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A LIFT FOR TODAY

I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, yet shall he live.—John 11:25-26.

Jesus Christ today is risen, and o'er death triumphant reigns.—Martin Luther.

In Union There Is Strength

Attention is called to a joint meeting of the John A. Holmes High School Parent-Teacher Association and the Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association—Tuesday night, April 19, in the Elementary School Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

The purpose of this meeting is to decide if the two associations should merge into one organization or continue separately. The board of directors of both groups have recommended a merger and officials of both schools are in accord with the proposed plan.

The idea will, therefore, be thrown before the entire membership of both associations in order to get the approval or disapproval of the membership.

It is the belief that with only one association in operation, a more active, dynamic and effective PTA will result. It is, therefore, imperative that every member of both present associations attend the meeting to register their opinion about the matter. At this meeting will be proper time and place to express opinions rather than wait until some action is taken and then advance all kinds of argument against what has been done.

As The Herald sees it, in union there is strength, so that the more members a PTA has in Edenton, the more effective will be the goals for which the PTA are striving to accomplish.

The Essential Difference

In the light of Soviet boasts concerning Russia's productive achievements, and her propaganda campaign designed to persuade the world that before long she will outdo the U. S. and make a monkey out of the capitalist system, some information concerning Russian agriculture is interesting.

Publisher Tom Anderson of Farm and Ranch magazine writes: "The American farmer produces enough, on drastically limited acreage, for himself and 20 others. The Russian farmer, under the prodding of his government overseers, produces only enough for himself and four others. The American farmer deserves great credit for his remarkable production records. But much credit also belongs to industry—to free, competitive, profit-making companies vying with each other to produce the most efficient machinery, equipment and chemicals. American manufacturers of farm supplies work in close cooperation with farmers to get new ideas, to learn the farmers' real needs, to learn what will sell at a profit. In Russia the bureaucrats make those decisions. Neither farmers nor mechanics have much influence on the kind of farm supplies and equipment produced."

What Mr. Anderson describes here, using farm equipment and other farm tools as an outstanding example, is the essential difference between the Russian system as against the American system. The first is based on brute force—the second on incentive, inducement, free and voluntary action. And, in all recorded history, the second has always triumphed over the first.

Being courteous may require a little extra time, but, in the long run, it often saves time.

In the history of office-holders few have ever tried to save their country by resigning.

Any community of individuals can get along if it has some unselfish leaders.

Words have a different meaning to different ears, so be careful how you use them.

About half the people of the world are busy trying to direct the lives of the other half.

Health is the most unappreciated blessing in the world—by those who have it.

Human beings are different and no rule can be applied to them en masse.

Be cautious when the salesman says he's got a gift for you.

Heard & Seen

By Buff

A number of people welcomed Home Demonstration Club women at their district meeting held in Edenton Tuesday, one of whom was Mayor John Mitchener. John, busy as a bee this week, asked Town Clerk Ernest Ward to type him a short address of welcome, which Ernest did. But John got a big hand when he got up to speak by saying: "Brevity is very popular, so maybe I better just say 'welcome, ladies, and sit down.'" But after the applause, he read his speech which went something like this:

"As I look out over this multitude of charming beauties, I feel like a wild onion in a field of orchids. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome you to Edenton for this year's annual meeting of the 25th Federated District of Home Demonstration Clubs. All of you in this North-eastern North Carolina district are our very close friends and when you visit Edenton we feel that we are having another reunion of old friends. To those distinguished guests from other parts of the state, we want you to feel and become a part of this same friendship. To all of you—we open the Town of Edenton with warm hearts and a spirit of sincere welcome. We hope that you will enjoy your visit and return very soon. Thank you."

But Ernest Ward jotted down the following at the bottom of the sheet, which the Mayor also read: "(Sit down and shut up because with that many females under one roof, you ain't gonna be heard anyway)."

But just the same, there was a large number of attractive women here Tuesday—and attractive hats, too. Here's betting a penny, too, that a lot of the hats were made by the women themselves.

Here's one who belongs to a lot of organizations and it seems that one of the big troubles joining any organization is that you have to attend all the meetings to protect yourself from being appointed to a committee.

Quite often a story read after it appears in print sounds sort of ridiculous, which occurs quite frequently in my case. But here's an item appearing in a school paper (not Edenton, however) reporting a school play: "The auditorium was filled with expectant mothers eagerly awaiting the appearance of their offspring."

A lady driver backed out of a parking place the other day, narrowly missing another car traveling up the street. The man in the latter car was sort of peeved and said: "The only time a woman won't look into a mirror is when she's pulling out of a parking place." Anyway, Town Councilmen on Tuesday night passed an ordinance to take care of drivers who do not take the trouble to look when backing out of a parking space.

