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Learning From Dr. Schweitzer

Incongruous as it may seem, a group of U. S. scholars are journeying to Equatorial Africa to study the philosophy of brotherhood and its value to our hopes for world peace. The group is visiting Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his missionary hospital at Lambarene, just south of the equator. The youthful scholars who are going to Africa at the invitation of Dr. Schweitzer are students of philosophy, religion and civic affairs from all parts of the U. S. They will hold a series of meetings with the world-famed Nobel Prize winner. The purpose of the visit is to clarify and publish English translations of Dr. Schweitzer's philosophy in an American "primer" that could well be a foundation for a type of thinking that is all too lacking in today's world.

The meetings are being sponsored by the U. S. headquarters of the Schweitzer Education Foundation which has appealed for all the aid possible to finance young students on the trip, plus financing hospital equipment and supplies that are the doctor's ever-present need. A hint of Dr. Schweitzer's fundamental philosophy which is particularly appropriate as the nation enters a critical new year is revealed in one of his Sunday sermons: "There is a great river behind us (adjacent to Lambarene). In its upper reaches it is swift and tumultuous. There are turbulent currents and dangerous rapids. It is a savage stream. The further it flows, the broader and stronger and more tranquil it becomes.

"The Holy Spirit is like that. At first there is very little seen of its presence in the hearts of men. But little by little it grows stronger and men become filled with it." (From "The Africa of Dr. Schweitzer.")

One can only wonder why there cannot be more Dr. Schweitzers in this world.

Believe It Or Die!

Nearly 1,200 human beings were smashed to death last year. They died in traffic.

Most of them were killed, not in accidents, but in traffic "incidents" involving speed, liquor, stubbornness and general lawlessness.

As former Gov. Luther Hodges once remarked, "There's nothing accidental about a man who drinks, deliberately speeds in his car through an intersection, and causes a wreck."

But apparently so few care about those killed on the highways.

That's some attitude. Worse still, the human mind refuses to believe that anything negative will happen to the body.

Examples are everywhere, characterized by the foolish assumption that "accidents always happen to someone else."

Well, you are alive at this very moment only by the very special grace of God.

Believe in your own special gift of long and undisturbed life if you will, but meanwhile, try this:

Stop at once all illegalities and carelessness in your own driving. No more cheating on the speed limits, double caution when road, traffic and weather conditions are bad, no driving and drinking. This is by far the most important contribution you can make.

Second, when the General Assembly convenes, write to your legislator. Ask him to support safety proposals. It's significant that letters urging safety are usually a mere trickle compared to letters concerned with less vital action. Let your representative know you want safer North Carolina highways.

Third, stand behind your law enforcement officers. Without your support and encouragement police are hampered in their efforts to provide traffic protection for all.

Heard & Seen By Buff

Masons installed new officers Thursday night and J. C. Parks, one of the new officers, turned up with a white shirt and his Sunday-go-meeting suit. Doc Downum, the new master, commented that J. C. was all dressed up for the affair, upon which J. C. said, "That's the way it goes. When a poor fellow puts on his best clothes to look a little respectable, then he gets ridiculed for it."

Well Terry Sanford is now in the saddle as Governor of North Carolina and Senator John F. Kennedy in a few days will be inaugurated as president of the United States. Which brings to mind another election. The election of town officials will take place in May and though still almost four months away, there's already a candidate for Mayor. This fact is supported by a letter received this week from E. L. Owens, 508 Office Street, which reads as follows:

"Dear Sir: "Please put this in your paper. I have been a resident of this town 54 years and have had 52 years employment at the Edenton Cotton Mill. I am now thinking of running for Mayor in the spring town election, May 5, 1961. I have had plenty of people ask me to make the run. I will buy no votes. Thanks. I will file my candidacy before April."

It is recorded elsewhere in this week's Herald that the Edenton Post Office receipts in 1960 topped all previous records. Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt says receipts amounted to \$63,817.29, which was more than 10% over 1959. The boys were rushed as usual during the holidays, but the mail was handled as smoothly as I've ever seen it.

And talking about the post office gang who, like a newspaper guy, gets cussed out more than praised, the following note was recently sent to Postmaster Chestnutt from Mrs. Sara Hurdle Everett:

"Dear Mr. Chestnutt—Just want to call your attention to a deed performed by one of the postal employees during a busy rush Saturday. I went in to buy stamps and to mail cards. In addressing them I inadvertently addressed one to Waynesboro, N. C. Charlie Swanner recognized my handwriting and called me at home to ask if I would like to correct it and send the card on. Now, this is what I call "being on the ball" as well as performing the deed during a rush period at Christmas. My thanks to you and the post office employees."

The state flag of North Carolina is featured in a special "State Flag to Color" section of the January issue of Jack and Jill, one of the country's top monthly juvenile magazines. An accompanying text gives children some additional information about North Carolina including its industries, crops and the origin of its name.

