

Carter's Column

By—W. Horace Carter



GOOD IDEA: The good neighbor visit by the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce group to Loris last week for a luncheon with no speakers and no motives other than just good will was an excellent idea. It's the kind of meeting that will tie those communities together better and might well be practiced between Tabor City and Loris as well as Tabor City and the other municipalities of Columbus.

WEATHER: By the time we go to press it may be cold as blazes but up through the time of this writing, we have never seen better November weather. Perhaps the law of average is just balancing out the terrible winter of 1957.

FISH: Just about the time most folks are hanging up fresh water fishing gear, Hosea Gore, Bill Young and Venoy Stephens made a record catch at Lake Tabor. Maybe this is a good omen and perhaps things are picking up at the millpond so a lot of folks will catch some fish right here in our backyard. That trio is made up of capable fishermen, however, and just any of us amateurs may not be able to entice the fish to bite.

YAMS: We cannot stress too strongly the need for more local farmers getting into the sweet potato growing business next year on a larger scale if possible. Some sections, even in the Carolinas, now has farmers with hundreds of acres as they streamline and assemble line yam production. Our farmers can't get into it that large because in most instances the farms are not that large but we do have to have more volume in this section if we are to successfully continue in the yam business. And now is the time to start thinking about the acreage and the procurement of good, certified seed.

CHRISTMAS: Once upon a time Christmas merchandise started getting on the retail shelves along after Thanksgiving. Now it beats the turkey day by a couple of weeks. It certainly sets the pace as the leading retail season of the year. Here at Tabor City there is every indication that the Christmas selection displayed by local merchants will be as fine and perhaps larger than ever before. It is, thus time, to again call the public's attention to the need for shopping at home this Christmas. There's not much need for tramping all over the country for Christmas gifts. The selection at home is wide enough and in almost every price range and folks would do well to keep their spending as near home as possible.

SORRY: While crediting other organizations in town with the part they played in the Yam Festival, we neglected to mention the Tabor City Woman's Club at the annual Progress Dinner last week. It was certainly an oversight on our part. The Woman's club assisted with the arrangements and sold the tickets for the Public Relations Dinner. Tow, the Tabor City Garden Club provided the table decorations and the festival committee is grateful for their services.

FLIES: My cohort Al Harrison has a mania for flies, we believe. At any rate, since the weather has been a little cooler, he spends a great deal of time spraying up the office with some awful smelling stuff. Says the flies are bothering him.

VITAMINS: We don't know whether it's the vitamins or not but this fall we started feeding our children vitamins every day and lo and behold neither has come down with a bad cold yet. The stuff is expensive but if it will keep the colds away, it's worth it.

HUMOR: A Myrtle Beach undertaker introducing himself to a group last week said: "I'm so and so, from Myrtle Beach, in the funeral directing business, we let you down easy."

VISIT: Roger Earp, who is associated with radio station WTAB here, is about as nice a guy as you ever run across. Roger usually drops by the office on Wednesday for a paper and last week we had the pleasure of showing him through the print shop. He wasn't aware of just how a newspaper gets put together, printed and on the streets. Like we told Roger at the time, the newspaper business is kind of glamorous the first few weeks you try. Thereafter, it's work, like everything else.

Editorials . . .

THE SEARCH BEGINS

The Tabor City Jaycees are beginning the task of finding Columbus County's most outstanding young farmer.

Two years ago the search revealed a young farmer, Ralph Jolly, who proved not only the best Columbus County possessed but also the best in North Carolina.

In a highly agricultural area it is appropriate that the outstanding farmer be paid tribute. It is upon his shoulders that our future rests most squarely. When the outstanding farmers become scarce so will the hopes for our future economy.

The public is invited to submit nominations for this award. The only requirement is that the farmers be between the ages of 21 and 36. The public should be responsive to this fine project.

We salute the Jaycees for this program that honors the men who form the backbone of our economy in Columbus County.

IT'S GOOD TO LOOK BACKWARDS

The recent successful "progress banquet" served many purposes but most important was the drawing together of civic workers for a common cause—that of looking backwards and appraising the progress that had been made.

