

## Financing Alcoholism

Carteret County, as well as the town units within it, suffers financially from alcoholism. If anyone thinks of the alcoholic at all, he sympathizes usually with the immediate family who may be deprived of the necessities of life because most of the income goes for liquor.

But there are other cases. The county jail is frequently occupied by the alcoholics who have advanced so far on the drunkard's road that their families have left them. Some of these men do not work, they couldn't if they had to, but they get their money for liquor from the government — the veteran's pension check comes in regularly.

The federal government, in these instances, finances drunkenness, putting the burden on the local governments to care for the drunk when he becomes a menace.

What is the answer? C. L. Beam, county veterans' service officer, says that a guardian for the alcoholic veteran can be appointed. This has been done in several cases. This may not cure alcoholism, but it may curb the amount of drinking done so that the alcoholic-prone veteran does not roam the streets day in and day out in a near-stupor.

Veterans' hospitals do not treat veterans for alcoholism alone. If a veteran is suffering from another malady, as well as alcoholism, Mr. Beam points out, a veterans' hospital can accept him.

Not all the drunks who are well-known boarders in the jail are pension-supported veterans. The burden on the county and on the officers charged with the responsibility of caring for prisoners would be considerably lightened, however, if some of the drunks showed up less frequently than they do now.

If appointing a guardian for the alcoholic veteran is possible, efforts should be made to have that done. If the family does not know how to go about doing this, then county officials should suggest that such be done and help them go through the necessary procedures. If the family no longer cares what happens to the alcoholic,

then county officials themselves should check into the matter.

This comment on alcoholic veterans is not to be interpreted as a condemnation of veterans. They have earned their pensions, but there is a twist of irony to the situation when one government will hand a man a check and then another government has to pay to care for that same man because he uses the federal money to turn himself into an alcoholic. Perhaps his desire for liquor is the result of the hours he spent in battle, but apparently the federal government is not willing to recognize this, since it refuses to accept alcoholic veterans at veterans' hospitals.

Any jailer will tell you that drunks are their biggest headaches. An alcoholic cut suddenly from his liquor supply can turn into a maniac. How would you like to cope with a raging, shaking human being day and night? Jailers must. Taxpayers only have to foot the bills.

## Teeth Sharpened

In case employers don't know it, federal tax collectors are armed with a new law to crack down on businessmen who pocket taxes withheld from their employees' pay.

As of July 1 of this year any employer who ignores the withholding tax laws is liable to a sentence of up to a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

The law evidently came about due to an upswing in tax cheating in 1957.

Of 4,400,000 businesses which withhold taxes for the government, 377,253 were delinquent to the extent of nearly \$301 million in 1957. And that was an increase over 1956.

If an employer pockets withheld taxes, his employees do not suffer. The Revenue Service credits them with the full amount whether the employer passes the money along to the Treasury or not.

Before the new law went into effect, the Revenue Service was able only to attach business assets to satisfy claims for delinquent withholding taxes.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

## All Business is Local

Occasionally the remark is heard, "Don't buy at the chain stores and send your dollar to New York where the owners live, buy from your home businessmen." That is a concept widely held years ago when chain stores started rapidly to expand in number and variety. The thinking behind it is not even given attic space in the modern business world.

Just what happens to the customer's dollar when it goes across the counter of A&P, Colonial Store, Belk's, Western Auto or many of the other "chain" stores?

The greater part of the price of an item goes to the manufacturer of the product sold. The piece of pork you buy at a chain food store may have been grown in this county and sold on the livestock market at New Bern. The hose you buy at Belk's was probably knit in a plant in the western part of the state. The bag you carry your purchases home in may at one time have been a tree in a Tar Heel forest . . .

The second largest part of the dollar goes for salaries, rent, light and heat for operation of the chain's store in this county. Most of that money stays in circulation here.

Chain stores know it is a good policy to become a part of community life. They are willing contributors to the March of Dimes and similar drives.

A certain portion of the dollar goes to the home office of the company for management, supervision and similar expenses. And as for the owners, where are they?

