

If It Does as It Should . . .

If the planning board appointed by the county functions as it should, it can look into the future and see what groundwork has to be laid now to meet the demands 25 years hence.

To meet those demands, which in our estimation are sewage disposal facilities, more miles of navigable waters, acceptable residential and business sites, money will be required.

Work toward planning those improvements must begin now. Money for "planning" may be looked upon as an unnecessary expense by the average person.

It is unnecessary if persons do not take planning seriously. No attractive locale "just grows". Many people deplore the fact that years ago the county went into debt to build roads. But could it be that some of the prosperity the county enjoys now was due to the vision of our present senior citizens?

If the county is to enjoy its present rate of growth 25 years from now, what must we do to assure it? Probably one of the most important things is to preserve our pure waters and stop polluting those we already pollute.

Reports from Miami say that sports-fishing just off Miami is not what it used to be. Persons in position to know attribute the drop in sportsfishing to the increased pollution of Miami waters.

It can't happen here? Those who think not are foolish.

Another Step Forward

Atlantic Beach is to be commended for adopting a zoning ordinance. The town will profit if the ordinance is followed and, if adjustments are made, that they be made for the benefit of the majority and not for the personal advantage of a few.

Law requires that every town which zones shall also set up a board of adjustment. That board has the power to make minor adjustments in regulations. This has been done so that property owners will not be subjected to undue hardship when a bit of common sense and compromise could be brought into play to work out a problem.

The board of adjustment does not have the power to change the zoning ordinance. This lies only within the jurisdiction of the town board and can be carried out only after certain legal procedures are followed.

Atlantic Beach has rapidly become one of the most desirable coastal resorts. Congestion of buildings in certain areas now is unfortunate, but the zoning laws will prevent future congestion in both business and residential areas. Thus, the town can grow in orderly fashion and become a municipality with the atmosphere of permanence and prosperity.

Too many of North Carolina's beaches have a shoddy, here today-gone-tomorrow atmosphere simply be-

We can wait for 25 years to pass, see the pollution, the halt in growth and then decide we need sewage disposal plants. But it will then take another 25 years to purge all the pollution and to convince the public once again that our waters are good for fishing, boating and swimming. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

If we assure future building and growth, property values will increase and tax revenues will automatically be higher, thus providing more funds for better schools, government buildings, parks and the like.

That means that some money must be put to work now. This may require higher taxes. But people should begin to realize a going concern requires investment of funds, if there is to be profit.

Towns and counties are going concerns. New projects — schools, mosquito control, water development — require investment. On those a profitable return can be expected.

Taxes in themselves are not evil; evil enters in when tax money is used for purposes that will not assure a better tomorrow for the taxpayer. No individual, alone, can build a fine school house for his child, or dig a deeper channel for fishing boats, but each individual joining others with his mite, can do big things.

People wise enough to see this, progress and prosper. Those who don't, stand still — or retreat.

cause they have not been administered by an able government. Unless some action is taken on the county level in the near future to prevent haphazard growth of the areas immediately outside Atlantic Beach, those areas will be a product of topsy-turvy growth. When that happens, all property values will decrease.

Each summer finds more investment being made in beach homes and businesses. There will, probably, be loud objection in the future from prospective builders who do not want to comply with the zoning ordinance. But it will be found, in most cases, that the property owner who does not want to build in accordance with the law is one who, in the long run, would not be a desirable citizen, one who would operate a business to the detriment of the whole community — and keeping such persons from building is the exact intent of a zoning ordinance.

It takes men of courage to stick to their guns when someone derides and ridicules them simply because he cannot build as he pleases. It is hoped that the members of the Atlantic Beach board of adjustment are individuals of courage.

A zoning ordinance, in itself, may be good, but the extent of its benefit is in direct proportion to the manner in which it is administered.

'Piscopalian'

(Weimar Jones in Franklin Press)

Editor Isaac S. London, of the Rockingham Post-Dispatch, recalls "the story of the personnel manager of a large business firm who, in sorting through forms filled out by job applicants, came across the usual number of Baptists, Methodists, Roman Catholics, and so forth, listed under "church preference." But one neatly lettered card had been filled in by a young man who had studied architecture in college. His church preference was "Gothic."

