

stroll along with me

By Nello Jones

HAPPINESS IS EDENTON

Hi! Have you ever thought about what happiness is? Well, it really consists of so many, many things; but it is fun just to stop a few minutes each day, relax and think of happiness and what makes a person happy.

Let's have a happy column. While I take some time to shop around our happy town maybe I can give you a few hints each week on what's new in our super markets, clothing stores, gift shops etc. or just what is going on around town.

Happiness is--getting a better buy for your money. Happiness is--Life.

Animal Lovers: PENWELL'S PET SHOP--

Now who in this world can resist a precious six-week-old puppy? An adorable puppy can make many a happy home. Stopped in at Penwell's Pet Shop and found the cutest little German Shepherd and St. Bernard. Mixed breed have you, and Mother and Father registrar. They are so cute and fluffy and loveable--just waiting for someone to come in and make a happy home for them. A puppy can certainly put a smile on your child's face and the grown ups too! Plenty of good Tropical Fish and accessories. Do stop in. A pet makes a wonderful gift for someone you love.

COUNTRY CORNER...

You know Valentine's Day is only a month away so be sure you take time to browse around at the Country Corner. I did and I found some very good buys. Snooky Bond and Neysia Katkaveck have just returned from their shopping trip. They will be getting new gift items in all along, and are so excited about the new things that will be coming in soon. The 20 per cent reduction is still on. This is a good time to buy. In looking around I saw a precious little brass owl that would be cute on a desk or any place around. I'm just stuck on owls. Something about them that just fascinates me. Guess I wonder if they ever really go to sleep. Also discovered a Silver Butter Curler. Have you ever seen one of those? I had not, but it would be so useful in any home especially when you want to fancy up dinner a bit, and a very unusual gift for someone. Do go in and browse. Their display is most attractive. We welcome them here in our happy town. Good luck girl's!

CARPET AND APPLIANCE PLAZA...

You know we are always in need of new carpeting in our homes and of course appliances. Well, that is a must! A new color has been added to Frigidaire called "poppy". They

now have one on display. It would certainly make that old one look sick. Do go take a look. Know you will like it. This is the year to do something about that old kitchen look anyway.

TARKINGTON'S...

Stopped in Tarkington's and you must stop in too. They are now getting in new dresses for the Junior's and Misses' for Easter and Spring. They are Nelly Don, Julie Miller, and Miss Donna. All very feminine and colors that look like the rainbow. Isn't it great girls that the clothes are going to return to the feminine style again? It is nice to feel like a girl, but those pants will still be around. The Pallazza pants are really in and a must for your wardrobe. Saw a real good-looking navy blue Pallazza jump suit. Go take a look. One third discount is still on on all fall and winter clothes. You know my eye did wonder over the children's clothes. Who can resist looking at them. If you have a gift in mind for a small child they have the cutest long dresses by Peaches and Cream. They are adorable. Buy now before they are gone!

QUINN FURNITURE...

Quinn's is starting their Inventory Sale now in all departments. You cannot but help but go in and look around. The buys are great. Saw a nice looking leather sofa and chair for your living room or den--also a handsome leather recliner that would make a perfect gift for your husband to have to relax in during the evening, and he would be so happy! This too is on sale. An attractive roll top desk caught my eye. Great for a child's room or your den. The sofas are most attractive--so much so that they even wink at you as you go by. It would be hard to resist this sale. Be sure you shop now.

ROSS'S...

While standing around and chatting and getting my watch fixed I found many attractive items on display. Just love their Swiss Hummel music boxes and of course wanted to hear each one. A grand gift for your Sweetheart with Valentine approaching. Also many pretty

Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "This is my command that you can love one another." Phil. 2:2

One day, on Bible class, Professor Creel woke up and shot a quick question, "Mr. Vereen, does God love the devil?" Vereen responded quickly. "I don't know about God but some of His followers seem to be crazy about him."

A man at the mourners bench was asked by the pastor if he was ready to renounce the devil and all his works. The mourner replied, "Pastor, I am an old man and I do not expect to live much longer. Don't you think it would be unwise for me to make a new enemy?"

The pastor teaching a membership class asked if they loved everybody. Old man Bull Simpkins said, "Yes sir, some more than others."

Some of my saints got into a fight and there was one man that hesitated to promise me not to renew it. Finally he promised to pray for his enemy and accommodate him whenever he could, but there must be one understanding. "He must never cross my path again."

The Scripture says, "Greet one another with a holy kiss." It also says, "As far as lieth in you live peaceably with all men."

