

Hurricanes Point the Way



Since the last hurricane damaged the Ocracoke Highway, the Ocracoke-Hatteras ferry has been making one regular scheduled trip daily over the approximate 24-mile route shown on map above.

This service certainly proves that a 20-mile car ferry service from Ocracoke to Carteret County is not only possible but practical and should be inaugurated in the immediate future — to make available, to millions, the greatest scenic and historic coastal highway in the world.

By J. A. DuBOIS
Chamber of Commerce

Hurricane Hazel and her sisters, in 1954-55, awakened the State of North Carolina to the importance and value of our far-flung outer banks. Since then, great strides have been made by the State Highway Department in making these once-isolated sections more accessible to necessary supplies and more easily evacuated in case of emergency.

The Governor's Rehabilitation Commission has made steady progress on the tremendous task of saving and restoring this vast sand barrier, which protects all of our coastal counties from certain destruction by the relentless waves of the mighty Atlantic Ocean.

Along came Helene last month. She tore up some of the highway on Ocracoke, leveled many of the man-built protective dunes, and for a short while it looked as if the people of Ocracoke would again be marooned. Then the State Highway Commission swung into action.

The ferry which had been operating from Hatteras to the north end of Ocracoke Island was routed northeast into Pamlico Sound some four miles to deep water thence southwest for about 18 miles, thence southeast into Silver Lake harbor and the village of Ocracoke (total distance about 24 miles). It is now making one round-trip daily on a regular schedule.

Unwittingly Helene, in spite of the damage she did, was a benefactor to our state, for she has proven that even a small car ferry can safely navigate 24 miles of open Pamlico Sound. People who have taken this ferry are enthusiastic, even though the trip takes over three hours and there are no luxurious passenger accommodations.

Helene also proved, beyond doubt that a 20-mile car ferry from Ocracoke to the mainland in Carteret County is not only possible but is practical.

There now seems to be no sound and plausible reason why a 20-mile

The song "Dixie" was composed by Dan Emmett, a Yankee from Ohio.

Pine Cones

Smyrna School Chooses Its Two Prettiest Students

By PAT CHADWICK

Hi, folks! Well, here we are back again to bring you some more news of what's happening here at SHS.

First, let's congratulate the winner of the beauty contest held between acts of the senior play. She



Judy Thompson

is Judy Thompson, who was crowned Miss Smyrna High School for this year. We of the eleventh grade home room were especially proud of her since she was representing our class.

Susan Fulcher, first grade, won first place among the grammar grade contestants. All of the girls looked especially pretty, and I think they well deserve to be congratulated.

I think I can really speak for everyone and say we all had a ball at the state fair. The live, gay crowd that pulled away from the Smyrna school Friday morning at 5:45 were an exhausted but happy bunch as they arrived home at 4:30 Saturday morning.

Monday proved to be a big event here at Smyrna when we received both the pictures and report cards on the same day. Let's hope most of the pictures were better than the reports.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, four carloads of FHA girls attended the district FHA rally in New Bern. The girls agreed that everyone had a wonderful time, and all of them profited by it.

Senior Bigwheel

Beginning this week we will place the spotlight on a particular senior so that you may become better acquainted with them all.

I want to tell you about the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker, Brenda, who was born in Fayetteville, Aug. 30, 1941. She later moved to Williston where she is living now.

Brenda stands 5 foot 1 tall, weighs 105 pounds, and her eyes are a medium brown, slightly



Brenda Baker

darker than her natural curly hair. Brenda said her heart's desire is to be a social worker.

Among all the foods she eats she finds pizza pie to be her favorite. Her favorite pastime is listening to the radio to her favorite singer, Chuck Willis, and her favorite song, For Your Love.

Brenda is the athletic type and thoroughly enjoys playing basketball. However, her hobbies aren't limited only to this sport; she also has interest in swimming and dancing. Brenda's favorite movie stars are Rock Hudson and Kim Novak.

