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A LIFT FOR TODAY

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Proverbs 18:24.

CHRIST, SUPREME FRIEND of Man, requires as evidence of our friendship that we love one another and that we obey His commands. May we be loyal to Those who never fail—the O God, and see with Thine eyes all peoples as Thy children.

Another Distinct Loss

Edenton, it seems lately, has been losing one valuable person after another, so it is with regret that it is learned that Mrs. Eugenia Babylon has tendered her resignation as director of the Pettigrew Regional Library. Mrs. Babylon resigned to accept the position of librarian at the Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

Mrs. Babylon has been the sparkplug for the regional library and under her supervision the organization has made great strides forward since its organization only a few years ago. Her valuable services will be greatly missed, for she has directed a service which has been not only beneficial but very much enjoyed by both white and colored people in the three counties represented, Chowan, Washington and Tyrrell. Who can estimate the value of reading books by young people who otherwise could easily direct their time to less useful and less uplifting purposes?

The entire area will greatly miss Mrs. Babylon and it goes without saying that all of her friends, while regretting to lose her, wish for her much success in her new and larger duties in Missouri.

Deserves Re-election

With interest at a high pitch in the race for the Democratic nomination for First District Congressman, it is interesting to read an editorial appearing in the Times-Herald of Newport News on Friday, May 6. The editorial follows:

About 20 years ago, a capable and diligent citizen of the First North Carolina District—Herbert C. Bonner—was elected to fill the unexpired term of the Hon. Lindsay Carter Warren as Representative in the Congress of the United States. Mr. Warren had become Comptroller General of the United States and had left Congress with a high record of performance. Mr. Bonner has lived up to the responsibilities of the office and the ideal of service to his constituents. In fact, he has gone to the top among his fellows in achieving chairmanship of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

We of the Tidewater Virginia area embraced in Virginia's First District have had a peculiar interest in Mr. Bonner's career. For he succeeded the late able and beloved S. Otis Bland of Newport News in the committee chairmanship. It is he who has fought for an adequate Merchant Marine, who has fostered legislation on behalf of our fisheries and who currently is battling for removal or reduction of the shipbuilding differential favoring the West Coast shipyards to the prejudice of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company and other East Coast yards.

A measure of his service in this respect is given in the tribute of Representative Thomas N. Downing of the First Virginia District, whose interests are so akin to the First North Carolina District. Mr. Downing said recently: "Mr. Bonner is an able, aggressive and progressive chairman who knows well the complex problems of our merchant marine and shipbuilding industry. His contributions to these economic fields cannot be overestimated. He is a worthy successor to our late, great Schuyler Otis Bland."

That is high tribute from a member of the committee which Mr. Bonner heads. Our experience with Mr. Bonner's battles for the interests of our area underscores it.

So good has been that service to his district and to the sister states that only once, until this year, has anyone offered to run against him. That was in 1946 when he was re-elected by an overwhelming vote over Dr. Robert Lee Humber. In this campaign he is opposed by Walter B. Jones of Farmville, whose platform is based largely on the "time for a change" appeal so familiar in politics. He is a three-term member of the North Carolina General Assembly.

We are unfamiliar with his history otherwise but we note in the Washington, N. C., "Daily News" the apt comment that: "If another man were more capable of doing the job than Mr. Bonner, then we would not be true to our heritage to offer public support to a lesser candidate." But "... the talk of 'we need a change' is an emotional appeal rather than an appeal based on wisdom and reason. Swapping horses merely for the sake of change is not our idea of practical politics." (All the other papers in the district, we are told, except one in Mr. Jones' home town of Farmville are supporting Mr. Bonner.)

We think the "Daily News" is right. We appreciate Mr. Bonner's work in behalf of his district, state and nation since our interests are so akin. In fact, we suspect that some citizens of Mr. Bonner's district are working among us in local industry and it is to their interest to have him as head of the important committee on which he has seniority and prestige. We want him back. We hope the citizens of North Carolina's First District do, too—and overwhelmingly.

Heard & Seen By Buff

With all the interest, sacredness, respect and reverence recently directed toward the Confederate monument on the Court House Green, the monument and what it stands for must have been forgotten Tuesday of this week. May 10 was Confederate Memorial Day, and unless my eyesight is failing, I didn't see a single flower, flag or any gathering of any kind at the monument to pay honor and tribute to the memory of those for whom the monument was erected. About the only visitors near the monument during the day was a small group of youngsters playing and they didn't give a hoot if the monument was there or not.

