

A SUGGESTION from visitors who arrived by boat: If you would put your name on your dock, it would be a big help. Houses don't look the same from the water, and your expected guests may be boating up and down the canal trying to find you.

FOR MUSIC LOVERS: 107 on your radio dial, WNCT FM stereo. This Greenville station in its third full month on the air has beautiful music programs, especially in the afternoon. No, no rock!

GRAFFITI IN THE SAND: appropriately printed in foot high letters in the sand way down beyond the Iron Steamer Pier one recent sunny Sunday morning was the following: "And God said, 'Let my people boogie!'"

DID YOU HEAR mumbles again recently about the third bridge to the island? The Emerald Isle one is such a breath-taker, rising above the waters gracefully, giving us that wide view of boats in the waterway, cattle egrets moving stifflegged along the edges of the many scattered islands, that we kind of hope a third bridge, if it comes, will be like that. Well, certainly no one is thinking of building another like the Atlantic Beach Causeway, which ought to be a Pauseway, but is more like a speedway sometimes. It reminds us of a story we read recently about George S. Kaufman, the great American playwright, theatre director, and born clever-one with words appropriate to the moment.

It seems he was scared of cars, didn't drive, hated even to ride in one. One winter sleety night he was riding with Abe Burrows to a show for troops at Camp Shanks (wherever that was!), being driven there by an Army chauffeur at a morethan rapid speed. Suddenly the George Washington Bridge loomed up ahead, its slick approaches shining in the lights of the car. Unable to control himself any longer, Kaufman tapped the soldier on the arm. "Sergeant," he admonished, "don't cross that bridge til we come to it." trying to find you.

LOCAL HISTORY: The interesting house going up at the corner of Beechwood and Sycamore makes use of wood from the old race track. And we knew nothing about a racetrack in Morehead, so we headed straight for William and Nettie Murrill, sure they would know. It was a dog track where the Carolina Racing Association raced greyhounds. The complex was where Parker Ford now stands. Dogs and trainers came up from Florida when the season there was over. Besides grandstands for the public, there was a club house where the elite could sit watching the races and sending couriers to place their bets. They could sip drinks (brown bagging), but there was no drinking in the grandstands. Both Nettie and William stressed what a nice place the racetrack was, how orderly. Why, they said, you could take your sweetheart there and not worry that anything rowdy would happen. This was a summertime thing. One night Miss North Carolina was crowned there, crowned by Neva Jane Langley who was Miss America that year. Dividends paid by the track to Morehead City were used to maintain and improve the streets. There were no Powell Funds for road improvements then. Back in 1951 the dividend paid Morehead City was \$28,000, an increase of \$10,000 over the 1950 dividend. But eventually parimutuel betting was outlawed by the legislature, and Morehead's race-track became just a colorful memory.

SPORTS NOTE: Friends Nell Crumles and Libby McCulley share golf honors. Lib is Ladies Golf Champion at Bogue Banks Country Club, and Nell took the parallel championship at Morehead City Country Club. Congratulations to these two outstanding golfers!

ONE OF OUR enthusiastic travelers is away on a trip again -- LUCY ELMENDORF is in Ireland. She will be driving so that she will see many of the less traveled areas. About the time you read this, Lucy will be on her way home with, we hope, lots of stories and pictures of her trip.

Pine Knoll Shores GARDEN CLUB met October 25 at the Curt Johnson home. Plans were made for the November meeting to which club members will bring holiday decorations to share with each other. Vern Wallace announced that the third annual luminaria program is getting under way. Remember how lovely the lights looked last Christmas along the roads and reflected in the canal? Orders for kits at \$3.00 for 15 candles and bags can be