**EDITORIALS** 

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1958

## Are You Just Going to Sit?

A lot of people won't go to the polls

And in this county they can keep on being poor citizens year after year, always shrug their shoulders and say, "Well, if I want to vote, I can."

Not so in Mecklenburg County. In 1955 Mecklenburg put a law through the legislature to allow the Board of Elections in Mecklenburg to remove from the registration books anyone who hasn't voted in six years.

This, primarily, removes from the books the dead and those who have moved away. But it also catches those people who sit on their hands every election day and let one of their most precious birthrights, the right to vote as they choose, go by the boards.

In the last nine months, Mecklenburg

has taken 4,000 registered voters off the books. Small-county politicians don't like to take voters off the books because, in a pinch, they can vote the dead ones or drag to the polls the people who haven't been out of the woods in 10 years.

But the principle of purging registration books is good. Those who are completely disinterested in going to the polls won't care if they never vote again. Those who have just a small amount of civic conscience will take more care to see that they don't abrogate their citizenship rights by failing to use them.

Are you going to the polls tomorrow -or are you going to sit back, let your neighbors go and thereby live under a government that they choose for you?

### Two Years Too Late

Well, it came too late to save the dairy industry in this county, but the State Milk Commission this month issued a ruling making dairy firms financially responsible for milk losses between the farm and plant, when the milk is being transported in bulk by independent haulers or haulers under contract.

Before several Carteret dairy farms went out of business here, they were selling milk to a plant at Wilmington. The milk, when it left Carteret, was grade A milk, but by the time it reached Wilmington, the plant there claimed that it had deteriorated to grade C milk.

Dairy farmers got federal inspectors here who vouched for the fact that the milk was grade A. The dairy plant then said, "We don't care whether it's

grade A or not. We're going to pay grade C rates.'

Efforts to get the dairy farmers to band together and haul their own milk failed. One dairy farm, still in business, hauls its own milk to a processing plant. Others that produced milk in large supply have curtailed their operations or have gone out of business because they couldn't afford to sell a high quality product at a loss.

Now, two years later, the milk commission comes out with the ruling that could have saved a lot of the Carteret dairy business. The new ruling, of course, protects the farmer.

Some dairies are in favor of the ruling. Two have spoken out against it. One of those two is the Wilmington plant that knocked Carteret dairying in the head.

### Hush Your Mouth!

tainly doing the most effective thing to keep us from squawking in these parts about the high telephone rates - new rural lines are going up in several areas, in addition to the proposed Beaufort improvements announced some weeks ago.

We predict that we had best pay attention to the improvements being made now. It will probably not be until the next rate-increase request that we will get any more.

A Harkers Island customer poses an interesting question. Her phone - and all the phones on the island usually fail to work on rainy days or on days when the dew is heavy. Sometimes there is no phone service for a couple days. The phone company has told her that when there is no service, she will be given credit if the phone company is informed of the trouble and they fail

to fix it. This is a fine gesture. But again, the phone company wins. Somebody is going to have to go to the mainland and make a phone call, or else make a trip to the phone office, to report that the phones are out.

Sometimes it is not convenient for a person to leave his business or a mother to leave her home to track down the telephone company to report a service problem. As much as 24 hours may fore a report can be made This business of giving credit on phone bills sound good, but how often does it happen?

We've got a new system here in the newspaper office, put in at our request. There's another problem now. Before, we had two numbers. When one line was dead, we could usually use the other to report the trouble. Now that we have only one number, we shall have to scout around the neighborhood

Carolina Telephone Company is cer- to find a phone that works or else go to the telephone office and tell them in person that the phones aren't work-

> The telephone company recently released a statement reporting that subscribers in the Carolina Telephone territory paid a total of \$1,619,339 in federal excise tax in 1957. That's a healthy sum and we certainly agree that the federal excise tax, 10 per cent, should be eliminated.

> But we also object to phone companies' trying to put the blame on sources other than itself for the high telephone rates.

## Matter for the DAR

(The Charlotte News)

"Yes, Santa Claus," a Tar Heel editor once explained, "there is a Virginia."

We never quite grasped the mischievous subtlety of this pun until just the other day when we received by stage a copy of the Fauquier (Va.) Democrat. It advised us that a bill to rename Virginia's historic Little River turnpike for Col. John S. (Gray Ghost) Mosby had been tabled by the roads committee of the Old Dominion's House of Delegates. The action was taken, according to the Democrat, after committeemen were advised that the United Daughters of the Confederacy were opposed to the measure "because Mosby became a Republican after the war."

Goodness! That was a close shave,

wasn't it? But somehow we fear that another rescue from the hosts of darkness is in order. That entire state north of the border was named for Elizabeth I, the Virgin Queen. She was no Republican. Worse yet, she was a r-o-y-a-l-i-s-t.

