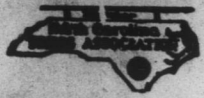


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

★... I will arise and go to my father. —Luke 15:18
TEMPTATION is ever near. Only wisdom teaches that we should seek the Father first of all, as He is able not only to deliver us from evil but to keep us from falling.
May we Our Loving Father, learn to walk in Thy Commandments.

Void Hard To Fill

Though not unexpected for about a week, the death of West W. Byrum Friday night cast a pall of sorrow over the entire community. In his death Edenton and Chowan County have lost a valuable citizen, one whose shoes will be hard to fill.

Mr. Byrum for many years has taken an active part in the affairs of the entire county and having served for over 13 years as chairman of the County Commissioners he, no doubt, knew the pulse of the entire county better than any other person.

He was called upon for his services and advice on many occasions and was one of those men who could always be depended upon when asked to perform some duty, many times sacrificing his personal business and convenience.

In his passing Edenton and Chowan County have lost a valuable citizen, his church a loyal member and his family a dutiful and devoted husband and father. His passing leaves a void which will be hard to fill.

The Herald joins numerous friends of the family in extending its sympathy to the bereaved ones, and commending his exemplary life as a benediction in the time of sorrow.

Hard To Understand

The Herald likewise extends its sympathy to the families of Joseph K. Swanner and Chief Pharmacist Mate and Mrs. Richard Whitaker. Both families had the misfortune to lose a son in automobile accidents which were shocking to the entire community. The lives of both boys were snuffed out almost instantly, thus increasing the shock and deep sorrow of both families.

Death causes a great deal of sorrow even when it is expected, but when a boy, full of life and apparently healthy in every respect, is alive one minute and the next a lifeless body, causes a burden which is hard to bear and hard to understand.

Both families have been robbed of a tender soul causing heartaches which are hard to heal. But, like many of the mysteries of life, a kind Providence doeth all things well, so that some day they will understand. The Herald, therefore, commends to the bereaved families, the Father of us all who alone is able to soothe the wounds caused by the tragic and untimely deaths of the two precious boys.

Hard Way To Die

Nothing is more horrible than death by fire. And this grisly way of dying is suffered by someone every 47 minutes in the United States.

The greatest single death toll in our history occurred on October 8, 1871, when fire engulfed the town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and claimed 1,152 lives. That disaster is immortalized in history, and people still write about it. But Peshtigo was unique only in the fact that so many perished in so brief a period of time. The truth is that our average annual fire toll is more than 10 times the Peshtigo figure.

Last year, for instance, fire killed 11,300 people. The average over the last seven years has been 11,616. And, as is to be expected, fire exacts its largest human toll among the old and the young—the two extremes of the human spectrum. The highest death rate is among persons 65 or older, and the second highest is among infants under five.

Will we continue to endure what amounts to 10 Peshtigo cataclysms every year? The answer to that can come from only one source—the people of this country. Almost all fires are the result of human error, ignorance, or carelessness. Almost all fires, therefore, need never happen. If everyone in the country would do his share in the great cause of fire prevention we would save thousands of lives a year—to say nothing of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property.

Optimism is that quality that permits us to hope that somebody else will do something for us.

Heard & Seen

By Buff

It was suggested at the meeting of the executive committee of the Chowan County Chapter of the American Cancer Society Friday night that Dr. Frank Wood make a speech at a meeting of the directors scheduled for Wednesday night, October 15. "Nope," said Doc, "I stutter and will not make a speech." But Mrs. Bert Tyson, field consultant said, "That's all right. It will allow the directors longer time to think about what you say." At any rate Doc will not speak and instead a cancer film will be shown. Which reminds me that if some of the speakers I've heard already stuttered, it would have been a case of spending a night at a meeting. Seems like some of 'em would never wind down.

At the rate of births, the gals about 15 or 16 years hence might find it a little difficult to catch a beau. Of the 14 babies born at Chowan Hospital last week, 10 of 'em were girls and four boys. And last Sunday's Sunday School lesson was something about the minority groups.

Edenton Bay the last several days has been a mecca for rock fishermen. It hasn't been unusual for a single fisherman to land as many as 28 of the rockfish and at times the bay put a fellow in mind of Ocean View when the croaker and spot fishing attracted many a fisherman.

Edenton Jaycees and their wives enjoyed an outing at Sandy Point Beach Thursday night instead of holding their regular meeting. From reports of some of the Jaycees, it was one of the most enjoyable affairs held by the local group.

Mrs. Joon Aynes, who made many friends in Edenton while her husband was stationed at the Edenton base, is now living at Corona Del Mar, California. Mrs. Aynes renewed her subscription last week and in a note said: "Enjoy The Chowan Herald and reading about the activities in Edenton. Each edition is like meeting old friends. I would like to say how much I enjoyed Irene Jordan's writing of the NAAS Notes. And, of course, I always read your editorials with interest. Major Aynes is now in Japan with many of the Marines who have been at Edenton and I want to be able to send him clippings from The Chowan Herald—especially about any of the activities at the base." Many of the Marines who have been stationed here miss Edenton and it works the other way around, many Edentonians also miss the Marines and are sorry they had to leave.

