

Seasonal Trend - Plus

Because of its "seasonal economy", Carteret usually starts the new year in a lean period. The summer bloom is off, the menhaden season has past, and three months must precede Easter, which brings with it thoughts of getting ready for summer guests.

But Carteret, which is accustomed to this seasonal transition, is joined this year by the rest of the nation. And it is possible that every corner of the land will feel a change in the economic picture.

There is no need, any longer, to say a "levelling off" period will come. It's here. The United States News and World Report points to November which had the highest number of unemployed in the past eight Novembers.

In a recent article titled "Job Squeeze Tightens", News and World Report says, "All across the country employers now are looking for ways to cut expenses. They are forced to cut in order to make ends meet in a period of slowing activity. Jobs, as a result, are no longer plentiful."

Industrialized states are quicker to feel the lowered supply of money than rural states, such as North Carolina. But North Carolina cannot escape the pinch.

People are no longer willing to pay high prices. Why aren't they? They are beginning to see that even though they bring home a fat pay envelope, it takes more dollars to buy the high-

priced goods than they have in that pay envelope.

When the buyer turns away from a \$24.98 electric iron and decides she can still make out with the iron she has, the company making the iron soon finds out that the number of irons needed to meet demand this year is less than last year. When the number of irons needed is less, fewer workers are needed to produce them. Then come lay-offs.

Some say that workers have brought this situation on themselves. Labor union contracts, signed several years ago, call for annual pay increases, or clauses that provide for higher pay with every rise in the cost of living.

To meet these pay increases, the manufacturer hikes the price of the electric iron. Thus the "cost of living" keeps climbing higher. The consumer now says "Keep your old iron", the manufacturer — in order to meet the high hourly wage rate — has to reduce his number of factory workers.

Unemployment benefits help keep food in a family's mouth but they do not enable the family to return money to the producing of more "hard goods", such as electric irons.

How will this affect Carteret? Spring, summer and early fall business will probably be good, in spite of the fact that some of the families who last year vacationed at the shore may not do so this summer. 1958 is expected to be a cost-trimming year on lots of levels.

Plotting the Highway

At Winston-Salem Monday the State Highway Commission will hear opinions on the route the new super-highway — Charlotte north to Canton, Ohio — will follow.

North Carolina is concerned, of course, only with the route of the new federal interstate system in this state. Virginia is concerned with the route within its borders. The only link firmly established is the West Virginia Turnpike.

The Greensboro-High Point-Winston-Salem cities want to see the route pass as close to their area as feasible. Early reports on the matter indicated that these three industrial cities were contesting the Charlotte terminus. This is not the case. Charlotte and Canton have been agreed upon as the end-beginning points.

The Piedmont interest, in which coastal Carolina joins, is to make the new superhighway easily accessible to already existing state routes. Our interest here lies, particularly, in Highway 70, which connects the Morehead City state port to the rest of the state.

Greensboro has always taken a keen interest in coastal development, especially the Morehead City port. The

Greensboro Daily News commented recently on the highway matter. This editorial comment bears repeating because it brings out points that coastal residents should be aware of:

"At the meeting here recently, attended by Tri-City (Greensboro-High Point-Winston-Salem) representatives and spokesmen from a number of eastern counties, the need for an East-West interstate route across North Carolina was stressed, but that stress had only indirect bearing on the Charlotte-Canton highway.

"Hope was expressed that the new link not be so far west that it could not serve the middle and eastern parts of the state or that any future route to the coast could not be tied in to it.

"With Eastern Carolina on the move, many military installations dotting that area and port connections likely to be vital in any defense emergency, highway planners on both the state and national level cannot refrain from including a trans-North Carolina East-West highway in their thinking.

"These are matters over which there should be no dispute and which the State Highway Commission will doubtless weigh carefully before arriving at route recommendations."

The Story of Joe Biggs

(Greensboro Daily News)

All is not lost in America as long as there are men like Joe Biggs, the temporary Christmas mailman in Washington, D. C.

"Here's the New York mail, ready to go," Joe's boss at the main city postoffice said.

So Joe got in his mail truck and went — beyond the District of Columbia limits, beyond Baltimore and Philadelphia and within 11 miles of the Manhattan boundaries on the Jersey Turnpike before his gasoline gave out.

