### CARTERET COUNTY NEWS-TIMES

**EDITORIALS** 

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## Many Roads Lead to Rome . . .

second section of today's paper is an appraisal of the county school picture and proposals on how to finance a school building program.

The writer, Harry Mizelle, Newport, has given more thought to the situation, probably, than any other private citizen. He took several days' leave from his work as employee at the Newport postoffice to gather facts and figures and to write the article which is published today.

Perhaps the proposal for raising money which he prefers (the third plan he mentions) is not THE answer. He readily admits that. But he expresses the hope that the proposals he discusses will set all of us to thinking. And we say "Amen" to that.

Borrowing \$21/2 million at one fell swoop and building two consolidated high schools is one way to meet Carteret's school needs, but it is not the only way. Some even think that it will not meet our needs. It may be that in 10 years we would find that three consolidated high schools should have been the program entered upon in 1959.

While the two consolidated high school plan has been touted as a longrange program, no one can predict what a ferry link across Bogue Sound in the western part of the county may mean, population-wise, in 10 years, nor what a ferry from Cedar Island to Ocracoke may mean in the way of population growth.

The manner in which the \$21/2 million bond program is being publicized leads some to wonder, "Is this, indeed,

Appearing on the last page of the a long-range plan, or is it a crisis, desperation measure, to get something done, no matter what, in a hurry?"

Sentiment in the county, as it usually everywhere, is for community schools. On the elementary and grammar grade level, this is expected to continue. If intelligent consolidation ideas prevail, that cannot be possible on the high school level. Sentiment is growing, however, against building up a tremendous county debt. Businessmen and industrial-minded folks would rather see a somewhat higher tax rate by which the county pays its own way, than a debt that means a high tax rate to pay out hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest.

Under the pay-as-you-go plan, Carteret could not build big high schools immediately. Morehead City would be the first to get its school improvements, and they would come just as soon, probably, as predicted under the bond plan. We do not intend to discuss at the moment the merits of various financial plans. Our point is that bonding the county to the tune of \$21/2 million may uot be the best way.

A quotation from a NEWS-TIMES editorial of Aug. 15, 1958 seems pertinent: "An important thing to cultivate in the current school situation is an open mind. What was considered to be the solution last week may not prove to be the ideal solution this week. Changes and adjustments may have to be made - in the interest of the greatest benefit for all school children. Thus persons who have already made up their mind or refuse to admit new ideas are contributing nothing . . ."

## A New Look at Hospitality

It seems as though there is something that Beaufort and Morehead City could do for the migrant menhaden fishermen besides let them tie their boats

Putting the boats in the business section is a small thing for a town to offer. Yet to a fisherman who has no family, nowhere to go, and no place to live except a bunk on a boat, being close to the business section is important - at least it seems to be in this area.

Other towns that are visited by the menhaden fleet require the boats, we are told, to tie up away from the business section - if not at the factory dock, at some other mooring spot.

The menhaden fishermen can go to the movies here in limited number. There are no places to accommodate them, in any number, even if they want to shoot pool or play cards. Their only place for recreation, in the final analysis, is the streets.

Some folks have said, "This is the time we ought to have the migrant minister here."

We should stop ignoring the migrant fishermen just because they have been ignored for over 200 years. If we can do something for the migrant farm worker, we should be ingenious enough to work out something worthwhile for the fisherman - other than let him throw his line around a downtown

The county ministers association has a Social Work and Migrant Ministry committee which may well be able to make some suggestions. Our first thought is to find a place - perhaps a Negro church auditorium where the fishermen could be shown movies.

If an open area could be found, horse shoes and baseball equipment used in the summer migrant program might be put to use. Due to the brief menhaden season, a local supervisor for recreational activities might be found, rather than an out-of-town supervisor.

During a busy fishing season, the boats are out most of the day and sometimes part of the night. The weekends and bad weather days are the days when the fisherman needs something to occupy his time. At present, when time hangs heavy on their hands, a few are likely to get into trouble.

