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The summer resort folder gotten out by the Norfolk Southern Railroad this season is quite an attractive one. It is nicely illustrated and printed and describes more or less in detail all of the resort places which may be reached via this road. Morehead Bluffs, Morehead City and Beaufort all come in for a good share of publicity and no doubt they will derive considerable benefit from it.

Our neighbor the Herald, of Morehead City, recently came to the bat with a 36 page special edition. The paper is well printed and has quite a number of good pictures, writeups and display advertisements. The advertisers who patronized it and made the edition possible are from New Bern, Beaufort and Morehead City. The special edition is very creditable and it took a good deal of hard work to bring it out.

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEWSPAPER FOLKS

The North Carolina Press Association in the half century of its existence, has held more meetings in Morehead City than in any other town in the State. In the old days there were not many summer resorts in North Carolina and of these Morehead City at one time was perhaps the chief. The newspaper folks came there with their conventions as did many other professions and trades. This year the Press Association is holding its convention at Morehead Bluffs which is a sort of suburb of Morehead City.

This newspaper is voicing the sentiments of the people of Carteret county we believe when we say that we are all glad to have the newspaper publishers and editors in our county again. Aside from the valuable publicity which no doubt they will give this section, the people here know, as the people everywhere know, that the press is one of the best friends that it has. Publishers as a class realize keenly enough the obligations which they owe their readers. There are so many points of contact between the people and the press that there should be, and is, a bond of sympathy between them. The people expect the newspapers to act as sentinels on the house tops, to jealously guard their rights and to advocate those things that are for the public good as well as act as purveyors of news. Anybody that is fit to be called an editor will try to live up to these requirements and the members of the North Carolina Press Association are of that sort. There is no body of men and women in the State that is more zealous for the upbuilding of the commonwealth and the republic than this association. It is gladly received here in Carteret county as indeed it would be anywhere in North Carolina.

HOTEL BUSINESS IS CHANGING.

From such information as this newspaper has been able to gather the resort hotels are not doing much this summer. It has been a rather poor season so far, according to reports, for both mountain and coastal resorts. Of course great resort places like Atlantic City and Coney Island always do business and perhaps the small ones that are near great cities may be doing very well but unless business picks up mighty fast North Carolina resorts are going to have a rather hard time of it.

Some say that the reason for the poor hotel business is that there has been a great deal of cool weather this summer and this probably has had a good deal to do with it. But there must be a deeper cause than that and we believe that the paved roads and the automobile are largely responsible. It seems strange to say that good roads could hurt the hotel business but they have certainly affected it. Summer tourists now are mostly weekenders. They are here today and gone tomorrow. They visit a dozen different places in one season instead of staying two weeks at one place as they used to do.

This newspaper for more than ten years has advocated, with but little success, a modern hotel for Beaufort. We have thought that a fine tourist hotel here might pay, but we have reached the point where we doubt it. It certainly would not pay unless it had a great deal of capital back of it, so that it could keep running for several years until it got its business established. As we see it the only practical hotel for Beaufort at this time is a combined resort and commercial business hotel. It ought to be located in the business section of the town and ought to have enough stores and offices under it to pay a large part of the interest on the investment. It ought to be well built, with all modern conveniences and well conducted. Such a hotel building, not too large, ought to be a good paying investment here in Beaufort.

AERIAL TRANSPORTATION.

The history of the human race is very intimately associated with the subject of transportation. It is a long stretch of time from the day that the first bold savage floated down some stream straddled a log to the day that Charles Lindbergh travelling at a speed of more than one hundred miles an hour crossed the Atlantic ocean. In each case it took a brave man to do the deed. Both were important events in mankind's history.

It has not been many years, many of us recollect the time well, when the height of the ambition of every town or city was to get a railroad. The places that had no railroads at all were desperately anxious for such facilities and those that already had a road wanted another. Companies were organized, meetings held, bonds issued to build railroads. Communities without railroads were shut in stagnant and hopeless. Those fortunate enough to have good railway facilities grew rapidly as a general thing.

The past ten years has been an era of paved roads. This was due to the invention and development of the automobile. The gasoline engine made it possible for every man to transport himself and his freight wherever he wished to go, provided he had good roads to travel over. And so we have all been interested in the question of roads. Vast bond issues by towns, counties and the State have made a great network of highways over North Carolina over which millions of passengers and thousands of tons of freight are carried. We are now at the very height of the good road and automobile period and lo—just over the horizon we can see the approach of a vast army of aeroplanes.

Within ten years there will hardly be a city of importance in the United States, perhaps in the world, that will not have landing fields, depots and all the necessary paraphernalia for aerial transportation. Regular schedules will be maintained, mail, passengers, express and considerable freight will be transported through the skies at a terrific speed which then will be accepted as a matter of course. Moreover there will be thousands of private flying vehicles in operation. Already small machines costing around \$2000 are being manufactured and sold in considerable quantities. Large passenger planes carrying fifty to one hundred people will be in daily use. It may be too that large dirigible airships will be used. Owing to their unwieldiness though this seems doubtful, although such ships may be used for long flights over the land or the seas. Much capital and brains are being used now to make improvements in the heavier than air machines. Already wonderful improvements have been made since the Wright brothers made their first successful flight at Kitty Hawk. Twenty five years ago the automobile was still regarded as a toy. Today the motor car is as recognized a necessity as the street car or locomotive, far more so than horse drawn vehicles. Tomorrow the same will be true of the aeroplane. We shall all be transported to the skies yet, even if not "on flowery beds of ease."

Press Gleanings

NEWSPAPERS DID IT.

