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 A LIFT FOR TODAY

★ Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth in his commandments. —Psalms 112-1.
 AS CHRISTIANS, let us re-dedicate our lives to the Saviour, praying for more charity, more self-denial and a more Christlike spirit in our daily contacts.
 May Thy Love, O God, increase in us true religion and nourish us in all goodness.

Time For Next Step Forward

The wise man is wary of simple solutions to complex problems. Certainly, no problem in North Carolina is more complex than that of highway safety and financial responsibility. In 1957, slightly more than half of the members of the State Legislature voted (many of them reluctantly) for the seemingly simple solution of compulsory insurance.

On the face of it, there were strong arguments in favor of compulsory, and some achievements can be claimed under the present law—the principal achievement being a higher percentage of insured drivers.

Everyone—lawmakers, insurance people, drivers—is in favor of maximum protection against loss from traffic accidents. That many regarded, and still regard, compulsory insurance as a cure-all is evidenced by recent polls in which more than 90 percent of the people responding said they are in favor of compulsory insurance.

There are two major defects in these polls:
 1. The form of the questions in the polls offered no intelligent alternative to compulsory, and
 2. The public has not been fully informed of the numerous inadequacies of the present law.

Just how complete is the protection offered under compulsory? Let's look at the record:

The present law provides no financial protection against:

- hit-and-run accidents;
- stolen cars;
- uninsured out-of-state drivers;
- motor vehicles which do not have to be registered, such as farm tractors;
- accidents involving motor vehicles operated under dealers' plates which have not been registered by the new owner;
- purchasers of used cars who do not immediately obtain or maintain automobile liability (their plates follow the cars and not the owners).

It does not protect against lapsed insurance, insurance dodgers, or either new car purchasers or drivers who move to North Carolina and fail to register their motor vehicle promptly.

Furthermore, the present law is costly to administer, involving as it does the preparation, mailing, filing, checking and cross-checking of countless thousands upon thousands of pieces of paper which must flow constantly from the insurance companies to our Motor Vehicle Department and back again not only in order to keep the Department apprised of the many thousands of situations where insurance has lapsed, been terminated, or been taken out with another insurance company.

Although owners of motor vehicles registered in North Carolina are subject to fine or imprisonment or both if they operate or permit a motor vehicle to be operated without insurance, the records of the Motor Vehicle Department indicate that more than one million of our citizens, knowingly or unknowingly, have broken this law during the past two years.

Truly effective enforcement of the compulsory auto insurance law, enforcement which would not at all overcome the act's major inherent weaknesses, such as are enumerated above, would require the Motor Vehicle Department, the Highway Patrol and local peace officers to pick up the registration certificate and license plates each time a motor vehicle owner's central file indicated that his insurance was no longer in effect, because it has lapsed or been terminated.

To require such all-out concentration of law enforcement activity to this area would reduce the time and manpower available for the usual and proper law enforcement activities. It would virtually make clerks of policemen.

Compulsory has done all it can do; now we must go on to a new, more progressive and effective system. To this end, the legislature should study with care the program offered by the Better Motorists' Protection Committee, representing companies which write 80 percent of the auto casualty insurance in the state. Insurance experts believe this new program would go a long way toward curing the defects in the present law.

This program includes uninsured motorist coverage, tighter financial responsibility laws and a whole pattern of provisions designed to improve the protection of our driving public.

Perhaps the most important feature of this program lies in the insurance industry's claim that the real solution to a major part of our highway slaughter is not to insure the lunatic driver, but to get him off the road.
 Amen to that!

The first obligation you have as an intelligent citizen is to refuse to believe criticisms of other people until you prove the accuracy of rumors spread.

This community is just as progressive as we make it, and offers our children only those opportunities and advantages we provide them.

If arguments were postponed until all participants got the facts, life would be simpler and intelligence would replace emotion.

Heard & Seen By Buff

It would be very interesting and comforting to read what the many friends of John A. Holmes would say if they expressed their thoughts in words. Well, in the mail the latter part of last week was a letter from Charles D. Stewart, a former school teacher in Edenton, now living at Morehead City. Said C. D.:

"Dear Buff: When I was at home to lunch just a few minutes ago, I read your editorial relative to John Holmes. It was one of the finest tributes to a man that I have ever seen. But I will go further and say that even though you made it very fine, you couldn't put in mere words a proper tribute to a man of his calibre.

