

Much is at Stake Saturday

Saturday is the day of the primary. There is much at stake in this primary. It is extremely important to this county and to eastern North Carolina that Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, be returned to the state senate.

Senator Hamilton faces competition. If he is not winner in this primary, the wrong cannot be righted in November, because his name won't be on the ticket.

Four men are running for the senate. Two will be elected. The four are Senator Hamilton, Clyde Sabiston of Jacksonville, J. O. Simpkins of New Bern and John L. Kellam of Kinston.

People often wonder what they can do, individually, to help the things they are interested in — such as the welfare of the Morehead City port — or the need for a landing slip at Cedar Island for a car ferry from Ocracoke to Cedar Island.

This is how they can help: they can go to the polls Saturday and vote for a

Carteret man for senator. Carteret County should have — as a matter of fact, we must have — someone plugging for the port and other major coastal projects in the senate in 1959.

This is not a matter of politics, this is a matter of common sense.

Carteret, like every county, is assured representation in the lower house, but not in the senate. In 1957, for the first time in 36 years, Carteret had one of its own citizens in the senate when Senator Hamilton went to Raleigh.

While a senator from one of the other counties in this senatorial district represents all the district, he can't have at heart the welfare of this county as would a Carteret resident.

It is every individual's right to vote as he chooses. He must vote according to his own beliefs and desires. We just hope that a good majority of voters will see the value of having a state senator from Carteret — and that NO ONE will "forget" to vote Saturday.

Not Bad for a Starter

For a first time, North Carolina's ports day was not bad at all.

With something new, there are always rough spots to be smoothed and lots of things to be learned about how to do it. All of North Carolina must be made port-conscious and this consciousness must be generated through good publicity, not the publicity of friction. The latter is one of the types of ports publicity that folks upstate have had, and unfortunately, that's the type that human beings remember longest.

In addition to being a "hook" upon which can be hung good news about ports, ports day offers an opportunity to show the taxpayers how a port operates. It falls at the time of year when many school pupils are taking field trips. On this one day, the ports could be opened to school children and the public.

Instead of having groups straggling into the port from day to day and interrupting routine, the visits could be concentrated on one day.

Observing ports day does not have to involve expenditure of lots of money. It's always nice if money is available, but a lot of imagination, a good amount of interest and a fair amount of effort are really all that is necessary. And most of this should come from the indi-

vidual port cities. The cooperation of the governor, in proclaiming ports day, and the State Ports Authority is needed. Without their blessing, the port cities would feel somewhat bereft in trying to go it alone.

If, some day the chamber of commerce can ever scrape together enough money to invite some mountain editors or reporters down here, take them to dinner, on a boat ride and show them the port, that would be nice. That would probably go just as far, if not farther, toward obtaining goodwill for the ports than wining and dining "big names".

Thanks is due the Morehead City band, its excellent director, Ralph Wade, the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, SPA office personnel, and town officials for their interest in the new page in North Carolina's book, State Ports Day. The band played at the port Thursday (which was National Maritime Day as well as ports day), the chamber of commerce saw the value in the occasion and backed it, and town officials supported it. D. Leon Williams, state ports director, thinks well, indeed, of the observance.

Let's aim for bigger and better ports days — with proper planning and promotion they will mean bigger and better ports.

Are You Cracking Up?

You are speeding whenever you're driving faster than you ought to — for the condition of the road, your car, yourself and the weather.

Some Tar Heels never think of conditions when they drive. They operate in a kind of vacuum, obsessed with the thought of getting wherever they're going in the shortest possible time. It's part of the "in-a-hurry" complex.

The person who is securely in the grip of this complex is unable to relax. He hurries through his meals . . . dashes from place to place . . . and lives in a constant state of nervous agitation. When he drives, he's impatient, jittery, over-anxious—one of the worst menaces on the highway.

But there are varying degrees of the malady. And every driver should check his driving behavior to make sure he's not developing any of the symptoms.

Are you restless and impatient behind the wheel . . . likely to be discourteous to pedestrians and other drivers? Do you fuss and fume every time you must stop for a red light, a train, a

pedestrian crossing or a traffic tie-up? Do you find yourself inclined to pass other drivers for no other reason than just the desire to get ahead of them? Are you overly time-conscious, always figuring how you can save a minute here and there in traffic?

