. Please let's quit our crying. I for one am sick and tired of reading about it. We are tired of your troubles, we have our own. There are quite a few of us who have had a ticket or two and realized later that we were at fault. I am certain that if you had not been speeding, you could in a very courteous manner talked him out of it. After all courtesy is the best policy, so let's find out first who was right and secondly, let's talk about the more important things of life."

"P. S.—Right or wrong this letter should be published for your readers' comments. I'm quite sure they will enjoy it. All my friends think the same as I."

"If published please omit the usual sarcasm your paper carries for its readers. Otherwise a nickel spent is a nickel wasted!"

In the first place the insinuation by this anonymous reader that I didn't know how fast I was driving is as wrong as the patrolman who claimed I was driving 76 miles per hour. In the second place I have not tried to degrade the N. C. Highway Patrol, nor was either the patrolman or myself discourteous at the time of my arrest despite the fact that I stopped 15 or 20 minutes. I still maintain that no officer is any more infallible than an ordinary citizen. Just last week a highway patrolman was fined and it isn't unusual to read in the papers that some public official has betrayed his trust, so that those

clothed with authority are just as likely to err as anyone else. Just where can this anonymous reader go where rent, cost of living and taxes are less exorbitant than they are in Edenton and Chowan County, and where can he or she go where there is no unemployment. Where, too, can he or she go where the people have bigger hearts for the unfortunate than right here in Chowan County? If this more or less of a utopia can be found, there are no barriers at any road leading from the county.

In last week's Herald I listed what I thought were all of the past sachems of Chowan Tribe of Red Men. It was not long after the paper was delivered that I was reminded that somehow or other at least five were omitted. They are R. L. Pratt, Asa Griffin, M. L. Flynn, Louis Francis and R. F. Tuttle, the latter two no longer affiliated with the tribe. The irony of the thing is that these five were among the best sachems the tribe has ever had.

Ernest Kehayes was "floored" the other day in his restaurant. He was bragging about a pair of shoes and said, "This pair of shoes is five years old, and they're just as good as the day I bought them." Gene Marriner happened to hear the conversation and replied, "Maybe so, but if you had worn the shoes on the seat of your pants instead of your feet, they would have been worn out long ago." Ernest at once had business in the kitchen.

With folks hunting houses, I'm reminded of what I read the other day: "Those still looking for living quarters may find it hard to believe, but there are now eight million more homes and apartments than there were only ten years ago. Trouble is, there are seven million more families."

Reading one of the grocery ads in last week's Herald, a fellow asked "What is a chuck roast, anyhow?" He was told by a bystander that it's a roast the grocer wants to chuck out. Well, anyway, the price of the stuff was 33 and 37 cents per pound, according to grade, last week.

Bob Bertschy of Mathews, Va., was a recent visitor in Edenton when he informed Bob Kennan that his concern was selected as exclusive agents for the Permut Company, manufacturers of water conditioners. In a letter to The Herald Mr. Bertschy said he understands that Edenton is installing a water-softening plant. "I do know," he said, "that after its operation you will be greatly surprised and pleased by the magic of soft water in savings, comfort and health. I had a very nice visit to your city. Mr. Overman, your county agent, was most helpful, and cooperative, your merchants and people friendly and you have a comfortable and nice hotel (the Hotel Joseph Hewes)." Pretty good piece of favorable publicity.

Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Slated In Raleigh Saturday

U. S. Senator Spessard L. Holland of Florida Principal Speaker

The annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner of the North Carolina Democratic party will be held in Raleigh Saturday of this week.

The dinner this year will be complete with Democratic banners in the form of the special hand-painted cravats showing a series of very lively Democratic donkeys and dispirited GOP elephants. The neckties will be worn by the first 50 county executive committee chairman, or their designates, who fully subscribe the suggested dinner quotas of their counties.

The fund-raising effort this year is aimed toward at least equalling the \$29,000 raised for the Party in the 1953 event. A dinner reservation is made for the respective counties for every multiple of \$50 subscribed.

The principal speaker for the dinner will be U. S. Senator Spessard L. Holland of Florida.

According to E. W. Spires, secretary-treasurer of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, the county's quota of \$200 has been raised and a check was turned over to Lloyd E. Griffin, chairman of the Committee, Sunday. Mrs. E. N. Elliott is vice chairman of the committee.

Chowan County is entitled to four seats at the dinner.

Scouts' Membership In Tidewater Council Now At All Time High

Boy Scouts Observing Their 44th Birthday This Week

Membership in the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America reached an all-time high on December 31, when the Council had 7,700 different boys registered with the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, according to figures received recently by Harold V. Pace, Scout Executive.

The year 1953 showed a boy membership gain of 1,160 or 17.7 per cent. Gains were indicated in all three programs of Scouting, the largest being in Cub Scouts which gained 22.2 per cent. Boy Scouts gained 18.5 per cent while Explorers, the program for boys 14 through 17, gained 5.6 per cent.

As of December 31 there were 2,802 registered adult members (local figures) making a grand total of 10,502 individuals in the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America. Since adults stay in about the same ratio as boys—this, too, is an all-time high.

"Our greatest concern," Pace pointed out, "is the fact that our fine growth in members was not accompanied by a like growth in units to accommodate them."

During 1953 the Council had a net growth of 16 units (Troops, Packs and Explorer Units) which is an increase of only 6.7 per cent.

"This is the reason why the Executive Board recently adopted a challenging goal of a net gain of 35 units in 1954," Pace explained.

In connection with this, President George H. Bowers has appointed William T. Green as chairman of the Council's Organization and Extension Committee. Green will give leadership to similar chairman in each of the nine districts of the Council.