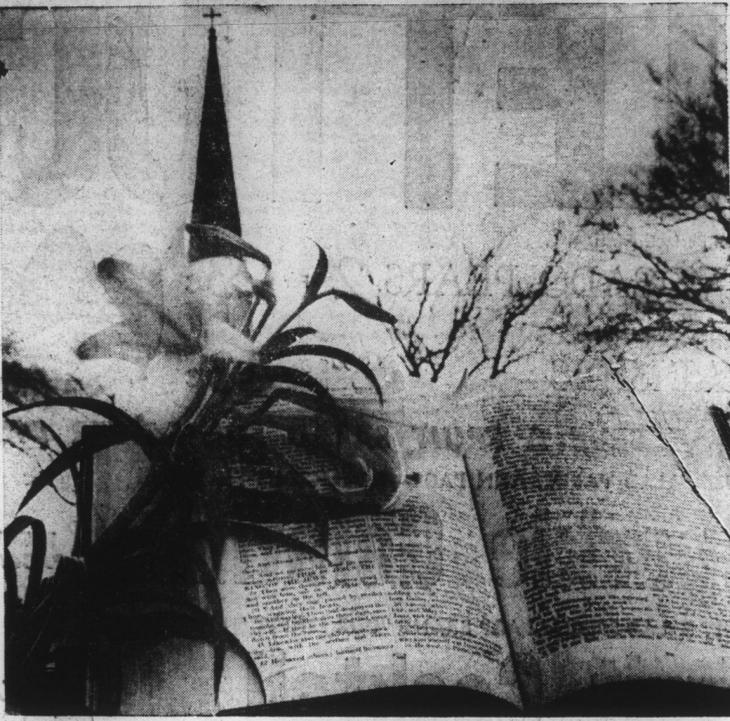
Two very valuable men are now out of circulation—John A. Holmes and Ernest Ward, Jr. John has been in the hospital but is now at home and on the mend. However, Ernest has been given orders to stay in bed until his condition clears up sufficiently to be X-rayed in order to get at the root of his trouble. Both these men are greatly missed in their usual positions and here's hoping both of 'em will soon be back in circulation.

Friday, April 15, another spring fishing contest will begin and will run through June 15. Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish caught in four classifications—bream, largemouth bass, speckled perch (crappie to the hifalutin) and rock fish. No "stuff" will count in this contest for the fish must be weighed at Bunch's Gulf Service, Byrum Hardware Company and Edenton Marina in order to compete for prizes. And like Bruce Jones, Chairman of the fishing contest, says: "If the fish cooperate we can expect good results from the 60-day contest." The trouble is that all too often the 'bloomin' fish don't know what cooperation means.

It sure is a lot of pleasure to reminisce once in a while, which happened Monday when Stuart Stephenson of Birmingham, Alabama, dropped in the office. He paid a surprise visit to his mother, Mrs. S. X. Stephenson and sister, Mrs. West Byrum. Stuart's visits to Edenton have been few and far between since he left Edenton. He was working with the Edenton Daily News when I blew into Edenton back about 1923, so that we had a lot of fun recalling some of the incidents which happened before he left for green pastures. One of the incidents well remembered by both of us was that Stuart's salary was \$15 per week and he darned near got fired by R. G. Shackell, then editor, for pestering him for a raise just about every other day. Anyway, Stuart did not recognize a lot of people he knew while living in Edenton, but he said to me: "Buff, you haven't changed a bit since you came to Edenton." Oh, yeah, he doesn't know it all.

Without doubt a lot of women are hoping for a clear and balmy day next Sunday. It will be Easter, you know, so that the gals will want to wear and show off their Easter finery. Well, here's hoping Saturday, too, will be a fittin' day—I want to go fishing, you know.

Easter 1960



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WONDERFUL SPEAKER

Little did Mrs. Eugenia Babylon realize that her opening remarks would be the beginning of a most delightful meeting in celebration of National Library Week here in Edenton, April 5, 1960. Even with the noise of business in the lobby of the Joseph Hewes Hotel and the racking fire alarm signal, none can say it was not enjoyable and beneficial.

There were intonations of the ancient voices of Greece, Persia, Rome, France and other civilizations propelled by a most dramatic and charming address delivered by Dr. Robert Lee Humber before an enthralled audience invited by the Friends of the Library Society.