Sermon Topics

Rev. E. L. Earnhardt has chosen his sermon topics for the two services Sunday at Edenton United Methodist Church. At 11 A.M. he will preach on the subject: "What Is A Christian?" with his text from Acts 11:22-26. At the 7:30 P.M. service, Mr. Earnhardt has chosen "Not Worth Saving" as his topic from Acts 10:28-35.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

Now that the year of 1972 has come to a close and I have had time to review the accomplishments of our office, I realize that these accomplishments could not have been made without the assistance of many people. The Chowan Herald has helped make it possible for us to inform people of their rights and responsibilities under Social Security.

I especially want to express to you my appreciation for the fine service I have received in the past regarding announcements, and news items that I felt were of special importance to the readers of your area.

Please accept my thanks for helping us to assist the people of Chowan County.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Alford
Branch Manager

LETTER TO EDITOR:

To Our Benefactors:

The staff at Cherry Hospital would like to extend their sincere appreciation to each group and individual who participated in our recent OPERATION SANTA CLAUS project. Because of the excellent response, each client was able to receive a Christmas gift to make the holiday season a little brighter. Being that hundreds of people participated in this project, it has been impossible to personally thank each and every one of you.

We extend a special thank you to the local chairmen and the local Mental Health Center for their cooperation and support on this project.

Best wishes for a very happy new year.

Sincerely,
Edythe Blanton
Director of Volunteer Services

SUNDAY SERVICES

Dr. William C. Butts on Sunday will deliver the third in a series of six sermons with the topic being "The Miracle of Healing the Nobleman's Son." Church school begins at 9:30 A.M., and the vesper hour is 6 P.M., with a sermon by the pastor.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Centralized menus for cafeterias of Edenton-Chowan Schools for the next week include:

Friday: Manager's choice.
Monday: Seafood plate, catsup, mustard, cole slaw, french fries, cookies, bread, butter and milk.

Tuesday: Beef-vegetable soup, sandwiches, peach cobbler, crackers, and milk.

Wednesday: Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, green peas, gelatin dessert, bread, butter and milk.

Thursday: Hamburgers, catsup, mustard, tossed salad, dried beans, pear halves, buns and milk.

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MAKE CHURCH - GOING ... A HABIT

NO ALIBIS WITH GOD

International Sunday School Lesson for January 28, 1973. LESSON TEXT: Ezekiel 18.

There are many in the world today who--in discussing the Bible--point to the fact (sometimes quite aggressively) that there is great contradiction therein...that the Old Testament teaches that God is a jealous God; that transgressions will be avenged with dire and dreadful consequences, even unto the children, whereas the New Testament reveals God as a loving, understanding and forgiving Deity.

"Progressive revelation" might be applied in linking the two apparently dissimilar parts of the Bible together. For times, mores, people all change and (hopefully) progress in knowledge!

There were many misconceptions about the moon until the advent of the current Space Age disproved them! So, as modern man's knowledge grows and expands, old, pre-conceived ideas are discarded for more progressive, scientific facts. It therefore follows that Christianity has gone through its "growing pains" and become adult.

In the light of this Christian maturity, we are naturally faced with the fact of man's own personal responsibility before God. Certain it is that we must respond to His great love with righteous living. Not "holier-than-thou" living...but with a loving heart, a generous spirit, and a deep and abiding concern and respect for our fellow men! In short, conduct acceptable to God.

When we fall short in what is required of us, it is, of necessity, because of personal flaws in our own character. We cannot--as the people of Judah attempted to do--blame others for our shortcomings. We can cry--but we will not deceive God, who sees into the heart of every man, and judges accordingly.

The irrefutable truth is that we all belong to God--in the beginning and in the end. And what we do with ourselves and with our lives between birth and death is our responsibility...and ours alone! We can earnestly practice the Christian life and become acceptable in God's eyes, or we can dissipate ourselves and our God-given gifts in a life of wasteful, self-centered futility. The choice is ours!

