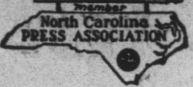


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A LIFT FOR TODAY

As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.—Luke 6:31.

Difficult as it often is to achieve this habit and spiritual vitality, it means happiness to us and glory to God.

Our Father, forgive us for our bickerings and selfishness, and give us compassion for others.

Most Dangerous Month

December—the 12th month—season of festivity, fellowship and good cheer. A month in which merry making reaches a climax; a bright and exciting time of Christmas parties, school vacations, shopping and holiday planning.

And one of the most dangerous months of all for motorists and pedestrians!

A somber note from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reveals 148 traffic deaths in December last year, 3,826 injured, 6,501 accidents.

Fortunately, the Thanksgiving holidays passed, not entirely death and injury free, but with considerably fewer mishaps than the previous year.

Authorities are hoping a similar downtrend will prevail as the Yule celebration approaches.

But there is much to do.

On slick roads, during longer hours of darkness, drivers and pedestrians alike must draw from stores of common sense to survive. The rules are familiar enough—or should be. But re-emphasis of life saving practices in traffic can never be taken lightly.

Some of the common sense rules of driving include adapting speed to conditions of the road, weather and traffic, allowing plenty of space between cars, using tire chains if called for, applying brakes easily and carefully and paying strict attention to all traffic rules, signs and markings.

Pedestrians, too, must obey the law. They must be their own lifeguard in traffic, not trusting motorists to look out for them. Jaywalking, cheating on traffic lights, walking with arms piled high with packages—all such practices can prove deadly or damaging.

We recall last year a statement from Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt roundly criticizing (and rightly) alcoholic office parties. The same should be stressed again as Christmas 1962 nears. For the drinking driver and pedestrians is a factor in a majority of the traffic accidents occurring in December.

Highway Patrol Sgt. R. A. Tripp of Graham describes vividly the plight of an innocent motorist confronted with a drinking driver:

"It's not the drunk we have to worry about. That guy is all over the road, cleaning out ditches on both sides. You can spot him a mile away. The real problem is the guy who gets about five drinks in him. His foot is usually somewhere inside the carburetor and he's determined to get everything out of his car that he can.

"But his reactions are slow. And his brain is about 90 proof. Before you can see him coming, he's killed half the people in your car."

Holiday gaiety can be turned into tragedy on the streets and highways by irresponsible behavior. State troopers know this and from their experience they are well aware that the approaching holidays can prove the most disastrous time of the entire year.

Only you can determine the difference.

Shout It From The Housetops

The Russian diplomats and high officers of state, at every opportunity proclaim the superiority of communism over the capitalistic free enterprise system. By comparison, our own public officials are woefully silent in broadcasting the merits of our private enterprise economy.

Commenting on this shortcoming David Lawrence says: "What is needed is a courageous avowal of the merits of the American system and a constant reiteration of the fact that, with all its faults, it still has produced a higher standard of living and greater personal freedom for more human beings than has any other system for any other people in the history of the world."

Instead of exaggerating our faults, let's lay a much heavier emphasis on our virtues.

Never ask for a favor unless you are ready to grant one.

Heard & Seen By Buff

Bill Roseyear has been enthused all over for some time about peanut burgers and Friday night he was pleased all over when those eating the things at the 4-H Club supper held in the armory highly complimented him for their very good taste. In fact they were so good that I saw some go back for the third helping. Bill says he knows of no good reason why peanut burgers should not be available at all food counters and further why peanut meat loaf should not be sold at all meat counters. In event anyone wants to try peanut burgers, following is the recipe:

To each pound of ground beef, add ¼ pound of unsalted parched or unsalted roasted peanuts (crush peanuts). Add 1 teaspoon salt. Mix thoroughly, adding as much water as will mix in; cook as usual for burgers, or put in pre-heated 500 deg. oven and seal both sides, then reduce to 350 deg. until cooked as you like it.

Recipe for Peanut Meat Loaf same as peanut burger, adding ½ cup bread or cracker crumbs.

Fire Chief W. J. Yates this week complained about people telephoning the Fire Department for various reasons other than reporting a fire. Chief Yates emphatically urges no one to call 2727 unless it is for the purpose of calling the firemen to report for a fire. He will greatly appreciate it if his wishes are carried out.

There's no telling how many and the various requests received by Mayor John Mitchener. But this week he received a rather unusual request from Germany. In a letter from Manfred S. Bordsch, an honorary police officer at Hannover, West Germany, this request was made:

Dear Sir: I am a German amateur historian and study the law and the life of famous peace officers of the old American days.