The boys at the Rotary Club, especially Charlie Overman, Hiram Mayo and Maynard Perry quite often get to talking about shooting

quail and the merits of their dogs. Last week Charlie was saying that he went hunting one day. "How many did you shoot?" asked Hiram. "Well," said Charlie, "there was a goodly number of birds, but the dogs were just not so good." However, when pinned down Charlie admitted that the dogs spotted the birds, but for some reason on that day he would have had a hard time trying to hit the side of a barn.

Happened to be near the Rev. George Holmes the other day when he was talking to Dick Hines and Elton Forehand. "I could tell you something that would make your hair curl," said the preacher. "What!" exclaimed Dick as he pulled off his hat, for there is a precious small amount of hair on top of Dick's dome. And Elton—well!

This didn't happen in Edenton, but I was told that it did occur during the Christmas holidays in a nearby town. It was during the Christmas rush when the elevator in a department store was filled to capacity on almost every trip up and down. On one trip a rather stout lady suddenly looked around and slapped a man standing back of her right in the face. Unlike a lot of other men, he didn't say a word, but when the elevator stopped a little boy who was standing in front of him said, "Yes, mister, when that fat woman kept on pushing against us, I bit her—yes, I bit her." Well that pretty well clarified the slap in the face.

BPW Directors Plan Activities

The Business and Professional Women's Club board of directors met Thursday night at the home of its president, Mrs. Lala Smith.

New and old business matters were discussed and plans made for the annual Bosses' Night Banquet to be held in February. At this banquet the "Woman of the Year" will be named and honored.

A discussion was held in regard to the spring district meeting which will be held in Edenton with the local BPW Club as hostess.

The board made plans for a teenage birthday party to be held at the Teenage Club January 31. All members are urged to attend, dressed as teenagers and to bring a "date".

The January meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Edenton Restaurant on January 10.

The Career Advancement Committee will be in charge. Miss Lena Jones has charge of the program and Superintendent W. J. Taylor will be the speaker using the subject of "Career Advancement".

Local Police Make 643 Arrests in 1960

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Fines amounted to \$3,424.70 and costs \$5,522.90 or a total of \$8,957.60, of which \$2,941.30 was turned back to the town's general fund in way of officers' fees.

Activities during the year included 700 calls answered and investigated, 56 accidents investigated, eight stolen automobiles recovered, 54 funerals worked, 243 courtesies extended, 346 doors found unlocked, 22 fire calls answered, 218 lights reported out, 3,423 traffic citations issued and houses checked 509 times.

The police made 12,799 radio calls and were on the air 17 hours, 41 minutes and 42 seconds.

Junior Play Friday At Chowan High

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Handling the music will be Flora Jane Ward and Karl Harrell.

Electricians include Billy Bunch, Ray Evans and Emmett Jones.

Tickets and finance are in charge of Kay Bunch, Dorothy Parrish and Ronnie Hare.

Ushers include Marjorie Hollowell, Kay Dail, Bonnie Lou Welch, Kathryn Byrum, Joyce Nixon and Edia Hugo.

Peter Pans, Jeanette White and Nancy Ward.

The cast of characters includes the following: Etta Rae Bunch, Graham Bass, Annie Ruth Nixon, Wayne Bunch, Malcolm Bunch, Sandra Baker, Jackie Boyce, Nancy Spivey, Jack Bateman and Jimmy Turner.

LIONS MEET MONDAY

Edenton's Lions Club will meet Monday night, January 16, at 7 o'clock. President James Griffin requests every member to be present.

Edenton Is Again Without Town Clerk

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matter was considered, no definite action was taken to appoint a new town clerk.

While the Councilmen remained in session until 11:30 o'clock, Mayor Mitchener advanced the idea that the Councilmen think about the idea of limiting the regular Council meetings to two and a half hours in order to adjourn by 10:30 o'clock and then if all the business is not transacted to meet on the following Tuesday night to complete the work. The Mayor asked the Councilmen to report their reaction at the February meeting.

During Tuesday night's meeting the Councilmen granted the request of Arthur R. Chappell to transfer his beer license from East King Street to 318 South Broad Street.

Five applications for a taxi franchise were granted and seven taxi drivers were granted permits.

The Councilmen agreed to again rent farm land at the cemetery to W. L. Boswell for the year 1961 at a rental fee of \$50.

Councilman George A. Byrum presented a report relative to planting trees. It was agreed to remove unsightly and dangerous trees on Broad Street as well as West Queen Street. This work will begin at Gale Street with a number of trees scheduled to be taken down and replaced with new trees.

Ordinances concerning the cemetery were discussed and the Councilmen plan to enforce present ordinances or adopt new ones which will prevent driving over lots, removing dirt and maintaining level lots rather than forming a gully between lots. It was also brought out that a number of lots have been purchased on a time basis and that in a few instances bodies have been buried and no payment made on the lots. In other instances lots have been reserved at the old price level and not completely paid for. The decision was reached that hereafter no burial will be allowed unless a lot is paid for or ample assurance that it will be paid by those responsible. Besides all those who still owe payments on lots will be notified that if full payment is not received by March 1 the new prices will apply. Where no payment has been made and bodies buried on the lot, the town will repossess the portion not used.