Malcolm Seawell made a very interesting speech at the Lions Club meeting Monday night. He didn't say it in just so many words, but the way I understand one of his remarks was that there's a lot of hot air going around when an important election is on tap. Yeah, and some of it is more than hot air.

The John A. Holmes Band's spring concert Friday night was another wonderful program, but the attendance wasn't from doodle. The same can be said about the Central Prison Variety Show presented Saturday night under the sponsorship of the Lions Club. Just why more people do not appreciate good music (and the band puts out good music) is hard to understand. The auditorium should have been filled, for the concert but it was far less than half full. The Lions show, too, was very good, but then, again, the crowd was very disappointing.

Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night instructed Chief of Police George I. Dail to reserve parking space on Broad Street between King and Water Streets Monday for dignitaries who will attend the new fish hatchery dedication. The chief said he would be glad to do it, but asked the question, "How do you know a dignitary when you see one?" And that's a good question, for all too many folks like to play the role of a dignitary.

Doc Richard Hardin, Doc Ed Bond, Joe Thorud and Jess Harrell returned Sunday from a fishing trip in Florida and report a very good time. It was a little more expensive to Joe than the others, for he lost a reel and line. Joe, according to the way I got it, was fishing and Jess had just told him to be ready for a barracuda. "I'm ready for him," said Joe, but just about that time something hit his line and carried away everything but the handle which Joe was holding in his hand. He might have just as well thrown that overboard, too, making his loss just a trifle more.

Here's one who was among the guests at the Lions Club meeting Monday night. Wives of the members are the cooks and beside fixing up a good meal, they are rather generous. I'm used to getting one pork chop, but the ladies put two on the plate, together with vegetables. Then, too, an extra pork chop was brought in for John Mitchener and Allan Harless was given two helpings of ice cream and cake for dessert. If anybody left the meeting hungry, it was his own fault.

It's good to see John Holmes out again after a siege of illness. John is looking good and says he's never felt better. Besides he has regained a good appetite and says food tastes so much better than before he was sick. Maybe it was a good thing he became sick.

Since Harry Smith tendered his resignation as executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, he has been overwhelmed with expressions of regret that he will soon leave for a more prominent position in Detroit. So much has he been affected by the kind remarks and love and admiration for him on the part of Edenton people that he says if he would give his heart full control he would not depart. Anyway, a lot of us will miss him very much.

Chowan County Commissioners at their last meeting referred to the reported resignation of Mrs. Eugenia Babylon as director of the Pettigrew Regional Library. One of the Commissioners asked, "Do you think the colored people read the books?" Another of the Commissioners replied, "They surely do. Why I have to wait some mornings when I round up my colored help for some of them to finish a paragraph or chapter before they are ready to go to work."

Mrs. P. L. Rea, who now lives in Washington, last week renewed her subscription to The Herald and in a brief message had this to say: "Please renew my subscription to your nice paper. I am always glad to get the Edenton news. It has been very interesting lately. I was disappointed when the plan to improve the Green and move the monument was delayed. I hope these fine people will soon get together and put it over. I think it is a must. Best wishes to you and all my friends in Edenton."

Delta Kappa Gamma Has New Officers

Society Meets In St. Paul's Parish House Saturday

Ruth Hoyle, City School Supervisor, of Elizabeth City, was installed as president of Pi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society, at Saturday's meeting which was held in Saint Paul's Parish House at 11:30 A. M.

Other officers installed at the meeting were: Vivian Lucas, first vice president, Williamston; Mrs. Milah P. Meekins, second vice president, Manteo; Mrs. Phoebe Owens, recording secretary, Gates; Mrs. Clarene B. Bright, corresponding secretary, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Marguerite B. Burch, treasurer, Edenton; Mrs. Rhodes Pratt, parliamentarian, Merry Hill.

Prior to the installation of officers, at Saturday's meeting, an initiation ceremony was held at which time the following eight new members of the society were added: Mrs. Louise B. Foster, Plymouth; Mrs. Louise Fleming, Plymouth; Mrs. Mina Hampton, Creswell; Mrs. Camille B. Everton, Columbia; Mrs. Ramona H. Wilson, Poplar Branch; Mrs. Lucille Barnes, Williamston; Mrs. Margaret Maston, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Bernice Calloway, Elizabeth City.

Following the morning session, a three-course luncheon was served at the Edenton Restaurant, by the management, in the Pine Room.

Mrs. Mary Browning's Treble Clef Club, comprised of ten voices, entertained the group with four very choice songs, at the close of the luncheon.

