

Are You Just Going to Sit?

A lot of people won't go to the polls tomorrow. And in this county they can keep on being poor citizens year after year...

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.

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.

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.

Hush Your Mouth!

Carolina Telephone Company is certainly 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.

to find a phone that works or else go to the telephone office and tell them in person that the phones aren't working. 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.

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.

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.

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

LET US NOT FORGET — ESPECIALLY NOW



Security for You...

By RAY HENRY

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

seems to be headed in the next few months.

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

1950 — Added ten million workers to Social Security coverage, including most self-employed persons and regular farm and household workers. Raised payments for persons on the rolls by 7 1/2 per cent. About doubled payments to those retiring in the future.

1952 — Raised the payments for people on the rolls by 12 1/2 per cent, but not less than \$5 a month. Raised from \$50 to \$75 the amount of earnings a Social Security recipient could receive without losing his payments.

1954 — Raised payments for people 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.

1956 — Set up a disability payment program for persons who've reached 50. Lowered the retirement 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 particular problem.)

This is the Law

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

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 writing under the statutes of North Carolina.

All other leases and contracts for leasing land "exceeding in duration 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 would be valid.

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 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.

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 lessor 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 from month to month. If the rent is paid and accepted 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 written 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 enforce 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 ten years.

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

Yes. The written lease or contract 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 National Anthem.

The Readers Write

Philadelphia 44, Pa. 416 Church Lane May 26, 1958

To the Editor: 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 compares favorably with many metropolitan papers.

TIMES has and will continue to 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.

Respectfully, Thomas Carrow

(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, established in 1912, and The Twin City Times, established in Morehead City in 1936. The two newspapers merged in 1948.)

F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

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

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1919

Miss Aileen Mason has returned to her home in Atlantic after spending the winter here, a member 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 arrived 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. Bedworth 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 announce that he has moved his dental parlors to the new quarters in the Bank of Morehead City Building.

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 police.

The rooms in the Paragon building recently vacated by the city

hospital will be furnished for a Sailor's Club and opened for use as soon as possible.

Five small boys were put to work 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 hoses, the boys finished their sentence Wednesday.

F. Roland Bell, who has been associated with S. A. Chalk for the past several days, will leave here Saturday for Plymouth, where he will operate a drug business recently bought by Chalk and himself.

Morehead City was a loser in a ball game played in New Bern Thursday against the New Bern team, the score being 5 to 2. Members 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 fisheries commissioner, succeeding the late H. L. Gibbs.

Rumors that the Naval Air Station at Camp Glenn would be disbanded and that only 25 officers and men would be left to take care of the property, have proven erroneous, 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.

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 living in a zoo." In fact it's a combination 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 followed from the time he wins 14-year-old Sarah till he becomes a great-grandfather.

This is a novel about a great sprawling family life, and about a sort of swabbing fireside patriarch who rules his brood by his invincible passions and stirs up a

surpassing affection and envy in his descendants.

Miss Ariss' frankness—or rather, 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

Seidman and Son. Elick Moll. Putnam. \$3.95.

Seidman, leading his dog in Central Park, introduces himself to another man on a bench, and to us: Dressmaker, his wife, daughter 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 beautiful, too, richly sentimental and as wholesome shmoosome as corn flakes, as Seidman would put it.

The boy comes home a blithering idealist impatient to reform the world, or at least Seventh Avenue and the garment district.

Remembering the poverty-stricken Koreans, he can't let his wealthy 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 everything is all right.

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

—W. G. Rogers

What Can be Done to Curb Printing of Lurid Tales?

A contemporary author has received \$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 published in hardbook and paperback editions.

It is estimated that one of every 37 Americans has read this story. What is its attraction? The author 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.

stories put into circulation today are not the fictional characters, not the authors who invent them, not the publishers who market salacious literature. The real culprits are the people who read spicy fiction and support both authors and publishers.

Christian men and women are not powerless against the traffic in obscene literature. The most effective weapon in the war on indecent reading matter is the refusal to buy it. No magazine or novel can reach a profitable circulation without readers.

—The Lutheran Witness

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 Carolinians.

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 facilities 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 acquisition

of the Old Mullet Line and the direct rail connection between 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.

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