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## The Toll Rises

Before the end of this week infantile paralysis cases in this state will have passed the thousand mark—and the month of August with hot, humid, polio-breeding days is yet to come.

It is almost inconceivable that in this age of science, with hundreds of thousands of dollars being spent on research, there has been no sure way discovered to prevent or cure this killer that seeks out children as its victims.

It is this factor that gives the frightening aspect to polio epidemics. It is true that the number of deaths from polio are minute in comparison with malaria and other diseases. But not knowing exactly what to do to prevent a child from contracting polio and not knowing whether that child will even survive if he becomes sick, makes parents live in anxiety.

A small bit of consolation can be gained from statistics. Actually, death from polio averages only 1 per cent and the number of children permanently crippled rarely has been more than 1 1/2 per cent, even in the worst epidemics, according to figures quoted at the First International Poliomyelitis conference in New York last week.

Speaking at this conference, Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said: "We may be fighting not one disease, but a whole family of slightly related diseases. We do know already that there are several strains of infantile paralysis capable of producing clinical symptoms, but we do not know how closely related these virus strains are, or, indeed, if they are biologically related at all. We do not know whether special measures of prevention or treatment are necessary for each individual type. Until this problem is solved, there can be no prevention or cure."

Some day infantile paralysis may be classed, matter-of-factly, with other "childhood diseases." Until that time however, doctors and health authorities are fighting to the best of their ability to protect all of us.

Parents should comply with the request of the health officer to keep their children at home. Every member of the family should practice habits of personal cleanliness. To remain in good physical condition is, perhaps, the best insurance against becoming a victim of the cripple.

North Carolina, with the help of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and independent out-of-state sources, is fighting a hard battle. It could be that our experience, though bitter, may be the one out of which may develop new clues for solving the mystery of poliomyelitis.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

As a contemporary of Thomas H. Carrow, Philadelphia, I have greatly enjoyed his "Memories of Beaufort in the Nineties."

Mr. Carrow has presented a story of Beaufort, its people and its customs in such readable form, interwoven with so many bits of philosophy, that he has given our readers a series of sketches, unsurpassed in my experience.

May I suggest that these sketches be put in booklet form for they are too good and too valuable for the transitory existence of the usual news paper article.

In my opinion the people of Carteret County, particularly the people of Beaufort, are under a lasting obligation to Mr. Carrow for accurately, so fully, and so entertainingly presenting sketches of the past to the readers of the present.

Beaufort, I am sure, is proud of Tom Carrow, a native son, who while yet a lad, went forth, asking quarter, to carve for himself in the world a position of responsibility and high regard. And how well he succeeded!

The NEWS-TIMES is to be congratulated in bringing to its readers these charming historical sketches of Beaufort of "the long, long ago."

N. Thomas Ennett, M.D.

## SOUTH RIVER

Chief Harry Hardy and Mrs. Hardy of Norfolk spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ringgold and son, Junior, of Bridgeton, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tosto.

Mrs. Willie Pittman, Mrs. Luke Lewis and children visited Mrs. Levi Pittman Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Elijah Dixon and son, Junior, spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. George Tosto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledren Norman and son, Glenn Neal, of Beaufort spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Monnie Norman.

Mr. Darris Lee Pittman and

Maxton Tosto spent Saturday in Beaufort and while there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Pittman.

Mr. Ray Pittman and Ledren Norman went to George Tosto's Sunday afternoon after watermelons.

Mrs. Johnnie Cannon and children stayed with her sister, Mrs. Luke Lewis, while Mr. Cannon was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Still and daughter, Eloise, and Nancy, of Bridgeton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Rone Wallace Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Guthrie and son, Jimmie, of Beaufort spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Eubanks.

Mr. Rone Wallace has launched his new boat and started shrimping this week. Hope he has good luck.

Mrs. George Tosto spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Monnie Norman.

Mrs. Marvin Fulcher went to Beaufort Tuesday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tosto visited her sister, Mrs. Blakely Wade Friday afternoon at Beaufort R. F. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hardy and twins, Guyon and Gwendolyn, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Luke Lewis.

Mr. Henry Weatherington and son, Leslie of Errol, were business visitors at the home of George Tosto Monday.

Mrs. Ruth Eubanks and son, Ralph, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hardy and Mrs. Joshua Hardy and Mrs. Gaston Hill.

Mrs. John Mason and daughter, Gertrude, visited Mrs. Willie Pittman Saturday morning.

Mr. George Tosto and son, Elzie, carried Mrs. B. F. Ringgold and children to Bridgeton Saturday afternoon. She had spent two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tosto.

Mr. Johnnie Cannon was taken to Morehead City hospital Thursday. He had stuck a nail in his foot and he has been very sick, but has got some better, so he came home Sunday afternoon. Hope he will soon be alright again.

Rider William Anderson of Morehead City preached Sunday morning and Sunday night. We are always glad to have him come.

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## HOW HOT CAN IT GET?



## Raleigh Round up



### KINGS AND BEAUTY QUEENS

In this land of the plunging neckline and bare midriff, it is a lovely hamlet indeed which does not have one or more beauty queens these days.

