

Let's Make It Clean

The county is experiencing a first in its clean-up program this year.

For the first time the spring clean-up is being sponsored and energetically promoted by the heads of county agriculture agencies. As the County Agriculture Workers Council, these officials are pointing out the importance of a "new look" for spring.

In the past, mayors made their plea for a scrubbed town face, and businessmen, in cooperation with THE NEWS-TIMES, carried the burden of reminding folks how important it is to sweep out winter cob-webs.

But a county-wide program in which more people cooperate is so much better. Everybody putting their shoulder to the wheel makes the wagon roll along.

On that wagon should be tossed all the old junk littering your yard and attic, the dirty rags and papers clinging to the fence, and those old boxes and cartons you always think you'll use but never do.

Fresh paint does wonders for a house or outbuilding, but putting the paint on top of layers of dirt is a lazy way to fix up. A good dousing of places with a hose or brisk brushing with a broom provides a clean surface to which the paint will stick. You'll have a better job when you're finished — and you

won't be likely then to blame the paint, should the job look sloppy.

And the yard is important. In the county there are many homes, expensive ones built three and four years ago, and the yards look miserable. Weeds are 6 inches high, pieces of brick and lumber lie around, and remnants of cement bags litter the premises.

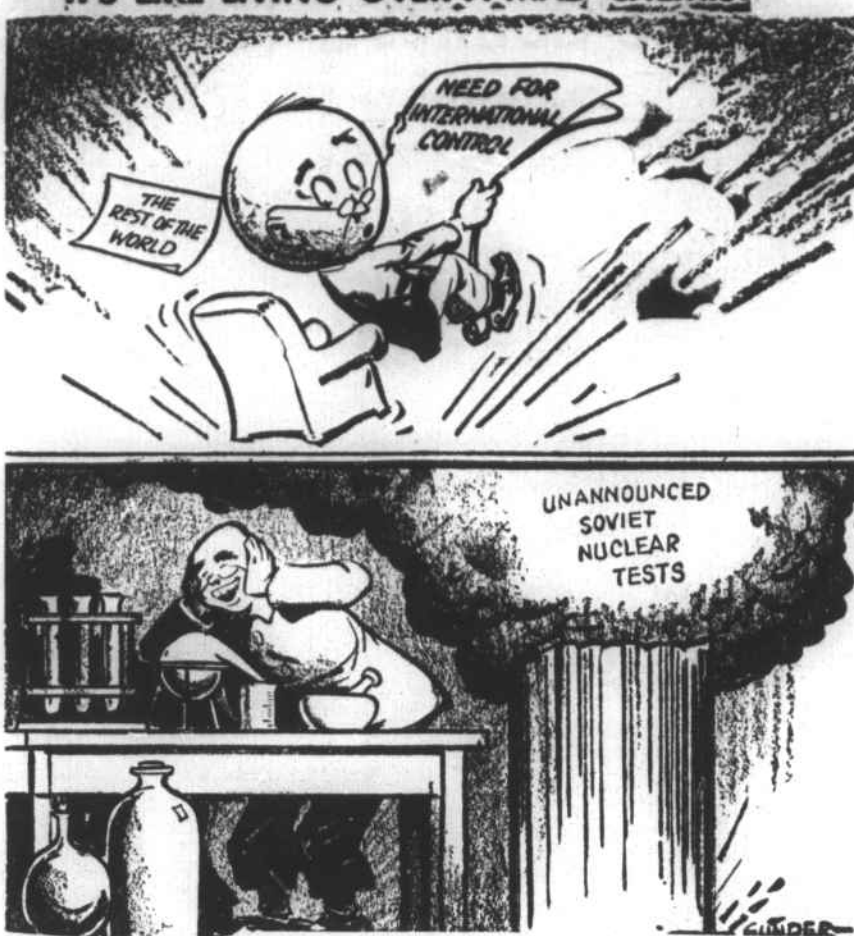
A \$20,000 home with the disreputable front yard gives the appearance of a shack. What is incomprehensible to us is the ability of people to take pride; apparently, in the house itself, but not give a hoot about the surroundings.

Even the most modest home, neat and with a clean front yard, is inviting. An expensive house in the middle of a trash heap is like a pretty girl in slovenly clothes. There's beauty there if you can battle your way through to it.

One of the things that stops strangers quicker than anything when they visit the county is the apparent ability of so many to live in ill-kempt surroundings. It shows that we have not discovered the psychological lift and the feeling of pride generated by clean homes, clean yards and uncluttered highways.

It's never too late to turn over a new leaf. Make it a spring leaf and join the County Agriculture Workers Council this week in promoting the best clean-up Carteret has ever undertaken!

IT'S LIKE LIVING OVER A MAD CHEMIST



Louise Spivey

Words of Inspiration

LET ME REMEMBER

When little things would irk me, and I grow impatient with my loved ones, let me know how, in a moment, joy can take its flight, and happiness be quenched in endless night. Keep this thought with me all the livelong day, that I might guard harsh words that I would say when I would fret and grumble, angry, hot, at trifles that tomorrow are forgot. Let me remember, Lord, how it would be if these, my dear ones, were not here with me.

