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A LIFT FOR TODAY

What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he (Christ) shall answer, those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.—Zech. 13:6.

The wounded hands of Christ, symbolic of a crucified service, teach that Christianity is a sacrificial religion. Let us remember that those hands, which had blessed and comforted, were blood-stained through the cruelty and intolerance of his own people.

May we, our Father, not through insincerity and indifference again wound those hands that were torn for us.

For Greatest Asset

Next Tuesday, July 11, will be an important day for the voters of Chowan County, for on that day they will be obliged to register their approval or disapproval of a \$289,000 bond issue, for which all taxpayers in the county will be called upon to repay over a period of time.

Upon the decision of the voters in this election will depend right much the future progress of schools in the county, which up to now are credited with graduating students properly equipped to seek further education or enter upon the difficult journey of life. In this issue of The Herald appears a story about the amount of scholarships awarded during the past term at John A. Holmes High School alone.

Sixteen boys and girls or 26 2/3 per cent of the graduates have been awarded a total of \$46,225 in scholarships, the best record ever attained at the local school and most likely a record in the state among high schools of its size. This speaks well for the school's operation and is worthy of the necessary support to turn out young men and women adequately equipped with the fundamentals so necessary in the years which lie ahead. To maintain the present standard, of necessity costs money. Pupils and students in schools are constantly increasing, so that no school plant can well afford to stand still. Funds must be made available to keep pace with increased enrollment and standards of teaching and training so essentially necessary for boys and girls.

At the Edenton colored school alone the number enrolled have overcrowded the school by three classrooms and at this school the enrollment is growing at the rate of one classroom per year. And on top of that the St. John's school has been condemned, so that two more classes will be obliged to enroll at the Edenton school.

At Chowan High School two more classrooms are needed, as well as a modern lunch room to replace the antiquated and far inadequate lunch room which should have been replaced years ago.

As for the John A. Holmes High School, there is a great need for a dressing room in connection with the gymnasium. This room is necessary for use in connection with the physical education program and athletics.

All of these proposed additions and other improvements are deemed essential and actually necessary by school officials who are far better versed on the subject than the average layman. The school officials, like anybody else, realize that \$289,000 is a lot of money, but they also realize that the proposed improvements must be made to keep up with the ever increasing school population. They, therefore, urge the electorate of Chowan County to vote in favor of the \$289,000 bond issue next Tuesday so that Chowan County can in some measure keep pace with other counties in the state in providing adequate educational facilities for its children. Nobody especially cherishes the idea of paying taxes, but taxes have always and will continue always to be with us. In this instance, however, to what better purpose could the taxes on this bond issue be used—our children—the greatest asset in any community.

Many Edenton graduates have gone a long way in success which in some measure can be attributed to their training in Edenton schools. It is for this purpose that county school officials desire to be able to operate in sending out young men and women who, with some degree of determination, will be able to make a success in life. For that reason, the bond issue deserves the support of Chowan County voters next Tuesday.

Freedom of speech is a valuable possession of every man, but it is a right individual who speaks too freely.

Heard & Seen

By Buff

Due to a flag-selling project just completed by Edenton Jaycees, a number of new flags were displayed Tuesday, Independence Day. With the Fourth of July observed Tuesday, it is somewhat appropriate to reprint an item appearing in "Life Lines," published in Washington, D. C., three times each week. "Our Flag" appeared in the July 3rd issue and follows:

OUR FLAG

Our American Flag has well been called the "Flag of the Rainbow, Banner of Stars," because it has been the symbol of a dynamic people who pinned their hope on faith and hitched their wagon to a star.

But the American Flag is more than this, for all the flags since the world began there is none so full of meaning as the Stars and the Stripes. It embodies and enshrines five thousand years of man's upward struggle for liberty.

It is the Pilgrims dying in that first dreadful winter at Plymouth. It is the Minute Man holding his ground at Concord and Lexington. It is Washington and his army at Valley Forge, sick, starving and freezing in rags. It is Washington, Jefferson and Franklin at Philadelphia in their common desire to promote and protect the welfare of every man. It is John Marshall laboring as Chief Justice to establish this government of laws. It is Abraham Lincoln brooding over a broken and divided nation, with charity for all.

Our Flag—Old Glory—is the courage and perseverance of the early settler who, with only his bare hands and a few crude tools, hacked his way through the primeval forests of New England and pioneered his way across the Alleghenies and Appalachians into the Great Plain and across the high Rockies, until there stood forth a mighty nation built by personal initiative—a friendly challenge to the world; a monument to what free men can accomplish; a tribute to the American form of government that, in its inception, gave first consideration to the individuality of man, his hunger for freedom, his faith in himself and his God, and his desire for the expression of this divinely endowed impulse.

