

Editorial And Opinion

'Lameduck' Civil Defense

The latest word on Civil Defense to residents of this county is that we should get together some funds to match federal funds to conduct a local survey to determine our facilities to enable us to serve as an evaluation area for nearby Greensboro or Durham, designated major "target cities", in the event of enemy attack.

One week we are told there is only one defense against the hydrogen bomb, and that we must prepare to evacuate the cities and towns within a hundred miles of any prime target area because the fallout will spread out over an area of 7,000 square miles.

The next week we are told to build some sort of underground shelter, right now, and stock it with sufficient food and water to last for 5 or 6 days as the most that any individual citizen can do for his own and his family's protection.

These two conflicting advices were issued by the same man, Federal Civil Defense Administrator Val Pettersen. At the same time, he announced a nationwide civil defense test to be held, not right now, the time he was urging individuals to dig their shelters, but next June, 12 months hence. This, though he rightly said, "No man has any way of knowing when an actual attack may come. We hope it may never come. But it may come sooner than later."

This was in testimony before a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee. It was prompted by the appearance before the committee of Gov. Christian A. Herter, of Massachusetts, who told the committee State governments are in the dark as to what should be done to protect their populations in case of an attack.

If the truth be told, so is everyone else in the dark. One reason is that civil defense has been a matter of political patronage from the start. President Truman appointed a lame duck Governor of Florida the first civil-defense administrator. President Eisenhower followed the same political pattern by appointing Pettersen, former Governor of Nebraska, to the post.

Civil defense today is part of the military defense of the country. Foreign invaders may come to this land by air for the first time since our independence. The Congress has shown a realistic understanding of the role of civil defense by giving the Armed Services Committee jurisdiction over it. The Executive should be no less realistic. There are enough retired, well-trained and experienced high officers of the Armed Forces to head up and give the country the awareness, discipline, and organization needed for the civil-defense effort necessary for survival in a hydrogen age. They should be in charge now.

Every American's Business?

We do not think it is President Eisenhower's position that possible hostilities involving US forces in Formosa Strait are none of our business, but such an attitude could easily be read into the news reports of recent days.

Following his regular weekly press conference and "briefing" luncheons at the White House for leaders of both parties in the House and Senate consecutively, the American people and the world at large were no wiser regarding the Commander-in-Chief's intentions respecting the Nationalist offshore islands of Matsu and Quemoy.

Luncheon guests from both houses reported that they knew no more than they had read previously in the newspapers. Some said the briefing by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles had left them feeling neither better nor worse about the world situation. Speaker Sam Rayburn said, "I don't feel any better."

Frankly, we think the President is well within his rights by keeping our intentions regarding these islands in the dark and we have long felt that so much bustling war talk is out of order. Like him, we do not believe that "the peace of the world, the tranquility of the world is being served at this moment by talking too much in terms of speculation about such things."

Hearing Is Seeing

If you wear glasses, and have notion you hear better with them on, you're right! And similarly, those who wear hearing aids see better when they are using them.

The close partnership of the eye and ear, which psychologists have long suspected, has finally been proved in scientific tests reported by the American Hearing Aid Association. As otologists (ear doctors to you) have known for years, speech is normally controlled by the ear. Thus, any substantial loss of hearing which exists at birth, or occurs soon thereafter, will hinder both language development and the establishment of adequate speech habits. And we can now add that vision, as well as hearing, will be less perceptive.

Another established fact, not well enough understood, is that hearing losses which occur after childhood may cause speech defects in those who previously spoke in a normal manner. When the ear can no longer serve as a monitor when you can't hear your own voice clearly—a slow speech degeneration sets in. Enunciation becomes blurred. Monotony replaces the normal melody of speech. Intonations disappear and the voice becomes rigid. And, as the hearing loss grows, the speaker loses control of the loudness of his own voice.

Unfortunately, a hearing loss can be so gradual that it is far more difficult for the individual to detect than impairment of vision. Thus, it is of the utmost importance that if there is any suspicion of hearing loss—especially with children—to see your physician, an ear doctor or a hearing aid specialist with delay.

When you see better, you hear better—and vice-versa.