It would have been simple for Joe's boss to explain that the main city post-

office mail truck merely takes mail to the Washington railroad station. But nobody told Joe. They gave him the New York mail. Joe set out, forthwith, to deliver it in one triumphant bundle on the steps of the New York Postoffice.

Dr. Scuss should write a children's story about Joe Biggs. Like Epaminondas he was careful how he stepped on his Auntie's six mince pies.

Even more, Postmaster General Summerfield should put Joe Biggs on the permanent payroll. Now, there's a man — maybe the last man in America — who knows how to carry out an order.



Security for You... Stamp News

By RAY HENRY

You've got plenty of company if your application for Social Security disability benefits has been rejected.

It happened to about half the people who had applied by June 1. Four out of five of these rejections were because they weren't disabled enough to qualify for benefits under the Social Security law. The rest couldn't meet other requirements, such as not having worked under Social Security long enough.

In giving me this information, the chief of the Social Security disability program, Arthur Hess, said it didn't include data on applications for disabled children's benefits. Nor did it include information about a backlog of applications which hadn't been judged by June 1.

Hess backed up his information with these figures: Since the disability program started, about 500,000 applications had been considered by June 1. Of these, 48.8 per cent or 244,000 had been turned down. The rejections for failure to meet the disability requirements was 39 per cent.

The figures include applications both for disability payments and for the disability freeze. The requirements for both are identical.

But, Hess softened the rejection figures with this: About one out of every 20 turn downs have later been reversed after a disabled person has asked to have his rejection reconsidered.

He gave these figures on reconsiderations: About one out of six persons—some 40,000 in all—who have had their disability applications turned down have asked to have the rejection reconsidered. Of those re-

considered, about 30 per cent on the second go-around have had their applications accepted.

Hess said the bulk of the reversals have resulted from the Social Security people getting information which wasn't supplied when the applications were first filed.

So, if your application has been turned down and you feel you can provide additional evidence on your disability, you should ask to have your case reconsidered.

You may find the Social Security people accepting your application on the second try.

For example: suppose as part of your application you neglected to include information about being hospitalized for your disability from time-to-time. You should have a talk with your Social Security office to see whether this information would have a bearing on your right to disability payments or a disability freeze.

Or, suppose you feel that the doctor who examined you didn't include all the necessary information about your disability on your application. You should talk with the Social Security people to see whether your case is complete.

Remember, the important thing in proving your right to disability payments is the evidence supplied to the Social Security people. They have only what's in your file on which to make a judgment.

But, you'll be wasting everyone's time if you ask to have your application reconsidered and have no new evidence to back it up.

(Editor's Note: You may contact the social security representative at the courthouse annex, Beaufort, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays. He will help you with your own particular problem.)

By SYD KRONISH

The recently formed U.S. Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee is seeing some of its fine work bear stamp.

The fruition was announced by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield as he made public a list of nine commemoratives and one stamp in the "Famous Americans" series for issuance in 1958.

The adhesives were recommended by the citizens committee.

The commemoratives are: 1. A stamp honoring the Garden and Horticultural Club of America, to be issued March 15 on the 100th anniversary of the birth of noted horticulturist Liberty Hyde Bailey.

2. A stamp honoring the opening of Brussels Universal and International Exhibition for issuance on April 15.

3. A stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of Minnesota statehood on May 11.

4. A stamp honoring the opening of the Mackinac Straits Bridge. It will be issued sometime in June.

5. A stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Atlantic Cable for issuance on Aug. 15.

6. A stamp honoring the centennial of the overland mail on Sept. 16.

7. A stamp dedicated to journalism and freedom of the press scheduled for September. This will mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri.

8. A stamp to be issued on April 28 honoring the 200th anniversary of the birth of President James Monroe.

9. A stamp to be issued on Dec. 31, 1958, honoring the International Geophysical Year.

The "Famous Americans" stamp will pay tribute to Noah Webster and is scheduled for Oct. 16.

At the next meeting of the committee, additional recommendations will be made for the 1958 program.

Four semi-postals have been issued by the Netherlands Antilles to honor the 8th Central American and Caribbean Soccer Championships held at Curacao. All three adhesives show men playing soccer.

