

The Experts Speak

Town officials got the word "straight from the horse's mouth", so to speak, Wednesday afternoon when two representatives of the Institute of Government spoke to them on town zoning and planning.

Beaufort's town clerk, Dan Walker, is to be commended for inviting the representatives. Usually, he explained, they don't care to speak to officials of just three or four towns. They prefer meetings in a town where representatives of many towns can attend. We appreciate the graciousness of Mrs. Ruth Mace and Mr. Philip Green Jr. in consenting to visit here.

One of the consultants was told of a recent incident in this area where two property owners were in controversy. They went to the board of adjustment. The board heard the complaints and then announced that it could do nothing until the persons themselves reached an agreement.

If that is the position a board of adjustment takes, the need for a board of adjustment lessens considerably. The institute representative said the board is empowered to work out a solution and offer it to the arguing property owners. If either one doesn't want to accept the decision, he may resort to the courts. For a board of adjustment to put the burden of solution on the property owners is ridiculous. The property owners are not as familiar with zoning laws as the board of adjustment, theoretically, is.

Beaufort, at present, is faced with a decision as to the route Highway 70 shall take when it reaches Live Oak

Street. Some want it to go beyond Live Oak to the east and then rejoin Highway 70 at a point north of town beyond the school.

Mr. Green said that deflection of a major highway around a school can save lives. At present, the Highway 70 and Mulberry Street intersection at the school is terribly congested. Businesses in that area, however, are dead set against the highway going other than by their door.

It is interesting how, in many places, businesses are anxious to get off main thoroughfares into quiet, parking-space-rich shopping areas. But here, evidently, this philosophy has not penetrated. Downtown Beaufort, at first, didn't want Highway 70 "way back" on Cedar Street. Fortunately, that's where the highway is going.

It has always been our contention that people who want to shop will go "out of their way" to the store or shopping area they have in mind as long as that area is accessible to an automobile!

The Institute of Government representatives also said that towns, legally, can set aside tax funds for "capital improvement" such as taking in new areas and supplying them with sewer lines and street lights. It was their opinion too that Highway 70, for example, could be "area zoned", along both sides from Beaufort to Cedar Island to assure pleasant surroundings for tourists passing through.

If this meeting answered just one question for each town represented, it was worthwhile. We think it did that.

4-H and You

Mrs. Josephine Stanton McCabe, extension secretary in the office of Mrs. Floy Garner, 4-H advisor, is guest editorial writer today. Her editorial, on 4-H work, follows:

Four-H'ers are wonderful people! Do you know any of these fine boys and girls here in our county, personally? Well, if your answer to that is no, I suggest, as one who does know them, that you acquaint yourself with them, and soon. Our 4-H'ers range in age from 10 to 18 or 19, and are to be found in every community in our county.

There are 4-H boys and girls at Cedar Island, and there are 4-H'ers at Stella, and that is about as far east and west as you can travel within our county boundaries. We also have some from Craven County who attend school in Beaufort. They hail from Bachelor and North Harlowe.

Our 4-H'ers go to school at Newport, Camp Glenn, Morehead City, Beaufort, Smyrna, Harkers Island, and Atlantic. They total over 1,200 strong, and they are all busy, active, interested and interesting young people.

This week, the 4-H club boys and girls in our county are joining with 4-H'ers all over the nation in the observance of National 4-H Club Week. This is the time set aside each year to inform the public of the objectives and value of 4-H Club work and to deepen the loyalties of its members. The boys and girls, themselves, are telling the people about the wonderful opportunities offered them, through the 4-H Club organization.

Perhaps, you, like so many others, have always thought that 4-H Clubs were for farm boys and girls exclusively. In the beginning, this was true, but not any more. Times have brought about changes in 4-H.

Today, there are thousands of urban and rural non-farm boys and girls, actively engaged in 4-H Club work. Four-H Club work has given and is giving millions of youth an opportunity to improve their lives through a program that has been planned for them, and one that meets their needs. Club work has made a definite contribution to the strength of the nation, and it is with pride that 4-H Club members and those of us who work with them, honor their organization during this week.

It has been interesting and revealing to note during the ten years I have been associated with our 4-H'ers, that some of them go to the top, some of them get about half-way to the top, and others never get out of low gear.

These last ones are no less bright, no less interested, no less enthusiastic. Their lack is not in themselves, but in their parents.

They do not have and cannot gain the interest and cooperation of their parents, and this one lack impedes their progress, dulls their enthusiasm and initiative, kills their interest to such a degree that they simply cannot go forward.