That recalls a story told by Macon native Don S. Elias, of Asheville:

The young job applicant filled out all spaces on his application blank ex-

cept that asking his church preference. He left that blank.

Looking over the application, the personnel manager asked the applicant didn't he have a church preference.

"Oh, yes," he said, "I'm Presbyterian."

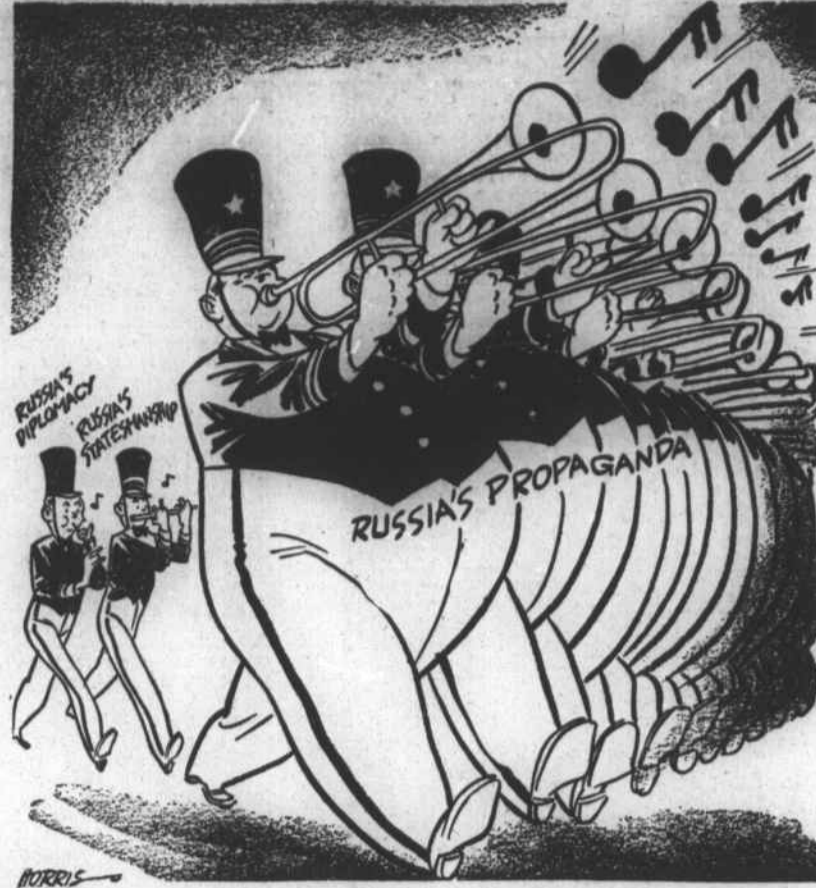
"Then why don't you say so?"

"Well, just to tell you the truth, I wasn't sure how to spell 'Presbyterian'."

"In that case, why didn't you abbreviate it, just put a 'P'?"

"I started to do that, but I was afraid you might misunderstand; you might think I was 'Piscopalian.'"

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Ruth Peeling

Why the People Don't Win

Among the letters received at the newspaper office several months ago, when persons were contributing 20 cents per phone to fight the telephone rate increase, was one which read something like this, "Here's a dollar to fight the rate increase, and I'll give you another dollar if you'll investigate the utilities commission."

Those few words expressed succinctly the attitude of many North Carolinians toward the utilities commission. Jim Chaney, writer for a Raleigh newspaper, in a series of articles which ended Thursday surveyed operations of the utilities commission and pointed out why utilities commission decisions so seldom are in favor of the phone, light or water customer.

Mr. Chaney remarked that the "little people", you and I, never let the utilities commission know when we are pleased by a decision. The utilities companies do. The public doesn't work for reappointment to the commission of men who are favorable to the public. The utilities work for reappointment of men favorable to their side.

