

Unlucky 13!

Members of the All Seashore Highway Association will meet Saturday at New Bern to discuss a problem brought about by a change on the new North Carolina map issued by the state highway department.

What it's all about is described by the president of the All Seashore Highway Association, Joe DuBois, as follows:

Have you seen the new 1957 North Carolina State Highway Map?

Have you noticed that U. S. 13, which terminated at Williamston, has now been extended through Greenville and Snow Hill to Goldsboro?

Did you know that forces are now at work to have U. S. 13 extended to Fayetteville where it would merge with U. S. 301, "the quickest route through North Carolina"?

What does this mean to you and your community?

It means that a vast amount of traffic, entering North Carolina from the North on U. S. 13, will now follow 13 AWAY FROM the entire Coastal Area, instead of driving through it on U. S. 17. It will lead traffic away from our re-

sorts and beaches. It will certainly retard all agricultural, industrial and resort development.

It must also follow that MORE Federal Highway funds will be spent upon U. S. 13 - West. NO ADDITIONAL FEDERAL funds in sight for the development of better transportation in the backward Coastal Regions.

Do the towns to our west intend to dry up their valuable markets in the east by killing the growth of the coastal area?

Could investors in the multi-million dollar resort areas of other states be interested in stopping the development of this most promising section of the Atlantic Coast?

What peculiar circumstances brought about this sudden and surprising move by the State Highway Department? Why no hearing?

It looks as if our only salvation now is an All Seashore Highway. After this crippling blow we should realize, more than ever, the cold fact — the fact that if we are to progress, or even to hold our own, we must provide access to our 300 miles of scenic and historic seashore — further delay means disaster!

Officers Condemn Wrongly

We disagree with Lenoir County court officers who in superior court at Kinston last week said highway patrolmen used "bad judgment" in chasing a car that wrecked, killing one of the occupants.

All the highway patrol has to do is make a practice of letting speeders outrun the patrol and there will be the biggest rash of racing, speeding and highway killing this state has ever seen. It is unfortunate that once in a great while a speeder or a highway patrolman has been killed in a chase. The loss is much greater if the officer is killed than if the lawbreaker dies, for a maniac speeding on the highway offers nothing to society but danger.

In the case which gave rise to the condemnation, a driver took off when a patrolman stopped him to check a license. The patrolman radioed to another patrolman to set up a roadblock. This was done, but the roadblock patrolman took his car off the road when

he saw that the speeder was not going to stop.

He used good judgment there, for if the speeder had hit the parked patrol car at a hundred miles an hour, someone in the speeding car would surely have been killed. Patrolmen are trained to enforce the law without needless killing.

It happened that the "outlaws" later turned over on a curve while patrolmen were in pursuit, and a passenger in the car, a 22-year-old youth, was killed.

But the death should not be laid at the door of the highway patrol, nor should the patrolmen be chastised for using "bad judgment". They were doing their duty as it has to be done.

Death of the 22-year-old is a warning to all highway outlaws. The public should be gratified that there are men in the highway patrol who fearlessly do a dangerous job in spite of occasional ill-founded condemnations such as "bad judgment."

Hiking Shoes for Geese

(Manchester Guardian)

An expression which is hardly ever heard these days — "Dew your father shew geese?" — had its origin some 60 years ago when roads were neither so hard nor so full of traffic as they are today.

It was no strange sight, then, to see flocks of geese driven along the roads of the eastern counties, feeding on the wayside grass and drinking from ponds on their way from Holland. Geese buying then was quite a business, and dealers would go to the continent and buy three or four thousand geese between them. Later, their men would go over and fetch the flocks home.

In preparation for their journey, the geese would be shod in the following manner: They would be driven through compounds of tar, sawdust and sand in that order, two or three times, until a pad was formed on their feet. This treatment did not cause the birds any suffering. They were then shipped in open boats to England, landing at Dovercourt, and, though a very few might not survive the journey, in the main they did not suffer any ill effects.

On landing they set out on the walk home. Ten miles a day was the average

distance covered. The whole journey took over a week. During the night the flocks would lay by in a field and the men lodged at a nearby inn — though it is doubtful if they slept at all, for the noise from the geese must have been considerable.

