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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.—Isaiah 41:10.
Soul-stirring affirmations of the eternal goodness of our Heavenly Father should comfort and inspire us even though "we pass through deep waters." Faith routs fear.
We thank Thee, Almighty Father, for the happiness of life and for the glorious promise of Thy presence, always.

We're All A Part

It's not so very unusual whenever an issue is debated in Edenton to hear somebody make the remark "I was born and raised in Edenton and . . ." Just why any particular person who was born in Edenton should have a preponderate argument for or against any particular movement is hard to understand. Is it that they are better educated than non-natives? Are they more concerned in Edenton's welfare and progress than non-natives? Are their views unquestionable? Have they more right to express their opinions than those people who were not born in Edenton? Is it more or less a crime to oppose the opinion of a native Edentonian?

As a matter of fact people born in Edenton hadn't a thing to do with their birthplace. On the other hand, those people living in Edenton who were fortunate or unfortunate, as the case may be, to be born elsewhere have of their own choice adopted Edenton as their home.

Were it not for people born outside of Edenton, this town might be far from what it is today. There are many who have made a niche in Edenton's progress and welfare and to name only a few, here are some:

In the Revolutionary period there were: Samuel Johnston, Governor, Senator and builder of Hayes.

James Iredell, member of the first U. S. Supreme Court.

Thomas Barker, treasurer for the colony and agent in England.

Joseph Hewes, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Hugh Williamson, signer of the Constitution.

Charles Johnson, U. S. Senator.

Henry Wills, publisher of the Edenton Gazette.

Robert Smith, Josiah Collins and Josiah Collins, Jr., prominent merchants.

Charles Pettigrew, elected first Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina.

Thomas Jones, who drafted the State Constitution.

Then in the era from 1800 to 1875 we can name such outstanding men like:

Thomas Meredith, clergyman, who started the Baptist Recorder.

Samuel I. Johnston, clergyman.

Thomas Harvey Skinner, clergyman and theologian.

Joseph Blount Skinner, lawyer.

Augustus Moore, judge and teacher of law.

Joshua Skinner, a farmer who built Athol.

John Skinner, a farmer who built Montpelier.

Josiah Collins Skinner, Thomas Warren and Edward Warren, prominent physicians.

In the period between 1875 and 1950 are such men as:

John Henry McMullan, physician.

Charles Spurgeon Vann and William Dossy Pruden, lawyers.

William Blount Shepard, farmer and businessman.

Robert Brent Drane and Edward Lee Wells, clergymen.

In recent years there are such outstanding men like John A. Holmes, superintendent of schools; John H. McMullan, Jasper L. Wiggins, E. W. Spires, Ernest Kehayes and David Holton, who served as mayors of Edenton and scores of other non-native citizens could be named who made valuable contributions to the welfare and progress of Edenton even though they were not born here.

It is no disgrace not to have been born in Edenton and those who have adopted Edenton as their home are just as well qualified to give voice for or against any movement in which Edenton is concerned as those who were born here. Incidentally, some of the latter have seen fit, even after having been born in Edenton, to spend quite a portion of their lives even outside the town where they first saw daylight.

It suddenly every person living in Edenton who was not born here would pack up and leave, just what kind of an Edenton would it be. Well to put it very bluntly, it would be a hell of a place.

Heard & Seen By Buff

If you ask me, we've been having a whole winter season within a few weeks and here's one who's had about enough. However, as this column is written Wednesday morning Old Man Winter is still blowing his breath at us. A cold rain is in progress which could easily turn into snow, so that the end apparently is not yet. In the midst of a snow storm last Wednesday night my car failed to start when getting ready to go home and when Milton Bunch arrived to try to start the thing he found I was out of gas. He did not say it, but I imagine what he was thinking when he made his way through the snow to put in some gas. Of course, the recent snows brought some delight to a lot of people, for many of 'em enjoyed making snow cream, so that there was a brisk business at grocery stores for milk, sugar and vanilla. Even the Edenton cops concocted several messes of snow cream. Then, too, the snow was a source of worry to a lot of people who stored up some extra groceries for fear the snow could cause stores to be closed. Schools were closed Thursday of last week due to the weather, but stores and business houses remained open. I've heard none of 'em, however, crow about a big rush of business. Anyway, there's reason for some optimism for spring is scheduled to begin next Sunday—on the calendar that is.

Well, with the Woman's Club withdrawing its proposal to improve the Court House Green and erect a Confederate parkway at the foot of Broad Street, the County Commissioners at a meeting Monday morning voted unanimously to rescind action taken at their March meeting Monday of last week to call an election so that voters of the county could decide the issue. Therefore, we'll not have the special election and probably some people will rest at ease now that talk of removing the Confederate monument will be off the community agenda for a spell at least. Anyway, during the heat of argument pro and con regarding the improvements, I've heard a number of suggestions. One was by a veteran of World War I, who said monuments should be erected in honor of those men, just as brave as those who fought in the Civil War, who participated in the two world wars and the Korean conflict. "If they ever do," he said, "why not place the monuments on John's Island so there'll be no argument about their removal?" Then another suggestion advanced was why some effort has not long since been made to save what is left of the Tea Party House and Edenton's first post office, both of which are about to disappear. "These two historical buildings could easily fit into Edenton's valuable historical setting" was the way it was put. But with things as they are, it's a settled fact that something should be done to improve the appearance of the Court House Green if it is to be a place of beauty and attraction. The property belongs to the county and, natural like, members of the Woman's Club no doubt have a belly full of trying to do something to improve it as things have turned out. Shall the Green be left to deteriorate and become an eyesore rather than a place of beauty and historical interest? Will any of those who so strenuously opposed the Woman's Club project to beautify it take the initiative and make improvements to which we may point with pride as visitors come to Edenton to view our historical shrines? If the Court House Green is to maintain its rightful place in Edenton's historical setting, somebody will, and in short order, be obliged to busy themselves in doing something about it. Some work is necessary to be done—and not in the too distant future at that. If the Court House Green is to be preserved as an attraction not only to local people but visitors as well, then, unless some organization or individuals volunteer to undertake the job, the County Commissioners are the only ones who shoulder the responsibility to maintain it. In that event, county money will necessarily have to be spent notwithstanding the objections raised within the past few weeks of any county money being spent in connection with the Woman's Club project to beautify the Green. Either some work will have to be done to the Court House Green or it will become little more than an ordinary vacant lot in any part of the town. Who's move is next?