If I recall correctly, a utilities commission member several years ago supported east Carolinians in

a rate fight. Later he ran for public office, a high state office. Was he elected? No. The public placed, apparently, little importance to the fact that he was their champion on the utilities commission.

While the commission may, as Mr. Chaney points out, be operating under ancient procedures and there are many ways in which new statutes could remedy some of the current faults, the fact remains that the utilities "stick to their knittin'" when it comes to keeping utilities commission members kindly inclined toward the utilities.

This has continued to the point where it is almost utter futility to fight a utility.

The utilities commission, by its recent decisions, has shown that it does not exist to protect the public, but to protect the utilities companies.

If the commission rules in favor of Carolina Telephone in the most recent rate case, the decision will come as a surprise to no one in eastern North Carolina.

Interesting new signs giving tourists an idea of where they are and what lies ahead have been erected on highways in Carteret. One has been placed at the beach road and Arendell Street intersec-

tion and another on the causeway between Beaufort and Morehead City.

There probably are others. The signs are in natural-finish wood, with letters cut into them and silvered. Most attractive.

And as far as I have been able to determine, the words are spelled correctly. The highway department's sign-maker goofed again on the signs posted at either side of the Coral Bay property on the Salter Path Road: "Pedestrian Crossing." A bunch of people walking along are a train of pedestrians, the sign-maker probably reasoned, so he spelled the word accordingly.

Boat people say it's silly to put, right at a draw bridge, a calibrated sign saying how high the bridge is above the water. By the time a boatman gets that close to a bridge, he has already blown for the bridge to open and the bridge is well on its way to being open.

Where such signs should be placed, boatmen say, is about a quarter of a mile from the bridge. True.

Two native sons have been mentioned as possible successors to ailing Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro. Should the federal judge decide to retire, they say that Julian Gaskill, Goldsboro (native of Sea Level), and Algernon Butler, Clinton, may be offered the job.

Don't ever fire an "obsolete" cannon.

Some English soldiers loaded a cannon of the 1700's with croquet balls the other day, and fired. The croquet balls sailed three blocks and broke windows in two homes.

Comment . . . J. Kellum

Ego and Deceit

Blaise Pascal, in "Pensees," remarks upon the weakness of wanting to present oneself to the world as faultless. He shows how we can proceed from simple embarrassment at our imperfections to a complete refusal to face our faults. Logically, we then proceed from deceiving ourselves about our faults to deceiving ourselves — quite automatically — about the world around us. We have then graduated (?) from egotism to unreality. It is worth thinking about. He says:

"The nature of self love and of this human ego is to love self only and consider self only. But what will man do? He cannot prevent this object that he loves from being full of faults and wants.

"He wants to be great, and he sees himself small. He wants to be perfect, and he sees himself full of imperfections. He wants to be an object of love and esteem among men, and he sees that his faults merit only their hatred and contempt. This embarrassment in which he finds himself produces in him the most unrighteous and criminal passion that can be imagined; for he conceives a mortal enmity against that truth which reproves him and which convinces him of his faults.

"He would annihilate it, but, unable to destroy it in its essence, he destroys it as far as possible in his own knowledge and in that of others; that is to say, he devotes all his attention to hiding his faults both from others and from himself, and he cannot endure either that the others should point them out to him, or that he should see them."

The saddest word of tongue or pen: "We sold the baby buggy, then!" —The Areddian

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The state firemen were to hold their convention at New Bern next week. Following this there would be a beauty pageant at Atlantic Beach.

Recorder's court would open next Tuesday with Alvah Hamilton presiding as judge, M. Leslie Davis as solicitor and L. W. Hassell as clerk of court.

R. A. Cherry was remodeling the former Palace theatre building in Morehead City as a new movie theatre.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Local merchants had signed up for the NRA (National Recovery Act) and were entitled to show the Blue Eagle in their stores.

The Board of Education was in-

quiring into the possibility of the White Oak High School students' attending the Swansboro School.

TEN YEARS AGO

Dan L. Walker of Burlington had been selected as manager of the Beaufort chamber of commerce.