Some may dismiss this suggestion and argue that nobody has ever paid any attention to the fishermen before, why start now?

The suggestion stems from the fact that the menhaden towns seem so eager to show the working fisherman how hospitable we are. When you come right down to it, if anchoring a boat in a business or residential section is as far as hospitality goes, there is still much that could be done in a way that would be of greater benefit to the fishermen themselves and to the people of the town.

### Thank You, USCG

Coast Guardsmen have the reputation of going to the rescue in more ways than one. Many a time they save a patient in the hospital who is badly in need of blood.

When calls come in for blood, particularly to the Morehead City police station, the person on duty checks all civilian donors on the list posted there. Usually the donors are at work or can't be reached.

Then the Coast Guard boys aboard the Chilula, Conifer or at Fort Macon station are contacted. They come a'running. Sometimes they are not properly thanked - or they brush the thanks aside, considering it all in a day's work.

We'd like to take this means, on behalf of Carteret County and the folks at the police station who have to contact blood donors, to thank the Coast Guard for their donor service. It is above and beyond the call of duty and it's sincerely appreciated.

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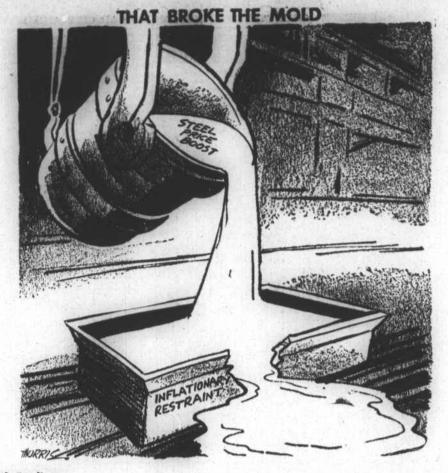
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# Banker Ponies Make Headlines Again

The wild ponies of the outer banks have again brought North Carolina national publicity. In the youth section of the Christian Science Monitor Nov. 20, is the story on the ponies of Ocracoke,

by Dorothy Noyce, Raleigh.
Commenting on the dwindling
number of the ponies, the writer
says, "On little Ocracoke Island alone the summer pony penning used to count over 200 animals. Last year a mere 40 mares and colts were rounded up for the July 4 event. Even so, this is an ex-citing time for the village, which turns out en masse for the occa-

"Before dawn, the older boys on their mounts set off across the dunes, combing the 17-mile island

letter was recently sent the county board of commissioners. A copy was also furnished THE NEWS-

Nov. 6, 1958 The Honorable Board of

In discussing county refinancing,

issuance of additional bonds, and other needs for money in Carteret

County's Economy which has been entirely overlooked — The Credit Standing or Rating of Carteret County

Some thirty years ago, when money was relatively easy to bor-

row, Carteret County, Beaufort and Morehead City borrowed some six million dollars. In less than ten

years, all three were in default on their promises to pay. Court ac-

tion was taken by some of the bondholders. Carteret County was

ordered by the courts to levy \$1.00

on the hundred of valuation to meet certain bondholders' de-

mands. The situation was serious.

No one knows how serious except those officials who were in office

at the time and the finance offi-cials in Raleigh, who feared for

the financial reputation of North Carolina if some towns and coun-ties were allowed to become bank-

rupt. And that was where we were

headed at that time.

The work done at that time to

save the county's credit was tre-

mendous, for it was no easy task

to get the holders of our bonds to

accept a loss of some \$700,000. The

County Commissioners Carteret County, North Carolina

Att'n: Mr. Moses Howard,

Gentlemen:

County.

for the unbroken colts. Shifting and weaving, sometimes plowing into the surf, they cut out the stallions and drive mares and colts back toward the village corral.