"As you know, John Holmes and I worked together in the Edenton Public Schools for nineteen years and to say that he was my good friend is to put it mildly. I have told others many times that he was the finest person I have ever known. He has befriended me on numerous occasions, but it was never known to anyone else. I remember that one of his favorite expressions was, 'It is the motive back of a deed that counts.' In fact, I believe that he did everything just about the way he thought was right.

"Of course, my wife and I went to the funeral and I must say that my heart was almost too full to even speak. I feel that I have lost one of the best friends I will ever have. And to say that he will be missed in Edenton is putting it mildly. I can't think of a person who has done more for his community and his church than John A. Holmes.

"Buff, I always try to see you whenever I am in Edenton, but this time it was just about impossible. I will be sure to call by the next time I go through."

Then Charlie McCullers, former director of the high school band and now living in Kinston, sent a telegram to the Rotary Club in which he said: "As you meet today, I share your deep sorrow in the loss of our beloved John Holmes, whose very life was a symbol of Rotary and the great things for which it stands. He was my Rotary father when I joined your club in July, 1938. He was an inspiration and a tower of strength to me in countless ways just as he was to each of you, not only as a fellow Rotarian, but as a teacher, a true friend and an humble servant of mankind. If a memorial is planned I would like to take part. My best to all of you."

Friend McCullers also sent a brief letter to your editor, which read:

"My dear Buff: I am enclosing a copy of a wire I sent to Elton Forehand last Thursday. Hope it reached there in time for reading to the Rotary Club. I join you in this sadness of the loss of John Holmes.

"Just saw a copy of last week's Chowan Herald and want to thank and congratulate you on that magnificent editorial about John.

"If anything is decided about a memorial to him, please let me know. I want very badly to have some part in such an undertaking."

Well, since Friday of last week I'm one year older but maybe not much wiser, for a few of my friends very cunningly arranged a surprise birthday party which caught me completely by surprise. In fact, I had no inkling of it until I was asked to look in a dining room where a large birthday cake was decorated with unteem white candles and a gang of birthday presents arranged on the table. Sometimes things happen that makes one mighty darn happy he is still alive. Then among the many birthday cards was one from my friend DeWitt Cooper, who lives in Indiana. The envelope was addressed to me all right, but down in the corner of the envelope Mr. Cooper had this written: "Behind the most cluttered-up desk in sight." But shucks, he hasn't seen it lately. Then, too, Mr. Cooper very obligingly inserted a "recipe" which makes it easy to learn if I am feeling my age, but I'm keeping that to myself until I try it out. Then another card from Mrs. Carrie Earnhardt had this message (bless her heart): "You're not as old as most men your age." Anyway, for all the kindly thoughts and best wishes in connection with my birthday I am truly grateful and hope I'm still around when February 24, 1962, rolls around.

Eating quite frequently at Edenton restaurants, here's one who has no complaint about the service. But some folks apparently are hard to please. For instance, the other morning for breakfast, of all things, a fellow ordered steak and French fried potatoes. He and another friend became sort of irritable for there were quite a number of other breakfast customers at the tables who had to be waited on. Presently one of the fellows remarked, "Well, you ordered wisely in asking for steak, for it'll be supper time by the time you get it."

Lee Sutton was a visitor in The Herald office Tuesday. Lee now lives at Lucama, N. C., and says that, while he cannot go fishing there to catch a mess of fish, he's getting plenty of steaks. The lucky scoundrel.

Carey Bunch must have been feeling sort of sorry for me the other day. Meeting him at the Post Office, Carey said, "Buff, come over to the Fish Hatchery and I'll let you look at some nice fish—you can't catch any." Well, of late, he's so bloomin' right.

Wilborne Harrell, one of the Herald's crew, is in Chowan Hospital, but may be able to go home today (Thursday). Anyway, it was his first experience in a hospital and he said when he's discharged he'll go home and "rest" for a few days. There's not much avoirdupois about Wilborne. In fact a nurse gave him a shot in one side and the next time in the other side. "If I have to give you another shot," she said, "I don't know where to put it." Here's hoping Wilborne will soon be back for I'm having to do most of his work—and I need a rest, too.

