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Telephones and Jangled Nerves

The people of Carteret county have been more than patient. We sat through the war years grumbling about phone service but realizing that there were more important places for material required to replace worn telephone equipment.

Now we have sat through three years since the end of the war and telephone service has not improved AT ALL. True, a new building has been erected in Morehead City, there have been changes made in Beaufort with plans now for extension of an underground conduit on Turner street—but if these have, in any way, made the service better, we fail to see it.

One "station," (a place having a telephone) in Beaufort is a business phone, yet it's on a party line, and the customer says his bill is \$40 a month, more than all bills of the other parties put together.

In THE NEWS-TIMES office Wednesday, the phones would ring once, then stop, or there would be a short ring, then a long. We picked up the phone one time and said, "News-Times." The person at the other end said, "What do you want?" We said, "We don't want anything, what do you want?" After several seconds of confusion, we hung up.

And folks everywhere have been reporting that they get in on more conversations, some quite interesting and others more like "What time will you be by to take me to Marshallberg?"

We firmly believe that the local office is doing everything possible to give us better service. Complaints are accepted graciously and servicemen are prompt in making investigations. But it is inhumanly possible to make a workable system out of parts which are unworkable.

This section is growing and growth in future months promises to be tremendous. If Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company can't keep pace with it, they had better begin asking themselves if they deserve the right to be called a telephone company.

However, we much prefer and firmly request ACTION on their part, rather than pensive introspection.

That They May Walk . . .

The child just lay there and looked up at the nurse. Sweat beaded his forehead. Those packs were hot.

Down the corridor a few doors away came the rhythmic pulse of a respirator. In another part of the hospital the click of braces could be heard, the tap of canes, the splashing of youngsters in the hydrotherapy pool.

These boys and girls from all walks of life had something in common. Infantile paralysis. It reached out to strike them down last summer. But they are coming back . . . coming back, fighting hard, because you—and countless other good people have given them the chance.

Your contributions to the annual March of Dimes of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis made it possible.

The polio outbreaks of 1949 are now a thing of the past. That is, for those who escaped. But it is not over for some 17,000 of the more than 40,000 children and adults stricken last summer, who still require care and treatment this year. That number does not include patients of earlier years who still need assistance. Nor does it include the still unknown thousands who will be attacked by polio in next summer's inevitable outbreak.

A dime is not very much. Neither is a dollar. But if each of us contributes a dime or a dollar more than we gave before to the March of Dimes, we can help that boy sweating it out under the hot packs, we can help another youngster to breathe free of the respirator, we can get other boys and girls back on their feet—alive, alert, and able to go forward in hope and health.

Thoughts for an open mind. . .

A good man's first duty is to be intelligent. Mediocrity makes a parade of virtue as claim to superiority. Moral training without critical examination of popular ideas of what is right and good, does not make men better, but only of one mind.

Education, intent upon character, distrusts intelligence. Moral behavior is not only social. It is also intelligent behavior.

—J. R. Merrill.

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO

Beaufort harbor was developing into a duck and goose shooting preserve because of the recent severe weather prevailing in the eastern part of the country. Bryan Arthur and Tom G. Willis came back from a hunting trip to Bird shoal with three red heads and a big goose.

Commissioners reported \$11,738.70 had been spent on sidewalk walks with \$2,432.18 still needed to complete the project.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

D. M. Jones Co. was advertising the "fine new Overland" with 4 cylinders. The touring car sold for \$495, the coupe for \$635, the sedan for \$715 and the coupe-sedan for \$585.

The State Highway commission was making a survey for the much-talked of bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City. The general impression was that it would be located on the south side of the railroad.

TEN YEARS AGO

Vernon B. Derricksan of Norfolk and W. L. Derricksan of Morehead City purchased the Atlantic Beach hotel, bringing to three the number of hotels owned by the V&W chain. W. L. Derricksan would be resident manager of the hotel which was to open May 15.

Missionary ladies of Ann Street Methodist church were planning on serving meals at the old bus station on Saturday.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Newly-elected fire heads, Bonzell Lewis, chief, John Paik, chief engineer, Bill Oglesby, second assistant engineer and Alomo Simpson, secretary-treasurer, with other members of the fire department, came from the fire house following the meeting, to fight the Beaufort Theatre fire which started as the meeting was ended.