Those boys and girls who do reach the top in 4-H (or other work), will tell you that they could never make it without the interest, cooperation and enthusiasm of their parents. Those who just get half-way to the top, usually make an excellent start. They work faithfully and diligently, keeping their project record books up to date, and meeting the requirements for completion.

Maybe they win out in some county contest, and are supposed to represent the county in district competition, or state competition. This, of course, will take them away from home for a short period of time, and will probably cost a little money. Here is where they meet with their parents' lack of interest and cooperation.

They (the parents) "don't mind" their child's belonging to 4-H, but that is as far as they go. They are not interested in investing a little of their money and time to help their child develop his talents and abilities.

So — the parents' cooperation IS necessary if the 4-H'er is to succeed. But they need even more than that. They need an adult leader — at least one — in each community, to help them with their project work, and to strengthen the link that connects them with the other 4-H'ers in their community and the other clubs in the county.

The 4-H motto is "To Make the Best Better". The 4-H'ers are willing to strive to reach the top. Are you willing to help them?

The International Labor Organization of the United Nations works to improve standards of living around the world by teaching workers, employees and governments how to produce more and better goods, with no competitive advantage resulting from underpaid labor. Sparked by American labor, it has pioneered in exposing such violations of human freedom as slave labor which exists in many communist countries.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE WON WITH BOTH HANDS



Ruth Peeling

Nobody Mentions It Any More...

It seems very peculiar — haven't heard a thing about Mel West for the longest time.

Like I said, if . . .
● Mel really was out there on the ocean and if . . .

● he did run into trouble, he should have written a note, tell what was happening to him, put it in a bottle and throw it overboard.

Then maybe somewhere it would have washed up on a shore and we would know what happened to him. That's considering he was out there in the first place.

Of course, someone could play what they would think was a very funny joke, write a note allegedly from Mel West, put it in a bottle, throw it overboard and then watch the excitement when someone finds it.

At present a man by the name of John Bremer is making a 10,000-mile round trip from New York, circumnavigating North America in an 18-foot New Bern-built outboard motorboat.

Bremer, with his traveling companion, Kai Petersen, stopped at New Bern the latter part of January.

Bremer, who at that time did not know that West was off on a second trip, had a few comments to make about the Morehead City adventurer.

He termed West's first trip "a foolish, ill-planned stunt."

"Everything I tried to do, that guy was thrown at me," Bremer told a New Bern newspaper reporter. He was referring to his own efforts to promote financial backing for his round-the-continent trip.

He said the boating industry was damaged by West's voyage and the publicity that ensued.

"I'd bet \$5 I could make Bermuda in a 16-foot outboard," Bremer ventured, "but I'd take plenty of time for planning and plenty of gas. And I'd make sure the weather was right before I started."

Bremer, 35, is a writer and lecturer. He is under contract to Life magazine for the story and pictures of his voyage. He and his companion, who is 26, left Manassquan, N. J., Jan. 22, after their craft was displayed at the National Boat Show in New York.

They put in at Swansboro and made the side trip to New Bern to wait for engineers who were arriving to adjust crystals in their ship to shore radio equipment.

The name of their boat is the Explorer (no close kin to the American satellite). From Swansboro they went along the inland waterway to Florida, from there to Key West and Havana. Their itinerary includes a brief stop on the Mexican coast, then south to the Panama Canal, up the Pacific coast, and enter the Bering Strait to negotiate the fabled Northwest Passage in early summer.

They plan to reach Point Barrow, Alaska, by July 1 and get back to New York in August.

By Bremer's estimate, half the trip has been underwritten by major manufacturers. He and Petersen pooled resources for the rest of the expense, counting on proceeds of lectures, movies, tv appearances, a radio and magazine contract to make up the deficit.

Bremer and Petersen have a framed sign which reads, "This is a non-profit organization. It was not planned to be that way, but it is."

A new magnolia tree has been declared United States champion. It's a magnolia grandiflora standing in the front yard of Paul M. Myers, Pascagoula, Miss.

The championship was established by the American Forestry Association of Washington, D. C. The tree trunk's circumference is 13 feet 7 inches; height of the tree is 32 feet and its spread is 92 feet. It replaces the former grand champion of southern magnolias, a tree in Florida which died.

No estimate has been reported on the age of the tree, but it has probably seen scores of generations come and go.

The Swiss liner, Aross Sky, sailed from New York on a cruise Thursday. It will sail from Wilmington on a Caribbean cruise March 17.

Author of the Week



Arnold Toynbee, author of "An Historian's Approach to History," is a native of London, a Balliol man, and an author of an impressively long list of books, culminating in his "A Study of History," which began in 1939 and wound up 16 volumes and two decades later. He has been a consultant and spokesman for Britain in international conferences following both wars.