If you find it hard to get a straight answer from yourself on these questions, you might try observing your passengers for some hint as to your driver rating.

If they are tense and nervous . . . grab onto the seat or the door . . . press down with both feet to apply their own brakes . . . frequently offer advice or warning . . . it's a pretty safe bet that you're not exactly a calm, cool and collected driver.

In the face of over 1,000 traffic deaths last year, it's time to start improving yourself.

Sign in front of an auto repair shop: "May we have the next dents?"



Ruth Peeling

And They Thought It Was Murder

The police of Beaufort, Morehead City, Atlantic Beach and the sheriff's department were in an uproar Wednesday night — and they're not talking about it.

Word went out over the police radio that a motorist had a body in the trunk of his car. The body was seen by another motorist who said the trunk lid of the car in front of him was up slightly, and there was an arm and leg hanging out, just dripping with blood.

Well! A description of the car was obtained, all police officers, including constables, were alerted to be on the lookout for the car with the body in the trunk.

Some time later the car was found on the Fort Macon Road, ketchup all over the trunk lid.

A group of boys decided that it would be a great joke to dump ketchup on one of them, have him crawl in the trunk of a car and play dead, then see what would happen when the motorist behind spotted the "body".

Well, they found out. Officers are searching the books to see if there isn't some law against playing dead and leading the law on a wild goose chase. At last reports, they were still searching.

From The News-Times classified

Free Wheeling

By BILL CROWELL
Motor Vehicles Department

QUIZ . . . Everytime you get into your car to drive any distance, you take a brutal examination for life. In this examination, what you don't know can hurt you since just one mistake, one decision based on misinformation may cost a life — perhaps your own.

Do you know enough to operate your car safely?

You can best answer that question for yourself. As a start in weighing your knowledge, and that of the other drivers in your family, see how many of the following questions you can answer. Some are not easy — but neither is the examination you take every time you slide behind the wheel of your car.

Mark each question true or false, then check the end of the column for correct answers.

1. If your reaction time is average and you're driving at 40 mile per hour, your car will travel some 15 feet before you hit the brakes in an emergency.
2. If through error you find yourself driving too fast in a curve, you should take your foot off the accelerator and press the brakes gently.
3. More than 1,000 persons died in North Carolina traffic accidents last year.
4. At 40 miles per hour, on a dry road, the best way to make an emergency stop is to press the brake pedal hard enough to lock the wheels and hold it there.
5. Posted speed limits are usually safe limits regardless of the weather.
6. Driver's licenses, once issued, are good for life in North Carolina.
7. Recovery from a skid will be made easier if you leave the clutch alone and turn your front wheels in the direction of the skid.
8. If a car you want to pass is traveling at 30 miles per

hour, and you're going 40, you can safely get ahead of him in 450 feet.

9. You are approaching an eight-sided traffic sign with the lettering obliterated by weather, but you are sure it means caution.

10. State law requires you to dim your headlights for oncoming traffic at night.

Answers
1. False. Even though the avertor takes considerably less than a second to react to danger, his car will still move 44 feet during that interval.

2. False. Leave the brake alone and keep your foot on the accelerator since a little power to the rear wheels will help counteract side-sway. Better still, though, slow down before you get yourself in this dangerous predicament.

3. True. And there were 1108 fatalities in 1958 and 1165 in 1955. Accident injuries approach 20,000 every year.

4. False. You risk a blow-out and actually require a longer distance to stop by locking the wheels. To stop in the shortest possible distance, either alternately step on and release the brake pedal or apply maximum pressure possible just short of locking the wheels.

5. False. Posted speed limits apply only under ideal conditions. In threatening or rainy weather, legal speed limits may often be dangerous. Always govern your driving speed by weather, road and traffic conditions.

6. False. State law requires a re-examination for operator's permits every four years.

7. True. Also, if you are sliding into danger, you can brake very gently. Don't panic and apply the brakes hard. You only worsen the situation.

