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A LIFT FOR TODAY

★ Words from the wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. —Ecc. 10:12.

BE LESS WILLING to speak than to hear; what thou hearest, thou receivest; what thou speakest thou givest. It is more glorious to give than more profitable to receive. —Quarles.

Our Father, help us to remember to be long suffering and gracious in speech, always practicing the gospel of the kindly tongue.

Irreparable Loss

A pall of sorrow fell over Edenton Sunday morning when it was learned that John A. Holmes died in N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill after an illness of about three weeks. It was generally understood that he was in critical condition, but there were hopes that he would rally and be able to return to Edenton. However, it was the will of a kind Providence that he give up the ghost and be relieved of his earthly cares and responsibilities to enter into an eternal rest.

In the death of John Holmes Edenton suffers an irreparable loss and one whose shoes will be extremely hard to fill. He came to Edenton in 1923, the same year as the writer, and upon his arrival he immediately endeared himself to the entire community. This endearment increased as the years passed and it can be truly said that Edenton is a better place as the result of his sojourn among its people.

The writer was a very close friend of John Holmes, having accompanied him on a number of occasions to meetings or conventions of one sort or another. So that in his passing the sense of a feeling of loss is as keen as if he had been a brother. If ever there was a Christian man, John Holmes was one.

Not only did John Holmes make a great contribution to education in Edenton, but his savory influence extended to civic and religious activities as well. Though modest and unassuming, he could be counted upon whenever he was requested to participate in any movement having for its purpose the welfare, betterment and progress of the community. Times without number he had been called upon to speak at various functions and in every instance he pleased and won the admiration of his audience.

John Holmes was not only favorably known in Edenton, but he was well known and highly regarded throughout North Carolina and even beyond the confines of the state. He was an ambassador of good will wherever he went and a citizen of which any community could well be proud to claim.

In his position as superintendent of schools and in his various other activities, John Holmes obviously met with opposition. Any man interested in progress is bound to meet with opposition and even criticism, but in all, John Holmes was never heard to say an unkind word about anybody who opposed him, a virtue which not every man can claim.

Some expression of the esteem in which John Holmes was held among his townspeople was made even before his death when he had an opportunity to appreciate it. He saw the high school named in his honor, John A. Holmes High School, and at the Methodist Church, which he served in practically every capacity, there is a library named in honor of him. So that the value of John Holmes was expressed while he was alive and could appreciate it, rather than "flowers" after he is gone.

John Holmes has passed from the scene, a path we all must take sooner or later, but he leaves monuments of love, esteem and respect in the hearts of a host of Edenton people, as well as many others throughout the state.

The writer was no little grieved upon hearing of John Holmes' death, and The Herald extends its sympathy to the family and loved ones who remain. It should be a source of consolation to them to know and hear others say, "John Holmes was a prince of a fellow and a splendid Christian gentleman."

Your success, if you are wise, does not depend upon somebody else.

Nearly everybody thinks of sin in terms of what other people are doing.

There are two things that lead to error: a speaker with a loud voice and one with deep emotion.

No matter how well you plan anything, there is always the chance that something else will occur.

Heard & Seen By Buff

One of the busiest women in Edenton these days in connection with Edenton's promotional film "Ye Towne on Queen Anne's Creek" is Mrs. John Kramer. As the result of showing this film, requests continue to pour into her for information about the 1961 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside which will be held April 14, 15 and 16. She has just about a full time job answering correspondence relative to the tour that maybe she should be put on the Chamber of Commerce payroll. Mrs. Kramer says the two color films are booked into April and requests for the showing continue to come in. The way the film is being received is reflected in the following from the Rotary Club at High Point:

"The film 'Ye Towne on Queen Anne's Creek' is all that advance publicity implied, and we are indebted to Past District Governor Curtis Smith-deal and High Pointer of the Week Welch Harris for bringing it to us last Thursday. In contrast to some of our neighbors, many of us Tar Heels have long been less than well informed about the interesting and important history of our state. Paul Green's 'Lost Colony' has acquainted a considerable number of us with the historical importance of Roanoke Island during the past quarter century, but none can say how many of those attending Paul's great drama drove quickly through Chowan County and the town of Edenton, completely ignoring the many places of great importance to the lover of history which are beautifully depicted in 'Ye Towne on Queen Anne's Creek.' That film, if widely enough exhibited throughout the state, should stimulate many of us to go and see for ourselves the numerous places on the eastern North Carolina mainland which, during colonial days, contributed much to the making of our great nation. Furthermore, taking our children and grandchildren along should be an effective method of arousing in them a taste for our historical heritage."