Certainly all are not in one far-away place. They are in towns all over this country, even Morehead City and Beaufort. For all anyone needs to do to be an owner of A&P and many of the other major chains is to go to his broker. Stock of most of the chains is listed on one of the major stock exchanges.

As the Mount Vernon, Ohio, News points out:

"It has long been a contention of the newspapers that in the last analysis, all business is local business. The American economic system has become so complex that it is no longer possible for even the smallest business to be entirely self-sufficient. Even a boy picking blackberries and selling them from door to door would probably use a basket made in North Carolina or a metal pail made in Pittsburgh."

Freedom: being able to do what you please without considering anyone except the wife, police, boss, life insurance company, state, federal, county, town authorities, and neighbors.

## UNDISPUTED CHAMPION



Louise Spivey

## Words of Inspiration

DREAM ON

One broken dream is not the end of dreaming;  
One shattered hope is not the end of hoping;  
Beyond the storm and tempest, stars are gleaming;  
Still build your castles, tho' your castles fall.

Though many dreams come tumbling in disaster,  
And pain and heartache meet you down the years,  
Still keep your faith, your hopes to master,  
And never cry that you have ceased to dream.

— Unknown

Failure will hurt but not hinder us. Disillusion will pain but not dishearten us. Sorrows will shake us but not break us. Hope will set the music ringing and quicken our lagging pace. We need hope for living far more than for dying. Dying is easy work compared with living.

Dying is a moment's transition; living, a transaction of years. It is the length of the rope that puts the sag in it. Hope tightens the cords and tunes up the heart-strings. Work well, then; suffer patiently, rejoicing in hope. God knows all, and yet is the God of Hope. And when we have hoped to the end here, He will give us something to look forward to, for all eternity. For "hope abideth."

— Babcock

Search thy own heart; what paineth thee in others in thyself may be.

— Whittier

Do you want to know the man against whom you have most reason to guard yourself? Your looking glass will give a very fair likeness of his face.

— Whateley

QUOTES

Gossip always seems to travel faster over the sour-grape vine.

There is nothing so costly as ignorance.

Sin may come upon thee by surprise but don't let it dwell as a guest. No man is entitled to an opinion that is based on rumor instead of on facts.

Afflictions are blessings to us when we bless God for the afflictions. Treasures in Heaven are laid up only as treasures on earth are laid down.

God is never kind at the expense of justice.

You may whitewash yourself but only God can wash you white.

If a thing is not forgotten it is not forgiven.

He who kicks continuously soon loses his balance.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

TRUE RELIGION

I remember that in the time of childhood I was very religious; I rose in the night, was punctual in the performance of my devotions, and abstinent. One night I had been sitting in the presence of my father, not having closed my eyes during the whole time, and with the holy Koran in my embrace, whilst numbers around us were asleep.

I said to my father: "Not one of these lifeth up his head to perform his genuflections, but they are all so fast asleep you would say they are dead." He replied: "Life of your father, it were better if thou also were asleep than to be searching out the faults of mankind. The boaster sees nothing but himself, having a veil of conceit before his eyes. If he were endowed with an eye capable of discerning God, he would not discern any person weaker than himself."

— Saadi

Captain Henry

## Sou'easter

Everybody recently was — and perhaps still is — agog over the big hullabaloo that tv quiz programs are "fixed". William Feather, editor of Imperial Magazine rips the veil off another of America's favorite pastimes. He writes:

"Today's broken-heart specialists who write daily columns of syndicated trash have developed a new line which may best be described as flippant. They invent

their own preposterous questions and problems and then tell the fictitious fish to drop dead.

"If you don't glance at these departments occasionally, you are missing a glimpse into the minds and hearts of both juvenile and adult morons.

"Years ago we wondered where the silly questions came from, and an obliging reader gave us a clue. He said the city firemen in one station house kept a columnist in business for four solid years. To kill monotonous hours, the men imagined a romantic headache, which were typed by a lad with a literary flair.

"The columnist to the love-love knew all about the fraud, but the weary sister went along with it because she was desperate for material."

One of the well-known squires of Beaufort invited a visiting squire to go fishing with him one day a couple summers ago.

They were about to set out from the house when the Beaufort host looked out the back door and behold, he saw his fuel tank busting up right out of the ground.