An interesting visitor in The Herald office the other day was the Rev. R. E. Walston, former pastor of the Chowan Circuit of the Methodist Church. Mr. Walston saw a copy of The Herald in which Mrs. Emmett Jones was pictured as "Homemaker of the Month." He officiated at Mrs. Jones' marriage and wanted a copy of the paper for he's proud of her achievement. He's now preaching at Camp Ground Church near Fayetteville.

Something new in these parts was on display last week when an armored car was parked at the Peoples Bank & Trust Company. The car is owned by the bank and will be used as a pick-up and delivery service of bulk currency and silver between the bank's various branches. It's a good thing to have, for there's some people in this world mean enough to knock a fellow in the head for a dollar or two, so it's wise to have such a truck to prevent some hard-boiled guy from trying to get some "easy" money.

It's not altogether football weather, but Coach Bill Billings has a group of boys who are ignoring the hot weather in order to get in shape for the coming gridiron season. They are going through the paces and while it might seem like hard work, the boys later in the season will, no doubt, be glad they underwent the "tortuous" training to be in proper shape. It's better for 'em to have their tongues hanging out now instead of when they're in a game of football. Here's hoping the Aces will again round out into a championship aggregation.

Youngsters and grown-ups alike will have an opportunity to see a circus Wednesday, September 10, when the Beers-Barnes Circus will present two performances on the field opposite the Coastland Oil Company. The circus is sponsored by Chowan Tribe of Red Men, members of which hope many people will patronize. A good program is assured and it will not be necessary to travel many miles to see what a circus has to offer in way of wholesome entertainment. The Red Men are anxious to make some money on the deal, so here's hoping large crowds will turn out.

Just as The Herald went to press a news release was received that the drawbridge across Albemarle Sound will be closed to navigation Tuesday, August 26, from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M., to make some repairs to the operating machinery.



WHEN THE FOG CLEARED—Black smoke from burning gasoline rises to the leeward of the SS Graham, a 1,475-ton coastal tanker that collided with the tanker SS Gulfoil, at the entrance to Narragansett Bay near Newport, R.I. Navy and Coast Guard firefighting crews abandoned attempts to extinguish the inferno. Though the Graham was carrying one million gallons of gasoline when the collision occurred in dense fog, her 13-man crew escaped. Not so lucky was the 16,000-ton Gulfoil where 15 crewmen died, including the skipper, Capt. Montreville Eden of Port Arthur, Tex.

New Push To Debt Growth Looms In Trend Of Finances In United States

A new, and by past standards unusual, push has been developing on the debt front as the result of simultaneous borrowing on a major scale by both the public and private sectors of the economy.

The prospect that this will be accentuated is inherent in the extent that the U. S. budget is now running "in the red," and in forecasts that the deficit for the current fiscal year, which started on July 1, may be of the magnitude of \$10 billions. Deficits of such a size were incurred only in wartime in the past.

A prolonged period of Federal deficit financing, superimposed on the normal and necessary capital and credit needs of a high-investment economy, and continue large State and local government borrowing for schools, roads, etc., is practically certain to complicate the fundamental problem of maintaining economic stability and of holding inflationary forces in check. It likewise puts a different complexion on the entire question of taxes.

Without Exact Parallels
This debt development has no exact parallel in the records. Long-term data compiled by the U. S. Department of Commerce show that public and private debt rarely scored major increases together for any considerable period of time in the last four decades. Usually one dominated while the other was quiescent. Historically, for example, Federal borrowing has always gone up greatly in wartime. Up to the Thirties this was always followed by an extended period of debt repayment. The rise in U. S. debt during that period, and the trend in recent years, have reversed a tradition going back to the country's earliest days, of reducing a war-time incurred debt in peacetime.

Usually Unchanged
Over the years, private debt has usually changed little or gone down when the public debt was expanding, and then climbed as a normal peacetime characteristic in keeping with economic growth. Increase in private debt is invariably tied up with providing the production facilities, homes, and other capital and credit needs of an expanding economy. For example, the rise of some \$340 billions in private debt from the end of World War II through 1957 was based on expenditures of nearly \$580 billions during the period for plant and equipment, new homes and other investment outlays, according to gross private domestic investment data of the U. S. Department of Commerce. Growth of the people's savings in life insurance and other thrift institutions has been a major source of capital and investment funds in this period.

As it is, the total of debt in the economy has reached record proportions. Department of Commerce figures show that aggregate gross public and private debt reached a total of \$852.7 billions at the year-end. The rise during 1957 was about \$31 billions. The gross debt of the economy now works out to the equivalent of just under \$5,000 for every person in the population.

Private Debt Trend
Growth in the private sector has been the dominant debt factor during the post-World War II period. Actually, private debt declined \$25 billions from 1929 to 1945, a period in which the gross public debt went up from around \$35 billions to just under \$310 billions, practically a ninefold rise. Since the end of 1945, gross private debt has increased from

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Firemen Called To Three Fires

Edenton firemen were called out three times within a week, one of which was about 9:20 o'clock Wednesday night of last week. A Dodge truck on U. S. 17 south caught fire as the result of driving with the emergency brake on.