I thought for a spell Monday morning that I was far behind the times for I received a letter postmarked "Johns Island." However, upon closer examination I discovered that it was not from our Johns Island across Pamlico Creek, but Johns Island, South Carolina. In the letter was a season pass to Charleston's famous gardens. Guess I'll have to go to see what they've got that we don't have.

Eating in a restaurant the other night, two men, after placing their order, left together to go to the men's rest room. (Why do they call it "rest" room anyway?) At any rate, I heard a customer tell another, "I don't know what goes on when two women go together in a rest room, but when two men go in together it's almost a sure thing they're taking a snort."

George Washington's birthday was celebrated Wednesday and the bank, post office, town and county offices were closed for the occasion. I'm a jump ahead of George, for my birthday falls on Friday of this week and I've already been honored by a birthday dinner which was out of this world. It was planned by Mrs. William Davis on Sunday and while the table was jammed full of all kinds of good food, my eyes and hands were chiefly centered on Bill Davis' smoked ham. With such a dinner a fellow almost wishes he'd have a birthday more frequently, but even at that they roll around all too rapidly. To say that I enjoyed the dinner and presents is putting it all too mildly, and the same appreciation goes for the many birthday cards I've received. Last week the Davis family sent a short poem relative to my birthday, so I'm replying:

RIPOSTE

There was only one thing wrong, my friends,
With my birthday: it comes but once a year,
And gives me only one time to enjoy
The groaning board of Bill Davis' cheer.

I kept pushing back from the table,
My belt just didn't have enough stops.
My mouth was greasy from ham and taters 'n
everything,
But I just groaned happily and licked my chops.

And speaking about eating, quite a few Edenton people went out to Advance Community Building Tuesday night to eat ham and collards and chicken pot pie. It was a benefit supper prepared by the ladies of Advance Home Demonstration Club and if anybody could get a better meal for a buck and two bits, I'd like to know where it is. They're a group of thrifty women, though, for the collards, pot pie and pickles were on the table, but they brought out the plates with the ham on it. Bristow Perry acted as auctioneer after the supper when he sold a number of items to bring in a little more money for the club.

Rotarians and Lions are scheduled to play a game of basketball in the John A. Holmes High School gymnasium Monday night beginning at 8:30. T. B. Williford has agreed to stand by with his ambulance so that some of the players will be able to get back home. The drug stores should also remain open until after the game for there should be a run on liniment. Anyway, no charge will be made to see the game but an offering will be taken at half time (if the boys last that long) which will go to the heart fund. Maybe it should go to a sore muscle fund.

Those who attended the Methodist Church Sunday morning enjoyed a few numbers presented by a group of girls from the Methodist Children's Home in Raleigh. When one sees and hears what is being accomplished by orphanages and children's homes, it should not be so hard to dig down in the jeans to make a contribution.

Lyn Perry, was passing out cigars this week on account of he became pappy of his third daughter on Sunday. He wanted a boy, but, of course, that's one time nobody has a darned thing to do about what comes on the scene. Anyway, here's hoping his wish will be realized and that he has another box of cigars on hand.

One of the most popular places in the county Friday night was the Chowan High School auditorium, when homecoming was observed by the senior class. Standing room was the order of the night for those who arrived a little late. Aside from both the boys' and girls' basketball teams being defeated by the Camden teams, it was a very beautiful and impressive program.

