

# Carteret County News-Times

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## Aid to Schools? Congress Says 'No'

If some of the greatest sins are the sins of omission, Congressmen had better look to their hereafters.

The 80th Congress will probably adjourn the end of this week. And abandoned on the capitol steps will be the federal aid-to-education bill.

Failure to pass this legislation, which would provide \$300,000,000 annually for primary and secondary education in every one of the 48 states means that two million youngsters will continue to go without proper instruction, the school system in United States will continue to deteriorate, and the dark cloak of ignorance, insidiously, will more heavily blanket the nation.

Every year for the past 25 years, federal aid to education bills have been introduced and all failed to survive the maze of capitol machinery, or essentially, lacked the much-needed support of the people.

So long now have federal education bills been shelved with little or no protest on the part of the people that Congress has come to believe that when any proposed legislation is to be ignored, the federal education bill can lead the list.

It's time this attitude of our representatives changes. But it won't change as long as parents, the voters, sit back and shake their heads over those "fools in Congress." It's time they start shaking sticks.

This time the federal education bill passed the senate but got hamstrung in the house of representatives where Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, and Majority Leader Charles Halleck, of Indiana, dominate members of the house Republican steering committee, shoved national defense bills ahead of education.

National security in this day cannot be ignored. Crumbling of our defenses would mean that in case of war, and with this, always, the possibility of defeat, there would be no need to lose sleep over our education system.

However, war is not upon us. The tempests in Russian kamovars and American teapots far from spell full-scale war at the moment.

"... America won the war because of the ships, planes, and tanks she turned out..." Ah, but something we cannot measure in numbers and is difficult to use in a gun and grenade argument is the mental equipment used, not that of the general or highly-trained scientist, but of the infantryman and apprentice seaman.

How much responsibility in winning the war is accredited to the training GI's and sailors got in third grade, in junior high school, on the basketball team in high school?

Getting down to figures, which the average Congressman is usually willing to consider, 659,392 men were rejected in the last war for educational deficiency—twice as many as were deployed in combat divisions in the entire Pacific theater. It is probable, education leaders say, that one-third of our total military-age population today cannot qualify for admission into any system of limited or complete military training which the nation may adopt.

One of the most far-reaching educational problems is inequality of educational opportunity. The poorest states, in general, are making the greatest relative effort to improve their schools, but state funds cannot begin to solve the problem. Analysis shows that even if all of the accumulated and unobligated state surpluses were allocated to public education, they would not be sufficient to bring the per pupil expenditure of the most needy states up to the national average.

The federal aid to education bill would provide funds for school supplies and teacher salaries. This means that in states where school buildings are most necessary, local and state funds now used for salaries and supplies would be released for construction purposes.

Under the federal funds allotment formula, the bulk of the \$300,000,000 would go to southern states. Based on the income per capita, if this bill had been in effect in 1945-46, North Carolina would have received \$22,825,000, more than any other state.

The Federal government is sending billions of dollars overseas in an attempt to sell democracy to Europe, while it refuses to spend just several million dollars to eliminate the ignorance which invites acceptance of alien ideas at home, Dr. Willard E. Givens, secretary of the National Education association, aptly points out.

If any state needs help for schools, North Carolina does.

As for Carteret county, there is about as much local money available for schools as there is water in a stone. The bubbling spring is in Washington. But it's not going to flow our way unless we dig some pretty deep channels. The shovels to use are letters and telegrams to the boys in Congress who hold the purse strings.

Complacency at their neglect of the aid to education bill means that the 81st Congress may do no better by us.

## Coast Guard Institutes New Re-Enlistment Program

A program for enlistment and re-enlistment in the Coast Guard Reserve has been instituted. Commander J. E. Whitbeck, commander, Fifth Coast Guard district, announced recently. The purpose is to establish a nucleus of experienced men in case of national emergency.

All men so enlisted will be in a

status of inactive duty. Present enlistments are being restricted to former Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve male personnel between the ages of 17 and 45. Enlistment period will be three years. The local Coast Guard recruiting station is located in room 22, Customs House, Wilmington, N. C.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Between 1940 and 1947 there was a net decline in population for the Dakotas.