By mid-morning, the pens are full. Close beside each mare a colt nuzzles up for reassurance. Some are last year's foals, halfgrown. Others, not more than a few weeks old, are appealing Bambi-like creatures with fuzzy manes, short crinkly tails and ide, soft eyes
"Plaid-shirted boys armed with

ropes and lariats enter the corral begin separating the marked animals. One by one each colt is roped, and in a matter of seconds, it is processed (branded)

alone took a loss of \$491,000. Not only that, but they extended pay-

ment time and reduced interest

payment from 5 per cent to a grad-

uated scale from nothing to 21/2

per cent. At present, I believe, we are paying 2 per cent.

conditions, it is my opinion, that, with careful planning and perhaps

a slight increase in taxes, Car-teret County could be free of all

bonded indebtedness within three

years. Of course, this would not be possible if it were not for the fact that we have had, for the past

20 years, a county administration of exceptional ability, one who has

appreciated and taken advantage of the favorable refinancing plan

that had been set up.

To delay school construction a short time would not delay School

Planning. In three years, the county could be on a cash basis.

Also, the integration situation should be settled, and that is an

issue on which even the bravest

should do some more thinking and

the county's financial situation

more accurately and in greater

detail than I have done. The tax-payers and voters would appre-

ciate such a summarization. They

You gentlemen can summarize

praying.

thereof.

With these favorable payment

The Readers Write

(Editor's Note: The following holders of Carteret County bonds

then released to return to its mo-"Thus identified, in a few days

Accompanying the story in the Monitor are two pictures of Ocra-coke ponies and their riders. (Ashley Jarman, Morehead City, has the full story if you'd like to see

is an extra day-since nobody, apparently, is willing to do any less than they're doing. This extra day would be called Chooseday. That means there will be eight days in

Now Chooseday has to remain uncluttered, or it will accomplish nothing. Work and daily jobs can go on, but no meetings can be scheduled on that day. It will be a day for every fellow to spend as he chooses. That way, we can get all caught up on personal business, such as errands or visiting, and keep the meetings—any and all varieties-confined to Sunday

guardian.

have dogs.

"Why, Joe," his mother said.

ther pointed out.
"Oh, Sam," Joe replied, "he's not a dog. He's part of the fam-

have great confidence in you, otherwise you would not have received the vast majority of their I hope you can see your way clear to give the above a lot of extra thought and let the people

> Sincerely, G. W. Huntley Sr.

of the county know the results

#### 14:13 E B B11 BIRE BEAVES

THIRTY YEARS AGO Taylor's Dry Cleaning Company in Beaufort had opened for bus-

County commissioners voted to pay O. W. Chadwick \$50 a month towards the operation of the Harkers Island ferry.

An 85-acre tract of land adjoining Morehead Bluffs was sold at a foreclosure sale for \$23,900.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Twelve Carteret County men were enrolled at Wake Forest. They were W. E. Adair, D. H. Dowdy, Luther Fuicher, A. D. Ful-ford, C. M. Gillikin, A. L. Hamil-ton Jr., W. S. Harris, H. W. Hat-

A road from Atlantic Beach to ort Macon would be constructed

Fort Macen would be constructed as a civil works administration project.

president of the Beaufort PTA. TEN YEARS AGO

Jessie Devonchik of Beaufort was to play in Joan of Lorraine which was being produced by the

Morehead City merchants were cooperating in a Dollar Day sale.

The long awaited paving of Evans Street in Morehead City was begun this week.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The Beaufort Choral Club presented a show in Beaufort School Auditorium. Featured soloists were David Small, Morehead City, Mrs. Herbert Waldrop Jr. Newport, Mrs. Jackie Hancock and Sal Palazzo, both of Beaufort.

Santa Claus would visit the Morehead City stores this week.

Newport town commissioners urchased 1,000 feet of fire hose. Mrs. C. R. Wheatly was elected

the animals are once more given the freedom of the island . . .