Every day should be Flag Day for Americans, for our Flag stands before the world as the symbol of our Nation. It stands for the spiritual ideals of America and for the virtues displayed by America's Founding Fathers. It stands for our national independence and for the individual freedom of each citizen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is a passage often repeated and its words thrill child and adult alike.

And do you recall Irene Brewer's recitation, "I Am An American?" Older folks remember committing it to memory along with the recitation of the same title by the young Polish girl, Leocadea Drodz. Miss Brewer, a native-born American, said:

I am an American.
My father belongs to the Sons of the Revolution.
My mother to the Colonial Dames.
One of my ancestors pitched tea overboard in Boston Harbor;

Another stood his ground with Warren;
Another hungered with Washington at Valley Forge.

My forefathers were America in the making;
They spoke in her council halls;
They died on her battlefields;
They commanded her ships;

They cleared her forests,
Dawns reddened and paled,
Staunch hearts of mine beat fast at each new star.

In our Nation's Flag,
Keen eyes of mine foresaw her greater glory;
The sweep of her seas, the plenty of her plains,
The man-hives on her billion-wired cities.
Every drop of blood in me holds a heritage of patriotism.

I am proud of my past. I am an American!
And then we always recited the little Polish girl's speech which went like this:

I am an American.
My father was an atom of dust, my mother a straw in the wind,
To his serene majesty.

One of my ancestors died in the mines of Siberia;
Another was crippled for life by twenty blows of the knout;
Another was killed defending his home during the massacres.

The history of my ancestors is a trail of blood to the palace gate of the great white Czar. But then the dream came—the dream of America. In the light of the liberty torch the atom of dust became a man
And the straw in the wind became a woman for the first time.

"See," said my father, pointing to the flag that fluttered near,
That flag of stars and stripes is yours;
It is the emblem of the promised land.
It means, my child, the hope of humanity. Live for it—die for it!

Under the open sky of my new country, I swore to do so;
And every drop of blood in me will keep that vow.

I am proud of my future. I am an American!

The only way to combat those who would destroy our freedom is to know what our country stands for, know its history, know its hopes for the future. Then avail yourself of the opportunity to learn what the mistaken stand for, know their history in Russia, in Poland, in Hungary, in China, in Tibet, in Cuba, and in all the other nations where people with the same hopes and aspirations for the future as ourselves are now held in bondage.

We need as never before the kind of old-fashioned patriotism exemplified in the "American Ode" written by Marx E. Kahn:

"Behold the Emblem of our Country—the greatest Flag of the greatest Nation in the World! May it ever wave over a free and liberty-loving people. May it ever represent the highest ideals of American manhood, the loftiest standards of exalted womanhood, the purest principles of social democracy. May its generous folds, blessed by Almighty God and glorified by the blood of our forefathers, ever succor and

support, at home and abroad, on land and sea, suffering mankind, struggling for human rights, human freedom and for human achievement."

With so many Herald subscribers renewing their subscriptions the past few weeks, it is very interesting to read some of the notes accompanying the checks.

For instance, Mrs. Marshall Peltz, who lives at Whittier, Cal., had this to say: "We still find California a very interesting spot in which to live, with such a grand variety of climatic conditions to please everyone. However, we do wish you could spare us just a few of your heavy showers occasionally to dampen down our terribly parched forests nearby. Buff, do stop by to see us if you are ever out our way on a convention, maybe, or vacation. There are many nice fishing areas around, if you like the ocean and lakes, with many hundreds of fishermen all over the place. Have a real nice summer, but keep the Herald rolling along to all of us who enjoy your newsy column very much." And by cracky, I'll drop in to see the Peltz family—if I ever get out to California.

Then Nick Muth, who now lives at Portsmouth, Va., dropped this note: "Dear Buff—Enclosed please find \$6.00 so my subscription will not expire. I get a lot of pleasure looking over your paper and especially the column by Wilborne Harrell and Heard and Seen."

Mrs. Haywood Ziegler, Sr., presented me another fishing card to add to my collection. On the card, with a sleepy looking fisherman having a few fish by his side, appears: "Old fishermen never die—they just smell that way."

A lot of publicity has been given to Governor Terry Sanford about his dress while spending some time in Hawaii. It had to do with going around wearing sandals and in one instance being refused to go into a swanky joint. He was finally allowed to enter the place, but reports say he was not allowed to dance. Like a fellow said the other day, "He must have thought he was at Nags Head—but he wasn't." Nothing apparently is barred at Nags Head even to going just about any place barefooted and some even go around looking almost like a member of a nudist colony.

Anyway, I was among the crowd who spent the week-end along the beaches—and I got an eye full—in fact, two eyes full.