Success tip: Start at the bottom and work up.

Author of the Week



George N. Shuster tells the story of Hungary's Cardinal Mindszenty in his new book, "In Silence I Speak."

For more than 15 years president of Hunter College, Shuster is a native of Lancaster, Wis., and he studied at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Poitiers, in France, and Columbia, where he got his Ph.D. in 1940.

He has been teacher, lecturer, editor and author.

wanted to call them back to tell them how lonesome it would be.

"Mr. Motorist, I wanted to kiss them once more — then I saw you take that corner — tires screaming, car out of control.

"What was your hurry? Were you late for work? Were you angry at someone?"

"Surely not my three. I am sure you would not want to run your screaming tires over their happy faces intentionally, erasing forever the smiles they had for me.

"But, Mr. Motorist, children are very forgiving in life and — I'm sure — in death. They would if they could, pat your hand and feel sad that because of one tragic moment you are left to live over and over again how your love of speed took three lives.

"I don't hate you any more. I feel sorry for you. I can still see those smiling little faces as they wave me goodbye."

The letter was signed. Under the signature this postscript.

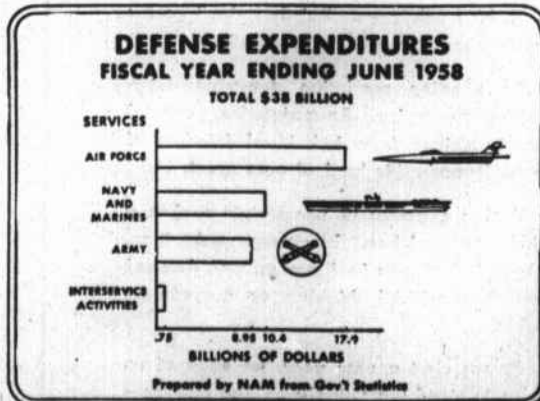
"Another year. And once again your flowers arrive. They are beautiful. Thank you."

The newspaper sent reporter Charles Neiswender to investigate. He talked with a close friend of the letter writer. She told him the letter was written four years ago on the first anniversary of the tragedy. It was written but never intended to be mailed to the man who was driving the car. The friend sent the letter to the paper, which printed it Thursday.

He still sends the mother flowers on each anniversary of the children's deaths.

And the mother? She couldn't write a letter now. For in her mind she still waves goodbye to the smiling faces of her children.

The tragedy was too much. She is in a mental hospital, hopelessly insane.



Launching of the Russians' earth satellites focused attention on the state of U. S. missile development, the adequacy of our defense and the quality of our research. The chart indicates how much of the \$38 billion scheduled to be spent for defense in the fiscal year ending June 1958 is allocated to each of the armed services.

The Air Force will spend nearly half of the total — 47 per cent. The Navy and Marines will disburse better than 27 per cent and the Army will get nearly 24 per cent of the defense dollars. About 2 per cent is allocated to "interservice activities".

Louise Spivy

Words of Inspiration

A BOY

A boy is a bank where you may deposit your most precious treasures — the hard-won wisdom, the dreams of a better world. A boy can guard and protect these, and perhaps invest them wisely and with a profit, a profit larger than you ever dreamed.

A boy will inherit your world, will marry your daughter. Your work will be judged by him. Tomorrow he will take your seat in congress, own your company, run your town and state. The future is in his hands and, through him, the future is yours. Perhaps he deserves a little more of your attention now!

These are sobering thoughts. And they become more so as we grow older. We must look to the boys of today to set the patterns for the world in which your own children and grandchildren will live. Are we giving these boys — and girls — the attention they deserve?

Is there anything much more important for the long pull betterment of this world of ours than the improvement of our young people? Do other things really matter in comparison? — Unknown

TEN POINTS

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help build small men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
5. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage-payer.
6. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
7. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
8. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
9. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.
10. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

OTHER VALUES

Since money's lost its value and we seek e're what it brings, It's time to look for values in a lot of other things; If you will scatter cheerfulness where'er you get about; If you will give a little hope to those who're down and out; If you'll discard complaining frowns and wear a winning smile; If you will tell the lonely, "Let me hold your hand a while." If you will make investments such as this from day to day, And scatter love and sunshine all along your pilgrim way, I guarantee that your returns, as your own spirit sings, Will far exceed the happiness that all your money brings.