"One of the great events in an island boy's life is attaining the age when he can become a Boy Scout, entitled to catch, tame and train his own mount. And how those boys can ride! Bareback, with a hank of rope for a halter they stick to their pets like sand-spurs as they streak across the flats in impromptu races at sun-down, or show off before the village girls . . .

Everybody fusses about not having enough days in the week for all the things that have to be done. Therefore, the obvious solution

the week and 45 weeks in the year.

through Saturday.

The Flowers children in Beaufort have a dog, Sam. He follows them everywhere and considers himself their personal, stalwart

The other day, little Joe Flowers told his mother that he'd like to have a dog, since all his friends

"you have a dog."
"No, I don't," Joe replied.
"Why you have Sam," his mo-

# This is the Law

By ROBERT E. LEE Is it a criminal offense to bet

Yes. It is an offense against the

that the game itself is one of skill and endurance on the part of the two groups of football players does not confer immunity upon those who wager its result.

Murphy promises Cohen to pay him \$10 if the Panther football team beats the Bulldog football team, in consideration of which Cohen promises Murphy to pay \$5 if the Bulldogs beat the Panthers. The Panthers defeat the Bulldogs. May Cohen recover \$10 from Murphy in a court of law? No. The agreement is a wager

No. The agreement is a wager or bet. It is void and illegal. The courts will not assist anyone in the collection of his gambling

Mills bet Gardner \$100 on the outcome of a football game. Gardner's team lost. Gardner paid to Mills the agreed \$100. May Gardner recover the one hundred dollars in a court of

No. The bet was illegal. At a general rule, the law will refuse to aid either party to an illegal cantract. It will leave them where it finds them.

Alexander and Biggs made a

wager on the outcome of a foot-ball game and each deposits the amount of his promised payment with Craig as a stakeholder. Alexander wins the bet. Before the money has been paid over to the money has been paid over to Alexander, Biggs notifies Craig net to pay Alexander. Craig nevertheless pays Alexander. May Biggs recover the amount of his deposit either from Craig or Alexander in a court of law?

Yes. The loser may recover the amount he has bet from either the attached of the winner.

that is all history is in the first

As it is now Advent, in which we

stakeholder or the winner. This set of facts is an exception

to the general rule that the law will aid neither party to an illegal contract. A party to an illegal contract who repents before the con-tract is wholly carried out may recover the money or goods he has given in performance if he gives a notice to this effect before the entire transaction is com-

in getting to Craig, the stakehold-er, before the money was paid to Alexander. If the stakeholder had paid the money to the winner be-fore receiving the notice of the loser's repudiation of the wager, the loser would have been unable to recover from either the stakeholder or the winner.

How we admire the wisdom of those who come to us for advice.

Words of Inspiration

All seeing eyes: The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the

evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3. Penetrating eyes: All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him

with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:13.

and He pondereth all His goings. Prov. 5:21.
Remembering eyes: And they consider not in their hearts that I remem-

ber all their wickedness; now their own doings have beset them about: they are before My face. Hosea 7:2.

Judging eyes: Thin eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give everyone according to the fruit of his doings. Jer. 32:19. Providing eyes: A land which the Lord thy God careth for; the eyes of

It is not an idea in the air but feet on the ground, going God's way. It is not an exotic to be kept under glass, but a hardy plant to bear twelve months of fruits in all kinds of weather. Fidelity to duty is its root and branch. Nothing we can say to the Lord, no calling Him by great or

We may cry out about the beauty of eating bread with Him in His kingdom, but it is wasted breath and a rootless hope, unless we plow and plant in His kingdom here and now. To remember Him at His table and to forget Him at ours, is to have invested in bad securities. There is no substitute for plain, every-day goodness.

shall not want drink. "He leadeth me beside the still waters."

shall not want forgiveness. "He restoreth my soul." I shall not want guidance. "He leadeth me in the paths of righteous-

I shall not want companionship. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." I shall not want comfort. "Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

I shall not want anything. "My cup runneth over."

