

Carteret County News-Times

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EDITORIAL PAGE

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Equalization Board Meets Each Month

The county commissioners will meet Monday in the auditor's office at the court house and nine chances out of 10 some person will appear to request a change in valuation of his property or property of the corporation he represents. In other words the county commissioners sit as a board of equalization every month instead of only once a year as they are intended.

To consider matters involving change of property valuation takes time. That is the reason that one whole day was set aside in March for the county commissioners to hear complaints on valuations—and not a single solitary taxpayer showed up.

There's no excuse for people to say they don't know what the board of equalization is or does. It is always clearly and plainly stated ahead of time in a special announcement in the newspaper that "any adjustments in tax valuations . . . must be made at this time."

To be accommodating the commissioners stop to consider valuation problems at their monthly meeting. But they would be fully within their rights to request such petitioners to appear at the 1949 board of equalization meeting.

Any taxpayer griping about valuation is usually complaining because it's too high—unless his senses have suddenly left him. Making adjustments after the tax bills have gone out not only alters the amount of revenue the county planned in its budget but it wastes the commissioners' time and causes extra trouble for clerks working on the tax books.

For efficiency and the sake of expediency and revenue, property valuation adjustments should be made at the meeting of the board of equalization. If commissioners are willing to consider such requests, and they usually are, the least the taxpayer can do is present that request at the proper time.

Our Inning . . .

Another Tidewater League baseball season has come and gone, and local sports fans are turning their attention toward the Shaughnessy playoffs which will begin this weekend. THE NEWS-TIMES sports staff hopes to cover the playoffs with the same authenticity and reliability that enabled fans to get a comprehensive picture of this season's race for the league championship and that moved the league to recognize THE NEWS-TIMES Tidewater League baseball standings as the official figure of the league at a meeting last week.

Be sure to follow the action in the playoffs on THE NEWS-TIMES sports page.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

September 6, 1948
Ocracoke, N. C.
Editor of The News-Times
Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Sir:
For a long time we, the people of Ocracoke Island, have been treated as a forgotten people by the mainland part of Hyde county. Many of us this has not been much to worry about; at times we have considered ourselves very fortunate in not being asked to take part in Hyde's crude game of politics. But during the past few years things have gradually gone from bad to worse. At the present we are searching for some means of reminding Swanquarter that we, this isolated sand spit, are a part of the Commonwealth of Hyde.

The latest two events are just too much for a people to take without registering some sort of a complaint.

The children have not received from the county vaccinations for small pox, typhoid, and diphtheria for about six or seven years. During these years the parents have been forced to buy the serum and then pay the local nurses for giving the shots. About two weeks ago the County Nurse honored us with a visit. She very graciously gave the small pox vaccination and the first treatment for typhoid and diphtheria; at this time she informed the parents that she would give the additional shots necessary for diphtheria and typhoid. We ask why is it that she can not come back? Where are the children suppose to get these additional treatments? We would like to ask if her duties as County Nurse do not include Ocracoke?

Even in the registration of the young men of this Island Hyde county has failed us. Under the present system the boys have to undergo an unnecessary hardship and expense. In order to reach Swanquarter these boys have to leave at 6 p.m. one day and travel through three counties. This trip requires two days as they will have to make two trips. This means that they will lose two days work—in the middle of the

shrimping season this can be very costly. Due to this hardship and cost involved we wonder why some system of registration was not established here on the Island.

The above examples are only two such treatments that we have been receiving for "lo" these many years. We are now beginning to wonder just how much longer are we to remain a forgotten people.

Very truly yours,
Troy S. Williams

To the Editor:

The new Carolina Telephone and Telegraph books are very nice. It's about time we got some new ones, too. But to look at the front cover one would think that they were issued for the county of Morehead of which Morehead City is the county seat.

For the information of the telephone company: Atlantic, Beaufort, Marshallberg, Morehead City, and Newport are located in Carteret county. The directory would be more accurately titled if "Carteret County" appeared on the cover with the listing of the five towns alphabetically beneath it. They should also appear alphabetically throughout the book.

Swansboro, too, is partly in Carteret county, perhaps numbers there could be listed in next year's directory as well numbers at Bogue.

