

A Floating Hotel...

Mr. Fred Clarkson of Pine Knoll Shores fame has come up with an idea that could completely change the convention business in this area. So we don't have enough hotels to handle a convention as large, perhaps, as Lions International... but why not bring in a luxury liner and use that as a hotel?

Mr. Clarkson recalls that this was done one year at Providence, R. I., for a large convention. That town could not provide enough hotel-on-land space for the delegates, so they provided hotels on the water.

Mr. Clarkson suggests that in the "off" season for certain liners, the company operating the liner would be interested in having the ship in use. Not only would it benefit the town having the convention but it would help advertise the lush living enjoyed on ship-board.

On many cruises to the Caribbean these days, the ship itself serves as the hotel for the persons making the cruise.

We believe Mr. Clarkson's idea merits immediate investigation. This falls within the province of the tourist and convention committee of the chamber of commerce.

Since our Pine Knoll Shores friend has had experience with this sort of thing, he probably has some suggestions on how to go about it.

The logical way seems to be to contact all lines operating passenger cruisers, give them data on the port (such as water depth, berthing facilities), ask whether they would consider sending a ship here for use as a hotel for several days, how many persons could their ship accommodate and what time of the year could it be made available?

If the steamship companies are interested, then the larger conventions should be vigorously solicited. Many convention-goers would be thrilled to live aboard ship rather than in the convention hotel. For those who don't, the hotels and motels of this area offer them the best in gracious accommodations.

The ship idea should not be considered for the smaller conventions where "land-based" motels and hotels can take care of convention delegates. It's the doorway to be considered for the "big ones" that heretofore have always gotten away.

Thanks Be!

The railroad crossings in Morehead City are in the best shape they have ever been — thanks to Southern Railway. The grass areas on either side of the railroad, from 11th Street west, got their first "clipping" last week and, if people would stop throwing trash on them, they would look better than ever, too.

The crossings were put in shape by a local contractor. W. L. Radford, general manager of Southern's Atlantic and East Carolina Railway, said the town was told to fix the crossings "the way you want them and we'll pay the bill".

The improved grass areas are due to

the town's interest in presenting a better-looking city to persons traveling east and west on the main street, Arendell.

The town can now cut the grass, and post signs to keep cars off of it, but the remainder lies with the motorist and pedestrian. Their cooperation is a must if attractive grass areas are to remain.

The grass areas east of 6th Street and the "ditch and weed areas" west of 34th are a problem. But no problem is without a solution. With the will — and the money — those areas can be made attractive, too.

Thank goodness, a large part of the task has already been started.

Slaves of Progress

(Greensboro Daily News)

Sydney J. Harris, the Chicago newspaper philosopher, thought he was being crotchety when he complained about the lack of a hand choke on his new car.

But he has thousands, maybe millions, of sympathizers.

"The beauty of the hand choke," he recalls, "lay in the fact that you could pull it out and leave it out for a mile or so, until the engine was properly warmed up. Now, when the engine is cold, my car dies at every stop light. The automatic choke has been adjusted twice, and the car still dies."

"Apparently this is a widespread problem, for today I received a letter from a large manufacturing company, informing me that 'we manufacture a unit to replace the automatic choke, and our Conversion Kit can be installed on most of the present-day cars.'"

Sydney Harris would agree that the hand choke is only one symbol of our bondage.

Consider the perils of push-button driving. A modern miracle, Madison Avenue tells us. But just let something go wrong with the mechanism. Not many mechanics are equipped to deal with the repair job. Or consider how devilishly difficult it is to recharge a weary battery on a cold morning. Time was when a good neighborly bumper-to-bumper push (with the clutch disengaged) would suffice; now there is a new mysterious ritual which we've never quite mastered.

Think on the heavenly riding thrill of tubeless tires; they don't puncture easily, but once they do, you've had it, brother — no convenient tube to patch; you simply need a new tire.

Then to get away from the mysteries of automobile automation, consider the frustrations of the new television sets, with complicated new tubes and newly designed cabinets; every owner stands in awe and humility of the TV repairman. There was a time when a fellow could change the needle on his own record player, but not today.

Even women's styles reflect the new frustrations. Either the girls are trying to step into gowns too tight for their chassis or are hiding everything in a sack.

Perhaps the real symbol of our times is one of those high-styled models (you see them in all the ads), replete in her sack suit, stalled in her new automobile in a drenching rainstorm with all her automatic windows down.

Somebody needs an automatic choke — and not just Sydney Harris.

In most countries male medical students far outnumber the female, and in a few countries women candidates are still barred. In the USSR women medical students often outnumber men by as much as two or three to one, the World Health Organization reports.

WHY YOU'D THINK HE'D BE PROUD TO PROVE IT



Security for You...

By RAY HENRY

From F.G. of Waukegan, Ill.: "My wife worked as a hairdresser until about five weeks ago when she had a heart attack and passed away. We had two children, age 8 and 10, whom I'm now supporting. Is it possible for the children to collect my Social Security?"

