

Streets Get Face-Lifting

Work has started on widening 5th Street, Morehead City, between Arendell and Evans.

The project has been undertaken by the town to provide all-day parking space for fishing parties.

A place for sports fishermen to park their cars has always posed a problem. Evans Street is narrow and parking is permitted on one side only. If it were otherwise, there would be no space for two-way traffic.

Fifth Street is being widened to permit diagonal parking on the east side. Since charter boat parties leave before sun-up, it is highly unlikely that persons other than fishermen will beat the fishermen to the parking space.

The town is providing the labor and

equipment to widen the street and waterfront businesses are paying for the materials.

This is another one of the projects being carried out by the street department, G. E. Sanderson, commissioner, in conjunction with suggestions by other commissioners. It will go a long way toward making the town more attractive to sports fishermen.

The street department has been very busy. Grass has been seeded along the railroad tracks, now the 5th Street project is under way and Commissioner Sanderson has not forgotten the promise to the folks from W. S. King School.

By school-time in the fall, he maintains, Bay Street approaching the school, which is usually a sea of mud, will be improved.

In a Garden, Silence Speaks

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

A blooming garden in the spring is, indeed, a joy. Spring does not last forever, nor do the blooms. But the memory is sweet and thrilling and forever new if you can recall how the tiny red buds of the apple tree looked against the singing blue of a spring sky...

how the daffodils, looking up, reflected sun from their trumpet cup... how the water sings as it trickles over rock and feeds a pool that reflects the green wonder of the season...

blue and white violets, fearing not that they be overshadowed by other blooms more brilliant, cuddle close to the fragrant earth...

judas trees, the lush color of crushed purple grape, weave a blazing pattern beneath the green of pine...

how suddenly and vividly comes the artist called Spring!

Boughs heaped with the snow of bloom are the flowering crabapple's reason for being...

the weeping cherry, in delicate pink blush, throws a mantle of lace over brown twigs that recently shivered 'neath ice...

resplendent red tulips emerge from a brown tomb, a fiery promise of resurrection...

bridal wreath shimmers in its gown of white...

yellow jasmine throws a kiss to a passing cloud...

a wee tot leans toward a fountain, for spring spells fascination for old and young...

a cardinal leaves off his shrill whistle and sings a new song to his mate-to-be; so thrilled is he with the day and the hour that each feather trembles as he ends the chorus...

ring golden bells of forsythia, shout new leaves in the sun...

spring has tumbled from a meadow in heaven...

and a caressing zephyr keeps reminding you that God truly lives in a garden.

Simmer Down, Jim

(Greensboro Daily News)

The ozone up around the throne gets pretty rarified. White House Press Secretary Hagerty is one of those who has inhaled so deeply that it's gone to his head.

Instead of remaining a tough newspaper reporter he has become a hypersensitive, stuffed-shirt bureaucrat who can't take kidding.

Mr. Hagerty has been given a ride by Art Buchwald, the New York Herald Tribune's clever columnist in Paris, in a "transcript" of a "briefing" held "late at night for reporters who couldn't sleep." The "man behind the microphone" arrived at 12:30 a.m. with the report that the President had gone to bed at 11:06. Some of the questions:

Q. Jim, whose idea was it for the President to go to sleep?

A. It was the President's idea. He was tired and decided to go to sleep.

Q. Did Sherman Adams or Dr. Snyder or the President's son suggest he go to sleep?

A. As far as I know, the President suggested the idea himself.

Q. Jim, did the President speak to anyone before retiring?

A. He spoke to the secretary of state.

Q. What did he say to the secretary of state, Jim?

A. He said, "Good night, Foster!"

Q. And what did the secretary say to the President?

A. He said, "Good night, Mr. President."

Q. Didn't the secretary say, "Pleasant dreams?"

A. Not to my knowledge...

Q. Jim, when the President went to sleep last night, how did he feel?

A. He was feeling chipper and in good spirits.

Q. How many blankets were on the bed?

A. I'm not sure. Maybe two or three. But certainly no more than he uses in Washington.

Q. Could we say three?

A. I better check that. I know three blankets were made available, but it's possible he didn't use all of them.

Q. One could have been kicked off during the night?

A. Yes, that could be possible, but it's unlikely.

Q. Was there a glass of water by the bed?

A. There was a glass of water and pitcher...

This is harmless enough. Yet Mr. Hagerty denounced it as "unadulterated rot" and said he "assumed" the New York Herald Tribune would give his remarks "equal play on the front page" next day.