Now this Beaufort gentleman is a great one to get other fellows to do his work for him, so he set about putting his tank back in the ground. The visitor who was to go fishing got no fishing but was invited to help re-settle the tank. The visitor, who was accustomed to no such back-breaking task, was set to digging.

For three days afterwards he was walking around with his hands swathed in bandages because of the blisters.

Someone later asked the squire whose tank had popped up, "Well, just how did it happen?"

The squire replied, "Fuel oil prices are cheaper in the summer than they are in the winter, so I was waiting to get the tank filled when the price went down. Well, the price just didn't go down soon enough."

## Smile a While

Obviously upset, a young wife called up a friend and told her that she and her husband had quarreled and that he'd left her.

"Now don't worry too much about it," the friend told her soothingly. "He's done that before, you know."

"I know," said the wife, her voice breaking, "but this time he took his bowling ball."

A man of Scottish descent was attracting much attention in the hotel lobby with his tales of accomplishments.

"Well, now," said an Englishman at last, "suppose you tell us something you cannot do and I will undertake to do it."

"Thank ye," replied the Scot, "I canna pay my bill here."

Ruth Peeling

## Marja Begins Studies in America

Last winter, under the leadership of the Morehead City Woman's Club and Mrs. Jack Roberts, representatives of civic organizations met to consider raising \$650 to permit a European or South American high school student to attend Morehead City High School for a year.

At that time, the plan did not materialize, but many hope that with an earlier start this coming year, the money can be raised.

My sister, Mrs. John L. Hall and family of Hanover, N. J., consider themselves fortunate this year in that their family was chosen as the one with which such a high school student is living. She is Marja Kosonen, 18, of Helsinki, Finland.



Marja

Marja arrived in New York Aug. 9 with scores of other exchange students whose study in this country is sponsored by the American Field Service.

An article in the September issue of the Hanover Park Board of Education News tells about Marja . . . part of the article follows:

Marja Kosonen, a lovely, dark-haired girl from Helsinki, Finland, arrived in Hanover where she will live for a year and attend Hanover Park High School under the terms of the International Scholarship awarded to her by the American Field Service.

She will be enrolled in the senior class at Hanover Park and will graduate in June 1959. Marja (pronounced Mar'ya) is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hall and their family, 79 Hanover Road, Hanover, N. J.

Marja has adapted herself to her new home and American surroundings with grace and alacrity. Her biggest thrill has been television.

When asked the usual question put to visitors to this country, "What impressed you most upon your arrival in America?" Marja commented, "The friendliness of the people, the skyscrapers of New York and the nearness of city and country atmosphere."

She pointed out that she was surprised to leave the city of New York behind so quickly and within an hour or so to find herself in the quiet, peaceful town of Hanover!

In Finland, both Marja's parents are teachers of religion and his-

tory in Helsinki secondary schools. Marja hopes to become a teacher herself. The promotion of international friendship between the people of the world is one of Marja's fondest dreams.

The idea of applying for a foreign student to attend Hanover Park took form in the mind of Dr. Lawrence Kenyon, Director of Guidance at the high school.

Experiences with foreign students in other schools led Dr. Kenyon to the realization that a similar program would bear rich rewards for the students and citizens of the Hanover Park Regional District. The student body responded with enthusiasm and the program was under way.

Arrangements for the sponsorship of a foreign exchange student have been the responsibility of the local American Field Service Committee . . .

This committee supervised the raising of the \$650 required to bring a student to the community. The bulk of the money is used to defray direct expenses for each student, such as ocean passage, travel in the United States (including the bus trip at the end of the year), arrival and departure expenses, personal allowances, medical expenses, etc.

The money required was raised mainly by the students of Hanover Park themselves. They conducted Operation Carwash and the Campus Festival; they turned over partial or entire receipts from special sports events, dramatic presentations, music festivals, etc.

Local PTA groups and various student and civic clubs also made contributions.

An American Field Service International Scholarship is an open door which leads to understanding and friendship among the peoples of the world. Through this door pass the students from more than 30 foreign countries to attend American secondary schools for a school-year of study and first-hand experience.