8. False. You will need a minimum of 900 feet.

9. False. An eight-sided, or octagonal shaped sign, either red or yellow, always means stop. Nothing else.

10. True. The glare from beams cut perception distance from 75 to 80 per cent, according to tests. Always dim your headlights and slow down when the other fellow won't dim his.

SUDDEN THWAT . . . Even small cars can make big accidents.

boats is larger than ever; everybody is learning to water ski and in the same place where speed fiends whip back and forth, there are also swimmers.

A motorboat operator cannot keep his eyes on the skier behind him and a swimmer bobbing up and down in front of him.

Many a ski tow rope has been cut or frayed by an outboard running over it.

Unless boat speed signs are posted in channels and other precautions taken, future damage may be more serious!

Civil Defense recently allotted another three-quarter million dollars for stream clearance in Eastern Carolina. The money is to repair damage done by 1955 hurricanes. Carteret's request for more stream clearance funds was not approved.

In the past, Civil Defense money has been spent in this county, though, for some stream clearance work.

The number of outboard motor

This is the Law

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

HOSPITALS

Susie Smith was a paying patient in a hospital operated by a non-profit corporation. Due to the negligence of employees of the hospital she was seriously and permanently injured. May she recover damages from the corporation?

No. A non-profit or charitable institution is not liable for the wrongful and negligent acts of its employees. Susie Smith will be unable to recover from the hospital damages for her personal injuries.

It has been said that this exemption from liability on the part of charitable institutions rests upon grounds of public policy or upon the theory that the property of a charity is a trust fund and that the charitable objects should not be hampered by the wrongful acts of those chosen to carry them out.

The fact that Susie Smith was a paying patient is immaterial. Although the hospital made a profit on Susie Smith, it was not a private profit. The profit made on Susie Smith was used by the charitable institution to care for the non-paying patients.

This rule of immunity from liability for personal injuries applies not only to hospitals, but to a wide variety of charitable institutions, such as schools, colleges, orphanages, and churches.

The only occasion in North Carolina where a charitable institution

Captain Henry

One of my Cameron friends sent me the Cameron Parish Pilot last week. Our boy, Al Biermann, is quoted in one of the articles.

The pogies are rolling in down there, and as the newspaper puts it, "There's a fine full-bodied fragrance on the Gulf breeze." I can smell those pogies cooking now.

The new story continues: "Al Biermann, manager of the Gulf Menhaden plant, reported that he would be getting in a newly-built 200-foot refrigeration boat, The Frosty, sometime next week from Jacksonville, Fla."

"In addition, the other refrigeration boat, The Haverstick, has been lengthened 22 feet making it 172 feet overall.

"The houses for plant personnel which were destroyed or damaged by Audrey last year are presently being rebuilt and refurbished, Mr. Biermann said."

The Readers Write

May 20, 1958

To the Editor:

Raves for your editorial, "Garbage for Sale" Rejected. Thank God (and I'm saying that with reverence) for editors and publishers who will stand up for decency these days!

If more editors would take the same stand, some of the filth that is peddled in the name of news and advertising and "Freedom of the Press" would be eliminated and heaven only knows how much immorality would be prevented. All kids need is some salacious printed material, a few cans of beer and you've got an unwanted baby on the way, rape cases and worse.

My teen-age daughter came home one day this winter and asked me if she could read "Peyton Place". I said definitely, "NO". Then I went on to point out to her that her dad and I very seldom refused her in such an arbitrary manner but we felt this sort of reading was just so much moral "garbage".

Of course, she came back with the usual — "Well, everybody's reading it at school." That cut no ice with me. I reminded her of her study of the Sixth Commandment and all it meant. She accepted my decision with grace and understanding and I think she has increased respect for my judgment and guidance.

Soon after, when the picture was playing to packed houses, one of her girlfriends called and asked her

to go see it. I had seen the previews and refused to let her go. She proudly told her friend, "I'm sorry, Mother won't let me go — she and Pop don't approve."

An aroused public can do a lot toward eliminating this stuff but if the movies and publishers would exert a certain amount of censorship on themselves, the job would be made that much easier. But it is the old story — people have to want to be good. All the laws and censorship in the world won't change human nature — you have to start with the heart of the individual and work from there.