Yes, if your wife worked for at least half of the three years before her death, they can collect Social Security payments until they reach 18. The fact that you're working doesn't make any difference.

From Mrs. H. M. of St. Petersburg, Fla.: "I had a Social Security number before I was married, but that was nine years ago. Since then, I've lost my card and have no record of my number. How can I find out what my number is?"

Any Social Security office will get the number for you. While you're at it, you also should ask to have your number changed from your maiden name to your married name.

From W.D. of Mitchell, S.D.: "Could you tell me how many people are now drawing Social Security payments?"

The total is something over 11 million.

From Mrs. B.N. of Washington, D.C.: "My unmarried brother who was the sole support of our widowed mother was killed on a construction job last month. His job was covered by Social Security. Since our mother is only 60 she can't apply for parent's dependency benefits now. Is there anything she should do now in connection with her claim for future Social Security payments?"

F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

The following information is taken from the files of the Morehead City Coaster:

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colenda Sr., of Norfolk, after spending a few days in the city with their son, Frank Colenda, returned to their home Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Piner of Marshallberg passed through the city Saturday enroute to New Orleans where she will spend a few months.

Mrs. Ida Dennis of Swansboro, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. Sam Adler, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Cliff Willis and daughter Gretchen returned home Sunday after spending several days in New Bern.

Miss Carita Wade who has been attending the State Normal College returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. Charles V. Webb left Wednesday morning for Oxford to spend some time visiting friends. Floyd Eaton spent Thursday in Wilson, where he played in the Shrine band.

Dr. W. K. Barham has returned to the city after spending the winter in Tampa, Fla.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wade, Monday, May 5, a daughter, Mary Martin.

F. W. Schlip, hull inspector of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, left Thursday afternoon after spending a few days in the city to inspect the new ship, Sassacus, which was launched Wednesday afternoon.

Roy Lincoln, attempting to help the carpenters building his new bungalow, fell from the scaffolding, breaking two of his ribs.

The machinery for the new Coca-Cola plant to be operated by D. B.

Yes, your mother should file within two years after the date of your brother's death to establish that she was a dependent parent.

From M.M. of Council Bluffs, Iowa: "My mother is 58 years old and is an invalid. My father died a year ago and my mother received a lump sum death payment of \$255. Is there any way for her to collect monthly payments before she's 62?"

Monthly payments are paid only (a) to widows age 62 or older; (b) to widows under 62 who have children under 18 in their care, or (c) to widows under 62 who have a disabled child under 18 in their care, providing the child was disabled before reaching 18.

From R.T.E. of Knoxville, Tenn.: "I'm a mechanical engineer. Next January, I'll be 65 and I'd like to retire. But, I expect to be called on a couple times a year as a consultant. My fees on these occasions will exceed \$2,000—but for the rest of the year I will earn nothing. Will I be barred from collecting Social Security?"

No. Men between 65 and 72 whose earnings aren't spread evenly over the year may collect Social Security for the months when they're not working, regardless of how much they earn during the other months. Keep a record of your earnings—the amount, and when earned—and show it to your local Social Security officer. He'll figure out how much you're entitled to.

(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.)

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

With appropriate ceremony and fanfare, the United States will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth next year. The occasion naturally will be honored philatelically. At least four commemoratives will be issued.

The first will be placed on first day sale this year at Freeport, Ill., on Aug. 27, 1958. This site was chosen because it was here that one of the most important of the Lincoln-Douglas debates was held.

The second in the Lincoln commemorative series will be issued on Feb. 12, 1959, the 150th anniversary of his birth.

No decision has been made as to the remaining stamps in the Lincoln Sesquicentennial series or the dates of their issuance.

France has issued four more stamps in its "Resistance Heroes" series. The 8 franc bears a likeness of Jean Cavailles, 12 franc



Fred Scamaroni, 15 franc Simone Michel-Levy, 20 franc Jacques Bingen. All were killed during World War II.

Also issued by France was a series of four stamps showing national traditional sports. Depicted are wrestling, jousting on boats, archery and outdoor bowling.

Pakistan pays tribute to one of its famed authors and poets by issuing a set of new stamps honoring the late Muhammad Iqbal. The stamps will have his portrait, signature, a verse of a poem and his dates (1873-1938). The 1½ anna is yellow, 2 anna brown and 14 anna blue.

A special issue of three values has been issued by Malta to commemorate the award of the George Cross to the island.

Each value is in a different design symbolizing war-time Malta. All designs include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth and a reproduction of the George Cross.

Although Mother's Day is a comparatively new American holiday, its origin can be traced back to ancient times.

According to J. Morris Jones, editor of the World Book encyclopedia, Rhea, the great mother of the Gods, was worshiped in Asia Minor many years before the coming of Christianity.