Dr. Humber within his own rights can admit to a nicely adequate and brief summary introduction by Edenton High School Principal Hiram Mayo to attaining distinction as an international lawyer of repute; of having been an international crusader for World Government; of assisting at the San Francisco organizational meeting for the establishment of the United Nations; of representing North Carolina on the Rhode Scholarship Selection Committee, quite naturally by having attained Rhode Scholarship himself; of being able to answer to the name of Senator, as he is Senator Humber from his district. Perhaps the chairmanship of the North Carolina Art Society stands out as one of his greatest selling feats because through his efforts, as Mr. Mayo pointed out, our North Carolina Art Museum is firmly established due to persuasion against tremendous odds for appropriations from our Legislature to match the Kress Foundation million plus dollars offer in art treasures.

Dr. Humber presented the society a most formidable and rewarding argument in pointing out that "We are the lions of our Age." He did it with a remarkable resume of the history of library. Subtly and gracefully he traced from the era of the Greek Alexander the early beginnings of conquest for knowledge, the rendezvous of scholars; of Pergamum; the use in recording of skins of animals; of life. When we were in need

Aristotle sending forth many in search of knowledge. He drifted now into Grecian influence upon the Roman birth and quest of knowledge and the creation of the first Roman library with the subsequent succession of private libraries. Dr. Humber recalled Charlemagne's insistence that monasteries establish libraries and the paganistic and religious conflicts in the early thirteenth century. Picturesquely he portrays the effect of the Renaissance and the real break for the modern library in the discovery by Gutenberg of removable type by which documents could be duplicated; thereby knowledge was literally exploded amongst those who heretofore could not afford the same. Reminding all that university libraries are traceable back to the thirteenth century, reviewing early century Venetian libraries with only as few as six hundred scrolls, he brought his audience to date with beginnings of our own great libraries of Harvard, Yale, and others. At this point, Dr. Humber mentioned the accomplishments of our native libraries at Duke and the University of North Carolina.

In summation Dr. Humber concluded by stating that we must make an all out effort to bring North Carolina to the fore through our own efforts. Emphatically he pointed out that we must strive to wipe out the well known fact that North Carolina has produced few sons who have obtained national prominence and being one of the original states, our record does not show well. Our promotion of the quest for knowledge to be gained from our own libraries can lift us up beginning with this generation. Dr. Humber effectively closed by reciting an old Chinese story who's moral or lesson was that creativeness is life and to create is to have knowledge.

Mrs. Frank Holmes closed the meeting with thanks to Dr. Humber for his learned remarks and at this point everyone retired to an abundant table of refreshments.

HAUGHTON EHRINGHAUS

CHURCH THANKFUL

"A friend in need is a friend indeed." The Providence Baptist Church of Edenton, has of Pergamum; the use in recording of skins of animals; of life. When we were in need

the people of Edenton and elsewhere came to our rescue.

On February 23, 1958, fire destroyed the church's worship unit. With very little money to begin rebuilding, plans were prepared by our Building Committee to rebuild. The cost was estimated at \$35,000. However, it was soon discovered that it would cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to build the type of structure where God could be worshipped

in the beauty of holiness and comfort. But where was the money to come from? This was the paramount question.

The Providence Baptist Church with an active membership of four hundred were expected to raise the bulk of this money. They did. Over \$28,000 was given by the church. This money was raised by careful and prayerful planning coupled with generous giving and the cooperation of its membership working together as "One Big Family". This accomplishment has been called by the pastor, "The Miracle of Providence".

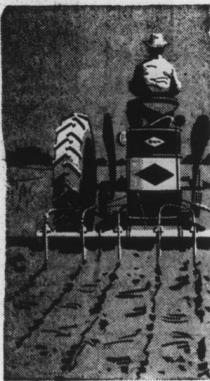
But more money was needed! So the board of trustees were authorized by the church to negotiate a loan of \$20,000 from the Chowan Credit Union. The Credit Union approved the loan and the work was allowed to continue.

But more money was needed! And here is where the people of Edenton, "our friends" came to the rescue. They gave generously to the estimated sum of \$1,000. The Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Scott is pastor, gave a liberal contribution. The Edenton Baptist Church, of which Rev. R. N. Carroll is pastor, gave over \$1,000. Recently, she gave to our church 200 hymnals valued at over \$300, for which we are eternally grateful. (\$3,000 total from friends).

It is our most sincere prayer that the loving care of God The Father, the redeeming power of God The Son and the transforming power of God The Holy Spirit be with each of you until your faith is lost in sight.

F. H. LaGARDE, Pastor

No favor produces less permanent gratitude than the gift of liberty, especially among people who are ready to make a bad use of it. —Livy.



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