I shall not want anything in eternity. "And I will dwell in the house of

- Selected The Bible as a book stands alone. There never was, nor ever will be,

another like it. As there is but one sun to enlighten the world naturally, so there is but one Book to enlighten the world spiritually. May that Book become to each of us the man of our counsel, the guide of our journey, the inspiration of our thought, and our support and comfort in life and in death. - A. Galloway

#### Captain Henry

# Sou'easter

Well, do you think you'll wear down to the point that you can pack away a Christmas dinner soon? Everybody I talked to Frihad the same complaint, "I ate too much yesterday.

We've not heard the last of the menhaden boat hassle by a long shot. That will be fodder for con-

versation for a long time.

I heard that there was a "spe cial officer" on duty down at the dock where the Standard Products boats were tied up. I wondered who it could be ... Well, I found out. Seems as though it was one of the men on the boats who is deputized as an officer in one of the Virginia counties the boat

Wednesday night, he told Chief Springle, he was chased by some men. He wanted to know if Chief

Springle would let him carry a He showed the chief his Virginia

badge and all his credentials. The chief told him that was fine—in Virginia. He might act as a spe cial officer here, but he couldn't carry a gun.

The chief explained North Carolina laws to him and told him what he could and couldn't do.

I think it's fine that someone is interested in helping us keep law and order, but too many guns around probably wouldn't be a good thing.

Customer to Ralph Eudy: Why

do you wear rubber gloves when cutting hair? Ralph: For the purpose of keep-ing our celebrated hair restorer from causing hair to grow under

#### Comment J. Kellum

remember the world as it was be-fore the first Christmas, here is Hendrik Willem van Loon

Van Loon's works (Lives, The Arts, Story of America, etc.) are among the most enjoyable of all the relevant excerpt from his "The Story of Mankind" for a samplet "In 14 A.D. (Caesar's) position as the Absolute Ruler of the Rohistories. He does not involve himself with unnecessary complications, obscure ideas or tiresome lists. He says what he knows to man people had become so well established that he was made an he so, or is so to the best of his knowledge, and does so as simply as possible. He sees history as the object of divine worship . . . "(The Romans) concentrated lives of many human beings, what they did and how they did it. And

my fingernails.

their efforts upon ... internal re-form. But it was too late to do much good. Two centuries of revo-lution and foreign war had repeat-edly killed the best men among the younger generations. It had ruined the class of free farmers. It had introduced slave labor, against which no freeman could hope to compete. It had turned the cities into beehives inhabited by pauperized and unhealthy mobs of runaway peasants. It had cre ated a large bureaucracy-petty officials who were underpaid and who were forced to take graft in for their families. Worst of all, it had accustomed people to violence to bloodshed, to a barbarous plea sure in the pain and suffering of

"Outwardly, the Roman state during the first century of our era was a magnificent political struc-ture... Underneath this glory there lived millions upon million of poor and tired human beings, toiling like ants who have built a nest underneath a heavy stone someone else. They shared their food with the animals of the fields. They lived in stables. They died ithout hope.
"It was the seven hundred and

"It was the seven hundred and fifty-third year since the founding of Rome. Gaius Julius Octavianus was living in the palace of the Palatine Hill, busily engaged upon the task of ruling his empire.

"In a little village of distant Syria, Mary, the wife of Joseph the Carpenter, was tending her little boy, born in a stable of Bethlehem...

Before long, the palace and the

stable were to meet in open com-

"And the stable was to emerge victorious."

Louise Spivey

Thoughtful eyes: For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord,

the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. Deut. 11:12. Christianity is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world.

dear names, can take the place of the plan doing of His will.

"The Lord my shepherd; I shall not want."

I shall not want rest. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

ness for His name's sake."

I shall not want food. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

I shall not want joy. "Thou anointest my head with oil."

I shall not want anything in this life. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

the Lord forever."