Carteret County's Newspaper

**EDITORIALS** 

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## Mills Fight for Survival

Cheaply produced Japanese textile products are seriously threatening the South's textile industry. This hits close to home. One of the county's few industrial enterprises is the shirt factory at Morehead City.

Mrs. J. W. Jackson, manager of the Morehead City Garment Co., comments that medium-priced apparel such as their shirt product, has not been affected to a great extent at present, but this situation is soon expected to change for the worse.

"The manufacturers of lower-priced garments have been greatly affected." Mrs. Jackson reports. "And in time, Japanese labor will develop quality standards on par with the West in manufacturing of apparel, as they have in the manufacturing of piece goods.

"The last figures we received," Mrs. Jackson continues, "on wages being paid in Japan was 13 cents per hour . . ."

The textile industry is justly complaining. The Reciprocal Trade Act as conceived by the late Cordell Hull is not being followed in the instance of cotton. Under a reciprocal agreement a foreign nation would sell us what it had in abundance, and which we needed. In pay it would take what we had in overabundance and what it needed.

But Japan takes United States cotton, which it needs - at a cut-rate price - and ships back cotton goods which we do not need. Japan buys cotton at 7 cents per pound less than

American manufacturers have to pay for it. Then they have to manufacture it under work, hour and wage standards at almost 10 times the cost in Japanese factories.

An uncommonly bad United States cotton year has brought a serious shortage of the better grades of cotton. American mills are compelled to buy domestic cotton at high governmentsupported prices and cannot buy on the world market.

What the textile manufacturers can't swallow is that the government in the past year has sold millions of bales of surplus cotton abroad at 20 per cent below the cost to United States mills.

Japanese textile inroads are striking at the very heart of southeast's industrial economy. Since World War II South Carolina has become the No. 1 textile state. North and South Carolina process about half of the nation's fiber. cotton and synthetics. With Georgia and Alabama, these four states account for about three-fourths of the nation's textile production.

United States mills are in their tightest price squeeze since 1952. According to Henry Lesesne, reporting for the New York Herald Tribune, the textile industry wants more cotton grown and a single competitive price for BOTH United States and foreign mills.

The textile industry does not fear fair competition, but it rightfully opposes unfair foreign competition created and subsidized by the United States government.

## Government Strikes Again

regulation are now reaching down even farther into private business op-

Advertising is deductible on income tax returns as a business expense. But now, at the behest of both House and Senate committees, the Internal Revenue Service has told power companies that advertising setting forth the issues between private and public power is not income tax deductible.

In other words, the government is penalizing private enterprise for telling its side of the story in the ever-increasing invasion of federal concerns into the power business.

This means, in effect, that ANY private business which has to compete with a government-owned or operated enterprise cannot explain the issues. It just has to sit back and submit to rape by the federal government.

There are 2,500 government "businesses" of the industrial and commercial type financed by tax funds totaling \$15 billion, according to the Hoover Commission.

These government businesses operate under all sorts of favorable con- competition.

The insidious claws of government ditions, including tax exemptions. In addition, they benefit by a lot of the free-mail propaganda that pours out of government offices daily.

The very committees in Congress that are landing on free enterprise with both feet publicize the federal power point of view free. With committee reports and interviews, they spread their views far and wide.

But privately-owned power companies, who are willing and eager to PAY to do this, cannot do it and deduct the cost as a legitimate business ex-

Every citizen of the country suffers when government takes over more and more of private industry's services, and then penalizes private enterprise for trying to do business. The citizen now, in taxes and in high prices paid to government-owned businesses, is paying through the nose.

Private industry has the right and duty to inform the public about issues that affect the economic well-being of that industry. The recent ruling by the Internal Revenue Service raps industry's knuckles for doing its best to stay in business in the face of government

#### The Proverbial Woman

(From the Irish Digest)

ried, buried or shut up in a convent.

There never was a mirror that told a woman she was ugly.

- French proverb

Women rouge that they may not blush. - Italian proverb

Many women would rather be beautiful than good. - German proverb

The cunning wife makes her hus-

A buxom widow must be either mar- band her apron. - English proverb

An unscolded wife, like an uncut millstone, does not go easily. - Rumanian proverb

Don't kiss a homely maid - she'll brag of it. - Asiatic proverb

A woman either loves or hates; there is no third course. - Latin proverb

A young wife should be in her house

but a shadow and an echo.

- Chinese proverb

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## Security for You ...

From C.E.M. of San Bernardino, Calif.: "My father died last year at 58. He had worked for a rail-road for nearly 33 years. When can my mother start drawing a pension from the railroad? She has already been paid a lump sum for burial expenses from Railroad

Retirement."
Your mother can't start drawing a widow's annuity under Rail-road Retirement until she is 60. However, she can draw a "residual" lump sum before 60, if she gives up all rights to her annuity which she would otherwise start drawing at 60. This is a course which should be taken only as a last resort and after talking it over with an official of the nearest Railroad Retirement office.