I was disappointed just last week to learn that my old favorite, Gary Cooper, is playing the role of an immoral father in the latest Hollywood re-make of "Peyton Place". I always felt that Gary Cooper was as dependable as Spencer Tracy for a good, refreshing movie — now I'm afraid he has let me down. Movie script writers and playwrights would have a hard time putting on their disgusting creations if they couldn't find actors and actresses to play the parts.

I've run on enough — but being a parent I know how hard it is to rear kids these days when they get so much trash thrown at them from every side and I intend to fight it every chance I get. I don't think I'm a prude and I don't intend to give my family or anyone else that impression but there is a limit beyond which I refuse to give an inch.

A Mother

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

THIRTY YEARS AGO

A new two-cabin cruiser, the Sandpiper, was received at the Fisheries Laboratory.

E. H. Gorham and Luther Hamilton were running for the general assembly. J. R. Morris and J. J. Whitehurst were Democratic candidates, and T. M. Thomas Jr. and James H. Davis Republican candidates for sheriff.

Next Sunday would be the last free day for visitors at Atlantic Beach. Next week a toll would be collected at the bridge.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Weddings in Beaufort this past week included Miss Julia Lane Graham to Mr. Benjamin F. Copeland and Miss Mildred V. Sabiston to Mr. James G. Whitehurst.

The new Paragon Department store in Morehead City of which Sam Adler was manager, was advertising tennis shoes for 40 cents, children's beach pajamas for 49 cents and silk hose for 50 cents.

TEN YEARS AGO

Bill Kirtrell of East Carolina College would supervise the Beaufort summer recreation program which was being sponsored by the Beaufort Rotary Club.

Guy Smith Jr. of Beaufort won the Lions Club talent show held in Morehead City.

Morehead City commissioners were to zone the town for garbage collections so residents could know what day trucks would be at their houses.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Gordon Patrick, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patrick of Morehead City, saved Dick Canfield from drowning in Bogue Sound.

The contracts for a new school at Camp Glenn had been let.

The Rev. W. T. Roberson, new pastor of the First Baptist Church, Beaufort, had arrived and would preach this Sunday.

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

A picturesque view of Gunston Hall, home of Revolutionary patriot George Mason, will be featured on the 3-cent U.S. commemorative stamp to be issued June 12. It will be placed on first day sale at Lorton, Va.

Mason was the author of the "Fairfax Resolves" and the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which served as the basis of the first 10 amendments of the Federal Constitution.

Also depicted on this stamp will be crossed quill pens symbolizing his writings. Across the top is the inscription "1758-1958 Gunston Hall."

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at Lorton, Va., together with money order to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers Gunston Hall Stamp."

Japan has issued four new stamps honoring the Third Asian Olympic Games held in Tokyo this year. The 5 yen shows a drawing of the stadium where the games are held.

The 10 yen illustrates various symbols of the games and the theme "ever onward." The 14 yen depicts a runner crossing the finish line. The 24 yen pictures a diver in the air.

Another sports theme comes from Sweden. A special series of adhesives will mark the Association Football World Championship

One of the boats fishing for the Gulf Menhaden Co. this year is the West Beaufort.

I noticed a new "filler" in our paper this week. It says, "We may not be the wealthiest county in the state, but we can be the cleanest. Don't throw trash out car windows."

I know a better filler than that: "We may be the drunkest county in the state, but we don't have to advertise it by throwing beer cans and whiskey bottles along the roads."

See you at the courthouse Saturday, I'm going to vote. I'm running out of years. Won't be many more times I can prove I'm an American by putting some X's on a ballot. So I'm making hay while the sun shines. How about you?

Games to be held in Sweden during June. The 15 ore red, 20 ore green and 120 ore blue show a football player in action.

This is not the same type of football as played in the United States. Here the game, so popular elsewhere in the world, is referred to as soccer.

Czechoslovakia has issued five commemorative stamps for the Brussels World Fair, reports Stamps magazine. Depicted are various Czechoslovak products on exhibition at Brussels — jewelry, toys, textiles, turbines and glassware.

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