But Rhea was a far cry from our modern version of a typical mother. The ancients admired Rhea for her majestic strength, and usually pictured her as traveling in a chariot drawn by lions. Her emblems were the lion, oak, and pine tree.

The worship of Rhea became a part of the Feast of Hilaria, later celebrated by the Romans on the Ides of March.

With the coming of Christianity, this and many other of the heathen festivals were replaced by church ceremonies. The honoring of Hilaria was replaced by devotion to Mary, who is still called "the Mother of the Church" by Roman Catholics. Some churches observe May as "the month of our Mother."

The pioneers of our modern conception of Mother's Day were the English, who set up a holiday known as Mothering Sunday. This

The Readers Write

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This age of atomic power and hydrogen power, which shall it be? Total destruction or all for construction? Very few people in this flying age even stop for one minute to give this a thought. But eventually we will all be forced to stop, one by one.

The old ticker (the heart) gets tired and rebels against overproduction of its sensitive machinery and goes on strike. Which in most cases is fatal.

Our newspapers bring us the news from day to day. Radio and television bring into our home entertainment. Still we are always seeking more. The word of yesterday has been forgotten for this age of speed. Speed that seems to be getting everyone closer to the garden of tombstones.

Ignorance, stupidity, craft and power—just read your newspapers, study the crimes typed within the pages, including the front page. Then stop and consider the person. Then study criminology.

A man released sometime ago from Joliet Prison in Illinois had served the best part of his life in confinement for committing a crime of murder for a thrill. This man came from a family of wealthy parents well known in Chicago society.

Money was no problem to this boy's family. The best known criminal lawyer in this country was called in to keep this boy and his childhood friend from a sentence of death.

This writer remembers the trial well. One of these boys dropped his pair of glasses in the bushes close by where the young murder victim was found. Several days later a private investigator found them. Weeks of talking to optical stores finally broke the case which led to these boys' homes, and the ultimate end to another perfect crime.

Today we have every gadget known to science for fast living and to protect us from dying, we have ABC stores. Vitamins of all makes and colors, sleeping pills to help us to sleep, whiskey to help us to forget and keep the nerves stronger. Especially while driving on the highways.

I sometimes wonder what a man or woman thinks of while driving a car under the influence of liquor.

Louise Spivey

Words of Inspiration

(Editor's Note: Mrs. G. T. Spivey, Beaufort, who writes this column, is taking a vacation. In place of her column today, we are substituting the following.)

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Don't let me push them
Day after day;
Life's game is played
In a leisurely way.

Don't let me bind them
To pinafore strings;
They must be free to
Try out their wings.

Don't let me hinder
What they should do;
Some secret talent
I might subdue

Don't let me make them
What they should be;
Just let me live it
For them to see.

— Ruth Kent

What is "Home, Sweet Home?" once wrote the eminent songster, Ernestine Schumann-Heink, and then proceeded to give the answer: "A roof to keep out rain, four walls to keep out wind, floors to keep out cold, yet — but more than that! It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father; the warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes; kindness, loyalty, comradeship. Home is the first school, and the first church, for your children. Where children are wanted, where even the teakettle sings for happiness — that is Home, Sweet Home!"

"Most of the good things in this life come to us in twos and threes, dozens and hundreds — plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, comrades and friends — but only 'one' Mother in all this wide, wide world!"

Mother's Day Roots Go Deep into Past

event occurred in the middle of Lent.

On Mothering Sunday all young men and women who were away from home returned to visit their parents. Many English children had left home to serve as apprentices, and Mothering Sunday resulted in a great migration of youngsters returning to the old homestead.

Mother's Day was first suggested in the United States by Julia Ward Howe, who wrote that famous Civil War classic "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Julia Ward Howe proposed that we observe Mother's Day on June 2, as a day dedicated to peace. The suggestion apparently never received serious consideration.

Later, in 1904, at a convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Kansas City, Mo., one of the members proposed that a day be set aside to honor mothers.

But, the credit for founding Mother's Day falls to a Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. Miss Jarvis worked many years, traveling thousands of miles, and giving all her time and effort to the adoption of a special day honoring mothers everywhere.

Finally on May 8, 1914, after Miss Jarvis had spent two years in Washington, President Wilson

signed a joint resolution ordering that the second Sunday in May be observed each year as Mother's Day.

Smile a While

The teacher had asked her pupils to list, in their opinion, the nine greatest Americans. After a while, she stopped at one desk and asked, "Have you finished your list yet, Bobby?" "Not yet," he replied. "I can't decide on the shortstop."

The will of the wealthy, but eccentric, man was being read and the relatives all listened expectantly, especially his playboy nephew. Finally the lawyer said:

"And to my nephew, Charlie Jones, whom I promised to remember... 'Hi, there, Charlie!'"

A man was in a second story apartment. Downstairs, a boy was murdering the saxophone. He finally opened his window and shouted down at the boy, "If you don't quit that playing I'll go crazy!"

The boy replied, "It's too late, mister. I quit playing an hour ago."

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