From N.E. of Woonsocket, R.I.: "My father-in-law is 62. Because of a bad heart attack he hasn't been able to work for the past two years. Is he eligible for any Social Security payments? He has worked under Social Security since

It's possible that your father-in-law is eligible for Social Security disability payments now. He or a close relative should get in touch with the local Social Security of-fice immediately and make ar-rangements to file for disability

From R.P. of Washington, D. C.: "I have been working for the federal government for nearly 17 years and have been paying into retirement fund for the entire period. My wife must have a serious operation which will cost me a considerable amount of money. Hospitalization covers some of the cost, but not all of it. Would it be possible to borrow some money from the retirement fund and pay it back in installments?

From H.B.W. of Parsons, Kan.:

drawing Social Security old age payments for some time. Due to a fall, I've been totally disabled for the past nine months. I keep hearing about these Social Security disability payments. Is it possible for me to collect both old age and disability payments from Social Security? I need the mon-

No. Disability payments are paid only to persons who have worked the required time under Social Security and who become disabled between 50 and 65. After 65 a person is only eligible for old age

From F.L. of Alliance, Ohio: "I don't have a birth certificate to prove my age. However, I do have ome union records and an old life insurance policy which show my age. Will my Social Security office accept this as proof of my

age?"

In all probability, such proof will be accepted. But, this is something your Social Security office must decide after you present it. with the records.

From Mrs. A. B. of Albany, N. Y.: "My husband died several months ago and I collected the Social Security lump sum death payment. Recently, I heard that I can also collect up to \$150 in a lump sum payment from the Vet-erans Administration to pay toward the cost of my husband's burial. He was a World War I veteran. Is there such a thing as a veteran's lump sum payment?" Yes, and you have the amount correct. You should apply immediately through the nearest Vet-

(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

# Free Wheeling

By BILL CROWELL

STYLE . . . Auto builders say womenfolk are exerting an ever in-creasing pressure on future style trends. In fact, the original glove compartment, assist straps, inside lighting, carpeting to cover floorboards, ample luggage space and

ocards, ampie luggage space and even the non-skid tire, can all be labeled to some extent as early examples of the "woman's touch." Since the woman is becoming more and more of a car user -about one third of all car drivers in the country are women — the automobile comes under her scru-tiny more often and evokes sug-gestions stimulated by her practi-cal and fashion-conscious instincts.

Manufacturers are cocking an at-Manufacturers are cocking an attentive ear to such suggestions. "Women want a car that is easy to handle," most builders agree. The newer models, therefore, are lower, lighter and leaner-looking. Power assists — in steering, brakes, seat adjustment, window lifts — permit driving with effortless ease.

Automatic transmissions alone have simplified driving for women

Automatic transmissions alone have simplified driving for women tremendously — no gears to shift, no clutch to worry about.

Every automobile company is paying close attention to the distaff side of today's market. Teams of skilled market research analysts can almost read milady's mind before she forms the budding thought. What other suggestions have women made? Larger back-up lights, wider doorways for more graceful entry and exit, more adjustable sun visors, glove drawers to replace the conventional compartment, and two ashtrays in the front seat so that the woman, as driver or passenger, will not have far to reach. Any of tirese improvements can be found on current automobiles.

And there are more indications

that the manufacturer has a wary

eye on the designing female. A door-button was redesigned to eliminate the possibility of its breaking a ladylike fingernail. Steering wheels were lowered and slanted, and "picture" windows were added to allow the smaller panel controls were regroup bringing them nearer for shorter arm.

An important safety feature was adjustment of the power brake to the same level as the accelerator pedal, enabling the attractively shod foot to pivot easily on its high

heel from one pedal to the other. To aid her in the role of mother stylists and engineers equipped cars with safety locks, padding on the dashboard, electrical outlets for baby bottle warmers, and rubber, plastic and other materials from which she can easily clean away the tiny foot and hand prints on floor, seat and sidewalls.

Some of these developments were demanded by women, such as the adjustable driver's seat; some were offered by the knowing manufac-turer, such as the delicately-shaded names given to car colors.

All of them appeal to women, and help drive home the fact that and help drive home the fact that the little woman has her foot plant-ed firmly in the garage door.

The menfolk don't seem to mind at all, and the manufacturer's attitude is summed up in the Spanish proverb: "Women's advice is of little value, but he who does not take it is a fool."

#### Just in Passing ...

About the only things a man can count on these days are his fingers and toes.

