

EDITORIALS:

ROADSIDE ANGEL, FIRESIDE DEVIL

A passing citizen had something to say the other day about roadside angels and fireside devils. Take most any man on the street and you'll find him to be a courteous, amiable gentleman. But put him behind the wheel of an automobile and he becomes a demon incarnate. The man's remarks prompted some inquiries of traffic officials and personal observations about traffic manners practiced by both drivers and pedestrians. We say manners but in most instances the violations pertain to regulations.

First come the indifferent drivers and some of the things they do to the peril of others:

Failing to keep to the right when approaching a red light at an intersection. This jams the vehicle making a right turn into your street.

Opening doors on street side and sticking your rear out without checking for oncoming traffic from behind.

Double parking in a line of traffic with a "let 'em wait" attitude. There may be an emergency back there and you are imposing a delay.

Improving parking, leaving front or rear of car sticking into the street.

Driver waiving hand through window meaning she intends doing something, but what?

Making left turn from too far to right of center line preventing cars behind from passing on the right.

Failing to give turn signal early enough for proper safety of yourself and those behind you.

Cutting back too quickly to right lane after passing another car. This is a favorite stunt of the hot-rodders and know-it-all drivers.

Driver taking his half of the street in the middle of it. This is 1961, not 1915.

Pulling away from parked position at curb without proper clearance from traffic approaching from both directions.

Now for a look at the indifferent pedestrian. What is he doing to improve the traffic problem? Aggravates it mostly. Observations:

Stepping into the street instead of waiting on the sidewalk for the green walk light. Whiteville does not have "Walk" and "Don't Walk" lights but pedestrians should walk with motor traffic.

Thumpers stand in the street and on highways beckoning a ride.

Newsboys peddling papers from the streets instead of from the sidewalk.

Crossing streets without looking closely for oncoming cars.

Jaywalking—crossing street in middle of the block or any place other than at intersections.

Getting in and out of cars on street side instead of sidewalk side.

Having family reunions in the middle of sidewalk blocking foot traffic both ways.

Waiting behind a car without assurance that a driver is not at the wheel. Better still, wait on the sidewalk.

Calling to a friend in passing car diverting his attention from driving.

And if you want to get thrown out of one man's car when he offers you a ride, just step in, light up a cigarette, throw the match on the floor and then start whistling.

These are some of the common practices that make it so difficult for an officer to do his job. He can't do it without your help, so think about them and avoid committing them the next time you are out walking or driving.

PRETTY BIG BUSINESS

We were looking through the Christian Science Monitor a few days ago and came across a statement of condition of a New York bank. Over to the right of the statement was a column of figures. They caught our attention for being separated by commas, not a period anywhere. That meant they represented dollars,

cents to trivial. We looked a little closer. Most of the totals over there on the right had nine digits. That meant millions of dollars. But wait. Some of the totals had 10 digits. We counted again. Yes, 10 digits. Dollar outfit.

The statement said the bank's liabilities were \$8,697,580,186 and right below this figure was the same dollar sum for assets. Oh, we thought that's enough to balance the national budget. Again, we thought, banking is pretty bug business.

Then we looked a little closer at some of the items. For instance, cash and due from banks—\$1.9 billion; loans, \$4.3 billion; U. S. Government obligations, \$1.6 billion, to mention a few of the assets. Under liabilities, deposits were \$7.7 billion, surplus was \$400 million and undivided profits were \$131 million.

Down across the bottom it said the bank had 105 offices in Greater New York and 26 overseas.

It all just goes to show what this country boy doesn't know about Big Business America.

Time and Tide

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by several farmers who had gone into the business of bee-keeping on a commercial basis; and even though it was in the heat of summer, a Wilmington coal dealer had a quarter-page advertisement in *The Pilot* warning home owners to order their winter fuel early.

Ten years ago this week we carried a front page picture of Dr. Floyd Johnson, who had just been honored for 30 years of faithful service as a public health official. The Southport shrimping fleet was here in force after working in Florida for the winter months.

Southport residents were becoming increasingly conscious of the good effect of summer vacationists on local business; and there was a building boom at Long Beach. Paving at Holden Beach had been extended to include Colonial Beach; the boys of the Charlotte National Guard were in camp at Hinesville, Ga., at Camp Stewart; and a baby show was being held in Southport on the coming Friday afternoon.

Five years ago this week two Southport lawyers, Senator Ray H. Walton and Representative Kirby Sullivan, were off for Raleigh and a special session of the State Legislature. Brunswick county had counted her ninth highway fatality of the year on Monday of that week.