A request to have the Coast Guard Signal light at the foot of Broad Street removed before the Woman's Club tour in April was considered. The Mayor was requested to contact Coast Guard officials to see what might be done about removal of the light. Repairs at the building housing the Police Department came

in for some discussion and a contractor will be contacted to secure an estimate of the cost of this work which will include finishing the end of the building which adjoined a building used by the Street Department, torn down when the stack was removed.

The Councilmen turned thumbs down to a request to remove three parking meters in front of the Court House. These were asked to be removed due to the forthcoming Woman's Club Pilgrimage.

A right of way back of the stores on the east side of Broad Street to connect with a street from Court Street was considered. The Board of Public Works will be contacted relative to laying a water line before paving and other improvements can be made.

An Electric & Water Department assessment policy was again up for discussion. It was generally agreed that the town should have an assessment policy, so that the Councilmen requested rewriting the policy, which previously had been voted down, and after this is done to call a public hearing in order to hear any objections.

Before the meeting adjourned Miss Celia Spivey, assistant clerk, was complimented for the report of the budget for the first six months of the fiscal year.

Jaycees Seeking Winner Of DSA

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made. The nomination blanks are available at Mitchener's Pharmacy and Hollowell's Drug Store and must be returned to Mr. Dixon before Friday, January 20. Individuals, as well as churches, business concerns, clubs and other organizations are invited to nominate a young man between 21 and 35 years of age for this honor.

The DSA will be presented at the seventh Bosses' Night and Ladies' Night banquet which will be held in the Masonic Temple Wednesday night, January 25, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Edenton DSA winner will enter the contest for state honors and the state winner will enter national competition to choose the nation's 10 outstanding young men.

Exchange Student Speaks At School

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eral youth clubs in the country. Bobby points out that "it was not my objective to teach the Burmese how to live like Americans but rather to understand how we live and that all Americans do not have money trees growing outside their back door."

He says that the most common impressions he gained of the Burmese people are that they are very friendly, always hospitable, and extremely interested

in the creation of a world in which every man can live in peace and happiness.

Bobby attended North Carolina State College for two years and transferred to the University of Georgia where he received degrees in Agriculture and Journalism in 1959. During twelve years of 4-H Club work, he received many county, district, state, and national awards, including the National 4-H Health Award in 1954, the National 4-H Achievement Award in 1955, and the National Danforth Leadership Award in 1956. He represented North Carolina at the National 4-H Conference in 1955. While in college he served on editorial staffs, the President's Activities Board, the Interfraternity Council, and as president of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He received over \$3,000 in scholarship awards.

Upon the completion of his IFYE assignment in Burma, Bobby accepted the position of Assistant Editor of Radio and TV for the Agricultural Information Division at the North Carolina State College.

A man gets no thanks for what he loatheth to play.
—Thomas Fuller.

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Miss Barbara Allred Theta Mu Secretary

One of the highest honors scholastically at Wingate College is membership in Theta Nu, the Wingate chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Sixteen students have been initiated into the local chapter according to an announcement by Miss Norma Upchurch, faculty sponsor of Theta Nu.

Theta Nu members are not only outstanding scholastically but hold many important positions in the student government and other extra-curricular activities on the Wingate campus. In addition they serve as marshals and ushers for all school functions.

At an election of officers for 1960-61, Miss Barbara Allred, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Allred, was elected secretary of the chapter.



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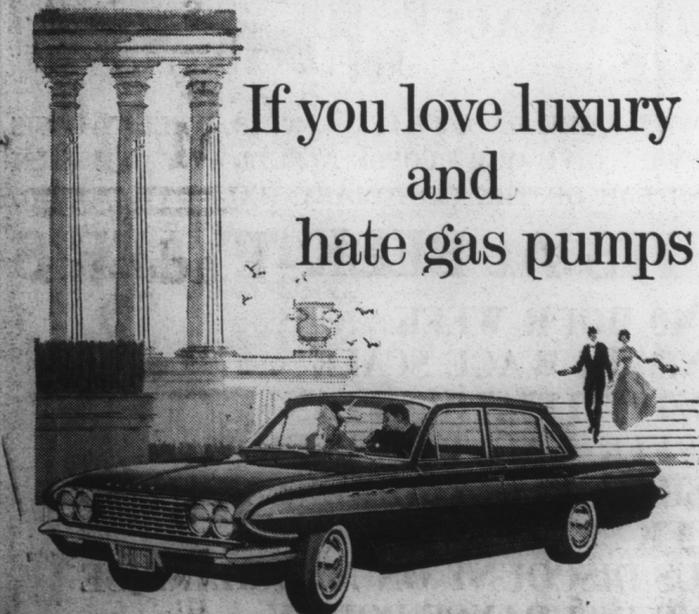
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