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# Security for You ...

The House Ways and Means Committee has started hearings on some 500 bills proposing changes in Social Security.

The committee—the group which usually starts Social Security changes through Congress — probably will spend at least several weeks considering the proposals. What changes, if any, will be approved by the committee is any-body's guess at this time.

Even if the committee votes to make changes, they still have a long way to go before becoming law. Here, in general, is the road any revisions must travel to be-

The House will have to consider and pass them. The Senate Finance Committee will have to vote and, perhaps, hold hearings on them. The Senate will have to approve them. And, finally, President Eisenhower will have to sign the changes into law.

Every step of the way, the Ways and Means Committee proposals could be altered or halted. But, the chances seem good now that some changes will be made this

There are several reasons to be-

1. This is an election year. Congress has made major changes in Social Security every election year

2. The last time Congress raised Social Security payments for peo-ple on the rolls was in 1954. The cost of living has gone up above 7 per cent since then and Congress may want to catch the payments

up with living costs.

3. There's been some talk in Congress that Social Security payments should be raised as an anti-recession measure. Whether any action will be taken on these ounds will no doubt depend on which way the country's economy

Here's a summary of how Congress has changed Social Security in recent years:

1950 — Added ten million workers to Social Security coverage, includ ing most self-employed persons and regular farm and household work Raised payments for persons on the rolls by 771/2 per cent. About doubled payments to those retiring in the future. Raised from \$3,000 to \$3,600 the amount of annual salary taxed and increased the size of the tax.

1952 - Raised the payments for people on the rolls by 121/2 per cent but not less than \$5 a month Raised from \$50 to \$75 the amount of earnings a Social Security cipient could receive without los-

ing his payments.

1954 — Raised payments for peo ple on the rolls by an average of \$6 a month and for people who come on the rolls in the future by as much as \$23,50 a month. Raised from \$3,600 to \$4,200 the amou of annual salary taxed. Brought an additional 6½ million persons under Social Security coverage, including millions of farm operators and farm hands, engineers, architects, ministers. Added a disabili ty provision so that a disabled person's payments would not be de-creased because of the time he had

no earnings. 1956 — Set up a disability payment program for persons who've reached 50. Lowered the retire-ment age for women from 65 to 62. Increased the Social Security tax. Brought some 200,000 self-employed professional workers under Social Security.

(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 particu-lar problem).

# This is the Law

By ROBERT E. LEE

WRITTEN LEASES Are leases of real property required to be in writing?

Leases and contracts for leasing land for the purpose of digging for gold or other minerals, of whatever duration, are required to be in writ-ing under the statutes of North

All other leases and contracts for leasing land "exceeding in dura-tion three years from the making thereof" must be in writing in North Carolina. An oral lease, for example, executed today for a period not in excess of three years

Jones orally agrees during October 1957, to lease his house to Smith for three years beginning Jan. 1, 1958. Is the lease valid?

No. Smith does not have a legal

right to enter and occupy the house on Jan. 1, 1958. The lease is for a period "exceeding in duration three

period "exceeding in duration three years from the making thereof." The computation is made from the time of the making of the agreement to lease, and not from the time of its going into effect.

If the lessee, Smith, enters the house and occupies it under the oral lease, he may be compelled to pay to the lessor, Jones, a reasonable compensation for the use and occupation of the premises. The agreed rental under the oral lease will be received in evidence as the value of the use and occupation.

pation.

Where one goes into possession of land under an oral lease "exceeding in duration three years from the making thereof," his tenancy at the inception is a tenancy at will. It may be terminated immediately by the lesser making demand for possession or by the

lessee relinquishing possession and informing the lessor that he is doing such.

An oral lease for a period in excess of three years frequently evolves into a lease from period to period. This usually arises where the lessee is in possession and he pays rent which is accepted by his lessor on a monthly basis.

In such a case, it is a lease fron month to month. If the rent is paid and ccepted on an annual basis, it is a lease from year to year. Such a lease may be terminated by either party giving to the other the statutory notice to quit.

Black leases a building to White for a period of ten years. The writ-ten lease is signed by White, but not by Black. Is the lease valid? The lease is binding upon White, but not upon Black. Both parties must assent to the terms of the agreement, but only the party to be sued need sign the writing.

In other words, Black can en force the written contract against White, but White cannot enforce it against Black. Black may, if he chooses, remove White from the premises before the expiration of

May a lease required by law to be in writing be signed by an be in agent?

Yes. The written lease or con tract to lease may be signed by an agent on behalf of either the lessor or the lessee.