When each driver reached his destination, he drove his own flock away from the main one, while the rest went on their way. Geese were sold after they had been fattened, and were no doubt purchased for Michaelmas by those who believed with the old saying that "he who does not baste a goose at Michaelmas will want for money all the year."

A Wilmington newspaper avidly supports the bill allowing the Board of Conservation and Development to meet each July in a coastal city other than Morehead City. Have we heard any voice from down that-away objecting to a Buckley report proposal for a conference at WILMINGTON each year to discuss port problems?

OURS NOT TO REASON WHY--



Ruth Peeling

Buses Roll in with Happy Youngsters

There are lots of ways to tell spring has come. One, in this section, is the sudden presence of buses loaded with youngsters from far-away places.

A big yellow and green bus with Fremont High School lettered on it was in Morehead City Tuesday. Spring is the time when school groups start going on field trips, visiting spots of local interest; and then there are the bigger trips when buses are chartered and an all-day jaunt is planned.

Add to this the week-long or weekend trips when bands or senior classes take off for the nation's capital and you can be sure of one thing, it's spring!

In language, "wheels" are big time operators. Dan Walker takes some wind out of the wheels when he says, "Those who go around in circles shall be known as wheels."

And then there is the story of the Carteret school principal who was upset because the kids on a certain bus run cussed so much.

An understanding teacher explained to the principal, "They don't know they're cussing, they just talk that way!"

Captain Henry

Sou'easter

There were mighty few Tar Heels who survived the weekend basketball battles without a few more gray hairs.

The first mate and I watched the games at a neighbor's because I still haven't made up my mind about this TV business. But she's wearin' me down. We'll probably have a set before long.

I'm not much of a basketball fan either, but if I hadn't seen those games, I wouldn't have been able to carry on a conversation with my younger friends for the next two weeks. I know that's all they'll be talking about.

The Tar Heels were playing in a mighty chilly atmosphere 'way out there in Kansas City. Those Kansans weren't keen about seeing the championship go to anybody but Kansas, and if their Jay-hawks couldn't take the title, they at least wanted to settle for another midwestern team, Michigan.

Do you remember how there used to be movies in slow motion? You'd go to the show and in the newsreels once in a while they'd show diving or horse races in slow motion. Well I would like to see Tommy Kearns dribbling that ball, slowed down to a speed where you could get the full enjoyment of the grace and coordination that boy shows on the basketball floor.

Never have I seen such a performance. He was so closely attuned to the motion of the ball that no human being could get near him without fouling him. He moved like greased lightning but not a muscle was out of tune with the entire movement of man and basketball.

The NCAA finals will be tops in thrills for a long time to come. I hope UNC keeps its winning streak for a long time to come too.

Distraught Beaufort mother to a group of wild children at a birthday party: "There will be a special prize for the one who goes home first!"

I see that some of our azaleas along Ann Street are blooming. Several years ago the bushes were sold by the Woman's Club to homeowners. The purpose was to beautify the town. Very few bushes show any care or attention and I'm surprised that quite a few are still living.

Mary Simpson sends me from Florida a story in the Miami Sunday News about the shrimp size problems in Florida. Written by Jack W. Roberts, it confirms the story we have heard from Tar Heel shrimpers who worked off Florida this winter.

From a drag yielding 400 pounds of shrimp, 150 pounds of dead "undersize" shrimp were shoveled overboard one night from Capt. Jim Buckmaster's trawler. The shrimp didn't meet the minimum count of 60 to the pound.

Shrimp the size of those thrown overboard are marketed fresh in many places and are canned in Georgia, Texas and Louisiana. That's why shrimpers are disgusted with a regulation which makes them throw "marketable shrimp" overboard.

At present this regulation is just a regulation but according to Florida's way of doing things, the legislature can make it a law this spring, and that's what many shrimpers don't want to happen. North Carolina shrimpers, many of them, came home early because they couldn't make any

money throwing most of their catch overboard.

Dr. C. P. Idyll of the University of Miami, who is in favor of the 60 count-minimum law, says that the conservation regulation will work in conjunction with a mesh law which would call for large enough webbing to let the little shrimp escape. He says the law proposed to the legislature includes a mesh regulation as well as a 60-count minimum.