Fort Macon surf boat crew won the lifeboat race at Hatteras.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Fire, caused when lightning struck, destroyed the main processing building of Spert Products, Inc., on Lennoxville Road, Beaufort.

By a margin of only six votes, the area just west of Morehead City was annexed. A total of 177 voters had registered, 81 voted in favor of the annexation and 75 against.

Captain Henry

Sou'easter

Looks as though there is much news in real estate in the east ends of Front and Ann Streets. Three homes in the 1500 block of Ann are for sale at this writing, and one on the waterfront in the 1400 block of Front. Those at least, are the ones I know of.

Lawrence Rudder and Dr. John Way are building new homes in that section. Charles Davis and family will move soon into their new house on Front Street extended and the Holden Ballous recently moved into their new home at 1540 Ann.

The R. M. Williams have bought the Alex Graham home on the road to Copelands and expect to move in as soon as some renovation work is done on the inside. The Grahams have bought the house next to their drive-in on Highway 101.

Reminds me of a game we used to play as kids. Each one would get in a different corner of a room then somebody would shout "Upset the fruit basket!" and everybody would rush like mad to find a new corner. Of course, there was always one less corner than there were kids, so one fellow was al-

ways left in the middle. But folks are playing it safe on this house business, they don't get out of what they got until they have something to get into. V-e-r-y clever.

Speaking of kids, David and Jerry Beveridge have two in their front yard—cute little black and white ones tied to a tree. Wouldn't have been nearly as surprised had I seen David's trawler tied in the front yard as I was when I saw those goats.

Well, that's one way to beat cutting the grass in this hot weather.

Don't heat your golf balls if you think that will give them more zip. I read about a man who put three golf balls in boiling water on the kitchen stove and went out in his yard to take some practice swings.

Suddenly there was a Bang! Bang! Bang! He rushed back into the kitchen and there was confronted by his wife who was not happy about having to clean up pieces of golf ball splattered all over the stove and room.

Louise Spivey

Words of Inspiration

DELINQUENCY . . . WHOSE? It is alarming to many of us to read about the multiple crimes in our nation committed by young people. They are often called "teen-age gangs," "juvenile delinquents," etc.

The wise ones of our times are meeting all over our land to try to find the answer, "Why do these children rebel in this great land of opportunity, why? why? why?"

Those of us who are parents and have just passed through these teen-age years with our children, and have come out with good, clean, average Americans, cannot read these accounts without thanking God on our knees for His very special love and guidance for our own.

When a child is small, it is not unusual for young parents to read and study the books written by our supposedly wise ones. I, too, read these books and to some extent they certainly did affect my own life as well as my family's. The schools were also catering to this new plan of self expression, progressive education; my neighbors went along with the idea too.

Many times during the growing-up years of the children we heard, "Well Susie's mother lets her do thus and so, or Johnny's parents understand and trust him, and so on."

Through these years there's one safe port where all of us can go when life becomes a little rough. There was no question, no argument about whether or not they would attend Sunday School and church. I had always gone with them. On Sunday morning, it was just the thing to do and no one thought of not going.

The literature that I read seemed to conflict with the teachings of my Bible. I made many mistakes during those years, but I can truthfully say that I did the best I knew, using my Bible as my guide.

I believe that if the wise ones will search far enough, they will find a new name for the delinquents. They will find that instead of calling them juvenile delinquents, that the correct name should be, parental delinquents.

It warms our hearts when we read I Samuel chapters 1-3 of Hannah who went into the temple and prayed for a son. There she made a vow to God that if this son was given to her, she would give him back to God all of his life. Many of us have made vows to God relative to our children.

When Samuel was just a small boy, Hannah took him into the temple and left him there, and the child did minister unto the Lord before Eli the priest. Samuel was like a son of Eli, and he must have loved him as if he were his own.

Our Bible tells us that Eli also had two sons who knew not the Lord. As the story goes, one night, after Samuel and Eli had gone to bed, the voice of God called Samuel three times.

Each time Samuel had gone to Eli's bed, thinking it was he who had called. On the third time, Eli told Samuel to say, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth."