One of my farmer friends was telling me the other day about a neighbor who had a lot of trouble starting his tractor. "He finally got it started," my friend said, "but I think he must have primed the tractor with profanity before the thing decided to run." Well, maybe profanity was a little cheaper than gas.

And speaking about the farmers, some of 'em apparently have something to complain about all the time. It's either too much rain or not enough. If a good crop is harvested, he complains that the market is glutted and the prices are too low. If the prices are good, then he has very little to sell. If a baby is born, he complains because twins or triplets did not arrive in order to provide help to do the farm work, and then if twins or triplets are born, he bellyaches like the dickens because he says they cost so bloomin' much. Oh, me!

Edenton Jaycees have something to "crow" about in gaining national recognition for their year's activities in health and safety projects. They have brought honor to themselves and Edenton as well. This group of lively and energetic young men won first place in the state for a year's projects and for the first time they entered national competition, and came out as the top winner. This achievement will, no doubt, spur the Jaycees to try to win further laurels and here's hoping they can continue their "winning ways."

My hat's off to 'em and they, as well as Edenton as a whole have good reasons to be proud in having "brought home the bacon."

RED MEN MEET MONDAY
Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, will meet Monday night, July 10, at 8 o'clock. Edgar Rogerson, new sachem of the tribe, requests a large attendance.

Good order is the foundation of all good things.
—Samuel Butler.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POORLY INFORMED

Editor, The Chowan Herald: An unidentified "Committee Opposing Bond Issue" has caused to be published locally a letter to the taxpayers of Chowan County.

To "create an issue and then fight it" is ancient and sound advice in the field of politics.

To create an issue by making false claims and unsupported suppositions, and to fight it from the safety of an unidentified committee is a local refinement.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Chowan Herald there appears a series of statements of facts submitted by both the Chowan County Board of Education and the Edenton City Board of Education. These statements deal primarily with the inaccuracies included in the "opposing committee's" letter. They also provide more background information on the need for funds and reason for supporting the bond issue.

I cannot believe that the responsible taxpayers and voters of this county are so determined to retreat into an inadequate educational mediocrity, as to be influenced by an appeal by some unknown person or "committee" who is at best, poorly informed.

Louis F. Ferguson, O.D., Member, Chowan County Board of Education.

Winners Named In Fishing Contest

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Using a minnow as bait, Willie Bunch, Edenton, caught the top fish in the speckled perch (crappie) division. While no whopper such as the one caught last year by A. C. Griffin, which weighed 1 lb. 11 ozs., Bunch's crappie, a good middleweight scrapper, weighed in at 1 pound, 4 ounces.

First prize in the bream division went to Alva Bunch of Hertford. During one afternoon up Pembroke Creek the latter part of May, Bunch caught 23 bream one of which turned out to be the contest winner. It weighed an even 1 pound. Runner-up was George Lewis, Edenton, with a 15-oz. bream. Other entries came in from Earl M. Bunch, Edenton and Alva Bunch, Hertford.

The winners in the four classifications will receive merchandise certificates valued at \$10 each toward the purchase of fishing equipment.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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The VFW Auxiliary will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet in the church annex Tuesday night, July 11, at 8 o'clock.

"Skillet Meals" will be the demonstration given at July Home Demonstration Club meetings in Chowan County.

Edenton Jaycees are sponsoring water skiing schools in front of the old Fish Hatchery on Pembroke Creek through Thursday, July 13.

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

William H. Coffield Jr. Post No. 3280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

A dance will be held at the VFW post home Saturday night, beginning at 9 o'clock.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Powell of West Queen Street Extended, announce the birth of a daughter, Penny, born June 27.

20 YEARS AGO

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members, Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion received a Most Distinguished Service Certificate from national headquarters.

Billy Shepard was sworn in as midshipman at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Edenton Rotary Club sponsored a dance and floor show in the Edenton armory, with the floor show including 15 artists. Hughes-Holton completed moving into the building formerly occupied by D. B. Liles.

North Carolina's cantaloupe crop was predicted to be the largest on record.

An odd accident occurred in the heart of the business section when one of Edenton's fine trucks ran into a row of parked

ed automobiles seriously damaging three of them.
George Medlin Selch and Miss Alice Hamlet were united in marriage at Mt. Gilead, N. C. Miss Josephine Eldridge accepted a position at Mitchener's Ion Methodist Church.

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\$10.95 values.....NOW \$6.95 & \$7.95
\$14.95 values.....NOW \$8.95

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\$3.29 values.....NOW \$2.79
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\$1.98 values.....NOW \$1.69
\$2.98 values.....NOW \$2.39
\$3.29 values.....NOW \$2.49
\$3.98 values.....NOW \$2.98
\$4.95 values.....NOW \$3.45
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\$3.98 values.....NOW \$2.98
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\$7.95 values.....NOW \$5.95

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