There was a front page story quoting from an article by Alexander Sprunt, who had called Battery Island a "Paradise for Birds." Brunswick county officers had captured and destroyed three stulls; interest appeared to be lagging in the plan to inoculate persons under 20-years-of-age against polio; and a jeep had been used to tow a mother turtle back to the sea after she had crossed the highway at Long Beach to build a nest and lay her eggs.

Letters To Editor

July 14, 1961

Winnabow, N. C.

The State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I read with much interest an article in today's News and Observer on a plan that is saving the tax payers of Hornett County thousands of dollars yearly.

The doctors there, working through the county Medical Society and under the leadership of Dr. Bruce Blackman, are giving what amounts to two afternoons a year each to review medical records on file for welfare cases. Payments to people who are able to work are terminated on grounds that they are not actually entitled to it. All new applicants for welfare for medical reasons must be certified unable to work by a team of three physicians.

In reviewing the files these men have found payments continuing over a period of ten years to persons who have long since been cured and are now perfectly able to work for a living.

Their files wouldn't reveal many similar cases. If so, they should be terminated immediately. Brunswick's needs are great enough in other areas to make it seem foolish for the tax payers to encourage more laziness than we already have.

Very truly yours,
Wilbur E. Earp.

MOVIE PROGRAM

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This week the Friday show is scheduled to have "Autocrat And Son" and "Portrait Of Bermuda" as the features. Next Wednesday the pictures that have been booked are "Out Of The Earth", "The Right Man" and "Wolfsburg No. 221".

CAR HITS COW

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her infant daughter were the only ones hospitalized after first aid at a Wilmington hospital. One of the daughters received a rather deep cut on the forehead, and Mr. Frink received bruises and minor facial lacerations. Mrs. Frink's injuries are reported to be facial lacerations, and 8-month-old Sammie Lynn underwent surgery Tuesday afternoon.

The Frinks had only recently returned from an overland trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, and had driven the same vehicle safely all those many miles to the Mormon City in the far west and returned, without accident or incident, only to have this accident right at home.

SPORT FISHING

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with Frank Griffin and party of Monroe, to 30 Spanish mackerel, 3 king mackerel, 3 bonito, 2 baracuda and 50 pounds of sea bass.

On Sunday Capt. Hoyle Doshier took Tom Goodrich and party on the Idle On IV to rendezvous with 140 blue fish and Spanish mack-

erel, 4 dolphin, 2 king mackerel, one amberjack and one baracuda.

On Saturday Capt. Doshier and the Idle On IV carried the Lynch party to 180 blues and Spanish mackerel.

Monday saw the Idle On II, under Capt. Basil Watts, return E. A. Clement and party of Charlotte, with 101 blues and Spanish mackerel, one bonito, one baracuda, 2 king mackerel, 2 dolphin and 2 sea bass.

BRUNSWICK WILL

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have "the fastest, meanest crab in the derby."

Pressed for a definition of a mean crab, Dan'l snorted like an old hardshell: "A mean crab," he said, "is one not above eating the competition." Anyone who ever fished Brunswick waters, avers Walker, "knows how avaricious our crabs come".

The derby, first of its kind ever to be held in North Carolina, will get underway with a snap and a splash of many legs on August 25. The race will consume two days—crabs (outside Brunswick) not being noted for their speed.

The unique contest was dreamed up by Greater Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, with the blessing of both the Department of Marine and Fisheries and the Institute of Fisheries Research. The purpose of the race is to point up the state's crabbing industry.

The contest is open to all ambitious crabs residing along Coastal North Carolina; illegal imports from Massachusetts, Oregon and South Carolina will be scuttled on sight, it was reported.

Walker refused to give details on his dark horse entry. It is rumored however, that the swiftie comes from the Long Beach area and has been undergoing secret workouts in the Inland Waterway, paced by Walker and secured with a fish line.

Production of crabs meat rose from some 8 million pounds five years ago, to 15 million pounds in 1960, according to U. S. Fish Service information.

BELLAMY STILL

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clerk. Another action by the board was to re-employ Robert Sellers as policeman, subject to call at any time. He was administered his oath of office on Tuesday.

The street committee named by Mayor Bellamy is comprised of Murphy and Wesley. The finance committee has as its members Sinclair, Barbee and Champion.

SUMMER STUDENTS

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penses for the special school are partially underwritten by the National Science Foundation, but that all were enrolled in a special class at Duke University.

The party, traveling by private vehicles, rolled into Southport on Monday and left Friday. They came direct from the vicinity of Spruce Pine, high in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the Southport stay terminated their field excursions.

