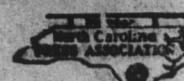


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—Matt. 16:18.

"Ye shall be my witness" is the eternal challenge of the Risen Saviour, and the Church will stand as long as its members bear testimony before men of the love and power of the God.

O God, we cherish the blessings of the Church; may we build a growing Church throughout the world that all men may know and worship Thee.

Echo From John Holmes

With Edenton schools opening Wednesday of this week and the curtain to be raised on the 1961 football season Friday night, there is a void both in connection with the opening of school and the football season.

That void is the result of the death of Superintendent John A. Holmes which occurred in February of this year. Mr. Holmes will be greatly missed both for his affable manner and his philosophy both as to encouragement and advice to both teachers and students, and particularly football players and participants in other athletic events.

During the football season it was for many years the custom of Mr. Holmes to speak at chapel exercises just before a football game. He would announce the opponents of the Aces, presenting the records and prospects of both teams.

And without exception he would emphasize the importance and value of good clean sportsmanship. "Of course," he often said, "we like to win, but if we lose, we should be good losers, just as much so as we should be good winners."

This philosophy evidently had its effect on Edenton football teams in particular. The Aces in recent years have won far more games than they have lost, but some of the losses were very bitter, indeed. However, the Aces and their followers, though disappointed, have accepted the defeats just as gracefully as they have enjoyed the victories.

And in this connection we are reminded of the words of President Theodore Roosevelt, who once said, "Don't flinch, don't foul, but hit the line hard."

Coaches Bill Billings and Billy Hardison are well pleased with this year's squad, which is working hard and showing a lot of spirit and enthusiasm. The coaches, too, have advanced a philosophy akin to that of Mr. Holmes, for they say, "If a boy does the very best he can, that's all a coach can ask for."

The prospects for the Aces this season is an unknown quantity at this time, but be they winners or losers, the exhortation of Mr. Holmes still is worthy to be remembered—be good winners, but if you don't win, be just as good losers.

Crimes In Cities Climb

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy has announced that figures furnished to him by FBI Director John Edgar Hoover disclosed that during the first six months of this year the rate of city crime in the United States continued its steady spiral upward with an increase of seven per cent over the same period for 1960.

Mr. Hoover pointed out, however, that the substantial increase in serious crime as disclosed by the Uniform Crime Reports statistics made available to the FBI by police agencies throughout the country represents the smallest percentage increase in a year and a half.

During the period covered by the FBI Director's report, murders rose three per cent and serious assaults registered a one per cent gain. Significantly, however, the first minus rating of any crime category since figures for calendar 1959 were reported was shown in a one per cent drop in the number of forcible rapes.

Other serious crimes reported to the FBI showed that burglary and larceny over \$50 increased eight per cent, auto theft, six per cent, and robbery, three per cent. Here again Mr. Hoover pointed out that he considers this percentage rise substantial but noted that the rate of crime increase was less abrupt than in the first quarter of the year.

An encouraging aspect of the FBI report is noted in the fact that in all cities, grouped by population size, smaller increases were recorded for the second quarter of the year than in the first three months of 1961. All city groups, however, did record total crime increases during the over-all six-month period ranging from two per cent to thirteen per cent.

Heard & Seen By Buff

A very pleasant letter was received this week from R. Newton Laughlin, president of the Continental Baking Company in Rye, N. Y.

Said Mr. Laughlin: "Dear Mr. Bufflap—May I express my personal thanks and that of my company for your editorial August 17 entitled, 'Welcome.' It was a kind and most thoughtful gesture on your part and since I know you speak for the whole community, most gratifying to those of us at Continental Baking who were involved in the purchase of the Albemarle Peanut Company."

"The Continental Baking Company prides itself on being a good neighbor. As time goes on, we trust that Edenton residents will look upon us as a valuable member of the community."

"For your information we are the bakers of Wonder Bread, Hostess Cake and Morton Frozen Foods, which are for sale in Edenton. If you have not tried them, it goes without saying I would recommend you do so."

Well, I beat Mr. Laughlin to the punch in eating the above mentioned products and I'm not even going to charge him a penny for that advertising plug.

Another change is taking place at the foot of Broad Street which should add to the attractiveness of that area. The old Willis warehouse, which is owned by the Town, is being torn down for beautification sake. The contract to remove the warehouse was awarded to West Leary at a price of \$400. Time was when it would have been very easy to have it torn down for the material which could be salvaged but, like a good 5-cent cigar, those days are apparently gone forever.

Andrew Whitson and Ralph Saunders, together with some insurance agents in Elizabeth City, were taken on a fishing trip to Oregon last Thursday. Ralph told me there were five in the party and that they caught over 400 bluefish. They must have sneaked in on a day which was different than when I went and a sign read, "They bit good yesterday and might bite good tomorrow."

H. M. Nixon, who lives in the Rocky Hock section, dropped in the office last week to discontinue an advertisement to the effect that he had peaches for sale. "I have sold all of them," he said, "and I would have sold a lot more, but they're all gone." Anyway, Mr. Nixon presented me a small basket of the last of his peaches, which were the prettiest I had seen this summer. And what's more, they tasted lot better than any I've eaten this year. And come next peach season, here's one who'll be looking up when I want a mess of stomped down good peaches.

Several fellows were talking about cooking the other day when one of 'em remarked, "Nobody can cook like my wife, but they came pretty close to it when I was in the Army." Well, anyway, he doesn't have to line up in order to get it.

With schools opening for a new term following the summer vacation, the following poem written by the Rev. Walter E. Isenhour of Taylorsville, N. C., seems rather appropriate:

THE ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE

The yesteryears have passed away
Since I was but a child at play,
And then one day my father said:

"Wake up, my son, get out of bed;
According to our country's rule
It's time for you to start to school."