— Unknown

SUPERLATIVES

- The Greatest word is God
  - The Deepest word is Soul
  - The Longest word is Eternity
  - The Swiftest word is Time
  - The Nearest word is Now
  - The Darkest word is Hypocrisy
  - The Broadest word is Truth
  - The Strongest word is Right
  - The Tenderest word is Love
  - The Sweetest word is Home
  - The Dearest word is Mother.
- Wonder Book of Bible

REMEMBER

Always remember to forget the things that made you sad, But never forget to remember the things that made you glad. Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue, But never forget to remember those that have stuck by you. Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away, But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.

— Unknown

It is not required of every man and woman to be or do something great. Most of us must content ourselves with taking small parts in the chorus as far as possible without discord.

— Henry VanDyke

LIFTERS AND LEANERS

There are two kinds of people on earth today, just two kinds of people, no more, I say. Not the saint and the sinner, for 'tis well understood the good are half bad and the bad are half good. Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth, you must know the state of his conscience and health. Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the fast flying years bring each man his laughter and each man his tears. No; the two kinds on earth that I mean are the people who lift, and the people who lean. Wherever you go you find the world's masses always divided into just these two classes. And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween, there's only one lifter to twenty who lean.

— Anonymous

We can accomplish almost anything within our ability if we but think that we can! Every great achievement in this world was first carefully thought out . . . Think . . . but to a purpose. Think constructively . . . think as you read . . . Think as you listen . . . Think as you travel and your eyes reveal new situations Think to rise and improve your place in life. There can be no advancement to success without serious thought.

— George Matthew Adams

Bill Whitley

Washington Report

(Editor's Note: This column is written by a member of Sen. Kerr Scott's Washington staff.)

Senator W. Kerr Scott has introduced legislation that would allow school teachers to deduct the cost of summer school and academic work toward graduate degrees from their Federal income taxes.

"The legislation would correct a very definite discrimination against teachers which has existed a long time," Scott said.

"We allow big business to deduct the cost of winning and dining customers, but for all practical purposes, under the narrow ruling of the Internal Revenue Service, most teachers get no tax deduction for what they spend for summer school and courses leading toward graduate degrees," he said.

"Keeping their certificates up to date and improving their standing in the profession is just as important to them as new machinery is to an industry," he said.

"Almost all professions and businesses, including farmers, get ex-

pense deductions that are similar and comparable to what I am proposing for teachers," he said.

Under Scott's bill, teachers would be allowed to deduct the total cost of tuition, fees, books and other equipment and expenses while taking courses that would improve their certificate standing.

Scott said the need for the legislation arose after the Bureau of Internal Revenue refused to grant such deductions by administrative order. He said the Bureau is willing to allow such deductions in cases where teachers are ordered to take courses by boards of education.

"The Bureau's approach is unrealistic," Scott said, "because the vast majority of teachers have to maintain or improve their certificate standing on their own."

Scott said that his bill would apply not only to teachers already at work, but also to persons holding teachers' certificates who want to take graduate courses before commencing their teaching careers.

The Scott bill would cover teachers in both private and public schools.

In the Good Old Days

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
The First Baptist Church in Beaufort had purchased the Overstreet house to be used as a parsonage.

Work had begun on a new Negro school in Beaufort. It would be located at Queen and Mulberry Streets.

Beaufort town commissioners had adopted car parking regulations for Front Street between Craven and Turner Streets.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
A cyclone struck Atlantic, demolishing one two-story house and badly damaging nine others.

The rural schools in the county would hold a track meet at the Smyrna School.

Richard Felton, Beaufort, was advertising Easter specials. Men's hats for 98 cents, women's slippers and oxfords for \$1, and men's suits for \$15.95 were among the bargains.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
Beaufort Fire Department would sponsor a carnival next week on the lot south of Ann Street and next to the bridge.

Beaufort Jaycees were sponsoring a minstrel show at the Beaufort school next week.

Grayden Paul of Paul's Machine Shop, Beaufort, sold his building

Smile a While

After a hard day at the office, a man went home to his wife and cute little three-year-old daughter. "Have you a kiss for Daddy?" he asked.

"No."  
"I'm ashamed of you! Your Daddy works hard all day to bring home some money, and you behave like that. Come on now, where's the kiss?"

Looking him right in the eye, the three-year-old said, "Where's the money?"

—The Co-Operator

Free Wheeling

By BILL CROWELL  
Department of Motor Vehicles

**TESTING** . . . Tar Heel drivers whom the state expects to show up every four years to have their driver's license renewed, watch deadline time approach with all the anxiety sometimes of a contestant going for the \$64,000 Question.

Others pass it off as effortlessly as ordering dinner from a menu. All get identical examinations at the state's 182 licensing stations, manned by Motor Vehicles Department personnel.

On D-Day the nervous nellies miss easy questions on the written test, fumble gravely at the wheel on the road test, and often surrender in confusion at photographs of unidentified road signs which they must name.