Meanwhile, there are many side plots. The little shrimpers say the big shrimp fleet operators got the regulation through in December when all the little operators were working off Texas, Louisiana and Mexico.

The big operators can go into deep water and take the larger shrimp, but the smaller trawlers have to take the little shrimp in shallow water if they are going to operate at a profit. They may get less per pound, but they sell more pounds.

The big boy, under the guise of "conservation" is executing a squeeze play to get rid of the bothersome little shrimpers — so say trawler captains who operate just one or two boats.

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

Nepal celebrated its first anniversary as a member of the United Nations with much fanfare and elaborate ceremonies. And, in honor of the occasion, the government issued a new 12 p blue and brown stamp in a triangular design. Depicted was a mountain scene. In the center was the U. N. symbol and the date of Nepal's admission to the world body—Dec. 14, 1955.

The Dominican Republic recently issued a series of eight stamps honoring the Olympics in Australia and depicting such former Olympic stars as Paavo Nurmi, Jesse Owens, Bob Mathias and the late Mildred "Babe" Didrickson.

On Feb. 1, that government announced it had surcharged and overprinted this set with the surtax going to the aid of Hungarian refugees.

The charity surtax will be turned over to the president of the Dominican Red Cross for the aid of the Hungarian victims of Communist aggression. The Dominican Republic also announced that it opened its doors to 20,000 Hungarian refugees.

The Philippines has issued a new 5 cent dark blue stamp honoring the Girl Scout World Camp. The Pacific area camp is to be held in Quezon City, Philippines.



Depicted is the insignia of the World Girl Scouts above the tents of a camp. On the right is the profile silhouette of a Girl Scout.

Three new stamps have been issued by Jamaica showing local flower designs. These are the last three stamps in the 1956 definitive set.

The 3-pence brown and green depicts mahoe, the 4-pence blue and green shows breadfruit, and the 5-pence green and red illustrates ackee.

Some minds are like concrete— all mixed up and permanently set.

Author of the Week



John Dos Passos adds a new book to his long list of successes, "The Men Who Made the Nation." Native of Chicago, he was moved around a lot by his family, has traveled a lot on his own, and now lives in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

An ambulance driver in World War I, he first attracted wide attention with his novel, "Three Soldiers," in 1922.

Smile a While

"I'm sorry," said a wealthy man who had been approached by a minister for a donation to the foreign missionary fund, "I don't believe in foreign missions." "But surely," the minister persisted, "you know that we are commanded to feed the hungry." "We can't we feed 'em on some aries?"

Louise Spivy

Words of Inspiration

IT TAKES HELP FROM ALL TO CREATE A HAPPY FAMILY

What makes a happy family? First of all you must have a husband and wife who love each other enough to stand by each other when the going is rough. They must also appreciate each other and all they have when the going is smooth.

Then you need children who are loved for themselves alone and not just as a projection of their parents' pride and ambitions.

Then you have to add companionship, with the whole family interested in each other and, part of the time, interested in doing things together.

You have to have cooperation too. A family in which each member is selfishly pulling for himself is never a happy family.

You need family jokes and family traditions. You need good-natured kidding, the kind that brings grins and not the kind that causes hurt feelings.

You need Laughter and Memories. Lots and lots of laughter. Only a family that knows how to laugh at mishaps and follies can stay happy for very long.

You need sentiment, too. Snapshots must be treasured, birthdays and holidays properly celebrated in a way that creates memories.

You need kindness — lots of it inside the home and kindness that goes outside of it.

And you need religion for comfort and warmth and hope and faith in things to come.

It takes a lot to make a happy family, contributions from every single member. — Ruth Millett

Do you do your part? Too many times the job is not done because too many people don't consider their part of it important. When families picked fresh vegetables from their gardens for their meals, they found it easy to remember God was the giver of the soil, sunshine and rain which produced the harvest. . . . But modern refrigeration tends to transport man entirely away from direct contact with the Power which is the source of the harvest.