Those who marry to escape something usually find something else.

—George Ade.

Harry Smith, Jr., accompanied Mrs. Ruth Phillips when she sang a few numbers at the BPW Club's annual Bosses' Night Banquet Thursday night at the Masonic Temple. Harry can really tickle the ivories, so after the meeting one of the ladies said to him, "I didn't know you could play a piano like that—you can do just about anything." But Harry retorted, "No, mam, I couldn't have the Confederate monument moved from the Court House Green."

Jailer Bertram Byrum could complain that business at Chowan County's "hotel"—the

IN OUR DAY.

CONSTRUCTION OF WORLD'S OLDEST HIGHWAY... THE APPIAN WAY... WAS PAID FOR WITH SPOILS FROM THE ROMAN DEFEAT OF PYRRHUS, KING OF EPIRUS.

THE APPIAN WAY NAMED FOR ITS CREATOR, APPIUS CLAUDIUS CAECIUS, FAMED ROMAN AUTHOR AND CENSOR... SET THE PATTERN FOR THE HIGHWAY NETWORK THAT WAS TO BIND TOGETHER THE GREAT ROMAN EMPIRE.

APPIUS DIED ABOUT 280 B.C. AND THE APPIAN WAY WAS CONTINUED BY THE CAESARS WITH SPOILS FROM SUBSEQUENT CONQUESTS.

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RYLAND CLUB MEMBERS TURKEY DINNER GUESTS

Mrs. Lester Copeland, president of the Ryland Home Demonstration Club, entertained the club members with a delicious turkey supper at her home. The occasion was the regular club meeting on March 5. There were 16 members present.

After the meal was served the president called the meeting to order. Several items of business were discussed and voted upon. The club decided to join the Hospital Auxiliary for the coming year. The 1960 community progress contest was also discussed.

LIONS MEET MONDAY

Edenton's Lions Club will meet Monday night, March 21, at 7 o'clock. President T. B. Williford urges a 100 per cent attendance.

Edenton's BPW Club will sponsor a fashion show in the auditorium of John A. Holmes High School Friday night, April 1, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Percy Smith says there'll be plenty of beautiful wearing apparel displayed and beautiful girls to model it. Well, fellows, we better go to the show to look at the beautiful—girls.

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—George Ade.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A "FURRINER" SPEAKS

Dear Editor:
In reply to Mrs. Raymond Carr's gracious remark of Monday, March 7, 1960, made at the open meeting of the County Commissioners at the Court House. This meeting was called for the citizens of Edenton to express their opinions concerning the beautification of the Court House Green and the beautification of the plot of ground at the foot of Broad Street. Mrs. Carr's remark as quoted in the newspaper, "How non-native Chowanians have the audacity to come to town and try and change everything?"

How did Mrs. Carr's forebears have the audacity to come to a new and foreign county that did not belong to them, and seize the rightful land and home of the Indians and change everything around?"

Welcome Strangers. Come, settle in our quaint historical "Cradle of the Colony." Bring us your industries, drug stores, food stores, jewelry stores, clothing stores, Sears Roebuck, appliances, cotton mills, pulp mills, peanut mills, lumber mills, blanching companies! We, Edentonians and Chowanians will work for you. Be sure and pay us well! Strangers, you may also help pay our state taxes, city taxes, county taxes, improve the schools. Also we welcome you to support all our churches, civic clubs, PTA, Scouts and work and give money as well. Please help us in all ways we ask you, BUT KEEP YOUR OPINIONS TO YOURSELF!

Edenton does not want to be changed or improved. So, why, true natives, don't you reverse the changes that have been made over the years. Rip up the paved streets, get the horse and buggy out of the barn, get out the kerosene lamps, destroy all modern appliances, bring out the old wood cook stoves and the old ice boxes. Please be sure, true natives of Chowan County, to open the closet door nearest you and dust off "Ye Old Colonial Cradle," and start rocking it again like you have for the past 300 years.

Be sure and remove the misleading signs that greet the foreigners as they approach Edenton. I refer to the ones that say "Welcome to Historical and Progressive Edenton." Replace with one that states your true attitude to read as follows: "You are now entering Edenton, a once famous town. Beautiful old homes and public build-

ings. ONE FINE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT. No native Chowanians lost their lives in World War I, World War II or Korea, so it was not necessary to erect any monuments or memorials for these wars."
In closing I would like to say there are many fine ladies and gentlemen in Edenton and Chowan County that I know and respect. Thank goodness these good and kind people are in the majority in Chowan County, and do not share the unchristian and unwelcome thoughts that a comparatively few narrow human beings do towards "Non natives of Chowan County."
A "FURRINER"

20 YEARS AGO

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Reading, Pa., and Pocomoke City, Md., would arrive in a few days to begin spring training on Hicks Field.

The Edenton High School Band received an invitation to play in the Tulip Festival at Washington, N. C.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and reviewing \$6,670 was taken off valuations while \$7,400 was added, netting a gain of \$730.

Following a suggestion by the Rev. C. A. Ashley, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, plans were going forward to hold a sunrise service on the Court House Green on Easter morning.

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