

THE NAGS TALE

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PROGRESS

Should Nags Head grow or should its destiny be ruled by its first settlers? It is our opinion that it should grow and its growth should be encouraged rather than discouraged by its founders. It is true that many years ago Nags Head was a place where people came only to rest. Many years ago that was all right, but this is only half the story. Today is not many years ago. Highways have been built by the state not for just a few but for all. Electric current has been placed at our disposal not for just a few but for all that may want to enjoy it. Nags Head is a beach of today and not a beach of yesterday as many would want us believe. We have all the advantages one needs when taking a summer vacation and all these facilities have caused Nags Head to grow and there is no doubt but that its growth will continue.

I dare say that if all the modern conveniences were taken out of Nags Head today not only the new comers would leave the beach but the old timers as well. Times have changed and we must change with it. America is a progress country. We are Americans; therefore we should wish for only progressiveness in all we undertake.

PEDESTRIAN

The highway at Nags Head serves two purposes. One very useful and the other very dangerous. Of course the highway is useful in that it is a smooth surface for automobiles to pass but it is dangerous in that people use it for a side walk. Automobiles travel at a high rate of speed and many times the driver never sees the walker until the auto has safely or otherwise passed. It is the law of North Carolina that pedestrians have to walk on the left side of the road. There is a reason for this law and not a foolish one. When a person is walking on the left side of the road he is facing the on coming car and can see the auto in time to leave the highway and seek safety. If the person is walking on the right side of the highway this is not true and the on coming auto is at the pedestrian's back. If you are the pedestrian PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

A few days ago we were talking with a party concerning how nice it would be if Nags Head had a board-walk or some kind of walk so people would not have to risk their lives on the highway. As we were talking one in the party promptly said that a board-walk would make Nags Head too civilized and that should never be. This person might be right but it seems to us that if civilization decreases danger then it is the thing. Our vote is for civilization.

MUSIN'S

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er we're putting out." Then just stick the last three copies of the sheet under prospective advertiser's nose and ask him to take a look for himself. The approach worked fine in one store up the line, and the proprietor seemed very interested in the papers that were shown him. He was so interested, in fact, that he read every word in all three of them, and then went back and looked through the ads. The gent was a slow talker, and judging by the ticking of the clock he read at a moderate rate also. It was right much of a disappointment, therefore, after the fella had finished his reading, to hear him say: "Not interested." Which just goes to show you that you can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but if you aren't mighty careful when you're trying to sell ads the storekeepers will fool you.

The cutest girl we've seen in a long time is Florence Dodson. Our only wish is that she retains her likeable personality and doesn't let her running mate influence her.

Phylis Gatling tells us she's leaving the beach around the middle of the month. Could popularity or lack of such be the reason?

Most appropriate nick name we've heard is "Feets" Owens.

Most popular girl in the Buchanan family is Betsy. Any nine year old girl that can refuse a beautiful corsage must be popular. It is our opinion that more girls should be nine years old.

We saw Clara Bond Anderson the other day for the first time in a couple of years. Apparently she still hasn't lost her gift of gab.

Van Keys claims that last week this column insinuated he's conceited. Wonder what gave him that idea?

Dictated, but not read.

POTPOURRI

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gone one better. The employers are trying it out on their stenographers. A radio is standard office equipment in the Chamber of Commerce. And it is nothing unusual to saunter in and listen to music and the quick clatter of typewriters. Bradford Fearing says his girls are doing better by him than ever before. Sheriff Victor Meekins fooled his office girl though. He bought a radio, but it was a short wave set. All it gets is police calls from Williamston.

Back to that ABC store sales business. If the July report of the store is any index to business on the beach there is very little difference between this year and last. July in 1937 poured approximately \$300 more into the ABC store till. That difference is negligible, though.

One of the main problems facing the operators of the hot spots on the beach nowadays lies in the contemplation of ways and means of inducing the celebrants at the Albemarle Sound Bridge opening on August 25 to come on over to Nags Head and do their dancing that night. Some of them will come, but it seems that other attractions are going to be offered them in dances elsewhere. Suggestions might find willing ears attached to the persons of Levy Overton and Ras Wescott. The bridge celebration in itself is going to be a big affair but it will be the type that is best topped off with a dance. Of course my weekly quota of three will probably have been expended by then and I won't be able to take any in.

Miss Deede Thurman of Raleigh has returned to the beach where she will spend the rest of the summer.

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW



D. Bradford Fearing, (just plain Bradford to everybody in Dare County and those from other places as soon as they know him), is the best known man in Dare County and we don't suppose there is anybody in the whole county who doesn't already know him. Anyway this column would never be complete did we not run a cut of "Bradford" along with other people you should know. He is just about the main cog in the Dare County machinery and also the production of "The Lost Colony." Mr. Fearing is also soon to be known as "Senator Fearing," having won the nomination to the Upper House in the last primary, which is equivalent to being elected in these Democratic parts. If you have never been fortunate enough to meet D. Bradford Fearing you should make it a point to do so the very next time you visit Dare County.

ROY PARKER'S COLUMN

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down your morale and resistance by violating all the acceptable rules of good health, mentality and morality? I ask; you may answer if you like. It's not my business nor my pleasure to advise you what to do, how to act, or what your program shall be. Few of us ever listen to advice and hardly any ever follow it. You and I have to learn our lessons by experience. You may have most any experience down here on the Dare County beaches. What you doing here, anyhow?

I don't know whose idea it was to start this Nags Tale, but whoever germinated it—the idea—had wheels in his (or her) head, and shekels in the pocket. One thing can be said for Editor "Little Roberts" Jernigan, if he is the daddy of the idea and the paper—he used his noggin in selecting columnists for his reportorial staff. Beach life is poor pickings for the factual writer; it's pie for columnists. The hermit type of summer sojourner-like myself, makes no news; the other extremists make a lot of news, but newspapers don't print it, not even one with such a gossip title as "The Nags Tale." There are few of the in-between class from which legitimate and printable news flows. Columnists, though were made to order for such a paper as this. They stop at nothing. When they can't do any better, they even write about themselves. I have quite often done it, and even now I have the urge to tell you that Editor Jernigan's family's apple tree shed half their fruit on my back yard in Ahoskie, and half of our pears fall and rot on the Jernigan lot. It's been that way since b. b. (before birth) of Editor Jernigan his folks for three generations inclusive, have been my next door neighbors.

There aint any money in this beach weekly newspaper business, but it should be a lot of fun. That's the explanation for the statement about shekels in pocket. If the Nags Tale could carry tales as effectively and as effusively as its competitor on the beach, the subscription money till would be changing endlessly. There would be monetary profit to any paper that

could and would keep apace Gossip.

Nobody has told me a thing, but I'll bet there's enough gossip swapped around the beach bridge tables or over the cups, to sweeten the pot of many a hungry newspaperman or columnist, if they could print and peddle it at so much per. Ely Culbertson, bridge authority, says "men are bigger gossips than women" but thinks men's gossip runs too much to trifling matters such as business or war, while women stick to biological issues."

This column having run all the way from morals and mentality to women's gossip on biological issues, there ought to be an end to it. This is it.

Mrs. John Flannery has returned to her home in Washington, D. C., after spending several weeks at the Croatan Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker and family of Ahoskie are spending the rest of the summer at their cottage at Kitty Hawk.

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