I have a large collection of books, photos and other authentic material about American history, but I want for my collection a new or old marshal, sheriff, special or regular police badge. I will be very thankful if you can send me a badge from your Police Department and I can send you money for it.

North Carolina, known as the Tar Heel State, is rich in history and I have much about this state in my books.

I am hopeful you can help me to get a badge from your police office or county sheriff and I can send you money for it. Will be glad soon to hear from you again. Thank you!

Best wishes to you and the City of Edenton, North Carolina.

I don't know if the town or county has any extra badges, but the Mayor would, I presume, be glad to send the fellow one.

Mrs. Emma Perkins, who is now working as a secretary in Washington, D. C., spent a few days in Edenton last week. She told me she passes the United States mint every day while going to and from work, but that it does not help her a bit in getting some of the "filthy lucre".

Doc Griffin, who with his wife, is spending the winter at Fort Pierce, Fla., made the newspapers in that neck of the woods. "We have been here a little over two weeks," said Doc, "and have caught lots of fish. Mrs. G. caught a 4½ pound trout Saturday, so I had to top her to keep her from crowing so much and did so Monday. I just gave a neighbor a 6-pound puppy drum tonight and also gave my filling station man three weak fish about a pound each. Boy, if you only knew the 'hot spots', you even could catch a few fish here in Florida, but that's my secret."

To prove what Doc boasts about, he sent a page from a Fort Pierce newspaper which carried a double column picture of him holding a 12½-pound fish. Reading under the picture was: "Dr. W. S. Griffin, an Edenton, N. C., dentist, has found a good fishing hole along the Indian River and he's not telling anyone where it is. Here he shows his latest reason why, a 12½ pound channel bass he caught Monday morning with cut bait, using a light glass rod and 12 pound test nylon line. He used a No. 5 hook. Doctor Griffin lives at 1509½ Havana Ave. and has been a winter resident in Florida for seven years. Claims he prefers fishing in the Keys and around Fort Pierce to anywhere else in Florida. Last year he missed catching an edible fish only one day, excluding Sundays when he says home."

One of the hardest working women in Edenton for the past few weeks and one of the most pleased and appreciative since Thursday is Mrs. Anne Jenkins. She was general chairman of the BPW Christmas parade and party and she is so well pleased with the success of this year's affair. To her credit, and those who helped her, it was one of the best parades and parties ever held in Edenton. Even the weatherman cooperated, for with a spell of bad weather on hand, he held back the rain as well as cold weather so that hundreds, both young and old, turned out to enjoy the event. So my hat's off to all who in any way con-

tributed to the party which delighted so many of our youngsters.

Maybe the mobile X-ray unit was not the most imposing business house in Edenton last week, but it's a cinch it did more business than any other place in town. During the four day stay there were 1,662 "customers" and many had to stand in line for a long time before being X-rayed. In fact, so many turned out to be X-rayed that not all could be taken, so that a goodly number failed to get X-rayed due to lack of time. Like one fellow said, "Shucks, a guy could contract TB while waiting in line to be X-rayed."

Wednesday morning it seemed as though we were in a new world. For about two weeks it appeared as though the sun deserted us and with rain and wind being the order of the day. Like regaining health after an illness or realizing happiness after a spell of sorrow, one can really appreciate the sun more after a long spell of dismal and dreary days such as we've had lately. Welcome, Mr. Sun!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

URGES "KEEP CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST"

Dear Editor: As we are rapidly approaching the Christmas season again, I hope I may be allowed to voice my plea to our citizens for a safe and sane Christmas.

While I realize that alcoholic beverages pay for a large portion of the advertisements in your newspaper and several others as well, I believe that those who are opposed to alcohol in any form have a right to say so in the same media.

Not many people realize that the highway billboard industry has closed its medium to the forces who are working against this evil in our society. The Christian Action League of the Baptist State Convention, reporting in Raleigh a week or so ago, gave the messengers there some startling information concerning this fact. They said that although the league had contracted to erect 14 highway billboard signs in the Charlotte area, the company refused to place the posters on the billboards. This means that only one side of the story of alcohol can be given through this method of advertisement. This is not in the American tradition where we are assured equal opportunity to present both sides of a question.

The distillers are making gigantic plans for their Christmas season, declaring that this "holiday" accounts for 25 per cent of the total sales for most brands and 30 per cent for the profitable premium labels.

In a news release from the Louisville Times (Wednesday, November 7, 1962) the industry says, "This may be the cheeriest holiday season ever for the nation's liquor people."

The Christian Action League adds, "They are not satisfied with the status quo, they are looking for new recruits—for more drinkers—and for more drinkers who will drink more."

Yours very truly,
MARY ALLRED.