Under the leadership of Bowers the Council is making an all-out effort to hold down the number of dropped or disbanded units.

Also the cooperation of sponsoring organization which now sponsor one or two Scouting programs to put in the whole Scout family. Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Exploring.

Boy Scouts are this week celebrating their 44th birthday anniversary.

Chowan High Menu

Following are the menus at the Chowan High School lunch room for the week beginning Monday, February 15:

(Milk each day with every lunch)
Monday—Grilled cheese and ham sandwich, vegetable soup, cole slaw, Spanish peas, bread and crackers, butter, apple pie.

Tuesday—Hamburger patties, cheese squares, mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, green beans, bread and butter, peaches.

Wednesday—Baked ham, peanut butter, candied potatoes, turnip greens, chili sauce, corn muffin, butter, chocolate pudding.

Thursday—Chicken pan pie, Spanish peas, pineapple on lettuce, cheese biscuit, butter, jello with fruit.

Friday—Dried beans, luncheon meat sandwich, vegetable salad, diced beets, hush puppies, fruit cups.

Gerald James Defends State School System

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if encouraged to work to his full capabilities, will become a worthwhile citizen. This same student," James declared, "if forced to meet the standards of all others, will drop out of school as soon as he is 16, if not before."

"Let's remember," James said, "years ago when one teacher taught one student there was no real problem. The student's individual needs were met. But when that same teacher taught two students, the problems began; but, multiply that one student by 40 and you get 40 distinct problems. Not only must the teacher deal with different mental capacities, but lack of interest on the part of the student and parent, poor home environment and numerous other stumbling blocks. As a whole, the teachers of our state and nation are doing a very good job under adverse conditions, and these conditions will not improve until the public understands the complexity of our problems."

James said progressive education has received the blame for many of the school's failures, but added this one movement could hardly be guilty of all it is accused. He admitted that many of our schools have gone too far with the progressive education plan.

James reviewed the background of the movement of social promotions or promoting the child every year, placing the blame for the movement squarely on the taxpayer because they (the taxpayers), did not want to foot the cost of teaching the repeaters. He said the major problem of the first one-third of this century was to reduce or eliminate failure in the grades and secondary schools. He said tremendous growth and expansion of the United States aggravated the situation of too many failures, too much waste of money on repeaters, too many over age students and too many drop-outs.

"Today everyone's children wants to go to high school and just about does," James declared. "Do you think for a moment all of them are capable of high school work? Fifty years ago only the select few came through high school, as a result there were few failures or problems."

Diagnostic and remedial tests were used more extensively later and teachers were told it was their duty to teach any essential learning that was missed in a student's preparation, James disclosed, and he cited other instances of plans for meeting the individual needs and eliminating failures, but he added all schools could not do this because of cost, lack of trained teachers, need for many more books, charts and equipment of all kinds. He then told of the move some 20 years ago for promoting all students.

Speaking of today's schools and in social promotions, James said, "If the student has been taught with the individual difference in mind, and if the student makes a year's progress each year, even though it is below his grade level, my belief is that he should go up."

"I say to you, if social promotions are handled in the way I have indicated, the standards of your school are not lowered, but your school becomes a meaningful and enriching experience for each student. However, there should be a consistent policy to the end that every teacher and administrator knows the philosophy of the school in this respect."

Turning to concern expressed to him by local parents about the problems of reading, writing and spelling in the local school, James said the teachers are concerned, too, and that they take some blame for it, but he added, "I don't believe we should accept all of it." Then he outlined seven points which he believes needs immediate attention.

James advocated an intensive in-service training program for all teachers which will enable them to put in a remedial reading program from grades 1-12. This, he added, would mean bringing in college professors and specialists at considerable expense. He recommended closer relationship with the school board by letting the board know the desires of the public, adding the board can help in this matter by establishing and publicizing clearly defined channels through which the citizens may deal with them: The levy of a special school tax of 15 cents to provide adequate instructional supplies and additional appropriations for libraries; provide adequate instructional personnel so that no classroom in grades 1-12 shall have more than 30 students in average daily attendance; employ an elementary supervisor in cooperation with Chowan and Perquimans Counties; make arrangements to enforce the state law regarding compulsory school attendance; and boost teacher morale.

On the last point, James elaborated by calling for a local supplement and other fringe benefits equal to other city units of comparable size, and at least five days sick leave for the teachers. He closed by saying, "I am sure the services of professional educators are available to any group in our community who has as its primary objective, the improvement of the instructional program in our local schools."

The PTA observed Founder's Day at this meeting and a brief skit honoring all past presidents of the organization here was given. Coffee was served following the meeting.

Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.

—Bacon.

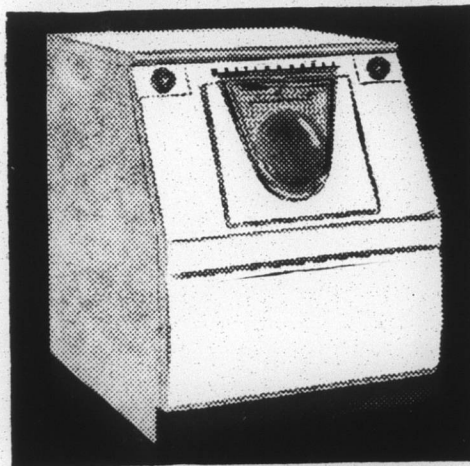
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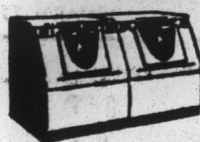
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