Speaking at the Peach Festival held in Rockingham last week, J. M. Broughton, cutting a twinkling eye at the queens assembled there, reminded them that one of the first beauty contests of which we have any history occurred while King David lay on his death bed.

As usual, J. Melville knew whereof he spoke. Fact is, he might have added that the serious condition of the man who had ruled with iron hand over Israel for 40 years prompted the search for a comely young woman.

David, even as his son Solomon after him, had an eye for the beauty of words, wisdom, goodness, and the female form as well. So, as David lay dying, his advisors—see first chapter of First Kings—decided to bring in a young virgin: "and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him."

After quite a search, Abishag was brought in. Although she was very beautiful and did cherish him, David responded not in the least. Well, they knew then and there that David was a goner. Sure enough, 63 verses later "David slept with his fathers", and Solomon ascended the throne.

These modern North Carolina misses may be no great shakes as Abishags, but the response they get from the audience and from the photographers and the papers really puts the young Shunammite of King David's day in the shade.

DEWEY DIXIE? — Authentic reports which reached Raleigh last week on Dixiecrat doings indicate that at least one big holding company in New York is being supplied with detailed information on the political insurrection in the Deep South. There is some opinion here — freely voiced last week — that Thomas E. Dewey knows of each move being made by the Dixiecrats by the time it is made and sometimes even before.

There was no evidence of any shortage of cash at the Birmingham meeting. On the contrary, the entire shindig seemed pretty well heeled, according to one North Carolina observer. Where did the money come from, and why?

Consensus in Raleigh is that the Dixiecrats will not create a ripple in North Carolina. . . . Insufficient time, insufficient interest.

NEW LOOK WANTED — They are not shouting it from the roof tops, but four North Carolina Congressmen fear that the cohesiveness and ridges of Western North Carolina may suffer an invasion by the Republicans while they are in Washington doing their master's bidding during the next few weeks. Congressmen Bulwinkle, Jones, Redden and Doughton — yes, even Doughton — anticipate hard fights this fall, but leave their folks and return to Congress to help elect a Democrat President.

Most in demand for the battle are J. M. Broughton and W. Kerr Scott, both of whom are keeping in trim for this final bout. While old Democratic war horses like Cam Morrison, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, and

Clyde R. Hoey may be used, the political leaders of the mountains are pleading for Scott and Broughton. They feel that, somehow, the people seem to want that new look in the Democratic party in this State, and believe that Scott and Broughton can best supply it.

The principal worry of the Democrats is not the election of State officials, but Congressmen. Then, too, there is Truman. They must not forget him.

NOTES — If you want to see any Big Four football games this fall, you'd better get a move on. . . . Some of the early-season events in the high schools may be cancelled because of the polio epidemic. . . . Incidentally, Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reports that deaths from polio average only one per hundred cases. . . . the number of children permanently crippled is less than two per hundred cases.

SCOTT — W. Kerr Scott said in Raleigh last Saturday that he thinks he will win in November, has no ambitions beyond Governor for four years, will not sell his farm or discontinue its operation in Alamance County, still has "at least" 500 letters yet to write supporters in his campaign. . . . has



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OFF THE CUFF — To see Charlie Johnson ambling down Fayetteville Street here you would never guess he was the loser in that recent incident. . . . He is said to be very well fixed financially. . . . and will in all probability be in better shape in this wise four years from now than if he had won. . . . By refusing J. M. Broughton's offer to become his assistant, Wayne Albright followed some advice him some time ago by W. Kerr Scott: people like a man who makes his own way, who must meet a payroll now and then, and who makes a living other than by salary. . . . For some time Albright had considered hanging out his shingle, believes now is the time to make the break. . . . He will also enhance his political future. In his campaign he made many good "connections," as they call them. . . . though most of them were not of the lucrative-client variety. . . . Very liberal, intellectually and morally honest, a pretty good speaker, and possessed of a good mind, he should go far in the practice of law if his idealistic outlook permits him to stomach the various types of cases and clients which attorneys must contend with now and then. . . . particularly in their early years. . . .

BIRTH OF A NATION — When David Wark Griffith died last Friday, the notice of his passing made

front pages throughout the country. He was the man who made "Birth of a Nation," the writers said. But North Carolina people — those who care a darn about anything of this kind — know it was the other way around. "Birth of a Nation" made Griffith. Who really made "Birth of a Nation?" Thomas Dixon, from his books, "The Clansmen" and "Leopard Spots." Dixon was not even mentioned in the account of Griffith's death, but his widow who lives here in Raleigh had her eyes opened when she read that the film has grossed more than \$10,000,000 and is still being shown.

Being the second Mrs. Dixon — he married her, his secretary, only a few years before his death — she was the wife of a semi-invalid for seven years. However, she knows about "Birth of a Nation" and how the man really responsible for it got so little out of it. Thomas Dixon's biography, though roughly written, lies in a trunk in her home here on Hillisboro Street gathering dust. Will North Carolina permit this literary giant to lie there, all but forgotten, while it honors every brassy hack writer, every glib speller who enters here?

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