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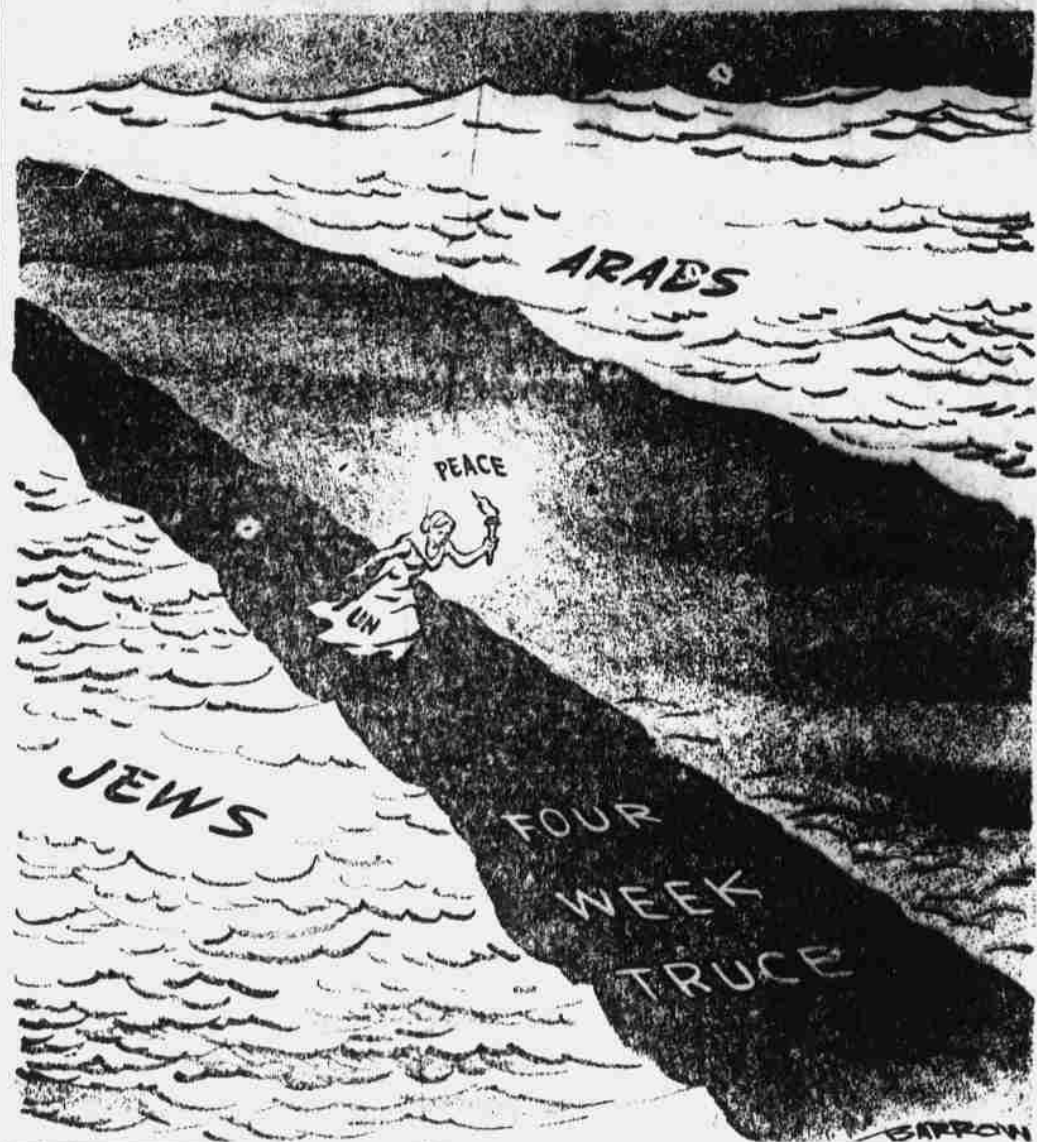
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## AND THE WATERS PARTED



## Thoughts for an open mind...

He who makes room in his heart for others, will find accommodation everywhere.

The human heart is the shell in which the pearl of sincerity is found.

Before trying to understand the SUPREME justice, one must oneself become just.

Every soul has its own way in life; if you wish to follow another's way you must borrow his eyes to see it.

A great mind does not come from ancestors, but from life, the thoughts, and the individual himself. Such a mind can be constructed by anyone understanding the art of mind building and who faithfully applies his art.

Thinking is scientific when thought has a direct tendency to produce what you want, or when all the forces of the mind are working together to fulfill your desire.

—Jim Morrill

## HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



If you have a phonograph of any size or style which you are not using and would like to loan or present to the City Library for use in the children's room, it will be very acceptable. This department of the library is becoming very popular with the small children of the city and a phonograph would add much interest to the work. Instructive work, let's help it along.

Among the ball teams listed to take part in the Northeastern district championship to be held at Williamston June 20 is that of the team of this city. Checking on the matter, Wade Bell states that the team of this city is not to enter this contest. The semi-pro teams which gather for this annual affair are too swift for the local team. This northeastern is one of the largest tournaments in the state. The winner goes on for the annual state tournament at Asheboro.

In order to meet the growing demand for telephone service in this section, the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph company will start soon to enlarge their exchange building on 9th street in this city. In addition to the vacant property on the north side of the present exchange building, this company has purchased from A. L. Hamilton the vacant lot on the south from which the Hughes house was recently moved by Asa Cannon.

Announcement has been made by James D. Harker of Harkers Island that the hotel which he has had under construction the past few months was opened to the public on Thursday. The building is located at the eastern end of the island known as Shell Point. A dining room is operated in connection with the hotel affording the guests with all needs as a vacation resort.

Construction work has started on a small chapel building for the First Christian church of this city. The structure, 24x36, is being built of concrete blocks. This church organization recently bought two lots at the corner of 23rd and Bridges streets. The corner lot is being reserved for a larger church building in the fu-

ture. Services are now being held each second Sunday at 909 Fisher street in charge of Rev. W. C. Foster, acting pastor.