According to their leader, all

such groups are at liberty to choose their itinerary, as long as the three divisions (Piedmont, mountains, seacoast) are visited. Dr. Sharer said that a group visited Southport last summer. He added that another group, somewhat larger than his own, is due to come to Southport this week. The professor said the incoming group will study plant life.

"It is quite a course," Dr. Sharer said. "We are privileged to study everything we get hold of in the field of zoology, from microscopic specimens up to vertebral, snakes, turtles, fish, etc. Southport proved very prolific hunting grounds. I expect to come back next year."

Sharer is a native of Ohio and spent most of his early years in the Cleveland area of that state. Before joining the faculty of N. C. Wesleyan, Dr. Sharer taught zoology at Duke University.

TENTATIVE RATE IS

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1962 As attorneys for a group of taxpayers of this county we have viewed with alarm the minutes of the special meeting of June 26, 1961, in which you purposed to adopt an alleged budget for the 1961-1962 fiscal year.

"This is a formal demand that action be taken at the meeting of July 17, at which meeting this letter is being delivered, to amend the purported action of June 26 and that action be taken to commence the necessary proceedings for the legal adoption of a budget as provided by law.

"A copy of this letter is being delivered to each member of the Board, a copy to the County Auditor, and a copy to the clerk to the Board. It is requested that its contents be entered in the minutes."

Walton was unavailable for comment following action by the board late Tuesday, so it is uncertain what further action he may take in the interest of his clients.

CROWDS ATTEND

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follow hard on the heels of the second.

"Training Union" said Manager Smith, "is among the most important Baptist work. Junior, intermediate and adult classes will be held during the next two weeks. The finest leaders in the N. C. State Baptist Conference will be on hand during the next 14 days, and a conservative estimate of guests would be 1,500, to profit by the conferences and the method-procedures which will be emphasized."

Sidney Bastable will come all the way from Coventry, England, to lead one of the conferences during the coming week. In charge of next week's Training

Not Exactly News

We saw the tobacco patch this week that was severely damaged two weeks ago when weed-killer was applied instead of sucker-control chemical. It is on the Paul Holden farm near Shalotte, and the owner may salvage something from this part of his crop. He cut back the stalks and is growing again from a sucker . . . That reminds us of the year that Oakland Smith, Waccamaw township farmer, harvested one crop of tobacco, cut his stalks down to one sucker per plant, and came on with a second crop. It was so successful that the State farm office passed a rule against this practice the next year.

Down at Thomasboro Tuesday we saw a sign advertising live crickets for sale. We expressed some surprise, but were informed that this just happens to be about the best bait for bream . . . Folks over at Yaupon Beach say that E. E. Wesley has a green thumb—and that he has a wonderful vegetable garden to prove it.

We were telling Dan'l Walker, city manager at Long Beach, about a problem we were having last week with fleas. In the next mail we received a clipping of an adv telling about pills you give to a dog so that fleas and ticks and other insect parasites will bite him and die. It was Dan's note that got us: "This is such a good idea that I may get some and take them myself." . . . Incidentally, there is one local dog owner who found out that the city fathers are not kidding about this dog pound business. Tuesday afternoon he made up a barrel of Creso dip in his own individual war on fleas. He had two dogs, and having immersed the first and turned him loose, he proceeded to dip the second. The first victim, quite naturally, beat a hasty retreat from the scene, and before the second job was done dog No. 1 had been whisked away to the city dog pound. (Yep. We got him back.)

July 19, and still no native watermelons or cantaloupes on the market. . . Last week we thought we had our prices mixed up when we advertised chicken breasts at a lower figure than the quotation on legs and thighs. We asked the proprietor about it, and he assured us we had it right. "And the biggest demand of all," he said, "will be for chicken wings. We won't be able to keep up with them." They were priced at only 10-cents per pound less than breasts!

Although the free movies in Southport Wednesday and Friday afternoons may outdraw them, on the commercial moving picture front this week "Cry For Happy" is the weekend show at the Holiday Drive-In; and here in Southport "All Hands On Deck", a Pat Boone musical, will be playing at the Amuzu.

Union activities will be James P. Morgan of Raleigh, who is Training Union Secretary for the State Convention.

A holdover from Music Week will be Joseph O. Stroud, State Music Secretary, who will lead the singing at worship service, with Alfred Baker at the organ. In charge of the intermediate class, largest group in the Training Union, will be Mrs. Rob Smith, of Robinsville.

NOT THIS MAN

The James L. Rich whose name appeared in the report of Recorder's court in last week's issue of *The Pilot* was not the James L. Rich of Winnabow.

BEACH PATROLMAN

Clayton T. Jordan has been appointed as patrolman for the Tranquil Harbour section of Long Beach.

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