Beaufort PTA discussed the 42 degree heat in the school rooms, the leaking roof and the cracked steam pressure boiler in the building at their first meeting of the year.

ON THE RECORD



HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



Issuing of new registration books by the State Board of Elections to the county boards of elections of the state and orders that the old lists of county voters be purged and the names of all active voters be copied in the new books has put the registrars of the several townships in Carteret county to work revising such lists. This is the first purging of registration books in several years. Deaths and removals have taken scores off the old books.

Mr. Fred Seeley, chairman of the county board of elections states that most of the lists of the townships of Carteret county have been gone over and the work of conveying the names in the new registration books is well underway. He states that the relisting has to be completed by March 15 so that the books will be in order for registration by the last of April, preceding the primary to be held in May.

The names of all voters are to be contained in one book. Heretofore the Democratic and Republican voters were listed in separate books. Party affiliations will be marked opposite voters names with either a D or a R in the new books.

Should you notice an aluminum colored tag on any of the cars operated by the city with the word "permanent" below the figures and wonder why as we did, the answer is that such tags issued by the state bureau will retain the same number from year to year as long as the yearly fee is paid or the car is owned and operated by the municipality to which it is issued.

We picked this item out of the Sun Journal after the make-up man had pried a couple of slugs in a list of social items from Morehead City: "Roland McClamrock of Chapel Hill was a guest at the Hog Island club this past week. The hosts served peach stuff pie with mints, nuts and coffee." Some feed for a duck hunter.

Construction work is underway on the first house to be built on the Huntley development over on Crab Point. This property at one time was the Pigott farm, purchased by Mr. Huntley from the James Bell estate. The plot of nearly 100 acres was recently taken in as an addition to Morehead City and will receive the benefits accorded other city property. The plot has been laid off in

site of the Methodist Sunday School building. It is said to have been built for an office by a Doctor Gates who was a practicing physician in Morehead City about 1890. Later it was used as a post-office.

When a shipyard was in operation on the site of the City Hall this building was moved to a location next to the building formerly occupied by the Carteret Supply company on 8th street and used as an office for the shipyard. Some 20 years ago it was moved onto the lot south of the city building.

Smile Awhile

A boy and girl were riding horseback out in the country. As they stopped for a rest, the two horses rubbed necks and noses affectionately.

"Oh, me," said the guy, "that's what I'd like to do."
"Go ahead," said the gal, "it's your horse."

A party who listened to President Truman's recent speech and who is said to be a Republican was heard to remark that Truman's speech contained the same old theme. How to live on three meals a day—oatmeal, cornmeal and miss-a-meal.

At the meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's association held in Edenton last week, Tuesday, Chief G. P. Hall of Williams-ton was selected as president. The April meeting of the association will be held in Elizabeth City. The meeting was attended by more than 200 members of fire departments.

District offices for taking the census in the Third Congressional district have been set up in Goldsboro. Counties in the district are Onslow, Jones, Craven, Carteret, Duplin, Pender, Pamlico, Wayne, Sampson. Approximately 300 enumerators will be employed in the district.

From the number of cars one notices still bearing 1949 license plates, it looks as if there will be a grand scramble for such car owners the next two weeks to meet the deadline of January 31. Save out \$1 for your city plate, also.

Another old landmark in Morehead City has gone the way of the wreckers. It was the small building which for the past 23 years stood next to the Municipal building, serving many purposes during that time. Oldtimers of the city remember when this structure stood on 9th street on the present

Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

Members of the present board of county commissioners met recently. They had to get their ducks in a row for the coming election. Wanted to be sure that each one on the board will run again—present a solid front, ya' know, and point to their past record as recommendation.

I believe a reduction in the tax rate was touched upon, but the idea, which I would term no less than harebrained at the present time, was discarded. Such a move would be nothing but an out-and-out vote-getting measure because the county can't meet its debts now.

If they resort to that, Scott must have 'em scared fer sure.

Authorities in Charlotte, alarmed by the increasing casualties among children caused by BB guns, is considering taking action against "thoughtless parents."