It's good to look over our shoulders once in a while. It often gives us strength and encouragement for work to be done in the future.

The field of progress remains an open one with hard work the only obstacle in the way of success.

Perhaps we will all see the day when such another "progress banquet" will find us able to recall the effort exerted in building a hospital, recreation center and library. There will be other needs in Tabor City's growth but so long as there are citizens willing to devote the time for planning, organizing and executing the necessary projects we will not be at a standstill.

IN PEACE AND IN WAR

Has incredibly fast international air travel, the prospect of space vehicles, and other such modern phenomena undermined the importance of the merchant ship?

A top authority, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, says NO.

In fact, Admiral Burke describes a ship as the most flexible, versatile and economical mode of transportation the world has ever known. He adds: "The sea reaches all islands and continents on earth, where people

live, fight and do business. Ships can carry large quantities of people and goods over the homogeneous surface of the oceans."

Noting that last year this country exported one fifth of the world's total export trade of \$100 billion, the Admiral continued: "We are heavily dependent on the sea, and this demands that we not only control the sea but also that we have the means to use those seas. This means ships under effective American control."

"Both in peace and in war, a strong American Merchant Marine is essential to the strength and well-being of our country."

Government policy, as laid down by the legislative and administrative branches, is geared to building and maintaining that kind of U. S. flag Merchant Marine. It is a policy that the hard and inescapable facts of life in today's world make essential.

PRICED OUT OF JOBS

According to U. S. News & World Report, a union-owned newspaper in Stockholm recently ran this headline: "We need lower wages." The reason is that Swedish firms have been losing out in export markets, largely because of high wages. So, as U. S. News puts it, the unions "prefer to see jobs, rather than higher wages but no jobs."

No one expects our own unions to ask for lower wages. But it's time they thought in terms of restraint in wage and other demands. American business, no less than foreign business, can be priced out of markets. If and when that happens, the workers are priced out of jobs.

WELL DESERVED TRIBUTE

Staging of the annual Community Development awards banquet is simply another means of paying tribute to the progressive communities in this area.

Observance of development in these communities through this program has long justified its existence.

The community development program has brought together people in rural areas who had lost contact not only with each other but also contact with their responsibilities in making their community a better place in which to live and raise their families.

We salute those communities who have prospered through their collective efforts and feel certain that each member of the program is proud of the part he has played.

"The formula for success is simply putting the right people in the right jobs and then sitting on the sidelines and being a damned good cheerleader."—A Marshall Jones.

High Point Versus Erskine In Cage Tilt At Local Gym

Local basketball fans will get a chance to watch two college teams here Friday, November 20, when High Point College meets Erskine College.

The special game will be played at the Tabor City High School gymnasium. It will be one of four college tilts to be played in this area.

Base team at the high school gym. It's a pre-season warmup. Erskine opens its season on December 1 with the University of Florida.

Both teams will put on demonstrations prior to the game each night showing how the coaches go about training their respective players to play the fast and exciting hardwood sport. Drills will be both individual and of team nature and will be so set up to show both

This Is The Law

BY ROBERT E. LEE
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ALTERED CONTRACTS

Is a contract void if there are obvious alterations or changes appearing on its face?

No, not necessarily. The alterations or change may have been done by one of the parties prior to its signing and delivery. If, so, the contract is valid and enforceable in its altered or changed appearance.

If a written document contains alterations or interlineations, the presumption in North Carolina is that they were made before its execution and delivery. The burden of proof is on the party assailing the document to prove that the interlineations or erasures were made after its execution.

Many states, contrary to North Carolina, hold that when a writing offered in evidence shows on its face an alteration, there is a presumption that the alteration was improperly made after the execution of the instrument, and that, therefore, a burden is cast upon the party offering the writing to explain the alteration before the writing can be received in evidence.

Jones and Smith enter into a written contract for the sale and purchase of an automobile. Smith subsequently makes a fraudulent and material alteration in the writing containing the contract. What is the legal effect of the unauthorized alteration of the contract?