If the phone company has a suggestion box, maybe someone will drop this in.

A Reader and Phone-User

:: Smile a While ::

Political Speaker: I'm pleased to see this dense crowd here tonight.

Voice from the back: Don't be too pleased; we ain't all dense.

Boys' Capacity Tested

YARMOUTH, England — (AP) —The ice cream man was irate. Four boys, two of them 12, one 11 and the other eight, stole 64 bricks of ice cream and ate them all in one night, he told the court. The boys were placed on probation.

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OUT OF THIS WORLD



Raleigh Round up



By Eula Nixon Greenwood
PAPER PRICES — In the event your favorite newspaper finds it necessary to increase the subscription price, don't be surprised.

Newspaper paper . . . called renews by the trade . . . sold for \$53 per ton, delivered, before the war. On September 1, 1943, it had gone to \$62 per ton. On October 11, 1946, the price had climbed to \$98.

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THE DRY VOTE — State officials were not so much surprised at these counties' voting out beer and wine—in fact, most of them were expected to toss the brown brew and the "sneaky Pete"—as wine is sometimes referred to—out the window. But the tremendous vote by which they were beaten knocked most observers for a loop, and it was the subject of much conversation in Raleigh last week.

WHY? — Why are people turning so sharply against the legal sale of alcohol? The No. 1 answer to this question, as picked up at random by this column during the past few days, is the careless and lawless manner in which the places which handle wine and beer operate. Also, the young people are drinking too much. One State official says that he stopped at a service station to buy some gas on Easter Sunday afternoon and found the place swarming with boys and girls drinking beer and wine, dancing, and kicking up a fuss in general. Too many crimes are being traced to beer, wine, and liquor.

The people just seem to be getting sick and tired of it.

IN THE LEGISLATURE — You

tion, Shoe-Shiners Association, etc., etc.? If you do, better have a talk with the man who will represent you in the General Assembly next year. There seems to be a move on foot to curtail the powers of some of these licensing boards, and one or two are being considered for possible liquidation. Plans for new boards, etc., will have tough sledding indeed.

PREPARATIONS — William C. Bullitt, writing in "Life" on "How We Won the War and Lost the Peace," says there is a strong possibility of war with Russia within six months.

Meantime, here in Raleigh and in North Carolina, reserve officers are daily being called back into service; young men are registering for the draft, are being inducted, and two North Carolina bases will be reactivated by January 1. Read

The feeling in Raleigh is that many a legislator will regret it if he doesn't abide by the wishes of his constituents in this regard . . . and the wishes seem to be leaning sharply to the arid. Pulling against the House member or State senator from dry area will be wet friends and lobbyists.

The House has given the wets all their troubles since 1941, but it may be the State senate this time.

REFERENDUM — If a vote throughout North Carolina were held today on whether wine, whiskey and beer could be sold legally in all the counties, you would see the dries win hands down—probably by a two to one margin. You keep an eye on this prohibition movement, for it's the hottest thing going these days . . . and is getting hotter all the time.

\$500,000 — From the Washington Merry-Go-Around of September 4: "The Republican National Committee is sending special publicity men to help GOP Senatorial candidates in doubtful states. Also, the committee has earmarked \$500,000 for these contests."

How much is coming into North Carolina, Bub?

LOOK OUT! — Do you belong to the Barbers Association, Plumbers Association, Builders Association,

the current numbers of "Life" and "Collier's."

THE COLLECTION — Although State employees have not had a general raise since July 1, 1947, they will be called upon to make contributions to the Democratic campaign fund very shortly now. Retiring Democratic Chairman W. P. Horton turned over to New Chairman Capus Waynick approximately \$14,000, but this will not prove sufficient for the battle with the GOP this year. No demands are made on State employees for donations to the party, but suggestions are passed down the line, and most of them like to feel that they are helping fellow Democrats to victory.

STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION — The State Employees group is now set up in districts as follows: Elizabeth City, Wilmington, Raleigh-Durham, Winston-Salem-Greensboro, Charlotte, Gastonia, Asheville, and State Office I and II. It costs \$3.00 to join. Main goal: five-day work week.