Slighting remarks about newspapers and the news they print are often heard, and "You can't believe what you see in the papers," is a common remark. Those who carelessly make this statement would know that they are alive and but little else if it were not for the newspapers.

Take the case of Colonel Lindbergh. A month ago he had no existence so far as the public knew. Comparatively few saw him on his flight from Los Angeles to St. Louis and thence to New York. Only a handful saw him hop off for his flight to Paris. A bare dozen or so Americans saw him land in the French capital.

Does anyone doubt that he made the flight? The millions who suffered inconvenience to welcome him in Washington and to yell themselves hoarse when he reached New York had no doubts. And yet their knowledge of him and his exploit had been gained solely through the newspapers. But for the newspapers Lindbergh would today be but little better known than he was while he was superintending the building of his airship in California.—(Miami Herald.)

BIBLE BEST SELLER.

The Bible still holds the first place in circulation among books in America. At the eleventh annual meeting of the American Bible Society last week it was announced that the circulation in 1926 approached 10,000,000 copies (the exact figure being 9,917,361 volumes), an increase of more than a half-million over the preceding year, making a total circulation under the auspices of this venerable society of 184,028,860 volumes. This doubtless includes copies sent to other parts of the world, but even so it does not include an enormous circulation through other agencies. Last month the British and Foreign Bible Society at its one hundred twenty-third meeting over which the lord mayor of London presided, celebrated the purchase in China alone for last year of "well over 4,000,000 volumes," and its own publication in all of 10,128,087 copies of the Bible in no fewer than 592 languages.

When a million members of a single denomination in America are asked to read a chapter a day in one of the books of the Bible, it is easy to understand why the circulation mounts; for what is true of one is in a measure true of all. It is to be noted also that in this state credit may now be given through regents' counts for the study of the Bible outside of the schools, and that under a decision of the court of appeals all public school pupils may be excused for attendance upon religious instruction, also outside of the schools. This is permitted in several other states. The Bible is likely to keep its place in a nation the foundations of whose society and government as President has

said, rest to such an extent upon the teaching of the Bible, that "it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country."—(New York Times.)

Letters From Our Readers

HOSPITAL QUESTION AGAIN.

Editor Beaufort News: I want to say a little more about the bond issue. I understand that this bond issue was planned out by three men in the court house and I was told by a friend that sheriff Wade said it was the most damnable shame that a set of men like these were in Carteret county to allow any such a thing to be done. Now my dear readers you know they didn't do it for the love they had for the poor of this county for you know that there is but few on the charitable board of this county and I want you to know that if the public charitable work is run like all other public work is run, and you must know that if you have to go there for treatment you know from the way all public work has been done in the past that they would fare but common. Now that is the way I look at it. You may see different.

Now my readers this is the last week that you can register so let me beg you all that have not registered yet to please not neglect it and then on the first Saturday in August go to the polls and cast yours and her vote solid against any more bonds on this county for Sheriff Wade says that they have already more tax than he can collect now. You must know that they have something else in view beside a hospital. You know that if Dr. Royal can't make any money running a hospital for himself that the county board of commissioners can't save the county board any money running one.

Now I want you all to think over this matter before you cast your vote and if you can't think this matter over within yourself go to God and ask him to direct you right and I am sure if you go to Him with a right spirit He will lead you right and your conscience will lead you to vote against any more bonds on this county for nothing. You know my dear readers that we haven't got over fifty cents value for the dollar we pay out. Remember Saturday is the last day for registering and don't forget it for you can't vote if you do not register. If I have told anything that is not true in this letter I hope

Songs of Plain Folks

"Fishing"

By James Lewis Hays

Rag-weeds drooping, corn leaves curled,
Cattle panting in the shade,—
Seems the day was surely made
Just for fishing. Good old World!

When the green "snake doctors" swing
In the lazy August air
Tell me what else can compare
With just fishing? Not a thing.

Fishing poles and bait and lunch,—
Then to try the pasture lake.
If those finny boys don't take
Hook and all, I miss a hunch!

Sun's too hot to work the teams;
Let's go down where bubbles float
By the old flat-bottomed boat,
Fish, and dream forgotten dreams.



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the Lord will forgive me.
From your friend for protection,
E. L. McCAIN.
Newport, N. C.

SWALLOWS POISON.

Fayetteville, July 19—Mrs. F. E. Smith Jr. of this city, is ill in a local hospital from the effects of a poison tablet taken by mistake for Aspirin. It was said at the hospital tonight that it was thought she would recover. Mrs. Smith, suffering with a severe headache, according to members of her family sought a bottle of Aspirin tablets in a medicine closet without making a light and procured bichloride of mercury instead. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sexton.

Thrift Campaign.

"I hear you give your little boy a quarter every week for good behavior, Ignatz."
"Sure, but I fool him. I told him the gas meter was a little bank I bought him."—(The Open Road.)

OCEAN

The farmers are all busy getting off their watermelons. Capt. Tolson schooner Charmer took quite a lot of them to New Bern Monday.

Quite a number of our people are attending the protracted meeting at Bethlehem M. E. church. There seems to be much interest in the meeting. A fishing party consisting of Mr.

Ferney George and family of Comfert left here Sunday after spending several days here last week.

Messrs. A. M. Weeks and J. H. Parker made a business trip to New Bern today.

A News Item!

ICE NOW IN RURAL HOMES

Local concern now making daily deliveries of ice to people along highway between Beaufort and Atlantic.

Time changes all things, good roads and automobiles make it possible for the folks between Beaufort and Atlantic to receive daily at their door, plenty of ICE. To keep ICE properly you should have a refrigerator. This store has a complete line of refrigerators, water coolers and other ice utensils. We invite you in to see the different items we are now displaying, without obligation to buy.

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