Smith does not have any enforceable rights. The law imposes this severe penalty as a safeguard against tampering with written instruments. Jones, the innocent party, has a choice of remedies. He can elect to be discharged from the contract or he can enforce it according to its original form. But if he elects to go through with the contract under its original terms, he must perform the duties that would have been incumbent on him if there had been no alteration.

One party cannot by alteration destroy the rights of another without his consent.

An ordinary contract is not affected by an alteration that is not material, by one made by a stranger to the instrument, or by one that is accidental or is made innocently without a fraudulent purpose.

A more rigorous rule has been made applicable to negotiable instruments. These are instruments, such as checks and promissory notes, which contain unconditional promises or orders to pay a specified sum of money to the order of a specified person or bearer. Any material alteration of a negotiable instrument discharges any party whose obligation is affected by it, except as against an innocent subsequent holder in due course who can recover on the instrument according to its original tenor, without regard to who made the alteration or the motive for making it.

The serious crime of forgery is committed if a person materially alters any kind of writing with a fraudulent intent. The high school player and the fan the art of knowing the easy way to play basketball.

On your weekend motor trips this fall will you travel a "hurryway" or a highway? The traffic safety authorities remind us the decision is mostly our own. They also say that speeding means disaster. Slow down and live!

God is not separate from the wisdom He bestows. The talents He gives we must improve.

—Mary Baker Eddy

PLAIN TALK



SHE COULDN'T GO

The teacher told her class that the following day's geography lesson would be different.

"Tomorrow we will go to Africa. Each of you think of something tonight that you want to take with you on the trip," said the teacher.

The next day it came time for geography. One youngster was going to take apples. Another peaches. Another was taking his Bible.

But when the teacher got to one little girl the complexion of the trip changed.

"I ain't gonna take nuttin'!" said the girl.

"Why?" asked the teacher.

"Cause my Momma said I couldn't go!"

SISTERLY LOVE

The two kids were making the "trick or treat" rounds.

You couldn't recognize them for their costumes.

But just to make sure everyone knew what the score was at one home the big sister (five years old) was the spokesman.

"I'm Jean. This is my little brother Bill. He has to go to the bathroom!"

HUNGRY METHODISTS

The family night "covered dish" supper at the Methodist Church last week was enjoyable.

Never have I seen so much food for such a relatively small group.

Never have I seen food go so quickly.

Proof that folks are almost as hungry for food as for religion.

SLIP OF THE SPEECH

It has been so long since the street markers were erected that one almost forgets who did it.

I thought the Jaycees did it. So did a lot of Jaycees. So did a lot of other people.

But truth of the matter is that the Civitans did it. Guess the Civitans better start blowing their horns a bit louder.

NO COMPROMISE IN SIGHT

The state line shooting of late has seen each side wanting their story told.

For three weeks running it has been one side against the other.

Got so confusing that one side approached the other, so I'm told, and agreed to quit coming to the Tribune if the other would agree.

For certain the hearing will be a real corker.

IT RAN IN THE FAMILY

Passed along a rural road the other day and noticed a man in the middle of a field diligently giving a road and reel a workout. He cast with all his might then reeled in his baited line. Again he cast and reeled in. He repeated the ordeal without paying any attention to me.

I drove to the next farm without speaking to the fisherman.

In talking with the farmer who lived nearby I offered — "It's none of my business but somebody ought to help that fellow up there who stands in the middle of his field casting and reeling in."

"Yeah, I know. He's my brother. I've been watching him. And if he doesn't go in the house pretty soon I'm gonna take the boat and go get him!"

The money you spend in other towns doesn't help Tabor City's progress in the least.

Same folks who get themselves on begging committees for worthy causes and call on the merchants are often the same ones who buy most of their merchandise out of town. Doesn't make sense but it happens.

Quickest way to a man's heart is through your checkbook. It once was food that got you there but men are leaning more every day to marriages that have built in financial security.

Biggest trouble about understanding the world today is that the people who make up the world aren't very understanding.

It's not difficult to be 40 but it's pretty tough to admit it.

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