She says she likes all her teachers and it would be too difficult to choose a favorite, but she doesn't mind a bit letting them know that her pet peeve is pop tests.

In school activities Brenda has participated in varsity club one year, 4-H Club for four years, Glee Club three years, FHA one year, and this year she was in the senior play and is on the annual staff. She has been on the basketball squad four years and plays the position of both guard and forward.

elects: Mrs. D. P. Smith, president; Mrs. S. W. Windley, vice-president; Miss E. G. Atkinson, secretary; Miss A. B. Hutchinson, assistant secretary; Mrs. C. H. Lewis, treasurer.

The club members recently honored Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davis Jr. with a shower for their one-month-old daughter at their home on Marsh Street, Beaufort. Many gifts were received. Mrs. Davis thanked each member for the hospitality shown her during the social hour.

—Mrs. B. R. Tillery, Reporter

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Port Calendar

Bischofstein—Sailed for Europe yesterday.

Trinity—At pier loading grain. Will sail for Europe as soon as loading is completed.

Easen—Due tomorrow to load tobacco for Hamburg.

Eastern Prince—Due Thursday to load tobacco for Manila.

Black Tern—Due Friday to load tobacco for Rotterdam.

Posiden—Due Friday with petroleum products for Standard Oil.

Kinderdyk—Due Nov. 4 to load tobacco for Germany.

Girl Scouts Make Bridge Tallies



Photo by Bob Seymour

Girl Scouts of troop 97 are shown above making tallies for the Girl Scout bridge benefit, to be sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant. Left to right are Sherry Wetherington, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wetherington, Diane Williams, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams, and Linda Day, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Day. Mrs. A. B. Roberts is the troop leader.

Negro News

Morehead City Hospital
Admitted: Wednesday, Mr. McKiver Johnson, Havelock; Mrs. Sally Simmons, Beaufort.
Friday, baby William Bell Jr., Morehead City.

Discharged: Thursday, Miss Caroline Jones, Morehead City.
Friday, Mrs. Annie Mae Hinson, Morehead City.

Morehead City — The Ladies Home Instruction Club met Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Margaret McLendon. The president, Mrs. Thelma Stamps, presided. Mrs. Lula Horton and Mrs. Alice Bryant of Newport were welcomed to the club as new members.

The program, Uncover Your Diamonds, was given by Mrs. Ethel Williams.

The hostess served nuts, candies, pecan pie with ice cream and coffee. The club will not meet this week.

Les Vingt Femmes Club
Les Vingt Femmes Club met in September and organized for 1958-1959. The following officers were

Just Thinking

Science Must Not Obscure Studies That Give Meaning, Impetus to Life

By TUCKER R. LITTLETON
Beaufort Faculty Member

About a year ago the United States was alarmed by the news of Russia's celebrated feat, the orbiting of Sputnik. As a result, our competitive impulses immediately spurred us to a counter-attack, and we thenceforth avowed ourselves dedicated to the advancement of science at all costs.

Immediately, various agencies began enlightening us as to how deficient we were in science and what had to be done about the deficiencies. The government and many industrial concerns took up the cause of science, declaring that we had to emphasize the scientific side of our curriculum and sacrifice lesser matters in order to prepare a generation of scientists for the protection of our lives and nation.

An excited government made necessary appropriations and suggested innovations, giving the idea that the scientific aspect of education was most important.

It is with this insinuation of the greater need for scientific proficiency that I wish to take issue. For months all the talk was about science—how we had to build our curriculum around it and how we must emphasize it.

In the light of the sudden glorification of scientific knowledge, the basic subjects that constitute what used to be called a liberal education began to grow dim and flicker out.

Somehow our students get the idea that we now live in an age that has discarded not only its old-fashioned customs, beliefs, and morals, but even the basis of an old-fashioned education. The humanities became secondary, an important part of the curriculum but not indispensable or vitally necessary like science.