What a ridiculous reaction. Fortunately, President Eisenhower had the right reaction. He laughed like mad and told Hagerty, "Simmer down, Jim, simmer down."

While Mr. Hagerty's reaction is downright silly, his straight-faced announcement that this was an imaginary interview is not hard to understand when you read some equally inane questions put to the presidential press secretary by the "working press."

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Ruth Peeling

Black Sow Follows Easter Bunny

It was pork on the hoof in our neighborhood Easter Monday morning.

About 7:30 Ruth Bell, next door, calls and asks me have I seen a pig in my yard. I informed her, no, I hadn't investigated the outside world as yet. Well, she said, there was a pig around and he was rooting up everything.

Now I immediately pictured a pig about the size of a half-grown boxer, only a bit fatter. Brother, was I in for a shock.

I looked out my back window and high-tailing it down through the yard was a black sow. She was a yard high, if she was an inch, black, muddy with a tail like a tangled rope. There was nothing corkscrew about that tail. And she wasn't very fat either. Looked lean and ready for a fight.

She kept going back into the woods. Whether she ever came back that day, I don't know, but she had already done enough damage. She didn't have to come back.

The Bell's yard looked as though someone had run a sod-breaking plow through it. The old sow tried my lawn but apparently it wasn't nearly as delicious as the Bell's. She tested in a few spots and quit.

Mean as she looked, if she had really gone to work on my yard, I would have gotten out my bow

and arrow and had pork on the plate instead of on the hoof that day.

There is more than one way to look at the bill introduced in Congress advocating turning of military aircraft, for repair, over to private industry. The proposal has been flatly opposed in almost every quarter in eastern Carolina.

Skinner Chalk, Morehead City, says, though, that we may be backing ourselves into a corner. Just suppose the O&R department were declared surplus at Cherry Point and it were taken over by a private aircraft company and operated right where it is. Mr. Chalk said that we would already have put ourselves on record as not wanting that done!

Then, of course, another view is that the federal government's annual bill of operation should be reduced, no matter what. Some think that putting repair of planes in private hands would be more economical.

Attempts to cut government expenses have never gotten very far. Most folks believe that as long as the federal government is handing money out, this section may as well get its share. Cherry Point is the biggest industry in a five-county area, including Carteret.

Without it, everybody would

have to go back to growing col-lards—or move elsewhere.

Members of the coroner's jury at the inquest on the Coast Guardsman's death took a deep interest in the proceedings. This was indicated by the questions they asked.

Most inquests I have covered have been like wakes. The jurors sit like mummies. Maybe they were afraid to ask questions. Maybe they were asleep. Maybe they didn't care. Perhaps all people were not satisfied with the outcome of the Rogers inquest. But if those who weren't satisfied had ever attended any of the previous inquests in this county, they would know that the Rogers jurors were superior to most.

The first type of odor killing equipment tried at the stickwater plant at Lenoxxville has been discarded, so they say. Now new equipment is going to be tried out.

A new voting precinct has been established in the county—Mansfield Park...

Dr. Leroy Burney, surgeon general of the United States, says polio will probably stage a comeback from its 1957 low. Epidemic years have always followed years of low incidence. He urges everyone under 40 to get Salk shots...

The smaller cars help solve one problem: parking space. In Washington, D. C., certain parking lots have set aside space for the little cars. Where once 18 average-sized cars were parked, 25 of the small variety can now be parked...

The brochure distributed by Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park shows a map of the park. It also shows how close Carteret County is to a tremendous tourist goldmine IF there were a car ferry between Ocracoke and Cedar Island. Right now the words at the edge of the map are "Passenger Toll Ferry to Atlantic". How long until they read "Car Toll Ferry to Atlantic"?