But accidents can happen, even if parents are thoughtful. Little Larry Kirk was wounded by a BB shot right after Christmas. For a long time it was doubtful whether his sight in one eye could be saved. He's all right, I hear, but this local incident makes me realize what is undoubtedly happening in a metropolis like Charlotte—and re-enacted throughout the country.

Following Christmas and the advent of gift-rifles 24 children were treated in Charlotte hospitals for eye wounds alone. Two of those patients have lost eyes and doctors say others may lose vision in their injured eyes.

I'm right interested in this project afoot now, throwing bottles in the water and seeing where they drift and how long it takes them to get there. This government boat that has come here to do work was throwing the bottles—and cards sealed in plastic, too—overboard all the way from Massachusetts to south of here.

Several of the bottles and one card were found over on Schackleford banks Saturday. Each one

found is worth 50 cents to the guy who picks it up.

Buddy Carrow knocked that brick pillar at Adair's alley all to pieces Saturday morning. He didn't just knock a brick loose, he tore the thing up. But by Sunday morning, it was all back together again, defying more corner-turners.

Some of those bottles that boat has thrown overboard are beer bottles. Reminds me of a verse to a song. I forget the tune exactly, but these are the words:

'Twas just an old beer bottle afloat on the foam,
'Twas just an old beer bottle a thousand miles from home,
Inside there was a paper with this inscription on,
'Whoever finds this bottle, finds The beer all gone!'

Jan. 9—Rev. Elbert E. Edwards of Chocowinity filled his appointment at the Free Will Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday. He was accompanied here by Mr. Wright.

Charles M. Day of South Creek spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Madora Day.

Jim Arthur and nephew of Norfolk spent the weekend visiting his brother, Mr. Morgan Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Goodwin of Tamaqua, Pa., are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodwin for a while.

Mrs. Lester Lupton of New Bern and Mr. and Mrs. James Lupton and daughter, Joan, of Er-nul visited her mother, Mrs. Madora Day, Sunday.

Stacy Golden of New Bern and Everett Mason of Atlantic visited friends here one day last week. Miss Sarah Jane Gilgo of Ori-

ental spent the weekend here as guest of Mrs. Elmo Lupton. Mr. Connie Lupton of Southport spent the weekend here visiting his mother, Mrs. Helen Lupton, who remains quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. May Bell Daniels.

Pfc. John Styron, Jr., left last Sunday to return to Shepard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas where he is stationed in the U. S. Air Force. He had spent his furlough here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Styron.

Mrs. Gladys Lupton visited Mrs. Nina Lupton at Atlantic Friday night. Mrs. Lupton remains quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur S. Goodwin.

Mrs. Melba Day and daughter, Melba, of Atlantic spent the weekend here visiting relatives.

WURTSBORO, N. Y. — (AP)—When water couldn't be brought to a fire a daring fireman took the fire to water.

The Wurtsboro fire truck dashed a half mile up Wurtsboro Mountain and found a truck loaded with excelsior ablaze. Insufficient water was available to fight it.

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RESOURCES

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| Cash in Vaults and Due from Banks | \$ 38,596,831.60 |
| U. S. Government Securities (Direct and fully guaranteed) | \$ 43,159,490.70 |
| Federal Housing Authority Obligations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures | 2,790,114.04 |
| State Bonds | 7,904,513.11 |
| Municipal Bonds | 12,418,172.79 |
| Federal Land Bank Bonds and Other Marketable Securities | 7,079,022.00 |
| Accrued Interest | 450,821.30 |
| Loans and Discounts Less Reserve | 39,256,925.02 |
| Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures and Building Sites, Less Depreciation | 821,294.52 |
| Commercial Building Corporation Stock (Cost \$105,000.00) | 1.00 |
| Other Assets (6 Parcels of Real Estate—Appraised Value \$16,500.00) | 6.00 |
| | \$152,477,192.17 |

LIABILITIES

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| Capital Stock Preferred | \$200,000.00 |
| Common | 800,000.00 |
| Surplus | 5,000,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 583,972.19 |
| Reserve a/c Preferred Stock Retirement Fund | 200,000.00 |
| Reserve a/c Accrued and Unearned Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Other Reserves | 4,283,393.63 |
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