Now I do not purport to derate science. I merely consider it a sad day for any civilization when ethics, philosophy, literature, music, etc., become secondary to a course in how to destroy more people and shoot better missiles than the Russians. We have stressed science because the most important thing to us seems to be the preservation of life.

But the question that haunts me is this: Which is more important—top reserve life, or to make it worth preserving?

It seems to me that if the nations of the world had been taught more ethics, more philosophy, more of the world's great literature with its worthy didacticism, we might not now stand in such dire need of science as an instrument of warfare and destruction.

My point, whether plain or not, is to have let the humanities go unstressed.

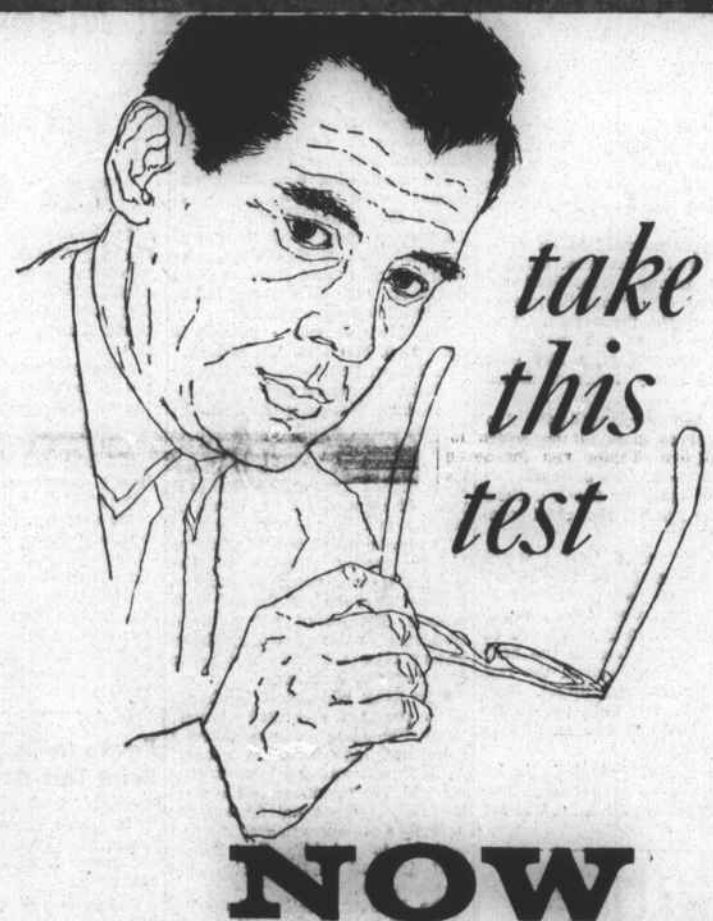
If all men had been taught to listen to the voice of Socrates and Christ, or to glimpse the hidden meanings of Macbeth or Moby Dick or even Pearl Buck's "The Old Demon," it seems quite prob-

able that a more sympathetic understanding would exist toward all nations, all races, all peoples. If we find ourselves where we are today because we have neglected to emphasize the humanities, how can we, by further de-emphasizing them in order to stress science, hope to remedy our situation? If our cultural courses had received more attention, perhaps today science would be channeled into peaceful realms where the brain power and energy of our nation's great scientific minds could be expended on nobler fruits that bear the amiable fruits of prosperity, comfort, medical triumph, and longevity.

Until science is wholly consecrated to the high calling of making life worth preserving, I can not bring myself to believe that science is more important than the fine arts. As it appears to me now, the writing of the blind was a greater event than the inventing of an atomic bomb; and the music of Bach's Magnificat in D Major a greater power than that which launched the Sputnik.

If any reader who thinks I have tried to abuse science become irate, I shall be glad to affirm my support of science by informing him that I am a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. But the matter is that I am an equally zealous supporter of that phase of the curriculum which would teach our students the equal rights of

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