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A LIFT FOR TODAY

... She of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living. —Mark 12:44.
GOD, the Creator and Owner of the world's wealth, which he entrusts to our care, would have us so filled with love and gratitude to him that we would gladly give ourselves and our means to glorify him and build a Christlike brotherhood among men.
We praise Thee, O God, knowing that all things come of Thee, and we would give sacrificially and cheerfully of all that with which Thou hast so bountifully blessed us.

Important To Parents

With the opening of schools scheduled to take place Tuesday of next week, Dr. J. A. Johnson, director of the District Health Department, has issued some important information for parents of children entering school for the first time.

Dr. Johnson points out that every child entering school the first time must have at least one polio shot and preferably two shots. He also stated that requirements will be even more rigid when school opens in 1961 when it will be necessary for children to have three polio shots before they can start school.

It is vitally important, Dr. Johnson points out, that all children who enter school the first time this year should have at least one polio shot. To substantiate the fact that Salk vaccine is effective in preventing polio attacks, Dr. Johnson cites figures showing that cases reported in North Carolina up to August 22 of this year totaled 33 cases. This compares with 104 cases reported during the same period last year. He also says that the large majority of cases in 1960 included children under nine years of age.

The earlier children receive these polio shots the less likely they are to contract polio, so that all parents should realize the importance of attending to this matter.

In this connection a Jaycee-sponsored polio shot clinic is scheduled to be held at the Penelope Barker house Friday night, August 26, from 7 to 9 o'clock. Edenton doctors are cooperating with this clinic and will be on hand to administer the shots. It is interesting to know that the shots will be free to everybody under 18 years of age and expectant mothers and that those over 18 years old will be charged only \$1.00. Then, too, if anybody has no way to go to and from the Penelope Barker house, free transportation will be furnished by phoning 4121.

With this service provided, there is little excuse why all children in Edenton should not be treated as a precaution against an attack of polio, which might prevent serious illness as well as becoming permanently crippled.

Short End Of The Stick

The Russian leaders boast endlessly of their nation's material progress—and of their plans to overtake and pass the United States. But this progress, if it exists, certainly isn't filtering down to the Russian masses.

The National Industrial Conference Board has issued a survey showing the worktime the typical worker must put in to buy consumer items in New York and Moscow. Examples: In Moscow it takes an hour and 4 minutes to buy a pound of sugar—in New York three minutes. In Moscow it takes 15 hours to buy a man's cotton shirt—in New York 56 minutes. In Moscow it takes 275 hours to buy a man's wool suit—in New York 23 hours.

So it goes, all the way down the list of staple food, clothing and other necessary items. The figures are based on average earnings in manufacturing industry, and the Moscow prices are based on information appearing in the Soviet press.

This casts an interesting light on Russian methods of production and distribution—as well as the philosophy back of the Russian economic system. Production is not based on consumer wants and demands—it is based on what the dictators decide. Distribution, almost all of which is through state-owned stores, is non-competitive, and the prices along with quantity and quality are established by fiat. The consumer, aside from the small elite group, gets the short end of the stick.

About all that some people know about public policies is that they do not like any of them.

The state of human beings can be understood when one realizes that the average man will be surprised if somebody does him a favor.

Heard & Seen By Buff

There's a saying that goes something like this: "Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return." Something of this nature is reflected in a letter received this week from Robert S. Miller of Burlington, Vermont, which follows: "Last month my wife and I spent a few days in Edenton. At that time we were beginning a tour of your state. We had seen parts of North Carolina a year ago and were so much impressed by what we saw that we felt we wanted to inform ourselves further. The experiences of this summer confirmed the favorable impressions of a year ago. We think that when we choose to retire we shall seriously consider residence in your state.

"Our days in Edenton were very pleasant. We liked much that we saw, and we were especially impressed by the people we met. They were generally courteous and cooperative. I feel constrained to mention one man in particular. His name is Ronald Saunders, an employee of one of your super markets. Ronald was very gracious to me. He even invited me to be his guest on an afternoon fishing trip. It happened that the fish were not biting but the experience was one of the highlights of my time in Edenton. I was much touched by the warmth and friendliness of the man who was my host, and I am glad to pay this simple tribute to him. I came to like a number of people in your community. After all the people of any community are its greatest asset. In this respect Edenton is fortunate."

With school teachers writing in to change their Herald back to Edenton, maybe things will get back to normal with the opening of school just around the corner. Miss Lena Jones was among those to note a change in address and in her letter from Montreat, N. C., she was kind enough to send me a fishing barometer. The contraption pictures a fish with large eyes, which says that when the eyes are blue—1 bite good. If the eyes turn purple it says, 1 bite fair and when red, 1 bite seldom. The bloomin' eyes have not changed since it arrived, so how in the dickens am I to know whether to go fishing or not?

Here's one who was among those to be invited to see the premiere showing of the picture Ben Hur at the Village Theater in Cameron Village, Raleigh, Thursday. Not being much of a moviegoer, I set a record for myself by not going to sleep. The picture started at 2 o'clock and but for a brief intermission, ran until 6 o'clock, which means that I sat there for four hours without taking a nap. That in itself should be a good recommendation for the picture. It had splendid acting, outstanding photography and sound effects so natural that I thought I was getting wet during a storm in the picture. Not being much of a critic, I can, however, say that Ben Hur is a very good picture and one which I thoroughly enjoyed from beginning to end—and it cost me nuttin'. Then I was also invited to meet with Senator John Kennedy, along with a gang of North Carolina newspaper people, in Washington. I didn't have time to write to see if John would pay the expenses—so I didn't go.