Just in Passing . . .

The only people you should want to get even with are those who have helped you.

These trying times are the good old days we will be longing for a few decades hence.

Every time you give someone a piece of your mind, you merely add to your own vacuum.

Louise Spivey

Words of Inspiration

Guess I might be a wee bit jealous of Mrs. Theo B. Finney, Sea Level Hospital anesthetist shown in this picture. She has been invited to attend special lectures, movies, tours of hospitals and research organizations in New York City, March 3-6.

This wonderful opportunity is sponsored by The American College of Surgeons for nurse anesthetists.

Mrs. Finney came to Sea Level with her two daughters, Michele and Patty, on Sept. 1, to fill the position of anesthetist that I had held since the opening of the hospital.

My hours are pretty well taken up and I had not had the opportunity to visit with her again until today.

This opportunity came about by necessity. Dr. Luther Fulcher had suggested that I have an electrocardiograph and a sedimentation test. I don't think my complaints could be caused by old age, although they probably are.

My, how the hospital has changed and all for the better. I was particularly thankful for the completely equipped "recovery room" where all patients are taken and closely watched until fully awake from anesthesia.

I can really appreciate those beds in there that can be placed in any position by the turn of a handle. I can remember, through the years, having to use blocks or a stool when elevation was necessary during shock. The time has passed when oxygen has to be brought from another room, for in the "recovery room", it is always there on one side of the bed, the suction machine on the other. The cabinets are filled with life-saving stimulants and sterile syringes ready for use. Everything within reach when the need arises.

There in the x-ray room, I saw a new portable x-ray machine. So many times I have wished for one when a patient was injured and couldn't be moved without great pain. Many times it is needed in surgery. I was so thankful to see it there.

The new wing where Dr. Herbert Webb and Dr. Harold Peacock hold their daily clinics I believe to be second to none anywhere . . . clean . . . beautiful . . . complete.

Many new faces have been added to the personnel, among these was pretty Mary Lou Norwood, RN of Morehead City, a graduate of UNC. Her warm smile and efficiency is surely an asset to the clinic of which she is in charge.

As I was examined and visited, I thought about how lucky we of Carteret County are to have two fine hospitals available to us. Morehead City Hospital serving our western area and Sea Level Hospital the eastern section.

It is good to know that our own good doctors have the necessary facilities for their diagnostic use right here in Carteret County. Our doctors and our hospitals together represent a good chance of recovery when we are ill.

It is wonderful to see a young girl wearing a nurse's uniform, "back home", serving her community. Guess if I were really jealous, I'd begin with Mary Lou, instead of Mrs. Finney, although I really would like to go with her to New York.

Wasn't it Nathan Hale who said "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country?" I can truthfully say that "I regret that I have but one life to give to my profession."

One of the ABC officers in this section tells about the colored lady who was suspected of selling bootleg whiskey. This was in Kinston, I think.

The officers went to the house frequently, trying to find the moonshine, but no luck.

Finally, the last time, the officers were warned not to let the lady out of their sight. They were to keep her with them from the moment they entered the house until they got her to the jail.

So they did. At the jail she was searched and in her bosom was found a two-quart hot water bottle filled with — you guessed it, moonshine.

When a customer came to the house, she opened her blouse, poured out the shot, and covered up the evidence again. This was very handy, because in a raid, she could ask to "be excused" pour out the whiskey and few would suspect an empty water bottle if it were found!

There's a tv program called The Price is Right. The first mate looks at it all the time. She drools all the time, too, over the things they give away.

One of Carteret's well-known citizens decided he would bid on the gifts being given away. The person who bids closest to the value of the gifts, without exceeding the value, wins. So he sent in a whole mess of postcards, a different price on each.

He didn't watch the program the night the winner was announced. He was at his office.

About 10 o'clock he got a call from his wife.

"You won, dear," she said. "I did?" he asked happily.

"Yes, you've won the vice-presidency of the PTA!"

Seems as though the PTA met that night and the gentleman, in absentia, was elected to office.

And then there was the girl graduate, who sighed: "Four years at college, and whom has it got me?"

When they were running short on natural gas in Macon, Ga., during the freeze week before last, a radio station kept broadcasting a request that listeners turn down their thermostats five degrees so the gas supply would hold out.

Toward the end of the day a listener phoned the station. She said, "I've been turning down the thermostat five degrees every time you asked. It's now 40 degrees in my house and I'm getting sick and tired of it."



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