During the summer American teenagers from practically every state are given the opportunity to live with families abroad in a two-way exchange.

Marja speaks several languages, and if she were in Finland would actually be starting her first year of college.

The living expenses of an exchange student are borne by the family with which she lives. The family selected is carefully screened and the American Field

Service makes every effort to fit the background of the student as closely as possible with backgrounds of the American family members.

Marja's American "brother and sisters" are Pat Hall, a junior in high school, John Hall, a freshman, and 5-year-old Sally. Of the Lutheran faith, Marja's American family is also Lutheran.

The Morehead City committee considering the AFS project felt that there may be some difficulty in locating a family with which the student could make his (or her) home. If anyone is interested in this phase of the project, I'm sure Mrs. Roberts, phone Park 6-3359, would like to hear from you.

An upstate daily heads its school lunch menus with "What Kids Will Eat". A more apt title might be "What Kids Will be Fed". Sometime what youngsters are fed and what they'll eat are two entirely different things.

O. J. Morrow, theatre manager, passes on the following from a theatre trade magazine:

"We see by a Norfolk (Va.) newspaper that one of their local wits is of the opinion that the average American chooses his or her movie entertainment with the following reasoning: 'Condemning it for being naughty. Attending it to see if it is as naughty as advertised. And then kicking to the management because the naughty portions have been cut out.'

Many a theatre manager, who has been forced to listen to patron complaints, will agree."

From Bill Crowell of the Department of Motor Vehicles comes the following. The writer, of Durham prefers to cloak his identity:

Life's Road  
Along life's road we travel,  
With a choice to go either way;  
One to peace and happiness,  
The other to decay.  
We seldom take the straightest way,  
We like to take the curves;  
Driving like a madman,  
Who hasn't any nerves.  
We choose to ignore the danger signs,  
As we go flying by,  
Not time enough to stop and pray—  
But plenty of time to die.

## Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

Spanish Sahara has issued four new stamps honoring the noted Spanish author, Miguel Cervantes. The 10 centavos plus 5 and the 15 c plus 5 bear a portrait of Cervantes.

The 20 c depicts the famous characters Don Quixote and Sancho Panza on donkeys. The 70 c shows Quixote and Panza escaping lions. The additional values on these stamps goes to the children's welfare fund.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Postal Society will mark the President's 68th birthday and its own second anniversary on Oct. 14 with a cacheted cover to be serviced in Denison, Tex., his birthplace.

George A. Patterson, stamp editor of the Paterson, N. J., Evening News and president of the Eisenhower Society, says covers will be 25 cents each and can be ordered directly from him at 68 Doherty Drive, Clifton, N. J.

Austria has issued a new 1.50 schilling red stamp in its regular postage series. The stamp shows the Rabenof, a new housing development in the old Erdberg district of Vienna. The design is by Professor Hans Strohofer.

## IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

THIRTY YEARS AGO

A hurricane flooded the highways, wires were put out of commission, and the county was isolated from the rest of the state.

S. G. Gould was elected president, S. D. Edwards, vice-president, Waddell Pridden secretary and E. H. Oglesby treasurer of the Newport Republican Club.

The fish boat Geo. D. Balster, owned by the Beaufort Fish Trap and Oil Co., was seized by the Coast Guard under suspicion of being in the rum running business.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Eight Carteret countians lost their lives when a hurricane struck the county Friday, Sept. 15. The wind had been clocked at 105 miles an hour at Cape Lookout, and property damage in the county exceeded the million dollar mark.

The American Red Cross, under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Hyde, was giving food, clothing and shelter to the storm victims.

TEN YEARS AGO

County schools opened this week since no new local cases of polio had been reported in the past two weeks.

Morehead City high school officials said there would be no football team this year because of lack of money.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission was repairing the beach bridge which was damaged when a barge swung against the span, and pulled away 125 feet at the south end of the draw.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Morehead City Board of Commissioners approved re-zoning positions of Arendell and Evans Streets from residential to business areas.

Leslie D. Springle was heading a group of rural home owners seeking to organize a Beaufort Rural Fire Association.

Harkers Islanders were troubled by spenders and hoped to cope with the problem themselves!

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