It's not unusual for us at The Herald office to receive an order for job printing with the remark, "I am completely out and must have some as soon as possible." Not so with the Rev. George Holmes. On Friday morning he brought in a printing job and I asked him how soon he must have it. "Oh," he said, "there's no need to rush, this afternoon will be time enough."

Mayor John Mitchener was among the large number of people who attended the recent 125th anniversary of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church, when just about everything imaginable in the way of food was spread on the tables. John, of course, ate his share and then some. This week a revival meeting is being held at the Rocky Hock Church and, of course, John has been invited to attend. "But," said the party inviting him, "there will be no food served except the spiritual kind."

The Methodist Church is sort of a busy place this week. A new pipe organ is being installed to replace the one which has been in constant use since 1894. The congregation will, no doubt, be very proud of the organ when it is ready for use, but nobody will be more pleased than Mrs. John Ross, the organist, who had to be next to a magician to get music out of the old organ. Parts of the new organ were scattered all around the church Tuesday, but the man in charge expects to have them all in place and the organ ready to be played in about two weeks. It should be a good reason to have a good-sized congregation the first time it is used.

Edenton Aces are now going through the paces to get in shape for the forthcoming gridiron season, and they're very active on the field for two reasons. First, they are anxious to toughen themselves for the grind and second, if they don't keep moving the bloomin' mosquitoes will chew a hunk out of 'em. Assistant Coach Billy Hardison on Tuesday night was near about "gin out" even before the practice started due to slapping and banging at the pesky mosquitoes from his feet to his head. I fooled the devilish mosquitoes—I left the field. And with football season about here, somebody will have to be thinking about serving coffee in the press box—that is if the hot spell ever leaves.

Maybe as one grows older some drastic change in appearance takes place. For instance, I've known Mrs. Clarence Shackelford for a long time and while eating with the Shackelford family at a table in a restaurant Tuesday night, Mrs. Shackelford asked, "Mr. Bufflap, what nationality are you?" Well, I've been in Edenton so darn long, darned if I could think what nationality I am.

Chowan County's old Court House is now going through a face-lifting period with right much of the red paint already removed. The building is taking on a rather unique appearance, so that the ladies who asked for it must have known what they were talking about. The old bricks add greatly to the appearance and should attract a lot of attention from visitors.

No Comment

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"NO COMMENT" is a report of activities on the national scene, and does not necessarily reflect JAM policy or position.

Washington — Conservatives applauded President Eisenhower's expressed determination to resist "reckless spending schemes" advocated in Congress during the remainder of the present session.

With the Washington atmosphere surcharged with election-year politics, it is generally recognized among conservatives that a major danger confronting the nation is the vote-luring spending proposals pushed by the radicals in Congress.

There are some formidable obstacles, however, to the success of efforts to buy votes in the November 8 presidential and congressional elections by spending schemes and other undesirable legislative proposals. These obstacles include:

1. The power of public opinion. If opponents of wasteful government spending—and of other objectionable legislation—communicate their views immediately and vigorously to members of the House and the Senate, it could have a decisive effect.

2. President Eisenhower's veto power. It takes a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate to override a veto. This has been accomplished only twice since President Eisenhower entered the White House in 1953.

3. A coalition of southern Democrats and conservative Republicans. This group has been highly successful, through the years, in turning back many of the more radical legislative proposals.

4. The House Rules Committee. Through its power to permit or prohibit House consideration of proposed legislation, it has been instrumental in bringing about the defeat—or, in some cases, modification—of a variety of objectionable proposals. The Rules Committee is in a highly strategic position at the present time.

President Eisenhower, in his message to Congress on August 8—when the Senate resumed its session interrupted for the political conventions—asserted that the \$4 billion surplus he had predicted for the current fiscal year (ending next June 30) was threatened by "the spending program enacted and pending—coupled with the failure of Congress to enact proposed new revenue measures."

"I shall not," he pledged,

abdicate my responsibility to use the executive power to help keep the nation's economy strong and sound while we carry forward our urgent work at home and in the world.

"This means that I shall not be a party to reckless spending schemes which would increase the burden of debt of our grandchildren, by resuming, in prosperous times, the practice of deficit financing. I shall not fail to resist inflationary pressures by whatever means are available to me."

Just what Congress does—or fails to do—during the remaining weeks of the session cannot be forecast at this time. Political pressures are terrific—creating a situation not conducive to calm deliberation in the public interest.

Anything can happen on legislation already introduced and on new proposals which may be offered as the session progresses.

Indications now are that major battles will revolve around the legislative issues that were being hotly disputed when Congress recessed for the political conventions.

These include industry-opposed proposals for medical care for the aged, federal subsidies for education, an increase in the \$1.00 an hour minimum wage and broadened coverage, and legalizing situs picketing and secondary boycotts at construction sites.

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts, the Democratic presidential nominee, has been very active in sponsoring or advocating this legislation. It is generally expected that he will exert every possible effort to push these legislative proposals to enactment.

President Eisenhower's message to Congress did not mention the situs picketing and secondary boycott proposal. But he advocated "assistance to older people to meet serious illnesses," "federal assistance in the construction of facilities for colleges, universities and ele-



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"... expansion of coverage of the fair labor standards act" ... and a "moderate upward adjustment of the minimum wage."

The administration's proposals on these subjects do not go as far as the Democratic measures awaiting action. Some members of Congress, however, think that these bills should be rejected—or, at least, that further consideration should be deferred until a non-political year.



—Francis Bacon. To admit poverty is no disgrace. The most agreeable thing in grace to a man, but to make no life is worthy accomplishment, effort to escape it is indeed disgraceful. —Edgar Howe. —Thucydides.

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