I cried and didn't want to go,
But didn't dare to answer no.

The little one-room building stood
Close by us in the neighborhood,
Where all the children went to learn
The truths we didn't dare to spurn;

And even those in youthful bloom
Were mixed with children in the room,

All seeking how to read and write
And learning how to be polite.

One teacher was in charge of all—
The grownups and the children small—
Whose rules we dared not disobey
In study periods or at play;

What said to us, "We're here to work
And not our books and lessons shirk."

And so we learned to read and spell,
To write and get our lessons well.

Within the old school room there stood
A massive stove that burnt the wood
And made the heat that kept us warm
In snowy weather or in storm;

Also there stood a bucket near
From which we drank the water clear
And ate our lunch of meat and bread—
Sometimes a pie or cake instead.

Our seats, of course, were made from trees
And didn't always give us ease;

A blackboard stretched across the room
Which sometimes brought us bits of gloom,

For there we had to write some test
That didn't always end the best;

Then back to study we would move
Until the teacher could approve.

When doing stunts and playing ball,
Or climbing saplings slim and tall,

Or doing races just for fun
And trying for the swiftest run—

Right in the midst of all our din
The teacher's bell would ring us in,

And then we'd dart from woods and nooks
And cry aloud, "It's books, it's books!"

A one-room school and teacher then
Helped make the characters of men,

And women too, who've blessed the earth
By noble deeds and giving birth

To sons and daughters of our race,

And those who've lived to take their place,

Whose lives cross the years of time

Have proven noble and sublime.

Last week Wilborne Harrell was on vacation

so that most of his work fell on yours truly. He took along his cowboy hat and shoes, so I had a very hard time filling his shoes. Then, too Clyde Slade, one of our colored boys who is a big help in getting out The Herald, was and still is in the hospital due to a serious leg injury, was also out, which put an extra burden on The Herald crew.

But withal, here's hoping readers received their Herald at the usual time and with Wilborne back on the job fresh from a vacation, maybe this week's Herald will get out without so much sweat and worry.

A short letter was received Monday from Nan and Don Dalton, former Edentonians now living in Puerto Rico. Said Don, "Enclosed is the money to keep me in newsprint for the next year. It is hard to believe that we have been away from Edenton for a year and a half. We miss you all. Life has been enjoyable and exciting here. Stephen took a silver medal in the Puerto Rican open swimming championship. Brian (the Edentonian) starts nursery school. Keith is a two-step walker and Mom and Dad have learned to play golf. Best to all! Any activity at Harvey Point yet?"

One Rotarian asked another at Thursday's meeting why President Dick Atkinson always calls first on his left side if any visiting Rotarians or guests are present. "Well," piped up another Rotarian, "he does that so that he has the right left." Then at the same meeting a discussion about the actions of teenagers developed. Dick Dixon advanced what he thought might be a solution when he said, "If adults stopped acting like children and children stopped acting like adults there would be a lot different."

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Crotalaria Seeds Are Not Wanted in Soybeans: Those plants with pretty yellow flowers growing in soybean fields may cost you money if they happen to be crotalaria. Most buying stations will insist on soybeans or corn that are free from crotalaria. Their reason is simple: crotalaria seeds and plant parts are toxic to animals. Soybeans contaminated with crotalaria seeds and plant parts are unfit for any use unless the contamination can be removed.

Isaac plans to cure his peanuts and then use his bins for grain storage for his turkeys and hogs.

Frank White, Jr., and Wilbur Privott are planning to construct some bins at Cross Roads. They plan to cure their own crop of over 100 acres and possibly do some custom work.

Thomas E. Ward plans to construct some bins in Yeopim for use in drying and storing corn and soybeans this season. He will likely use these facilities for peanuts next season.

R. E. Jackson of Yeopim is converting a building into four bins to cure peanuts and dry and store corn this season.

Export markets don't want them. They have said they will request soybeans from some area other than ours if they cannot get soybeans here that are free of crotalaria.

Federal Gasoline Tax Refund: Farmers have until October 2 to file application for Federal Tax refund on farm used gasoline. We have plenty of forms and instructions available in our office.

This covers gasoline used July 1, 1960 through June 30, 1961. Many of you farmers are not taking advantage of this. What are you afraid of? The money is yours and all you have to do is fill out your form and spend four cents to mail it.

Insects In Peanuts And Soybeans: This is the time of year when worms and bugs do much damage to peanuts and soybeans. Several growers have reported black aphids or lice on peanuts. Grass army worms, corn worms and beetles feed and damage soybean pods and leaves and also feed on peanut plants. They multiply very fast.

Examine your fields closely and often. If you find infestation thoroughly dust or spray with a recommended insecticide before real damage occurs.

Caution On Peanut Insecticides: If you plan to use your peanut hay for feeding or sell it for feeding dairy or beef animals, you must not use toxic insecticides. This is most important in feeding dairy animals and beef animals to be slaughtered.

Toxic insecticides on peanut hay goes into the milk and is stored in the fat of animals. The Pure Food and Drug people are very strict on this in view of preventing injury to people. Please be conscious of this. Don't sell any hay which has had toxic insecticides on the plants. Some dairymen have experienced considerable loss by using feed contaminated with toxic insecticides. The feeder might come back on the producer if trouble occurs.

EXAMINER'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY

Max James, local automobile license examiner, states that his office at the Edenton Police Department will be closed all day next Monday, September 4, due to the observance of Labor Day. The office will be open Tuesday morning with the winter schedule of hours in effect, 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M., instead of 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

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Isaac Byrum, Jr., is constructing a two-bin system to which more bins may be added.

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