Samuel did this, and God gave him His message: "In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house; when I begin I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. I Samuel 3:12-13.

I believe that if all parents would again take over the rearing of their children, with the help of God, juvenile delinquency would soon be stamped out.

It is good for us to remember this story of Eli. I am sure that he loved his two sons very much. Perhaps like many of us in today's world, he loved them too much to deny them many things. Eli was a man of God and knew God's laws concerning his children. He broke these laws. The price was high.

From the Bookshelf

Three's Company. By Alfred Duggan. Coward - McCain, Inc. \$3.95.

This is the story of a late, late George Apley — a stuffy, proper Roman by the name of Marcus Aemilius Lepidus who, through a magnificent capacity for indecision and inaction, became the third member of the triumvirate set up after the assassination of Julius Caesar. The other two left their names in history, Mark Anthony and Octavius Caesar. But not Lepidus.

The task to which Duggan set himself in this book is a most difficult one: to explain the complicated political maneuvering of Imperial Rome and to make credible the personality and career of a man who was little more than a stooge.

He does not succeed entirely, but the book makes good reading. Too much of the background is given in conversations that might almost begin: "And now, my dear, let me explain the intricacies of Senate subcommittees . . ." And if Lepidus was as obsessed with doing the right thing as he is painted, and as incapable of decisive action, it is difficult to believe that in the end he could have come to command 22 mighty Roman legions and hold the world in his grasp — only to have his soldiers desert to Octavius.

Making history credible, and particularly ancient history, is the rarest and most difficult of arts. Even if Duggan does not achieve the heights, he nevertheless paints a fascinating picture of ancient Rome, and there is a ring of authenticity to it.

Richard Chase, author of "The Democratic Vista," was born in New Hampshire in 1914, studied at Moses Brown School in Providence, and at Dartmouth, and got his PhD at Columbia, where he is a professor.



He has had a Guggenheim and a National Institute of Arts and Letters award. Married, and father of four children, he has written five other books in the last nine years, about Melville, Dickinson, and Whitman, among other subjects.

thenticity that atones for the lack of literary fire.

Poor Lepidus. He was proper and he was brave. And yet when his life crumbled he groveled at the feet of Octavius and begged for mercy, instead of falling on his sword which would have been the eminently correct thing to do.

— Ted Smits

The Splendid Little War. By Frank Freidel. Little, Brown. \$7.50. To Americans 60 years ago, the Spanish-American conflict was a romantic experience epitomized by John Hay's remark about a "splendid little war."

It lasted only four months and left the impression that one clean living young Yankee could, with his right hand tied behind his back, lick his weight in Spaniards.

Afterwards, twinges of conscience dulled national tendencies towards braggadocio. Now this notable work by Professor Freidel makes it pretty plain that Spaniards as well as Americans were brave men, that war is a terrible business of squalor, wounds and disease — even if lighted by moments of high heroism — no matter who fights it or where. Also that this one might have happened a bit differently had not the Spanish high command out-bungled the American, which took some doing.

Not a straight narrative but one compounded largely of excerpts from articles, letters and reports by men who saw it happen, Freidel's is an unusual book and a fascinating one. It has about 300 illustrations and the author enlists not only the pens of such reporters as Stephen Crane, Richard Harding Davis and Theodore Roosevelt, but the pencils of artists like Frederic Remington and Howard Chandler Christy. — J.W.

Author of the Week

The Readers Write

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To the Editor:

Cheers to Mr. James Smith of Salter Path for his attempts to get telephone service to the residents of Salter Path and Emerald Isle (NEWS-TIMES, Aug. 5, 1958). This \$100,000 required to put telephones farther west on Bogue Banks—officially, if not officially, REA has okayed the use of REA poles for putting up telephone lines, as they have done in many other communities.

If Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. is to have the franchise for giving telephone service in this county, then let them give service. We are repeatedly reminded that with privileges go responsibilities; if the telephone company has the exclusive right to furnish telephone service to our community, likewise it should have the responsibility of granting legitimate requests for service by home owners and businessmen.

Bob Simpson

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