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

An aerial view of the United States Pavilion at Brussels will be featured on the 3-cent to be issued in Detroit on April 17. The stamp honors the opening of the Brussels Universal and International Exhibition.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations may send their addressed envelopes together with

money order remittances covering the cost of the stamps to Postmaster, Detroit 33, Mich. The outside envelope should be endorsed "First Day Cover Brussels Stamp."

On the following day, April 18, the 25-cent Paul Revere stamp of the 1954 "Liberty" postage series will be issued. It will first go on sale at Boston. The date coincides with the anniversary of Revere's famous ride to warn the countryside that the British were coming.

The stamp depicts a likeness of Revere reproduced from a portrait by Gilbert Stuart.

First day covers of the Revere stamp may be obtained by sending your addressed envelopes to Postmaster, Boston 9, Mass., together with money order covering the cost of the stamps to be affixed. The outside envelope to be marked "First Day Cover Paul Revere Stamp."

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Louise Spivay

Words of Inspiration

PARENTAL DELINQUENCY

Fathers and Mothers, just what are our duties in today's world? Should we continue to sit quietly by and wait for someone else to straighten out all of the problems in our communities, our schools, our state and our nation?

You know most of the solutions will be found right in the home, centered around fathers and mothers who have no greater love than that for their children.

There have been many guide books written to help parents rear their children. There was one theory, that babies should not be held and cooed by relatives; another, that all children should be free to express their own feelings, with no restraint. Making them control their emotions, or follow certain standards found to be best by their parents, we were told, would make them feel insecure... bah.

The best Book of Instructions, for both parent and child, that I have found is the book of Proverbs. As we read the Bible, we will find that down through the years fathers were always at the head of the household, looked up to, honored, and respected.

Before I go any farther, let me also say that a father can only fill this honored state at the head of his house by living a good example. It is difficult to teach a boy to be a careful driver when he rides with his father and sees him break every written traffic law. It is impossible for a father to teach sobriety if he drinks.

I believe that most mothers and fathers of our time have tried to do what they believed to be best for their children. They have worked and given, and given, and given, listened to the wise ones, recommend self-expression and the things they were sure would bring happiness to children.

Somewhere along the line, we have gotten our values all mixed up. I do not believe there is enough money in the world to furnish all the social workers, playgrounds, new schools, police officers, jails, and courts to take care of our growing number of delinquents. We do not need to learn how to take care of delinquents in Carteret County, we need to know how to keep from having them.

If there is one thing that a mother needs in rearing a child, it is the child's father. All of you know how mothers are, loving, soft-hearted, and can be out-talked by a teen-ager without too much trouble. Mother can tell Sally, age 15, to be in at 10 and Sally will quickly tell her that Mary, who lives next door and is just the same age, doesn't have to be in until 12. All that is needed is for Father to say, "Sally, what time did your Mother say for you to be in?" Sally tells him and then adds "But Father..." All father needs to say is, "Be very sure you are in at that time." Sally will recognize the authority in his voice, and I'll bet my bottom dollar she will be home at that time.

Young people respect authority, they thrive under discipline, learn best by example. It takes both parents to rear a child.

I think the biggest headache that I had for five long years was on Junior-Senior night. An established pattern has been set where the children stay out all night following the school dance. I fought as hard as I knew how to change this pattern but didn't get to first base.

At PTA some of the mothers thought those of us who were opposed were old fashioned and didn't trust our children as we should. MOTHERS, I said, where were the Fathers? Well, you know how it is, only a few ever attend PTA.

So we dressed our juniors and seniors in the finest, prettiest clothes we could afford, cleaned up the family car, filled it with gas; gave them a little more money than they even asked for, with our permission to stay out all night, and sometimes all weekend.

Should they get into trouble, we could just never understand how it could have happened!

A home where the father feels that it is the absolute duty of the mother to solve all problems, to keep the home life in order, to see that the children get their lessons, that she direct their spiritual life, and bring honor to his name — this home is not much better than one broken by divorce.

Blessed are the children who are born into homes where love abides, where both parents work together with the child, share his problems, share his dreams and teach him the responsibilities of life, realizing that he is an individual who is trying to learn to stand alone in a confused world.

There will be differences of opinion many times between parents. Blessed is the child whose parents will discuss or argue them out in privacy, never in the presence of the child.

