

# LET EACH ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN THEMSELVES

Though I often saw him in a suit, I will always remember him in khakis. He grew up on what he still calls the “Poor Farm” northwest of Stephenville about 15 miles. As a tank mechanic in World War II, his wrecker (a converted tank itself) dug lots of Patton’s tanks out from under Rommel’s guns. It was later that he became a Christian. I never met another man that was as responsive to the needs of other people. He has literally spent his life in the service of others. I’ve seen him lay down his tools while working on equipment he urgently needed to fix someone else’s car so they could leave on vacation then turn and say, “Oh no! You don’t owe me anything. It didn’t take any parts. I just adjusted a few things.”

J.S. Eddy has the ability, skills and wisdom to have really made a mark in this man’s world. Yet he is content to live a very modest life on that same “Poor Farm” where he was born. He really takes to heart the Scripture, “*Let each esteem others better than themselves*” (Philippians 2:3). I’m glad he moved to Abilene for a few years and served as one of my elders. You see, elders are, “*to be examples to the flock*” (I Peter 5:3). Just think of the influence of a congregation where everyone followed an example like that.

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