Lions And Rotary Play Basketball

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Dr. Richard Hardin is coach for the Lions and Dr. Ed Bond is whipping together the Rotarians.

The Lions team will be picked from Joe Thorud, Jim Griffin, Gene Perry, Dr. Bill Busey, Lewis Leary, Jesse Harrell, Bruce Jones, Sr., J. Clarence Leary, W. J. Taylor, J. R. DuLaney, Henry Cuthrell and Guy Hobbs.

Dr. Bond reports that his starting lineup will include himself, Jack Habit, George A. Byrum, Bruce Jones, Jr., and Dick Atkinson. However, he says he might be obliged to call upon the following: Lloyd Bunch, William Wood, Elton Forehand, Gilram Mayo, Charlie Overman, Philip McMullan, Tick Elliott, Dick Schuman, Derwood Bray, Jim Wood, Izzy Campen, Murray Baker, Tom Byrum, Jim Chestnut, Bill Cozart, John Graham and even Bill Rosevear and John Kramer.

Dr. Bond says T. B. Williford will stand by with his ambulance for any service he can render.

There will be no charge for the game which will begin at 8:30 o'clock, but an offering will be taken at half-time to be given to the Heart Fund.

Scholarship Contest Scheduled March 7

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The application blanks are in the hands of all club presidents in the District and it is hoped to have a girl from each club. These girls will compete for the District winner and the Sixteenth District winners in North Carolina will compete at a time and place to be announced later for the State finalist.

Heart Sunday February 26

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help expand the Heart Association's research, education and community service program.

More than 50 million Heart Fund dollars have been invested in research since the Heart Association became a national voluntary health agency in 1948. Dr. Bond points out. The major objective of current research, he added, is to discover the causes of high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries, disorders accounting for 90 percent of heart and blood vessel disease.

The Heart Sunday canvass in Edenton will be one of 10,000 being conducted at approximately the same time by more than 1,500,000 volunteers throughout the nation. Volunteers will present an official Heart Fund contribution envelope for the donor's convenience.

Both President John Kennedy and Governor Terry Sanford stress the importance of Heart Sunday and appeal to all citizens to support the Heart Fund

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W. E. Bond, Jr., is local Heart Fund Chairman and especially appeals to every person in Chowan County to contribute as liberally as they possibly can.

Farmers Seek More Cotton Than Released

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released by other counties.

A total of 662 farms in the county have cotton allotment.

Cotton allotments in the county total 2,532.1 acres.

In comparison, the figures for 1961 follow:

To date 133.4 acres of cotton released for 1961 in county.

To date 822.4 acres of cotton requested by farmers wishing to plant.

The county received 249.0 acres of additional cotton for 1961 because of the interest shown by farmers for cotton in 1960.

There is even more interest this year than last. If the trend continues we are expecting even more allotment for 1962. Should be near 400.0 acres.

Farmers are asked to release all acreage they do not intend to plant and if they wish additional acreage to please make their application before March 15.

Pearce Again Plans Pumpkin Contest

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ages of 6 and 15 inclusive, who is interested in gardening or agriculture. This includes all 4-H, FFA, NFA and FHA members as well as non-club members within the age limits. The contest is also open to any boy or girl who attends school in Chowan County.

2. The purpose of the contest is to encourage all eligible boys and girls to grow pumpkins for food and for decorative purposes.

3. The sponsor will furnish seed free. Cultural information may be had from the sponsor, the county agent's office or the vocational agriculture teachers.

4. Each contestant agrees to plant the seed, cultivate the vines properly and to bring his largest pumpkin to the Chowan County Fair on the opening day. The pumpkins will be weighed and judged by an official committee.

5. Contestants having the 10

largest pumpkins agree to enter their pumpkins in the Chowan County Fair.

6. Each boy and girl entering the 1961 contest must fill out entry blank and turn in to the sponsor or to the county agent's office by April 30.

7. Application blanks are available from the following persons: E. L. Pearce, seedsman, Rocky Hook; county agricultural agent's office, vocational agriculture teachers, NFA and NHA teachers.

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