

# HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



The \$64.00 question is, what became of the precinct meeting for this city that was supposed to have been held on Saturday at the time of the other precinct meetings in the county? We visited the City Hall several times during the day and evening, looked in all the dark corners, but no meeting. We could not even learn who is precinct chairman.

George B. Lay 53, son of the late Rev. George W. Lay who for several years was rector of St. Paul's church at Beaufort, died on May 6 in Korea. For the past year he had been in charge of insect and rodent control in the American zone in Korea. He is survived by his mother and sister, Mrs. Paul Green.

Two bankruptcy cases effecting residents of this city and Beaufort were filed in Federal court in New Bern last week. Samuel H. Guthrie, of this city operating the G. & W. children dress shop lists liabilities of \$8,922.46 and assets totaling \$2,150. The G. & W. Dress Shop in Beaufort of which Mr. Guthrie and William Willis operated, list liabilities of \$9,101.97 with assets of \$2,475.30.

A new steel tower is being erected to replace the old one used for the display of weather signals by the government. It is one the old site near the former Willis Marine Railways. During a hard blow a few years ago the weather vane was blown off, which was missed by a great many folks who kept a record will surmount the pole on the new tower.

The Sound Chevrolet company has purchased the property known as the old Sloan place at the corner of 14th and Arendell streets. The old house has been moved over into the colored section. It is understood that a filling station will occupy the corner where the old house stood.

We have taken the following from the State magazine. To our mind is a bit of good philosophy: "God gave us two ends; one to sit on and the other to think with. A man's success depends on which end he uses most. It's a case of heads you win and tails you lose."

Ray Parks of Crisfield who has been here during the soft crab season, buying and shipping this variety of seafood, returned home the past week after what he stated was a fair season. This was the 28th consecutive season that Mr. Parks has come to this city during the crab run. Before leaving he stated this was his last season for he felt the pangs of old age creeping upon him. Both Mr. and Mrs. Parks will be missed by their many friends in the city who look forward each season at their coming.

The city is to have another new business concern. Letters of incorporation have been issued to the H. & W. Company, Inc., of this city to deal in general merchandise business. Authorized capital stock \$50,000, subscribed stock \$400.00 by Stanley Wainwright, Raye Wainwright both of this city, and Frank Hale of Kingsport, Tenn.

Owners of plots in Bay View cemetery are high in their praise of the manners in which water

Lewis, sexton, is keeping the grounds and family lots. Mr. Lewis states that most of the desirable squares and sections in the new part of the cemetery opened up a few years ago have been purchased. It will soon be necessary for the city to obtain added ground for the demands that are sure to arise.

The Jaycees of Beaufort have set a fine example that could be followed by the organization of this city or some other civic club, and that is, to start a movement and solicit aid in cleaning of the waterfront of this city. Not only does this condition apply to the waterfront for there are spots about the city that can rightly be called "eyesores." Dead weeds and old bushes lap over on the sidewalks, whiskey bottles and beer cans dot the empty lots while sections of old cars add to the conglomeration. Along with the other "weeks" of the nation, a clean-up week for Morehead City would be time and money well spent.

Prizes with a total value of over \$500.00 have been given by the merchants and others of the city to be awarded to the winners in the beauty contest to be staged by the Jaycees on June 12, at which time a beauty queen will be selected to represent Morehead City at the state contest. The committee in charge of obtaining the prizes state that they expect the total value of the prize obtained before the contest will reach \$1,000. All "sweet young things" between the ages of 18 and 28, unmarried, can enter the contest. All you need, girls, is good looks and a form that will measure up to beauty queen standards. Don't pass this up. The winner will think she has won a "walking man" contest or a "Mrs. Hush."

Three "Goofs" or candidates initiated into the order of Forty and Eight in New Bern last Wednesday night from this county were Bill Skarran, Alonzo Thomas and James Paul from Beaufort. Twenty-four candidates in all were initiated in the first "wreck" since the ending of World War II. The public "horse-play" on the "goofs" furnished plenty of amusement for the onlookers. Besides the recently initiated new members the following are members of the county unit: I. E. Pittman, F. M. Chadwick, Jr., J. B. Rice, Edward Arendell, Duffy Guthrie and Abb Morris of this city.

Tom Kelly, Roy Eubanks, J. O. Barbour, Jr., Lance Smith, Dave Hill and R. H. Hill of Beaufort and Blakley Pond of Davis.

Time marches on. Thirty-five years ago if you were walking along Arendell street you would observe a business sign reading, S. A. Chalk, Druggist, a writeup in the Coaster of that period says: "This handsome pharmacy is located next to the postoffice and is fitted up in an unusually elegant manner, the floor of mosaic tiling, polished mahogany and glass covered combination tables and display cases, embossed metal ceiling and soda fountain of marble and onyx, all form a combination of beauty and convenience. Mr. S. A. Chalk, the proprietor came here from Edenton, N. C., about nine months ago and opened the business. . . . Mr. Chalk has purchased the sole right to manufacture and sell the justly celebrated remedy so well known as McIntyre's Magnetic Liniment. This liniment has acquired a very wide

reputation."