A drive for new members is now under way in the State Department of Agriculture. Mason Swearingen is president. R. Wayne Albright is attorney for the association.

SAVE THE SOIL

By Roy R. Beck
Soil Conservationist

Farmers cooperating with Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District are taking the lead in seeding poorly drained land to permanent pasture. Raymon Dickinson and M. D. Pridgen started things off by getting their land ready and seeding his pasture on September 3 and Sam Pollard finished seeding his pasture on September seventh. These early seedings have time to make a good growth before cold weather sets in and the low-lying poorly-drained land becomes saturated by fall rains.

Over twenty-five other District cooperators are preparing land this week for pasture seedings. Lawrence Garner, District Supervisor, says "several thousand acres of poorly drained land in Carteret county should be seeded to permanent pasture because it is good land use and because the farmers of the county need a livestock program." And the county AAA committee is supporting this program by assisting the farmers in the purchase of lime and by furnishing certified pasture grass

seed through a purchase order plan.

Your County Soil conservationist has included permanent pastures in practically all soil conservation farm plans and is now helping district cooperators and their pastures.

Truck Wrecks Boat
SINGAPORE — (AP) — Most surrealistic accident of the year—truck collides with boat. The boat was parked in a field for repairs. The driver of a military truck backed into it. Considerable damage was done.

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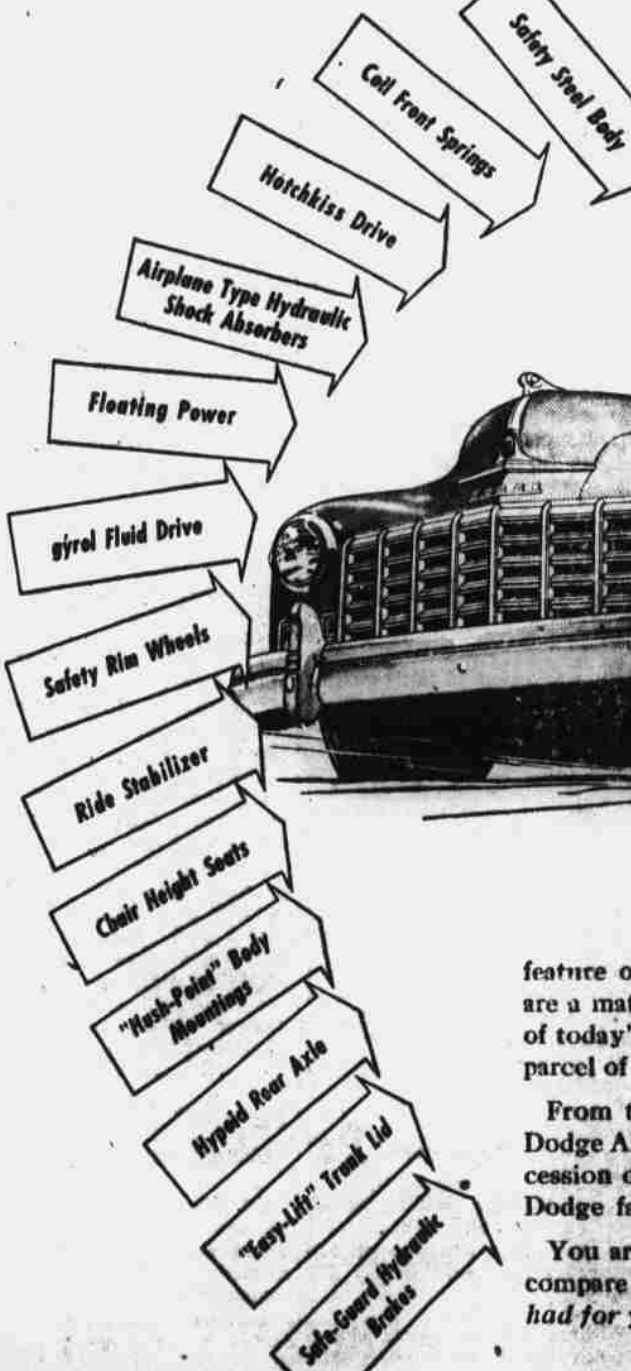
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