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## Health and a Brighter Horizon

Startling advances were made by the county health department in 1949. The overall program displays evidence of efficient operation, intelligent and economic planning, and commendable effort to provide the people of Carteret county the best in public health service.

An innovation during 1949, made possible by appropriations in the 1949 legislature are the tonsil clinics. These clinics give children, whose parents cannot afford extensive medical care, the opportunity to have enlarged or diseased tonsils removed at the Morehead City hospital. County doctors, cooperating in the program, perform the operations.

In a recent public health meeting at Goldsboro, it was revealed that Carteret county has made more progress in its tonsil clinic program than any other county in eastern Carolina and perhaps in the whole state. By the end of the year 14 children had undergone operations and the program did not get underway until the late fall of 1949.

In cooperation with other state and county agencies, the health department conducts eye clinics. Twenty-nine children with defective vision received attention last year.

The number of inoculations for diphtheria, whooping cough, typhoid fever and other diseases increased 69 per cent in 1949 over 1948. Examinations of school children increased 230 per cent (children in grades 6 were examined in addition to those in 1 and 4 as done in previous years). The number of X-rays increased 1300 per cent. This was due to the mass X-ray program, the first ever undertaken in the county, sponsored by the county tuberculosis association. In 1948 only 60 X-rays were taken, in 1949 there were 7,812.

The number of persons treated for venereal disease increased 25 per cent. Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer, points out that this may mean an increase in incidence, but there is no way to determine that factor specifically. Many of the cases are among the county's migrant population.

Persons treated for syphilis increased 13 per cent. The health officer stated that there is no increase in incident in this disease, rather the rise in the number of cases is due to efforts of a worker in this field, assigned to Carteret county by the Public Health Service.

In 1948 the sanitarian inspected 589 cafes, meat markets and dairies, while in 1949 inspections totaled 904, an increase of 53 per cent.

In every phase, Carteret countians should be highly pleased with the work of the health department. Understaffed, it has accomplished monumental tasks. It deserves nothing but praise, and our appreciation for making Carteret county a better place in which to live.

## Thoughts for an open mind...

Personal liberty may, in these modern times, seem to be curtailed, but you can always have it in your thoughts. Where the ideals of the ignorant predominate, there is a decline in freedom. The educated mind, having business of its own, minds its own business. The growth of tolerance is thus helped. A man governs himself to the degree that he acts upon his own judgment.

—J. R. Morrill

## Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

Dear Mr. Lynn Guthrie:

As a camoufleur, you, I would say, should be recognized as the world's outstanding fizzle. It seems that my use of certain perfectly proper words put a terrific stress and strain on your modesty, yet apparently you are satisfied with the ugly condition described by those words.

And, also, Mr. Guthrie, it seems that a Mr. Webster used those words quite a while before I did, but I don't have any reason to think he condoned the perpetration of the meaning thereof.

So I hope we have seen by now that not everyone who uses those words has a gutter prisoned mind. Now that the smoke screen has been penetrated, let us get back to the issue—the hellish evil of gambling. Let us not forget that holy scripture reminds us that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE." Proverbs 14:34. Let us also remember the Christ of glory said "My word will never pass away." But we've known quite a number of people that passed away.

We also remember—"It is given man once to die, and then the judgment." Will our building of today comfort our children of tomorrow? Or, are we building prison walls about them that will hinder their entering the "straight and narrow gate?" Open your eyes and see the nations of Europe of low moral standards, including legalized gambling, that have been kept out of the commonest ranks only by the American dollar.

E. A. Coward,  
Havelock, N. C.

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## GLASS WARFARE



## Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood



PLUMMIEST PLUM . . . "He stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plum . . .", so goes the little Mother Goose rhyme. This season, the Jack Horner of political appointments turns out to be none other than Harry T. Westcott of Manteo and Raleigh, who gets the Utilities Commission post being vacated by Robert Grady Johnson of Pender County. It is well nigh impossible to keep Dare County out of the political picture. Bruce Etheridge was forced out by Scott, but the same Scott gave Westcott a big promotion from head of the Markets Division of the Ag. Dept., where he succeeded Randal B. Etheridge, deceased, a few months ago. Randal B. was a cousin of R. Bruce, both from the isle of "yellow, stricken sand."

He is as keen in his work as over the poker table. Harry Westcott's appointment will run until next year, when he will be reappointed to a new six-year term. This will carry him through Scott's administration, through Scott's successor's tenure, and a month into 1957. All told, the job is good for about \$7,750. It's the plummiest plum.

NOW IN RALEIGH . . . No formal announcement of it has been seen in the papers, but the newly organized N. C. Chain Store Council is now formally operating here with Dan Paul of Panteo at the helm. Paul, former farm agent in Granville County and before the war alumni secretary at State College, is the son-in-law of Sen. Clyde R. Hoey.