Saturday night it appeared as though we were in for another hurricane. A fellow had a hard time keeping on his hat and on East King Street the wind blew a garbage can over one of the parking meters. Gary Martin, out at the Albermarle Restaurant, had air-conditioning, for a small sign was blown into the plate glass window, breaking a hole large enough for a man to crawl through.

Now maybe Watson Bell will close up his store and go to eating oysters. Last week he and Foss Wells decided to eat a few raw oysters, when suddenly Watson thought he had a mouthful of sand. But upon spitting out the oyster, he found 30 small pearls which were in one oyster. It's no "fishing" story, for he has the things in a bottle—and I saw 'em, but I don't know how much they are worth.

Savings Bonds Have A Birthday



Retiring Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson (left) and the new Secretary of the Treasury, C. Douglas Dillon, joined in ringing a replica of the Liberty Bell to signal the 20th anniversary of the U. S. Savings Bond program. The recent ceremonies took place on the west steps of the Treasury Building, opposite the east entrance to the White House. Americans now own over \$43 billion in series E and H Savings Bonds. This is an all-time record high.

The Liberty Bell replica in the Nation's capital has counterparts in every state, donated by leading American companies as a feature of the Independence Savings Bond drive in 1950. State governors, as honorary board chairmen, will rally their volunteer forces with similar bell-ringing ceremonies this spring.

Roster Of Co. A In Civil War

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L. C. Benbury, Lieutenant.
 W. H. McNider, Lieutenant, Perquimans County.

Non-Commissioned Officers
 Joseph D. Brewer, Sergeant. Killed at Petersburg Crater.
 W. H. McNider, Sergeant.
 A. R. Stamer, Sergeant. Killed at Sharpsburg.

Isaac N. Gilbert, Corporal, Pasquotank County. Killed at Malvern Hill.

Baker B. Hoskins, Corporal. Killed at Gettysburg.

James M. Wiggins, Bertie County. Died July, 1862.

Privates
 Elishua Asbill, Alpheus Bass, James H. Britton, John L. Britton, William Britton, Ed T. Bunch, J. W. Byrum, Brinkley Byrum, John H. Cale, James Carmine, William R. Coffield, Johnson Cobb, W. J. Davenport, William J. Davenport, S. R. Dennis, Duncan H. Dixon, Joseph Ellis, Ambrose Elliott, Thomas Harrell, Amos Harrell, F. A. Harris, Joshua S. Harvey, Thomas C. Harvey, John Haste, James M. Hawkins, Richard S. Hedrick, Robert Johnson, W. Jones, Jeremiah Jones, Whitmell Jones, Joseph F. Keney, Henry Lane, Samuel Lane, Elishua Lane, Thomas J. Leary, Quinton T. Leary, Spencer Litchfield, Hosea Mansfield, Caden McLenney, Jonathan Miller, Augustus Miller, Jeremiah Mitchell, Quinton Moran, James Moody, Augustus M. Moore, Patrick Munroe, Henry Nixon, William J. Norcum, John Oliver, Louis J. Parrish, Joseph J. Parker, William H. Pratt, Thomas H. Privott, Jacob R. Privott, John Riley, John Roberts, Jesse W. Rogerson, Lem Sawyer, Benjamin Y. Skinner, Richard Q. Skinner, Thomas G. Skinner, David Small, B. A. Small, Norman Smith, Lassiter Smith, James Smith, W. C. Spruill, George W. Spruill, Bryan Todd, David Todd, Joseph M. Walker, James A. Walker, Martin White, William White, James D. Williams, Stephen M. Woodard.

From Perquimans County: John H. Bogue, William Broughton,

John A. Morgan, John H. Norcum, Robert Sexton and Peter Swain.

From Pasquotank County: George W. Elliott.

Also a number of men from Guilford County.

20 YEARS AGO

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Oakum Street. Edenton Lions were thrilled over a speech made by W. J. Taylor when he launched into a discussion of the U. S. flag and all it stands for and means. The Floors Electric Company completed its contract for protective wiring at the Court House. W. J. (Uncle Billy) Harris, 88 years old, was confined to his home on Oakum Street. The Edenton High School Band accepted an invitation to play in the Tullip Festival at Washington, N. C. Nell Skipner, Margaret Griffin, Sammy Cates and Annie Macon Byrum were selected as the Edenton High School's debating team.

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