At 11:30 Saturday night a 1954 DeSota belonging to Will Hill on West Albemarle Street extended caught fire and was practically destroyed. No cause of the fire could be learned.

Sunday morning about 4 o'clock the firemen were called to the farm of L. C. Bunch in the Hancock section. One of Mr. Bunch's tobacco barns caught fire and was destroyed along with the tobacco in the barn.

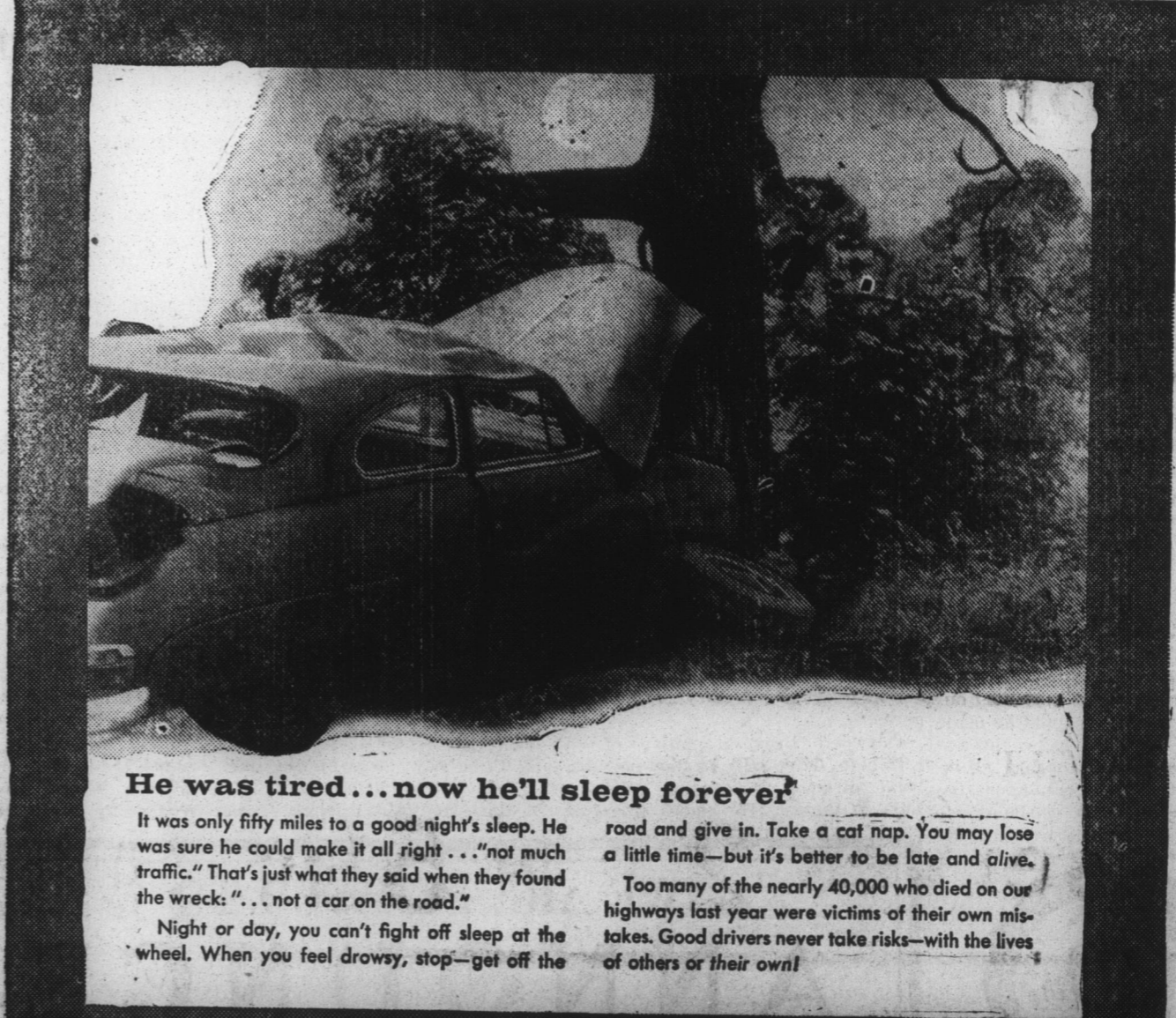
Love betters what is best Even here below, but more in heaven above. —Wadsworth.

Whatever enlarges hope will also exalt courage. —Samuel Johnson.

I have never been hurt by anything I didn't say. —Calvin Coolidge

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Night or day, you can't fight off sleep at the wheel. When you feel drowsy, stop—get off the

road and give in. Take a cat nap. You may lose a little time—but it's better to be late and alive.
Too many of the nearly 40,000 who died on our highways last year were victims of their own mistakes. Good drivers never take risks—with the lives of others or their own!

Help stop senseless killing on our highways. Drive safely yourself.
Insist on strict law enforcement for your own protection.
Work actively with others to support your local Safety Council.
Remember—where traffic laws are strictly enforced, deaths go down.



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