Since leases are not required to be under seal, the authority of the agent may be orally conferred.

A pessimist is a person who sings the blues as if they were the Na-tional Anthem.

### To the Graduate

You may never write another English theme, or solve another "trig" problem, or do another chemistry experiment; but do not close the doors of your mind against the new ideas that will be humming all about you through all the days of your years,

On the day when you neglect to embrace some challenging new thought, life will have lost 90 per cent of its zest and thrill. You have finished the academic curriculum and have attained a notable milestone, and you are now en-rolled as a full-time pupil in the school of life, with all of its oppor-Make the most of it!

# Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

Ecuador has issued a new set of commemorative airmails honor the 50th anniversary of the miracle of the Virgin Mater Dolorosa of San Gabriel College in

There will be two designs. One shows the image of the Mater Dolorosa as it appears in the picture hanging in the boys' dining room of the college. The other adhesive depicts the gate of San Ga-

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has issued three new stamps to commemorate the 13th centenary of the birth of St. Willibrod.

denominations are 1 franc red, 2.50 fr sepia and 5 fr St. Willibrod is honored as the founder of the Abbey of Echtenach.

A contemporary author has re-

ceived \$250,000 in royalties from a current best seller and \$70,000 for

movie rights to her novel. In the 15 months her book has been in

print, 4.5 million copies have been

bound editions.

iblished in hardbook and paper-

It is estimated that one of every

37 Americans has read this story.

What is its attraction? The autho

attempted to lift the lid from a

serene New England village and to expose its social ills. The result is a vulgar chronicle of unbridled

lust and sordid crime.

The chief villains in all the lurid

Printing of Lurid Tales?

### By LEO BENNETT

One of the most precious things which fresh high school graduates are likely to miss is the thrill of continued learning. True, you have departed from the classroom, you have closed your textbooks, and have walked across the stage to claim a piece of paper symbolic of your commendable achievement. But school, for you, is not over.

### From the Bookshelf The Quick Years. By Jean Ariss.

Harper. \$3.95.

"My grandparents had been married 27 years when I was nine, and five of their sons were younger than I."

With this sentence, which takes a little getting used to, the girl Sharon, granddaughter of Joseph and Sarah, begins the fiery story of the Baer clan. "This family," complains one of

Joseph's daughters. "It's like liv-ing in a zoo." In fact it's a com-bination of zoo and goldfish bowl, for many of these people are most unconventionally uninhibited; and the grand sire himself, goatish, ribald and superbly intense, is fol-lowed from the time he wins 14year-old Sarah till he becomes a great-grandfather.

This is a novel about a great sprawling family life, and about a sort of swashbuckling fireside pa-triarch who rules his brood by his

stories put into circulation

are not the fictional characters,

not the authors who invent them

not the publishers who market salacious literature. The real cul-

prits are the people who read spicy fiction and support both authors

not powerless against the traffic in obscene literature. The most

effective weapon in the war on in-decent reading matter is the re-fusal to buy it. No magazine or

novel can reach a profitable cir-culation without readers.

-The Lutheran Witness

Christian men and women

#### us: Dressmaker, his wife, daugh-ter and son, dog named Samson has been scratching itself raw ever since the boy went off to Korea. The moment a dog appears in a novel, you can be sure it's a tear jerker, and this is it, and a beaut,

too, richly sentimental and as wholesome shmolsome as corn flakes, as Seidman would put it. The boy comes home a blather-ing idealist impatient to reform the world, or at least Seventh Ave-nue and the garment district.

Remembering the poverty-stricken Koreans, he can't let his weal-What Can be Done to Curb thy father buy him a \$100 suit; he wants to write, he stands up for the tenants against the dastardly landlord; he leads the revolution in his father's own shop, and even involves in his starry-eyed dreams the lovely model Marie, a Gentile

but as you can bet a rich one.

Lots of novels are about the bad
things in life, and there's nothing wrong with that. Moll writes about the good, and there's nothing wrong with that. Indeed, in this particular case, just about every-thing is all right.

You'll love Seidman's zestful talk, and the conferences and ren-dezvous and family sessions that range from poignant to hilarious; and the warm fond telling of this story will tickle shmickle you to

# Making the Most of Our Ports

(From the Greensboro Daily News)

Announcement that big tobacco shipments are moving through the State Port Terminal at Morehead City ought to drive home several points to observant North Caro-

These shipments, aggregating some 3,500,000 pounds of tobacco, bound for Thailand and Germany, emphasize the dependence of Tar Heel tobacco growers on overseas markets. Retention and development of such markets depend upon our foreign aid program and the reciprocal trade agreement act,

both of which are under congressional fire.