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speed is exceeded the buzzer goes off to warn the driver?

DUMMY WHAMMY ... While on the subject of speed, do you want to slow down the flow of traffic by your place? Just stretch your rubber hoses across the road about fifty feet apart. This will look enough like a whammy setup to change the trend of thought of the speeding motorists. This is guaranteed to reduce the speed and increase the sound of screeching brakes.

HI DIDDLE DIDDLE ... Do you know which of the nursery rhymes is the favorite of Mrs. Luther Hodges? "Hi Diddle Diddle, the Cat and the Fiddle". Wanta know how I know? She said so at Wilmington last week, when one of the floats passed which was decorated in the nursery rhyme motif.

MISCELLANEOUS ... Under the "what will they do next" subject comes the fact that you can now rent yourself a shower door. Yessiree! Just call the man and he will install a beautiful glass doll-on-your-present-bath-tub, and you can throw away the old shower curtains and enjoy your bath behind a beautiful glass shower door for only a few cents a day. And what's more, when you have paid rent for fourteen years, the door becomes yours and no further payments!

AGRICULTURE ... The recent freeze which destroyed the peach crop in N. C. is just another example of the uncertainty found by those in agriculture in a State where the economy is so dependent upon the farm. It is important we do everything to assist the peach grower in his hour of distress, and the same goes for those others whose livelihood comes from the soil. When our agricultural economy falls apart the rest of the economy is found to collapse.

How the farmers have survived as well as they have is difficult to understand. The farm prices appear to be out of line with those charged at the consumer outlet. The difference in the price of beef on the hoof, for example, to that charged for steak continues to mystify most of us.

If there is anyone who has made a profit raising beef cattle in North Carolina during the past two years, we have not heard about him.

Book News

"And we are not always averse to mediocrity... But we are not happy in our mediocrity. It suits neither our Episcopalianism in the east nor our Calvinism in the west. No sooner are we comfortably settled in the sty of mediocrity than the gadfly of ambition, duty, and idealism gets us on the glory road, and so we issue declarations of independence, fight battles, write books, speak speeches, found universities, organize great business, and raise Cain in general... Yes, we Tar Heels have our ups and downs. Ordinarily we are willing enough to sip the weak tea of mediocrity, but ever so often there comes a time when we go off on a root-tooting binge inspired by our incurable thirst for 'Old Excellence Guaranteed 200-proof', even though we know it won't last."

"That Don't Mean Us—We Are The Machine"



THIS IS THE LAW



Farm Crops

This is the first of a spring series of articles that will appear each week throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Although the writer is currently writing a series of articles under the heading "This Is The Law" once a week for a number of the daily newspapers published in the State, the contents of the articles to be published in this newspaper are to be different.

Does a purchaser of land acquire ownership to the growing crops on the land at the time of the sale?

Yet, the general rule is that a deed to land passes growing crops to the grantee of the deed in the absence of a reservation to the contrary. This is true even though crops have already ripened and are merely standing unsevered in the field at the time and deed is given. As between seller and buyer of the land, the law considers the land and the crops attached to it as being united.

The principle applies to cotton, corn, tobacco, grain, and all kinds of vegetables, fruits, and berries that have not been harvested and are still attached to

By Robert E. Lee
(For the N. C. Bar Association)

the soil.
If the land conveyed by deed is in the possession of a tenant, the grantee of the deed merely acquires the grantor's title or interest in the land. The tenant's lease is not terminated and the tenant is not deprived of any of his rights under his lease. The tenant simply acquires a new landlord.

May there be an oral agreement that a sale of the land does not include the annual crops attached to the land?

Yes. Although a conveyance of the land or a contract to convey the land must be in writing, the law of North Carolina permits an oral reservation of the annual crops to the seller.

But there cannot be an oral agreement to except from the provisions of a deed the fruit on trees and the berries or products of perennial plants. Perennial trees, bushes, shrubs, and vines pass with the title to the land and there cannot be an oral reservation to the seller of either them or their products. Perennial crops are those which are produced year after year from the same roots, trees or bushes without annual planting. Unsevered they are a part of the land to which they are attached, and contracts relating to them must be in writing.