There's nothing else for you to do but sit right down and cry. If you are just concerned in what a dollar bill will buy; But eat the bit your money bought, with thankful heart for that And then dress up in your best suit and wear your choicest hat, And walk with beaming countenance along just any street, And give encouragement and cheer to all the folks you meet; And when a fellow makes complaint of what his cash won't get, Just say: "Can't you quit worrying o'er money values yet? Friendship and love, good-will and peace; starlight, and sun and sky!" — Ernest C. Durham

From the Bookshelf

Love Among the Cannibals. By Wright Morris. Harcourt, Brace.

A team of song writers and two chicks, out on the beach in a whimsical Hollywoodland, and then on the beach in the topsy-turvy world of Acapulco, are put through their naughtily but illuminating paces in Morris' gayest and most entertaining novel.

The men paired off while in the Army. Irwin Macgregor had a magic way with a piano. Earl Horter did the lyrics; he had a trick, as he, who tells the story, acknowledges, of forgetting all he knew. He could do it with a cliché till it looked fresh and original to the millions who get their music in night clubs.

Earl had the brains, but it was a knack of doing things with the trite and superficial that makes them a handsome living. One of the chicks, Billie, from Memphis, just can't believe the pair she picks up are Macgregor and Horter. She's Mac's babe. The other is Eva, and Earl's.

With a movie to do, the writers pack up to go to Mexico "on location," as they pretend, and the girls go, too. Billie has no voice, but a talent—a talent for latching onto Mac.

Eva thinks life is a gift, and why hoard it? There is the constant tingling threat of bouts of hair pulling and scratching; the wise author's spoofing; the laughable inadequacies of Billie, the Mexican landlord and the vacation resort. Here in the double guise of fine comedy and touching sentiment is a splendid sorting out of the true and genuine from the false and shoddy. You will smile, and sigh, and why hoard it?

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smile and smile again at this masterly novel which will surely add a host of new readers to Morris' discriminating audience.

Lily and The Sergeant. By Martin Yosef. Funk & Wagnalls. \$3.75.

An ambitious girl, hostess in a New Orleans dance hall, pretty Lily finds hard-bitten Army Sergeant Paulsen among her patrons and fires him with ambition, too.

Paulsen is a career soldier. His men may yearn for civilian life but he, in his mid-30s, with no family connections, likes running a company.

Yet when the boys meet girls, he feels a secret envy for a way of life he believes he ought to enjoy and believes might be superior to his if he could enter into it and experience it.

Lily opens this door for him, but the more he learns to appreciate it, the more apparent it becomes that her ambition is not the same as his.

Yosef avoids the grand and spectacular and is painstakingly careful not to force a plot on his material. But there's a fine nostalgic bitter-sweet flavor to this short novel by a warm-hearted novelist.

Athenian Adventure: With Alarums and Excursions. By C. P. Lee. Knopf. \$4.

For the academic season 1955-56, Arkansas-born Lee was in Athens as a Fulbright professor. He'd heard of the Acropolis no doubt, the three fundamental orders of architecture, and Pindar and Xenophon—he even mentions this pair so he must have heard of them.

But he couldn't care less, or so he amiably pretends, and he lived not as a tourist, or sightseer, or visiting VIP, but in so far as he could, as a Greek.

He went where the "Blue Guides" did not say to go. He rented an apartment, sat in the people's cafes, drank their turpentine wine, patronized street hawkers, traveled by bus and second-class accommodations. And everywhere he got into conversations with his maid, the waiter, the policeman.

Out of his unstrained but purposeful living he has collected a wonderful fund of information about the Greeks—their church, politics, speech, food, their immense practicality.

This is a quiet and unassuming book, but in its way and of its kind you'll hunt far before you'd find more charm and grace and wit. You could skip Lee's Greece, but don't skip Lee.

Smile a While

"What steps," a question in a college exam read, "would you take in determining the height of a building, using an aneroid barometer?" To which one student, short on knowledge, but long on ingenuity, replied, "I would lower the barometer on a string and measure the string."

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