Also of significance, as the Tar Heel economy is affected, is evidence that more business is being handled through the Morehead City port terminal. New packing faciliport terminal. New packing facili-ties and storage space for tobacco must be given some credit for this increase. But the gains go beyond tobacco and indicate that shippers are becoming more cognizant of Morehead City facilities and the advantages which they offer. In this connection we wonder how much credit should be given to the Southern Railway's acquisi-

direct rail connection between Morehead City and points upstate. Morehead City and points upstate. A pertinent question in that area would also be what has happened to the Southern's efforts to stimulate business and serve shippers by offering a favorable rate structure, one which would at least put Morehead City on: a comparable basis with other South Atlantic ports which have joined forces to retain the prevailing discrimination.

North Carolina, as operator of two port terminals, has an obligation to make the most it possibly can of both of them.

TIMES has and will continue to contribute substantially to the contribute substantially to the progress of the county and to the welfare of the people.

I am quite certain that the publication of reports of crimes, misdemeanors and moral laxities currently has a restraining influence on violators of the law and that the

situation would be much worse than it is if no publicity were given the matter.
The people of Carteret County may well feel thankful for having

a fearless newspaper dedicated to law and order and to the welfare of all the people.

I wish you continued success. Respectfully,

(Editor's Note: We thank Mr. Carrow for his kind and thoughtful words. THE NEWS-TIMES is a continuation of his hometown paper, The Beaufort News, estab lished in 1912, and The Twin City Times, established in Morehead City in 1936. The two newspapers merged in 1948).

on the streets for violation of the

law relative to jumping on and off of moving trains. Each was taxed

\$1.50 or three days on the streets. Provided with hoes, the boys fin-

F. Roland Bell, who has been associated with S. A. Chalk for

the past several days, will leave

he will operate a drug business re-

cently bought by Chalk and him-

ball game played in New Bern Thursday against the New Bern team, the score being 5 to 2. Mem-

Morehead City was a loser in a

Saturday for Plymouth, where

ished their sentence Wednesday.

#### F. C. Salisbury

## Here and There

The Readers Write

May 26, 1958

Congratulations on your tenth birthday. I have no hesitation in saying that THE NEWS-TIMES has developed and expanded to a

point where it equals any paper in its class that I am familiar with.

Editorially, reportorially and as a medium for advertising it com-

pares favorably with many metro-

of THE NEWS-TIMES I have seen

a number of big city newspapers dry up and pass out of circulation.

I can recall the several news

papers that have been published in

Carteret County since the early nineties and I remember how dif-

ficult it was for them to keep their heads above water. In fact they all petered out except THE NEWS-

Having watched Carteret Coun-

ty grow and expand as compared

with other parts of the country I feel positive that THE NEWS-

Indeed, since the establishment

To the Editor:

politan papers.

The following information is taken from the files of the Morehospital will be furnished for a Sailor's Club and opened for use as soon as possible.

Five small boys were put to work head City Coaster:

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1919

Miss Aileen Mason has returned to her home in Atlantic after spending the winter here, a mem-ber of the graded school faculty.

C. E. Stallings of Wilmington is spending a few days here visiting his brother, I. C. Stallings. Lt. and Mrs. Banks Arendell ar-

rived in the city Thursday from New York where Lt. Arendell was recently mustered out of service. Lt. Luther Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton arrived in the city from New York where Lieutenant Hamilton was recently discharged from

the service. V. A. Bedsworth of this city has recently leased the Charles Hotel from its owners for a term of five years and will take charge June 1. Dr. Frank Staton wishes to an-

tal parlors to the new quarters in the Bank of Morehead City buildng.
At the meeting of the board of commissioners on Thursday night M. A. Mathews was appointed city clerk and treasurer. It was also ordered that complete equipment be purchased for the chief of po-

ince that he has moved his den-

The rooms in the Paragon build-ing recently vacated by the city

bers of the team claim it was a hard luck day with them. At a meeting of the Fisheries Commission Board, J. K. Dixon of Trenton was appointed state fish eries commissioner, succeeding the

late H. L. Gibbs.
Rumors that the Naval Air Station at Camp Glenn would be dis-banded and that only 25 officers and men would be left to take care of the property, have proven er-roneous, according to a telegram from Washington.

Note: There will be no items from the Coaster for June. The issues for that month are missing from the file.

surpassing affection and envy in

honest Sharon's-may disturb some readers. It shouldn't. This moving

story eloquently salutes the fine full everlasting love of the heart. —W. G. Rogers

Seldman and Son. Elick Moll.

Seidman, leading his dog in Cen-

tral Park, introduces himself to another man on a bench, and to

Miss Ariss' frankness-or rather.

descendants.

Putnam. \$3.95.