YOUR AUNT EMMA . . . If death has recently claimed one of your relatives, you should have in proud possession by this time a neatly worded, hand-written note of condolence from one Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville. Thousands of special little, hand-drawn Christmas cards presenting the map of the Reynolds acres with the "latch string on the outside" flapped their way through the mails in December. The other day a gentleman in a nearby city who for the life of him could not remember ever having met Robert R. Reynolds, lost his aunt. Naturally, he was grief-stricken.

Then, as if by magic, in came that nice little letter from our Bob. Touching. There is something really saddening about all those cards and letters, for they carry one straight back to the twenties when Our Bob, then a gay blade and a world traveler, was so energetic with pen and postal. One thing sure: He is not interested in opposing Congressman Monroe Redden . . . otherwise he would grieve only with survivors in the

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Duke University, where he was found to be in excellent condition — except his throat. He then went to the famous throat clinic at Philadelphia, where they found water warts near his larynx. These were removed about three weeks ago, but he has not yet recovered his voice.

TWO YEARS . . . It is hard to believe, but two short years from right now another Governor's race will be well along the way. If William Umstead is not a candidate, then Highway Chairman Henry Jordan may be the man. Up until Umstead's recent announcement, Jordan was the object of political finger-pointing from several quarters.

One outstanding Scott appointee even put it in rhyme last week as follows: "The in's like him and the out's all love him, too, so Jordan may emerge as the man for '52." He is a brother of Democratic Chairman Everette Jordan, happens to be a relative of Mrs. Kerr Scott, and will go down as the road-buildingest highwayman we have had in several years. The important thing to keep in mind on the leanings of the present administration on the next Governor's battle is the next Senatorial race. You see, Dr. Frank Graham's term will only complete that started a year ago by the late J. M. Broughton and will run for four years. Kerr Scott may want to go to the Senate in 1954.

BAPTIST TROUBLES . . . What with having a murder in the student body of their senior college, and investigation of gambling and wholesale cheating at the same school, with three of the leading footballers being expelled from this institution, and now deeply involved in the old church-and-State argument, the 700,000 Baptists of North Carolina are certainly having their troubles.

The general board of the State Baptist Convention received a severe handslapping from the Baptists here in November for overstepping their authority in spending better than \$250,000 in the purchase and development of seashore projects, etc., and forcing the Baptists to go deeply into debt again in borrowing \$250,000.

AGAIN . . . Then, two weeks ago, the general board voted to accept a grant of \$697,356 from Federal and State governments, to build a wing to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. This was in direct violation of one of the oldest Baptist codes: separation of church and State. You can look for trouble on this within the next day or two; maybe more later. Another



Jan. 11—Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy of Oriental spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy of Norfolk spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis, Mrs. Minnie Lewis and son, Wiley, of Lennoxville and Miss Alberta Pittman of Beaufort visited Mr. and Mrs. Monnie Norman Sunday afternoon.

Miss Pearl Mason of Beaufort

formal, severe reprimand directed toward the general board may be in the offing.

SKELETON . . . Meantime, Wake Forest wrestles with murder, gambling, cheating, and what to do about going to Winston-Salem. Other schools and other denominations are not entirely free of worry, but they manage to keep their skeletons in the closet.

OFF THE CUFF . . . North Carolina is in the front ranks of the Washington mule train, so the news that Vice-President Barkley and new wife would be here for the Jackson Day Dinner on January 28, hardly created a ripple . . . Speaking of the Dinner, what has happened to plans for a Hospital for Alcoholics, provision for which was made last Legislature with an appropriation of \$300,000? Two of the advocates were Clifton Blue of Moore County and John Umstead of Orange. A committee appointed by the Governor has completed its study. Now it is up to the State Hospital Board. What about it?

spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hortoise Morris and children Walter and Jeffery, of Atlantic spent Sunday with Mrs. Nannie J. Pittman and mother, Mrs. Lizzie Tosto.

Mr. and Mrs. Arline Taylor and daughter of Beaufort spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Lewis.

Mrs. John Mason went to Beaufort Saturday to see her sister, Mrs. Curly Jones and Mrs. Charlie Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Ball and son, Junior, of Cherry Point spent the weekend at his cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hunnings and children of Greenville were here Sunday on business.

Mrs. Joshua Hardy and daughter, Mrs. Gaston Hill, and her daughter, Sharon Francis, spent Monday at Atlantic with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen of Raleigh spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Ball at their cabin.

Mrs. Mary E. Hardy spent last Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Eubanks.

Mrs. Johnnie Cannon and children, Butch and Donnie, spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Luke Lewis.

Mrs. Elijah Dixon and son, Junior, spent last Friday and Saturday morning in Beaufort with her sister, Mrs. Dewey Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tosto, Mrs. Mary Tosto and Rev. Willie Stilly visited Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy Saturday night.

## Club to Meet

The Young Men and Young Women's club of Carteret county will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night, January 17 in the home agent's office, Beaufort court house annex. Topic to be presented is "Are You Marriageable?"

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