Continuing, they add: "Record advertising outlays, a swing back to decanters, and a strong showing of gift wraps are all designed to insure distillers of their share of the Christmas and New Year's bonanza. Christmas-time ad spending, especially among industry giants, is up, ranging from National Distillers' 10 per cent increase to a 7 per cent boost for Hiram Walker and a 5 per cent jump for Seagram."

Hiram Walker's holiday ad spending alone will be keyed around heavy print campaigns in 300 newspapers and 14 national magazines and will hit \$1,500,000.

The league says, "The billboards have refused our money and in effect have said that we don't have a right to say what you are trying to say."

Those of us who oppose this action must make our voices heard, in spite of this unfair action by those who spend the millions. We have a responsibility to expose moral contradictions as serious as this one. We have a responsibility to "keep Christmas for Christ" as the Christian Action League suggests to the convention.

If you are to be effective you must be concerned. You can discourage the giving of alcoholic beverages as Christmas gifts. You can encourage the giving of parties without using alcoholic beverages. You can write your own letter to the editor of your paper or to magazines that carry alcoholic ads, and you can encourage others to work for this renewed emphasis on "Christmas for Christ."

Surely this time of the year should be the time that we demonstrate love and compassion to mankind, not a time of trying to destroy or tear down the moral fiber of our country. Let's make the birthday of the Prince of Peace one of sober joy and make sure the spirits are not buoyed by "alcoholic spirits."

Yours very truly,
MARY ALLRED.

BILLINGS PRAISED
J. E. Bufflap, Editor
Chowan Herald
Edenton, North Carolina
Re: An open letter to the editor, and to the many Bill Billings friends in your area.

Dear Sir: It is with great sincerity that I sit down to write to you and the folks in your community. We of Middletown are very,

very proud of one of your former residents. The man I speak of is Bill Billings, your former and our present high school coach. Mr. Billings has performed a job in this town that has to be seen to be believed. The only way I can describe it would be to give you a resume of past Middletown sports history.

Prior to the arrival of Billings, Middletown's record was as follows: 14 won, 54 lost and three tied, the most wins a team had ever put together in one season was three, and we had never won more than two straight games in the history of the school. Genuinely deportment on the playing field and scholastic attitude by the athletes was at a low standard to say the least, but to broaden the scope even more, the community spirit as a whole was suffering as a result of our teams being a door mat to every school in the tri-state area. No one was real proud of the fact that he or she was from Middletown and attendance at school boy sports was almost nil. To quote a fact, I was at one football game that was attended by only 26 people. So as you can see, Mr. Billings stepped into a rather dismal picture and his position certainly wasn't envied by too many people in the state.

Here now, came Mr. Billings, and here now, came the renaissance! Bill Billings stepped in and took the bull by the horns and in his first year produced the following team: Won 9, lost 0, tied 0, took the team over the entire tri-state area, beating a team from Maryland, one from Pennsylvania and 7 from the conference we are in. Led the team to the Class "A" Diamond State Conference championship, and beat four of the five teams in the "AA" division of the conference on the way. Middletown has the state's leading point producer and has four boys in the top 10 of the conference scoring race. Our overall point production was 266 for and 87 against. We beat two teams we had never beaten before, one 47-8 and the other 27-7. The last game was against Dover High School, the capital of our state and a school two and

one-half times as large as ours, and we beat them 28-7. Even more important than winning was the way the team played the game. Never in one instance did any of the team carry themselves in any but the most gentlemanly fashion, the scholastic and academic attitude of the team is the highest, and what is more, the community spirit as a whole has done a complete turn around, to name just two games we had attendance of 2,800 at one and 3,200 at the Dover game, and believe me everyone in town is proud he is from Middletown.

Mr. Billings himself is a top candidate for "Coach of the Year" honors and will perhaps be named to coach the South team in the annual "North-South State Charity Game." Two of our boys are outstanding candidates for "all-state" recognition and the hopes for the future are very high, as the entire coaching staff and team were guests of

the University of Delaware at the Delaware-Bucknell game. Mr. Billings will be accorded many honors this year, but I hope you extend to him the only one you can, and print this article to show his many past students and friends that we in Middletown are as proud of him as I'm sure you were. His last team at Edenton gave him a trophy when he left inscribed: "The biggest little coach in the state." We'd like to amend that and say he's the "biggest little coach on the Eastern Seaboard."

Sincerely,
JOHN C. WOOD, Chairman
Business Advisory Committee
Middletown, Delaware.

VFW MEETS TUESDAY

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night, December 11, at 8 o'clock. Hal-jett Chesson, Commander, is very anxious to have a large attendance.

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