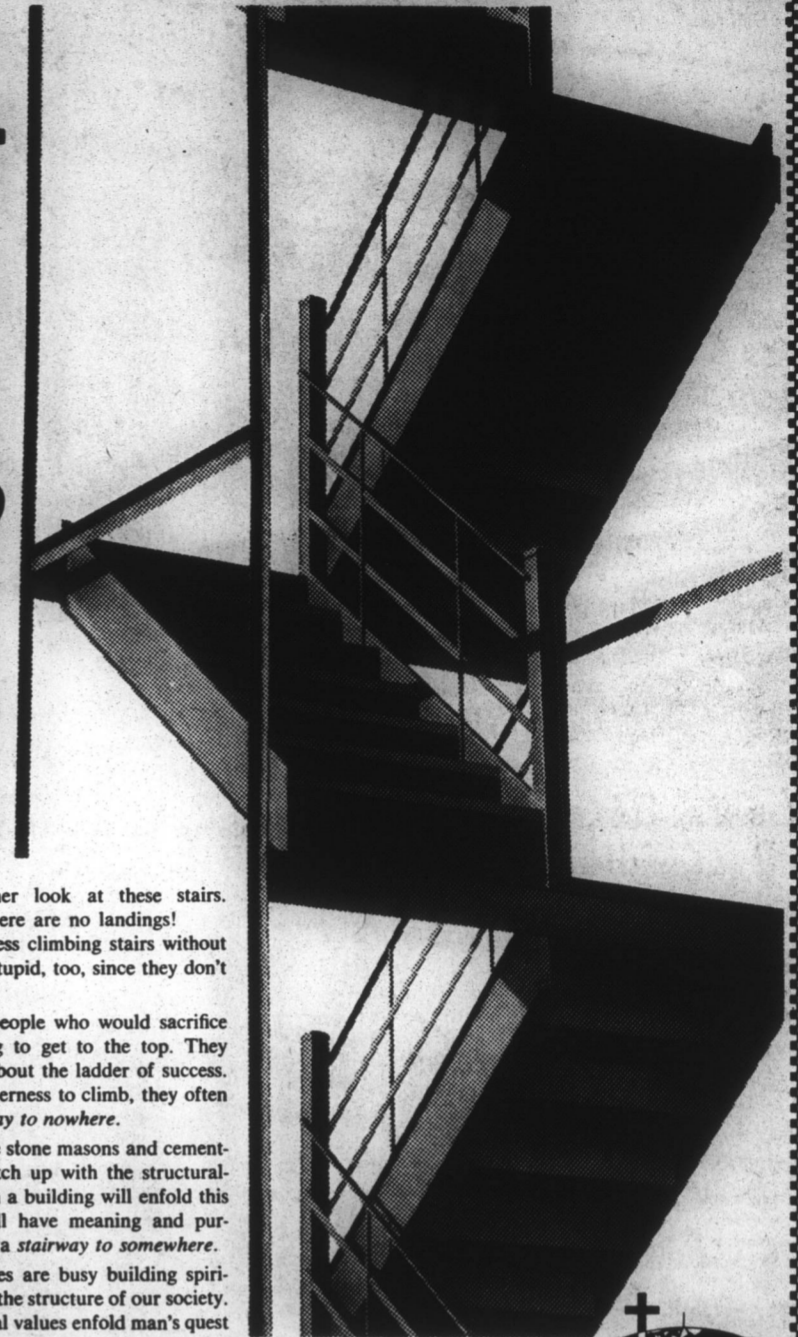
The idea of transmitted guilt (the sins of the father being visited upon the son) was a popular belief in Biblical times. To dispel this idea Ezekiel drew three graphic illustrations, using first, second and third generations in his account. (Ezekiel 18: 5-9, 10-13, 14-18). Thus stress was put on the individual accountability, alone.

God never condemns one man for the sin of another; He does, however, hold both men accountable for their own actions, their own errors, their own thoughts. He may weigh the actions of an erstwhile sinner who has repented, and judge him entirely on the worthiness of his repentance, forgetting his former guilt. But the man who has hitherto walked in righteousness and then turned to sin...this is the man who will find himself judged on the basis of his sin!

Often, as we go through life, we commit an act of opportunity. That act may be wrong, and cause us to suffer from a sense of guilt. We can justify our actions to ourselves, in a futile attempt to ease our sense of unworthiness. We can even justify ourselves in the sight of our neighbors, turning to them our "public" face. But we can NEVER hoodwink God! For He sees what is truly in our hearts, what self-aggrandisement prompted us to take action in the first place, and our feeble arguments, while they appease ourselves, do not appease God!

We should, therefore, take the teachings of Ezekiel to heart--for there is wisdom in his words, and a path clearly marked...straight to the throne of the Lord.

On getting to the top...



Take another look at these stairs. You're right, there are no landings! Risky business climbing stairs without landings. And stupid, too, since they don't go anywhere.

There are people who would sacrifice almost anything to get to the top. They talk excitedly about the ladder of success. But in their eagerness to climb, they often choose a stairway to nowhere.

One day the stone masons and cement-pourers will catch up with the structural-steel men. Then a building will unfold this stairway. It will have meaning and purpose. It will be a stairway to somewhere.

Our churches are busy building spiritual values into the structure of our society. As these spiritual values unfold man's quest for success, the man on his way to the top becomes a dedicated servant of God and the community.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts	Psalms	Isaiah	Isaiah	Luke	Luke	Romans
13:32-37	85:8-13	26:1-11	61:1-6	10:1-9	19:41-48	14:19-23

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