Mother's duties to her children reach around the clock. She will always be there to guide and help her child when she is needed. Father has an important job to fill too. Mother needs him. His teen-agers need him desperately. They need his authority, his decisions, his discipline.

Many fathers are willing to work night and day to make more money, to keep raising the family standard of living; to supply Junior and Sister with too much spending money that they haven't earned; yet never raising a voice in parental guidance. Then when called to juvenile court, he will wring his hands and say "What in the world did I do wrong? I gave him everything."

The Country Parson once said, "Life, like a cake, can be ruined just as much by what we leave out of it as by what we put into it."

The cure for juvenile delinquency (parental or juvenile) is a lot like tuberculosis. We can do quite a lot to prevent having the disease, but the cure for far advanced cases is difficult, long, expensive, and oftentimes fatal.

This is the Law

By ROBERT E. LEE
For the N. C. Bar Association
ADVERSE POSSESSION

White inherited unoccupied land. Black, without the consent or knowledge of White, went into possession of the land and built a house thereon. He cultivated portions of the land and made pastures of the balance. He held himself out as the owner of the property.

Twenty-two years later White sold the land to an industrial corporation. May the corporation evict Black from the land?

No. Black has become the owner of the land under the doctrine of adverse possession.

Adverse possession is one of the methods of acquiring ownership to both real and personal property. Black now has the title to the property. If the corporation wants the land, it must pay to Black his selling price.

In North Carolina, ownership to real property may be acquired against the claims of individuals if the land has been held by an adverse possessor for a period of twenty years. The possession must be continuous, visible and notorious, hostile and adverse.

As against the State of North Carolina, where one relies upon adverse possession alone, the statutory period is thirty years.

An intentional wrongdoer may acquire title by adverse possession. If he entered and continued in possession with the consent of the true owner, the possessor would not be holding adverse and hostile; and, as a consequence, would not acquire ownership no matter how long his possession continued.

Allen owns a vacant lot. Baker, who actually has no legal rights in the land, tells Collins that he is the owner. For a price, Baker executes and delivers to Collins a deed to the lot. Collins immediately proceeds to build a house on

the lot and to occupy the same. Seven years later Allen brings a legal proceeding to evict Collins. May he do so?

No. If a person is in adverse possession of land under "color of title," he may acquire ownership in North Carolina as against the claims of individuals upon the expiration of seven years.

As against the State of North Carolina, where one relies upon adverse possession under "color of title," the statutory period is twenty-one years.

"Color of title" consists of a writing which, although inoperative as a conveyance, is believed by the occupant to constitute a valid conveyance. The purported conveyance may have been executed by one not having the title or may have not complied with the formalities required by law.

"Color of title" is not necessary when possession has been held adversely, against an individual for twenty years; but it is if the adverse possessor wants to claim the shorter statutory period of seven years.

Suppose in the case above that Collins had died after being in possession only four years. His heirs continued in possession after his death. Upon the expiration of seven years from the date of Collins' entry of possession, would his heirs become owners under "color of title"?

Yes. This is permissible under a doctrine known as "tacking." The heirs can "tack" their three years of adverse possession under "color of title" to the four years of Collins, thereby making a total of seven years.

How much better this world would be if we would let Opportunity do all the knocking.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The state's largest seaside resort, Atlantic Beach, was rapidly nearing completion and would be ready for visitors by June 1.

Beaufort Rotary Club was to receive its charter this week.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Smyrna High School won first place in the county track meet; Morehead placed second, Beaufort third and Newport fourth.

Newport residents were hoping the state bank commissioner would approve the re-opening of the Bank of Newport. They were planning to increase the stock to \$10,000 with an additional \$5,000 in reserve.

TEN YEARS AGO

Fire destroyed 350 acres of wood-

land in the county in the past week.

Alfred Cooper sold all his properties at Atlantic Beach with the exception of the Ocean King Hotel and Idle Hour Amusement Center for \$180,000 dollars.

The Beaufort fire department released its sole sponsorship of the baseball team but agreed to lend its help as a supporting body to any interested group.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Parker Motor Co. was celebrating its sixth birthday.

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