## From the Bookshelf

Prelude to Independence: The Newspaper War on Britain 1764-1776. By Arthur M. Schlesinger.

Compared to the great modern the Colonial press wasn't much. Valiant editors and publish ers, having a hard time making ends meet, willingly bartered sub scriptions for grain or firewood. Their four-page sheets were smaller than our tabloids, the fine type strained the eye, and the crude presses ran off, or rather walked, only 200 pages an hour.

Yet this press, despite its physical failings, despite the penalties laid on it by the arrogant British, and despite its inexperience and lack of a guiding tradition, helped us most importantly to throw off the yoke of King and Parliament and achieve liberty, or in Schlesinger's words:

"The movement (toward Independence) could hardly have succeeded without an ever alert and dedicated press."

We had no press at all until about 60 years before history sum-moned it to its momentous task. The first real paper, says Schles-inger, was the Boston News-Letter, founded in 1704 by John Campbell. By 1764 the Colonies had 23, from Portsmouth, N. H., as far south as Wilmington, N. C., and Savannah, Ga. In 1775 there were 38

Skeptical Neighbors

Boston sparked the drive for in-dependence, and did not always win the support of other cities. Its jubilation over the Tea Party was countered in Philadelphia by chilling regrets over vandalism; its an-guished cries of "Massacre!"—a kind of yellow-journalism description of an encounter between a mob and Preston's panicky soldiers, Schlesinger says—were not echoed elsewhere, New York for instance omitting the word "masacre" it-

The press, with its passion for liberty, was not invariably a stickler for accuracy, either. Boston Whigs broadcast a "Journal of Occurrences" which amounted to almost wholly imaginary atrocity yarns, but which whipped up laudable patriotic emotions am readers of many papers that did not balk at printing them.

Notable Scope

But the positive accomplishment an early historian's claim that "in establishing American indepen-dence, the pen and the press had a merit equal to that of the sword."

dence, for a Bill of Rights, for a Continental Congress—which incidentally had no editor on its benches-and it paved the way for pamphleteering Thomas Paine. The Pennsylvania Evening Post

scooped the world in printing the full text of the Declaration of Independence, on July 6, though by the end of the month almost 30 other newspapers had carried it.

In sum the press in those hectic times greatly increased its in-fluence, and established its posifluence, and established its posi-tion as an opinion-maker. And we also have it to thank for seizing upon and holding fast to freedom of utterance and for teaching us that this freedom, Schlesinger con-cludes, is always being threatened and that it can be preserved only if we work for it.

ence itself, was the Revolutionary generation's greatest legacy to the American people."

-W. G. Rogers

### Smile a While

"A fine time to come in," storma wife to her spouse as he stumbled in at 4 a.m. "I want an explanation, and I want the truth,"
"Make up your mind, my dear—you can't have both."

- Montreal Star

# Words of Inspiration

I'm sure that many parents have been thinking about school as they

watch their small ones celebrate their fifth birthdays.

I understand that pre-school clinics are not too far away, so young parents must watch for notices so you will know when the clinic is to be

held in the school your child will attend. Our state law requires that school children be immunized against

diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus (one shot) and smallpox.

In most cases the children have already had these immunizations,

(three shots one month apart), and only a booster is required. With school come more chances for exposure to communicable diseases. To help prevent illness, check on other immunizations (polio,

On pre-school day, when you go to register your child, it is always especially nice for him to have completed all immunizations, especially diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus (sometimes called combination or

triple) and smallpox. It makes his first school day a lot happier. would suggest that all parents who possibly can, take their preschool child to the family doctor for his required immunizations and examination before pre-school day. Your doctor will give you a certificate with his report that you can take to school for your child's record. Parents should be ready on pre-school day to answer these and other

1. What immunizations has your child been given? When?

2. Has he ever been seriously ill? Has he ever had chicken pox, measles, mumps, whooping cough?
 Does he have any handicap? If so, what is being done to correct it?

How can the school help?

5 Present his birth certificate.

Should you go to your family doctor for the immunizations, have him check his height, weight, posture, vision, hearing, tonsils, to be sure they are within normal limits. Ask him also to check him for hernia (rup-

Have your dentist go over his teeth again.

Often school beginners' problems can be traced to some defect. To get the most out of school, he needs to be physically ready for it. There are many pre-school children with minor speech defects. It is very important in these cases for parents to remember to speak clearly

and slowly, to give him your full attention when he talks. On pre-school day you will see many organizations working together. Your doctor and nurses from the local health department will be there completing the immunization program. They will be assisted in many schools by local community doctors helping with the examinations. The PTA is always represented and does a wonderful job keeping order and serving refreshments.

This should be a happy day for the pre-school child and parents, as you visit classrooms, meet the first grade teachers, and visit your school.