In its place develops the idea that man himself originated both the shiny electrical appliance and the provisions which come from it to feed his body. — Ernest Thomas

THE WAY TO WIN

Let us then try what love will do. For if men do once see we love them, we should soon find they will not harm us. Force may subdue, but love gains; and he that forgives first wins the laurel. If I am even with my enemy, the debt is paid; but if I forgive it I oblige him forever. — William Penn

THE RULE OF THREE

Three things to govern: temper, tongue, conduct. Three things to love: courage, gentleness, affection. Three things to hate: cruelty, arrogance, ingratitude. Three things to wish for: health, friends and a cheerful spirit. Three things to fight for: honor, country, home.

FOUR THINGS

Four things in any land must dwell If it endures and prospers well; One is manhood true and good; One is noble womanhood; One is child life, clean and bright; And one an altar kept alight. — Unknown

In the Good Old Days

THIRTY YEARS AGO The Beaufort-Morehead City ferry would suspend operation of its automobile ferry for three days next week while repairs were made to the ferry. The passenger boat would continue its regular schedule.

Only \$125,000 worth of Beaufort public improvement bonds were sold at the town commissioners meeting.

The Beaufort Community Club suggested a board of Associated Charities to coordinate the work of the county welfare department, the different societies and individuals.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO The Bank of Newport was robbed of \$400 during the night.

A fashion note announced that Paris designers had discarded the fur collar for spring coats.

Samuel Thomas, last native Confederate soldier, died at the age of 87.

TEN YEARS AGO Beaufort town commissioners

voted in favor of installation of a \$3,500 overhead lighting system on Front Street. The system would be installed by the Tide Water Power Co.

The state had allotted \$30,000 to Fort Macon State Park to be used for extra buildings and improvements of present structures.

Beaufort Jaycees would sponsor a town clean-up campaign the first part of April.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Morehead City civic and fraternal organizations chose five projects, a city park on the waterfront, a school improvement program, clean-up and beautification of the town, highways and waterfront, reactivation of the recreation center and more books for the public library in the Webb Civic Center, as their projects for the Finer Carolina contest.

Dr. C. S. Maxwell of Beaufort was awarded a scholarship for a short course in cardiovascular diseases at Bowman-Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem.

Creditable Compromise

From the Greensboro Daily News:

One of the important reasons cited for compromise rather than full-scale legislation reapportionment (as ordered by the N. C. Constitution) is the disparate population of North Carolina.

Carroll B. Weathers, dean of the Wake Forest Law School and chairman of the Commission of Legislative Representation, regards this as a prime reason for changing present constitutional provisions:

"Take the state of North Carolina. Approximately the first 150 miles of it are sparsely populated. The next 300 miles, or some such distance, are where the concentration of population is located—roughly, from Raleigh, Lumberton, Henderson, west to Gastonia, Lenoir and Morganton. Beyond that, we have the mountain area, which is sparsely populated. If you base representation in this state solely on population, you will have a situation where the extreme east and the mountain sections are not going to have the sensitive representation that they should have."

The commission's majority report would give this special consideration to "area" by limiting the number of senators in any one county to two and by prohibiting any one senator from representing more than four counties. At present the State Constitution does not require this, and the people two years ago voted down a proposal to limit number of senators in any county to one.

To provide, as Dean Weathers terms it, more "sensitive" representation in the House, the commission's majority report would raise the number of House members from 120 to 130. The consti-

tutional provision for 120 representatives dates back to 1835 when North Carolina had only 65 counties. Surely it makes sense to allocate 30 instead of 20 representatives on a basis of population. (Each county would continue to get a minimum of one House representative.)

Weimar Jones's minority report, of course, calls for immediate redistricting on the basis of current constitutional provisions. This, we feel, would be satisfactory if there were more than one chance in a million that it would be approved by the highly suspicious Eastern leadership. We certainly agree with Editor Jones that redistricting is a "must" at this term of the General Assembly; but we also feel the Weathers proposal is a creditable compromise, and any improvement in the current climate is welcome.

Certainly the proposal, endorsed by both majority and minority report, for a three member commission to take over redistricting responsibility from the General Assembly is worthy. We join Weathers and Jones in hoping that whatever the General Assembly does this session, at least it does something. Further defiance of the Constitution is unthinkable.

A cold is sometimes affirmative and sometimes negative; sometimes the eyes have it and sometimes the nose.

How do you know you're at the end of your rope? It may be the beginning.

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