John Jones by will gives a farm to Mary Smith. There is an unharvested crop of corn, tobacco, cotton, and vegetables on the farm as of the time of the death of John Jones. Does Mary Smith

Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—you cheated the undertaker with your broken down car

Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

In a few days those dahlias that you left in the ground over winter will send up sprouts. They should be dug up, divided and replanted. If they are not taken up and divided they will send up several stalks which will give you some nice early blooms, but the fall flowers will usually be inferior. In dividing dahlias clumps be sure that each division has at least one root and one good eye or sprout. There is no advantage in having more than that. If you took up the dahlias clumps last fall and put them in storage you will find that they are beginning to show well-developed eyes or sprouts and can be easily divided now. After dividing, keep them covered with slightly dampened peat moss or sawdust so that they will not dry out until it is time to plant. In the central portion of the state a good planting date is May 1 to 15; in eastern areas a few days later would be best and in the mountains early May would be about right.

Dahlias grow well in any type of soil as long as it is well drained. If the soil is not well drained you may lose many plants after periods of heavy rainfall. On the other hand, it is necessary to keep dahlias well watered during extended periods of hot, dry weather.

Dahlia roots may be purchased now at seed stores or from certified dahlia nurseries. A few good, well-tried, large-flowered varieties are: Cherokee Brave (red), Edna D. (red), Jersey's Beauty (pink), D-Day (pink), Kirsten Plagstad (orange), California Pageant (orange), Jane Cowl (buff), Edgar Guest (yellow), Allegrease (yellow), Calmour (purple), The Real Glory (white), 5-Star General (cream pink) and Jean Trimbee (purple).

Good small flowered varieties are: Baby Royal, Fairy, Fuchsia Gem, Red Charm, White Fawn, Audries Orange, Little Lemon Lrop and Sylvia.

A few good pompon varieties are: Sherry, Snowclad, Morning Mist, Little Edith, Yellow Gem and Little Marvel.

become the owner of the unharvested crop?

No. In the absence of a clearly stated provision in the will to the contrary the unharvested crop belongs to the executor or administrator of the estate of John Jones as a part of the personal assets of the decedent's estate.

There is a statute in North Carolina expressly so providing. In most of the other states there is no such statute, and in these states Mary Smith would become the owner of not only the farm but also the unharvested crop.

If John Jones had not left a will and Mary Smith had inherited the farm as an heir, the same principle would apply. The unharvested crop would belong to the executor or administrator of the estate of John Jones.

There will be a continuation of the subject of farm crops next week.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN

★ SAYS ★



WASHINGTON—The extremes of weather conditions have caused a major problem with respect to agriculture in North Carolina and the Southeast.

Weather Damage
Following the severe damage to early crops caused by the recent freeze, the Farmers Home Administration declared 87 of North Carolina's 100 counties eligible for farmers to make application for emergency loans.

In the Senate last week I was joined by Senator Scott in the introduction of a bill to authorize an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to repair damage to the beach front along North Carolina's coast caused by Hurricane Hazel. I am greatly interested in seeing this bill enacted. It provides that funds so appropriated shall be expended for repairs by the Chief of Engineers of the Army, under the direction of the Secretary of the Army, and for grants by the Secretary to local authorities to assist in financing repairs made under their direction.

Burley Tobacco

The burley tobacco bill passed the Senate last week. The Senators from Tennessee and West Virginia joined with North Carolina's Senators in trying to prevent a further reduction in the small burley tobacco grower's acreage. One amendment which I offered would have prevented an allotment cut to growers of less than seven-tenths of an acre. It failed to pass. I supported the burley tobacco bill on final passage because acreage allotments seem to be absolutely necessary in order to avoid serious trouble in the program. Burley tobacco is grown in the mountain counties of Western North Carolina.

In my report of next week I

hope to discuss my experience as an observer of an atomic explosion. Last Friday I was in the Nevada Atomic Test near Las Vegas to witness the current atomic test.

Subcommittee

As the chairman of a subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee it has my duty to study the Status of Treaty or Agreement. Governments have acquired jurisdiction over forces stationed abroad. Executive agreements and the NATO Status of Forces Treaty. We have been making into the matter. Our government has exclusive jurisdiction over persons subject to its law and primary jurisdiction over a member of a civilian component in other countries. We are reviewing the treaty has worked if justice is being done. It is to conclude the matter soon and to make reports to the full committee.