On this day, as you hold the small hand of your pre-school child, together you will open a new door of life. Twelve wonderful years lie ahead, filled with greater opportunities than our world has ever known.

#### F. C. Salisbury

## Here and There

The following information is The Rev. Mr. Levister was in taken from the files of the More-charge of the Graham Academy head City Coaster:

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1919

Mrs. Pearl Ball returned to the city Sunday after spending the weekend in New Bern with her parents.

Miss Grace Bloodgood, a student Miss Grace Bloodgood, a student of Louisburg College, is spending a few days here visiting relatives.

The Misses Eugenie Wade and Neille Willis spent the weekend in Kinston visiting relatives.

Miss Varona Roberts left Wednesder, or Poetsworth Va. where

nesday for Portsmouth, Va., where she will spend some time with her sister Mrs. Harvey Styron. Dr. C. S. Maxwell of Beaufort, recently discharged from the Ar-

my, passed through the city Thurs-day afternoon enroute to Greens-G. L. Arthur Jr., who has been

sick in Raleigh, arrived in the cit; Thursday to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Alton, the three-year-old son of Will Moore Willis, was seriously burned Wednesday morning of last

week when a coal stove, filled with gas, exploded, the flames striking the little fellow in the face. The Misses' Nannie Wade and Ruth Davis left Saturday for Ra-

leigh where they will resume their Miss Marina Pigott of New Bern passed through the city Saturday enroute to Gloucester where she was called to the bedside of her

Dr. Leedom Sharp and family have moved into their new home at 1300 Arendell St., which was recently purchased from the Cox estate. Dr. Sharp's office will be

at his new home.

Mrs. Mildred Levister, wife of the Rev. Charles Levister, Cam-den, N. J., died at the family

at Marshallberg for several years. More than \$165 was cleared by

Hose Company No. 2 at the basket supper and dance held at the Atlantic Hotel. The money raised will be used for furnishing the recreation room at Firehouse No.

Dewey Willis and C. M. Wade this week bought the stock and fixtures of the Co-Operative Store and D. B. Willis and company and will conduct a first class family grocery store at 9th and Arendell

Hop Sing, the Chinaman who conducts Morehead City's only laundry, has recently installed an washing machine of the

latest type.

Carteret County and especially
Morehead City is to be congratulated upon the fact that William
M. Webb of this city has been appointed private secretary to Hon. S. M. Brinson, Congressman from the Third District.

Morehead City's new policeman, Ira Willis, is not so popular with speed fiends, as he keeps a close watch upon their cars and when driver exceeds the limit he is

One good thing about the present session of the legislature, More-head City got through the bill for a new school building. Carteret County's \$500,000 road bill was also

come to Morehead City is a Coca Cola Bottling plant. This enter-prise will be conducted by D. B. Willis, a young and well-known business man of the city. It will employ several persons.

The death of James Washington

Willis, age 76, occurred in the city on March 1. He was born in Carteret County, the son of the late Benjamin D. and Carolina Willis. a merit equal to that of the sword." home in that city. She was a sis-It spoke out first for Indepen-ter of L. E. Wickicer of this city. in 1906.

## Stamps in the News

A 45-lire red brown stamp has been issued by Italy to honor Rome's famed ancient author and orator Cicero. The bust of Cicero which appears on the stamp is now in the Vatican Museum in Rome. It is the first time Cicero has ever been honored on a pos-

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced a change in the issuance date for the Universal and International Exhibition of Brussels stamp.

The commemorative will be re-leased at Detroit on April 17 in-stead of April 15 to conform with the revised opening of the Belgian exhibition

Israel is sponsoring an inter-national art competition for a new series of three or four stamps. It is open to all artists. First prize is \$1,000 (U.S. currency), second prize is \$500 and third \$250. Further information and speci-mens of illustrations are available by writing Philatelic Services, Je-rusalem, Israel.

The A.S.D.A. Midwest Postage

Stamp Show will be held March 14-16 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chi-cago. This year's show will em-phasize the friendship between the Republic of Ireland and the United

consul of the Irish Free State has made available a collection of Irish stamps for a special

Ghana has issued a new set of stamps commemorating the first anniversary of its independence (March 6). The half pence shows the Hotel Ambassador and full color flag of Ghana.

The 2½ d depicts the opening of Parliament and full color flag of Ghana. The 1/3 d pictures the National Monument and flag. The 2 shillings bears Ghana's coat of arms and the flag.

Several new stamps have been issued by Iraq. A new 3 fils red adhesive is an entirely new design showing the King's full face portrait.

Four stamps in one set were issued to honer Army Day. These showed tanks, guns, planes and other military equipment. A new set due in April will commemorate Development Week.

**Louise Spivey**