Visitors at the luncheon were Mrs. Jane Yarborough of Louisville, N. J.; Miss Ethel Perry of Kinston and Miss Sue Underhill of Greensboro.

The next meeting of the society will take place in early October at a place to be announced in September.

Forty-two members and guests attended Saturday's meeting in Edenton.

Willis Retires From Transportation Job

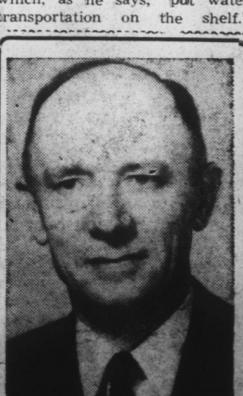
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er Line. Later on Mr. Willis took over the Roanoke River Line, operating from Edenton to Hamilton and a few years later he took over the Albemarle Steam Navigation Company, the oldest established steamboat and railroad connection between Franklin, Va., and Edenton.

In addition to these lines, he inaugurated ferry service from Edenton to Willis Landing and Edenton to Plymouth.

In 1931 Mr. Willis was appointed agent for Railway Express, pro-rating with the Norfolk Southern Railroad at Edenton, Salmon Creek Line, Norfolk Southern Railroad and Atlantic Coast Line at Plymouth and Weldon and Powellsville at Windsor, Cashie River Line and Norfolk Southern Railroad Edenton to Hamilton and Roanoke River Line. Also Norfolk Southern at Edenton, Atlantic Coast Line at Tunnis and Seaboard Airline Railroad at Franklin.

Mr. Willis operated these boat lines until improved highways and bridges were completed, which, as he says, "put water transportation on the shelf."



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Since then he has continued the Railway Express business in Edenton until his retirement.

In retiring, Mr. Willis wishes to extend his gratefulness and best wishes to all his patrons in the different lines of his business. "I've been in Edenton for so long," said Mr. Willis, "being my headquarters for my business, that I will always feel like Edenton is home even though my residence is not in the city limits. I am now residing at Willis Landing in Bertie County and invite any of my friends to come over to visit me at any time."

Soil Stewardship Week May 22-29

Continued from Page 1, Section 1. This year is "The Spirit of the People." We are God's people and are stewards of His great gift, the irreplaceable soil. It feeds us, clothes us, and furnishes us shelter.

The custom of setting aside special days for thanking God was started more than 1,500 years ago in Vienne, France, and was named Rogation Days. Bad weather and earthquakes had brought crop failures and widespread hunger. The Bishop of Vienne called for prayer and penance on the three days preceding Ascension Day. The people responded.

Word of what happened in Vienne spread throughout France and other countries. By the end of the eighth century, the church formally adopted the custom, Rogation Days. It filled a need in the hearts and minds of the people. Soil stewardship is rooted in man's trust in God and obedience to His purpose.

Soil Stewardship protects future generations, both born and unborn. It reminds us of our responsibilities to protect our soil. Whether you live on the farm or have a city job, you still have a responsibility. Man does not own the soil, he only has title to it or is a steward of it.

I once heard a man make the statement that a person had never been buried on his own land. It's true, because the minute he died the land belonged to his children, wife or somebody. We don't own the soil or land, we are stewards. It belongs to God the creator of it.

Attend the church of your choice on May 22 or 29, Soil Stewardship Sundays.

Colored Band Concert Sunday

Edenton colored high school band will present its spring concert in the school gymnasium Sunday afternoon, May 15, at 3 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Drive For Cancer Funds Lagging

Continued from Page 1, Section 1. Some of the business concerns have not sent in their contribution. However, the prospect of reaching the quota is rather discouraging to Mrs. Hopkins, who encourages to Mrs. Hopkins, who emphasizes the large number of cancer cases, some here in Chowan.

wan, and the need for funds to fight the dread disease.

Mrs. Hopkins is appealing to all citizens and business concerns who have not made a contribution to do so at once. Contributions may be sent to her or they will be received at The Herald office.

Historical Group In Drive For Members

A membership drive for the Roanoke Island Historical Association is being conducted in Chowan County this week. Mrs. Frank Holmes is county chairman of the drive and says the campaign for funds is to help North Carolina take its proper place as "the birthplace of the nation." The Lost Colony is one of the projects of the association. Free tickets to The Lost Colony will be given to every new member enrolled during the membership drive.

Letters have been mailed, but any person who desires to become a member can do so by contacting Mrs. Holmes or Mrs. W. B. Rosevear, tri-county chairman. Memberships range from \$1.00 to a life membership of \$100.

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