Defense Debate

The American Forum has invited me to appear on its nationally televised and cast program for April. Representative Dewey Short will discuss the national program.

Many school groups have been visiting Washington, coinciding with the month of Spring, have brightened office and around the Capitol.

The cold weather delayed about one-third of the cherry blossoms around the Basin, but the Festival, success. North Carolina was beautifully represented by Miss Graham during the pageant.

Meaning Of The Symbol

Could the shape of 1955 Easter Seal, which appeared for the first time, symbolize the change in the attitude toward its crippled throughout the years? It's a thing to think about.

The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, which sponsors the drive, is the oldest and largest voluntary agency serving the crippled and in its 34 years of service has proved that something can be done to help crippled children.

Before the National Society was organized, facilities for the crippled were few and far between. Today, through affiliated Easter Seal Societies located in every state, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, thousands of people are being reached and countless services are set up in remotest areas. In N. C. alone there are 27,000 children with orthopedic handicaps.

Easter Seals have helped prove that handicapped children can be rehabilitated into tax-paying citizens rather than main tax-supported ones.

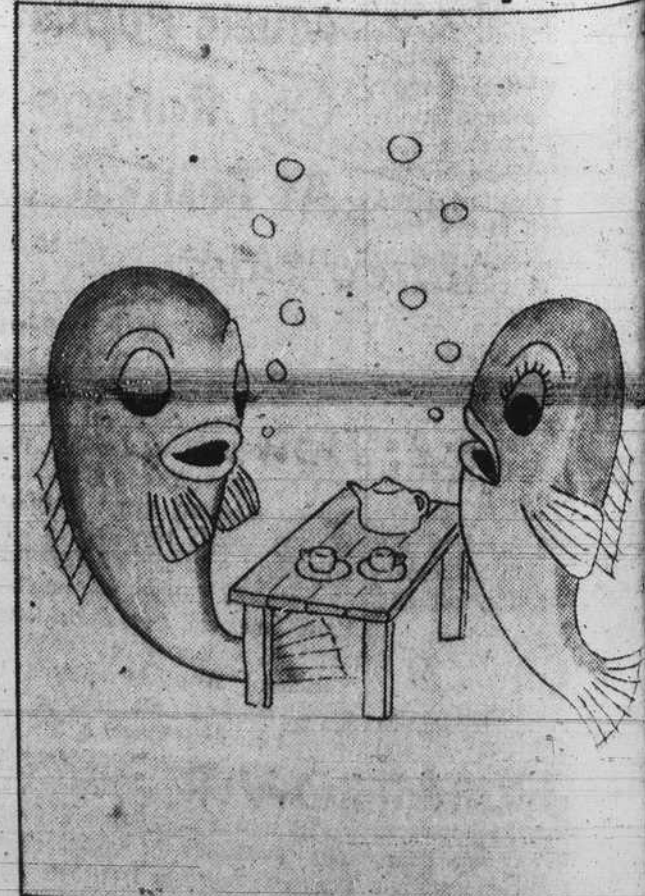
In Chapel Hill the N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults, our own Easter Seal Society, is providing physical therapy equipment used in N. C. Mental Hospital, purchase of wheel chairs for amputees and legics, special education material for a class for crippled children's camp at Camp New Hope, N. C. It's our moral obligation to advance the work of rehabilitating crippled people farther. The Easter Seal campaign continues throughout the year.

WE CAN BE THANKFUL for the newly-imposed blockade of Berlin, if it puts a damper on the curious ideas of the free world leaders for a Big Four Conference. The Yalta papers should have been sufficient to prevent, together with President Eisenhower's demand for good faith, rather than words, from the Soviets.

Perhaps, in clamping prohibitive taxes on the trade of this free island in the Red waste, the Kremlin has us from another Yalta, another Teheran, another Potsdam, another Panmunjom. It would be worth another Berlin Lift.

BUBBLES

By Jim Lee



And my dear, the bubbles came from a polluted pond

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