### STORY OF THE WEEK

Following the close of the civil war, Appleton Oak Smith, a prominent citizen of New York and London, came to Carteret county and established his home in the Camp Glenn section. He purchased several hundred acres of land in that section, building a house and giving it the name of Hollywood. Later Mr. Oak Smith moved to New Bern where he spent the remaining years of his life.

Mr. Oak Smith was born in Portland, Maine, in 1840 of descendants of Plymouth Rock settlers. As a young man he went to New York to live where he attended Columbia University. His entire life was an active one, both in the commercial as well as the political world. In his early life Mr. Oak Smith was interested in the publishing business in New York. Later he became a partner and stockholder of the J. H. Davis & Company, railroad constructors. At one time he headed a large shipping concern which ships operated between North and South America as well as ports of foreign countries.

On January 29, 1861, Mr. Oak Smith was appointed by Mayor Fernando Wood of New York city as one of a committee of three to confer with the leaders of the southern states to avert the Civil War. At one period of his career while located in Central America he was made commander in Chief of the Republic of Nicaragua, also served as Minister to the United States from that Republic under Maj. General William Walker. After settling in Carteret county, Mr. Oak Smith was elected to the state legislature in 1873. His daughter, Miss Geraldine Oak Smith retains the old home in the Camp Glenn section where she resides.

### Chicago Merchants Urge Farm Life for City Boys

A group of business men in Chicago have purchased a tract of 60,000 square feet of city land in order to give some underprivileged lads from the tenements a chance to "learn the secret of growing things and the care of animals" which come to all country boys, and especially those who are members of the 4-H farm clubs.

Most of the business men are themselves "products of the soil," and recognize the great disadvantage under which city boys on the streets of Chicago and other large cities live—and some of the reasons why they get into difficulties with the police. "Says a leader of the movement: "We need camps and farms where large numbers of city youngsters will be welcomed and taught by competent instructors, and where they may experience the life which is their rightful heritage." The leaders hope this idea may spread to other cities; and that it may become a function of school authorities, park authorities and police authorities to foster them "farm life for city boys."

**'Walkie-Talkie' Goes Underground**  
LONDON—(AP)—"Walkie-Talkie" radios are being tested as a means of quick contact between rescue workers in mine disasters. The tests show it is possible to transmit through the earth.

## Songsters of Smyrna



Thirty-five students are members of the Glee club of Smyrna school. Director of the chorus is Mrs. Dorothy Piner. Pictured here, the members are, first row, reading from left to right, Gray Dixon, Dave George, Thelma Margaret Harris, Ann Gillikin, Katherine Piner, Gloria Gray-Willis, Peggy Arthur, Joyce Mason, Gladys Wiggins, Barbara Fulcher, and Maxine Arthur. Second row, Bobby Perry, Everette Golden, Ora Dean Midgette, Gloria Willis, Marguerite Lewis, Pearl Lawrence, Ava Lee Allgood, Genevieve Gwynn, Eleanor Wade, Lynell Davis, Carol Bunch, Sally George. Third row, Jimmie Piner, Jimmy Willis, James Arthur, Estelle Gillikin, Catherine Lewis, Kathryn Golden, Dorothea Gillikin, Virginia Willis, Alma Gillikin, Vernell Brooks, and Nettie Wilson.

## Closing of Terrapin Hatchery Brings Word from Maryland

Closing of the terrapin hatchery on Piver's Island has caused comment here and there throughout the country, as evidenced by a story which appeared recently in the Baltimore Evening Sun. The story was sent to The Beaufort News by one of the subscribers. His letter, with the story which appeared in the Baltimore paper, follows:

241 Linden Avenue  
Towson 4, Maryland

The Editor  
THE BEAUFORT NEWS  
Beaufort, North Carolina

Dear Sir: Enclosed is an article published in the Baltimore Evening Sun, April 7, 1948, which provides Coastal Carolina and Beaufort in particular with well-deserved publicity, however, I do not believe it is too complimentary. I wonder if Bill Sharpe or Aycock Brown would agree with this article or would they have an interesting story to tell of the Carolina viewpoint!

Very truly yours,  
M. F. Taylor

The story: **Carolina Terrapin Below Par Here**  
The only large diamond-back terrapin hatchery in the world, at Beaufort, N. C., has been closed—but Maryland's gourmets don't care.

Carolina terrapin, they say, was never fit for the Maryland Club, nor for any self-respecting table where terrapin is a la Maryland or a la Baltimore is known and loved. The Tarheel hatchery, a State-Federal project, has loosed its 2,600 terrapin to fend for themselves in the salt marshes near by after more than 50 years of sheltering the breed.

For three or four years Mary-

land imported Carolina diamond backs, at the rate of from 2,000 to 5,000 a year. But Dr. R. V. Truitt, of the Chesapeake Bay Biological Laboratory at Solomon's Island says the imports were never successful.

"When we brought them in," he says, "our watermen took one look at them and said they were 'foreign,' and honed we wouldn't mix them with our breed."

When they went to table, Maryland gourmets detected a gauche Tarheel flavor.