Astonishingly enough, some applicants actually ignore or otherwise disregard traffic laws while in company with the examiner. On such occasions (if no accident results) the examination is concluded, the errant applicant sent on his way with seldom even a "Good-bye."

Experienced examiners say over-eagerness is largely responsible for such boners, although for the record examiners are not permitted to distinguish the trivial mistakes from the real dumbbells.

Women drivers expect and usually get a measure of gallantry from the examiner in charge.

"Parallel parking," says Raleigh examiner D. U. Sherman, "seems to be the toughest maneuver for the lady drivers. Although it's not required, we try to give the ladies a little encouragement as they go through the parking test. If they just settle down, most women drivers can do quite well."

Sherman, who has been an examiner for seven years, issues something like 400-500 permits a month, following an applicant's successful examination.

The ones he has to turn down, though, often leave in a huff. Or worse, some stay around to hurl abuse at the examiner and accuse him of arbitrariness, stupidity and what have you. "It's the failures you have to handle with kid gloves," he says.

Where inevitable fails, some disqualified applicants occasionally turn to bribery, a gesture that in-

furriates the examiners as it does any peace officer.

"On the road test, when an applicant is obviously incompetent and knows it, you can sometimes catch him leaving money on the seat. This is an invitation, I suppose, for us to pick it up and okay his application," Sherman explained.

Another applicant who gets unique, if embarrassing, treatment is the illiterate. Applicants who are unable to write are given an oral test, marked and graded with comparable difficulty as the standard examination.

"And a high percentage of them pass, too," Sherman adds.

Of the 20 multiple-choice questions confronting the applicant, one turns up consistently as a stumbling block for even the most meticulous driver.

It's the one about reporting accidents. The law requires a written report to the Motor Vehicles Department of accidents involving injury or apparent damages in excess of \$100. The question tests the applicant's knowledge of this procedure, a real puzzler judging by some of the goofy answers submitted.

Sign recognition stamps its share of applicants, too. In this test a series of common traffic signs—with their legends obscured—are shown to the applicant. He must select and identify each, basing his answer on the sign's shape and color.

The eight-sided stop sign is nearly always correctly identified, Sherman says. The diamond-shaped warning sign doesn't give much trouble, either. But the railroad crossing sign—round with a black X—apparently is meaningless to many applicants. They miss it frequently.

Fraudulent applications are not unknown among the state's license examiners. Most of them are reluctant to discuss the inevitably cunning tricks applicants try to spring on examiners to get a license. For obvious reasons, tricks once exposed are better left unpunished.

If he (or she) seems impatient when answering the phone, it probably means that an interesting TV program is on the fire.

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

The United Nations will issue a new commemorative stamp on April 8 to honor the United Nations Emergency Force established by the General Assembly last Nov. 5. There will be two denominations, 3 cents and 8 cents.

Depicted on the stamps is the circular badge worn on the arm-bands and headgear of the U.N. Emergency Force troops first embodied in the Middle East.

The designer of the stamp is



Ole Hamann, a native of Denmark. He is chief of the Graphic Presentation Section of the United Nations in New York.

Further details as to first day covers will be announced soon.

Two new stamps have been issued by Ecuador to honor the 6th South American Girls Basketball Tournament held in Quito.

The airmail stamp depicts two girls playing basketball, a map of South America, with the flags of the participating countries su-



perimposed on it. The lower value for regular mail shows two girls in basketball action.

On Jan. 1 the Saar became united with West Germany. To honor the occasion the Saar Postal Administration issued the first values of a 21-stamp set ranging from the 1 franc to 200 francs. Each stamp shows a portrait of President Heuss plus the inscription "Deutsches Bundespost" and "Saarland."

Mary Alice Meets Pain

(Greensboro Daily News)

For two weeks Mary Alice had been telling her friends about her tonsil operation. She was going to the hospital. She would get presents. Mother had read her a book about hospitals. It was the greatest thing in her four-year-old life.

Mother and Daddy, this being their first experience with a child under the knife, had only vague memories about tonsilllectomies. They remembered they were done rather casually at the doctor's office. There were no mental scars.

On the big morning, then, they were entirely unprepared for this first real experience with parental anguish. It might have been better if Mary Alice, radiant and confident sitting in her hospital bed beforehand, had made it something less than a lark. She was trusting and serene. When the nurses came to glide her away down the hall, she was all youthful innocence. (They

learned later she even helped the doctor put on the ether mask).

When she came back later that morning, her eyes rolling in her head and engulfed by the strong smell of ether, life had caught up with her. She was pale; when her large brown eyes finally focused on Daddy, she rose suddenly from her bed, grasped his neck tightly and said: "Let's go home."

While the ether wore off during the day, slowly and with much nausea, she became silent and soulful, peering at her parents with the look of a wounded bird. "Why did you do this to me?" her eyes asked. And that was worse than her raw throat — her wounded spirit.

This persisted for three or four days. The presents poured in. Her older sister was insanely jealous. And yet something had flown out of her youthful life that morning in the hospital. She would never be quite as trustful again. She had learned something of life's pain. She was growing up.

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