Vincent Lawrence who has been employed by the Ream's Market for the past few years has accepted a position with the Carteret Supply company as warehouse clerk and salesman, succeeding Lee Parker who is planning to take a scholastic course.

The large menhaden fish boat recently launched by the Phillips Fisheries was taken by tow the past week to Norfolk where the heavy mechanical equipment will be installed. Work on the second craft of this size is well underway with prospects of being launched by the first of the year.

Persons who enjoy purchasing and reading the latest books as they come out, will soon be able to get the latest editions when the Book Nook opens about the first of the month. A. B. Chapin who recently moved to Morehead City to make his home, is fitting up the ground floor space at the corner of 10th and Arendell street, formerly occupied by the Dress Shop, for the display and sale of new and old editions. It will be a place where book lovers can browse and discuss the works of various authors.

Among the 126 students of the East Carolina Teachers college to receive their degrees at the 39th annual commencement exercises last week was that of Gordon Davis of Beaufort who received his Bachelor of Science degree. Grimes G. Slaughter, son of Rev. B. B. Slaughter, former pastor of the Methodist church of this city, was graduated from Duke university on Monday last with the degree of Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering. County graduates from the University of North Carolina this year are Harry A. Paul and Dorothy M. Avery, of Beaufort. Mr. Paul received his degree in bachelor of science and Miss Avery was presented a Bachelor of science degree in library science.

Every dog has its day. Tomorrow will be dog-day for the canines of Morehead City at which time they will be shot, not with bullets but with vaccine. If you don't get them shot with vaccine they are liable to get shot with bullets.

Shepard street between 10th and 11th streets several times.

We have added two new members to our "right-side-parters" club since last week. We caught H. B. Utley with his hat off showing that he is a right-side-partner while on second glance at Wade Bell, on the street, not in the ABC store, we place him in membership. We are just wondering if all editors or ex-editors are right-side parters.

At the recent encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held in Winston-Salem, Alonzo Thomas of Beaufort was elected as Grand Seam Squirrel of the order of Cooties, an honorary society of the V.F.W. Other officers of the order carry such titles as Grand Blanket Bum and Grand Hide Gimlet. Members vow to uphold the cooties' organization and to "agree to disagree with anyone who agrees to disagree with them."

The American Legion Post of this city is sending three local young men to the 8th session of Boys State to be held at Chancel Hill the week of June 13-20. The young men selected to attend this session are W. C. Matthews, Jr., Donald Davis and Alex M. Lewis, Jr. The fundamental principals of "our government" are taught the youths at these meetings. All expenses are paid by the local post.

A news item under date of 30 years ago states that one of the largest shipments of the season of seafood went out on that date from Beaufort and Morehead City consisting of one and a half carloads of which there were 75 boxes of soft shelled crabs.

First meeting of the creditors of S. H. Guthrie of this city and W. H. Willis of Beaufort who were duly adjudged bankrupt on petitions filed May 7, 1948, will be held in New Bern on June 19 at 11:30 a.m. This firm conducted a dress shop in Beaufort and a children's shop in this city.

STORY OF THE WEEK  
Here is an interesting story taken from an old Coaster which must have been published 40 years or more ago. We have only a part of the paper which does not show a date or the name of the editor but is a copy from Vol. 6. The story is headed an editorial.

"We are at a loss for matter this week, thought we would write about Summer, and in and behold, it is Winter. In fact felt comfortable with an overcoat on last night and have enjoyed a nice wood fire for the past two days, all of our local stoves having been down for two weeks or more."

Well, let's say something on what is known in Carteret County See HERE - THERE Page 3

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

June 12, 1948

To the Editor:  
Notice that throbbing night and day? Well, that is the dredge, if you have not found out.

Know why they did not do that job last winter?

Well, it was cold and people were inside with the doors and windows shut and it would not have bothered them much, and besides the summer people who come down here to get a rest would not be here so they could not keep them awake.

Now that they have a good crowd here with their doors and windows open they really have a nice lot of people to annoy. Run night and day so you cannot even get a good night's rest.

They have a nice whistle too, and while the dredge is not over a hundred feet long they blow a whistle you can hear a mile to notify someone at one end that a feller at the other end wants a chew of tobacco. Also so that if you have got sort of used to the throb and cough of the engine and drop off in a doze they can tuck the whistle and be sure to arouse you. Towards morning they tuck two to four times as they have heard that you sleep sounder the last half of the night.

Jim Morrill

## Great Britain Seeks Seven Atom Scientists

LONDON — (AP)—Britain is seeking seven atom scientists to put infinitesimal radioactive isotopes — by-products of an atomic pile—to work. The isotopes are used in medical research and are equally useful in friction experiments and in solving problems of lubrication. For in the lubricating oil has been used to gauge the extent of wear due to friction. In agriculture, radioactive isotopes will enable research groups to study more closely the processes of growth.

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