"I can't tell the difference, myself," says Dr. Truitt. "I don't have that narrow range of satchet taste. But the connoisseurs said North Carolina diamond-back wouldn't do. They could tell."

### Supply Increasing Here

While the Carolina hatcherymen were sweating away, breeding up to 16,000 young terrapin a year in their expensive pens, a few Marylanders were eating their way through the diamondback season with almost daily serving, despite an interesting shortage.

They stuck to the Maryland breed, which runs to Malacemys centrata concentrica in Dr. Truitt's books.

He declares with something of a flourish that today the Maryland diamondback is more plentiful than it has been in fifteen years. The supply along the bay, he says, has been building up gradually since prohibition days, when the demand fell off for lack of fine wines with which to cook them.

Now, he says, there is a greatly diminished demand for diamondback, but they're there if the gourmets ever stage a comeback. These are growing naturally, without State or Federal aid; Maryland's hatchery closed in 1940 for lack of funds.

It was the Congressional hand

which killed the North Carolina project. Because someone in Washington decided people weren't eating diamondback any longer, appropriations ceased, and terrapin up to 50 years old were returned to nature after being hand-fed all their lives.

The closing caused not a ripple in the austere atmosphere of the Maryland club, where a jolly diamondback season closed on the last day of March with the terrapin on the menu every day through the five-month season. The steward said that there was no difficulty in obtaining a plentiful supply from assorted small fishermen on the Eastern Shore.

### Plenty of Diamondbacks

At the club, of course, it was Maryland diamondbacks all the way. A foreign terrapin could never win a visa into the kitchen.

With the disappearance of the Maryland breed of gourmets, the club has even less difficulty in filling its terrapin pots. The steward reports that the diamondbacks of the past season were full size, and as succulent as ever. He declined to estimate the number used by the club.

Conservationists, with less sensitive tongues, were interested in the demise of the North Carolina hatchery, for though the Maryland diamondback is beginning to gain on the State's appetite, he is still in some danger.

### Menace in Crab Pots

There is a move afoot to persuade the Board of Natural Resources to legalize the use of crab pots in Somerset county (they are already used in the Bay off Dorchester county), and these pots are a menace to terrapin.

Crab pots, so the biologists say, drown diamondbacks. They can strand the underwater trap for "six or eight hours," but no longer. Crab pots, if set offshore, would not be destructive to terrapin, since they seldom venture far from shore. In the creeks and bays, however, they all but outnumber crabs as callers.

The experts, or some of them, are busy making war on the

## Journeyman's Wage Will Figure In Amount Of Subsistence Increase

The journeyman's wage will be a key factor in determining whether veterans training on the job under the G. I. Bill will receive an increase in subsistence allowance as a result of the recently-enacted law raising income ceilings.

According to J. D. DeRamus, manager of the Veterans Administration's Winston-Salem Regional office, the journeyman's wage will be the determining factor if it is below the new ceiling. If the journeyman's wage equals or exceeds the new ceiling, then the ceiling will be the deciding factor.

The principal effect of the new law was to raise the ceilings on the total monthly income a veteran could have before losing the right to draw full subsistence allowances from VA. For an ex-serviceman without dependents, the ceiling was upped from \$175 to \$210; for a veteran with one dependent, from \$200 to \$270; for one with two or more dependents, from \$200 to \$280.

Maximum monthly subsistence allowances for veterans training on the job under the G. I. Bill remain as they were. They are \$65 a month for an ex-serviceman without dependents or \$90 for one with any number of dependents.

If a veteran's income from other sources combined with his allowance exceeds the ceiling figure, his subsistence is retroacted proportionately. For instance, an ex-serviceman with two dependents who is earning \$200 a month would be allowed to draw his full \$90 allowance if the journeyman's wage on his job equalled or exceeded the

new ceiling of \$280 a month. But suppose the veteran is earning \$230 a month. He could draw only \$60 a month allowance because this amount, plus his earnings would bring him up to the ceiling. Here the ceiling is the determining factor.

But assume the journeyman's wage on his job is \$250 a month. In that case, the veteran could draw only a \$20 allowance since this is all that would be necessary to bring him up to the journeyman level. In this case, the journeyman's wage is the determining factor.

The journeyman's wage is fixed for the trainee by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction which is responsible for approving training institutions in the state of North Carolina. The wage set is that normally earned by a worker fully trained in the field. In other words, it is the goal toward which the trainee is aiming. VA is required to abide by this figure.

### Family Raising Comes First in Robin World

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — Even though the University of Tennessee's new dental college building still is under construction, a family of six is living on the third floor "penthouse". Workmen have just finished putting in overhead waterpipes when a robin chose one of the pipes as a likely spot for her nest.

While workmen swarmed over the building, the mama robin warmed her four blue eggs. She wouldn't budge when the man with an electric drill began to bore holes in the ceiling three feet from the nest. Even a photographer on his exploding flash bulb couldn't make the robin lose her poise. An nna robin said no mind to all the folks while he fed the youngsters.

spread of crab pots, even if diamondbacks are down to their last few gourmets. They figure the world's finest terrapin breed is undeserving of oblivion, even if it is forgotten everywhere but around the senior table at the Maryland Club.



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