Were 12 Years Wasted?

One hundred sixty-seven boys and girls will leave Carteret county's high schools during the coming week, carrying with them treasured diplomas.

During elementary and high school years they have learned only the most basic scientific and mathematical facts and have been exposed to only a flash of the world's vast store of literature, history, and languages.

And of this comparatively brief presentation, (which seemed interminably long to Mother and Dad when their youngster trotted off to first grade—and undoubtedly seemed endless, too, at times, to their despairing offspring), only an infinitesimal part is retained by the mind of the average human being.

What then, is the use of 12 years of work and study? The greater value lies in the fact that through study one learns to discipline his mind. English, French, and geometry, though an end in themselves in that they show the student another facet of world culture and form a stepping-stone to college, are instruments by which an individual learns to use his mental equipment.

A person who disciplines his mind, is not necessarily one, however, who has learned to think. Thinking is a creative process which involves more ability than is required to memorize passages from Shakespeare. Most people go through high school not ever realizing what it means to "think" and a distressing number slide through college the same way.

Seniors may say to themselves, "I've gone to school 12 years and what do I have to show for it? Nothing but a piece of paper called a diploma!"

That piece of paper is poor indication of the fact that John sat down not one, but many times, and struggled with algebra when the other fellows were out playing baseball.

On it isn't shown the disappointment Martha experienced when she couldn't go to a beach party because there was to be a French exam the next morning.

Every time these youngsters who are graduating made themselves study and work when more pleasant things awaited, they went a step further in disciplining themselves.

They may not specifically remember the three notable events in American history in 1619, but over all, they have gone through a process called elementary and secondary education and because of that they have become better human beings and valuable citizens.

Covering the Waterfront

Editor's Note: Columnist Aycock Brown informed us by wire Monday that his Tuesday "Covering the Waterfront" column in The Greensboro Daily News would relate to the first appearance of The Carteret News-Times. He suggested that the column be reprinted in Tuesday's paper. This was impossible because we went to press Monday night, but the column, in its entirety, appears below:

CARTERET COAST, May 17.—Today, Tuesday, May 18, following a close courtship of several months two of North Carolina's outstanding weekly newspapers published here on the Carteret Coast in Morehead City and Beaufort will become wedded. And thus, will be spawned the Carteret County News-Times, a Tuesday and Friday semi-weekly.

This merger of two newspapers, The Beaufort News, published in the Carteret County capital since 1912 and The Twin City Times established first as a daily in Morehead the ocean port city 12 years ago and lately a weekly is brought about by Lockwood Phillips who came to North Carolina from New Jersey to establish the Carteret Publishing Company and start doing things that no other weekly publisher had ever before attempted in this state.

First thing he did was to increase the per copy price of The Beaufort News to 10 cents. This, the skeptics predicted was the worst possible move a newspaper owner could make. "Why pay 10 cents a copy for an eight, 10 or 12 page newspaper when for the same price you could purchase a predated metropolitan newspaper that was heavily laden with page after page of colored comics and much sensational reading matter besides," said the skeptics.

But it did not work out that way—this the move was not a bad one. Phillips contended that with the increased cost of newsprint, labor wages, and the fact that he was importing highly trained writers at better than average salaries paid weekly reporters, in North Carolina, he had every right to increase the per copy price.

It is interesting to note that since Phillips increased the per copy price of The Beaufort News, that the subscription rates on most of the dailies published in the state also found it necessary to charge more for their paper. Fifteen cents per copy for Sunday editions which actually are worth considerably more.

The Beaufort News at 10 cents per copy lost no subscribers. It gained them. Another smart thing that Phillips did with his newspapers was to push circulation and then get an A. B. C.-rating. That "A.B.C." which Phillips was after had nothing to do with Alcoholic Beverage Control, the initials mean "Audit Bureau of Circulation," something which the dailies have to produce when they go after advertising—especially national advertising. Few weeklies in North Carolina bothered to have their circulation audited by the bureau and some of them get by when they claim a circulation considerably higher han the actual number of copies rolling from the presses each week.

I have been knowing Phillips rather intimately since he came to the Carteret Coast, but save my life I could not tell you whether he is a Democrat or a Republican. His personal politics, if any, very definitely has never been reflected in the columns of The Beaufort News or Twin City Times. Political candidates and political parties here on the central coast get the same break in his newspapers, that is, if they make news it is reported accurately by trained writers, and without editorializing one way or the other. If a judge, a minister, the wealthiest man in town, or the village drunkard makes news, no punches are pulled in the columns of these coastal newspapers. It is another news story and it is handled accordingly.

"The News-Times will perpetuate the finest traditions of the 36-year-old Beaufort News and the 12-year-old Twin City Times and combine the outstanding qualities of both," say Phillips.

"To this," he added, "the NEWS-TIMES will add the very best comics, sports and editorial cartoons, serial stories, up-to-the-minute telephotos and other features released by the Associated Press, the world's greatest and most powerful newsgathering organization. The complete and accurate news and picture coverage pioneered by The Beaufort News beyond the boundaries of Carteret County will be expanded by the News-Times to include the residents of all areas naturally falling within the orbit and influence of coastal Carteret County"

The column today is not expected to increase the circulation of The News-Times by even one subscription. It is written merely to show that in every field of endeavor, including the Fourth Estate, that North Carolina's long neglected and little publicized coastland is pushing ahead—and really going places.

In the 16th Century, many Britons wore "cramp rings" which they believe prevent paralysis.

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Teen Topics

By Imogene Long
Morehead City High School

Hi folks! Here I am again. Lots of things have happened since Tuesday so:

First of all, the F.H.A. Club held an installation service on Tuesday night, at 8:00, in the Civic Center. It was a very impressive service since all the officers wore formals. The mothers were invited and punch and cake were served. Old officers of the club were: president, Jane Ballou; vice-president, Shirley Willis; secretary, Betsy Wade; treasurer, Margaret Mitchell, reporter, Jerry Guthrie; parlimentarian, Lukevia Wade; historian, Barbara Willis; song leader, Billie Joyce Watson. New officers installed last Tuesday are as follows: president, Jane Ballou; vice-president, Joan McKnight; secretary, Mary Robinson; treasurer, Shirley Willis; reporter, Betty Wade; parlimentarian, Ann Oglesby; historian, Sybil Oglesby; song leader, Sue Willis. After the service Guy Paul Dixon, assisted by Duffy Lee Paul, took pictures of the officers. Anyone wishing to buy one of these pictures may do so by seeing Guy Paul. This was the last monthly meeting of the club until next September.

Tomorrow night will determine the three winners of the county-wide talent search sponsored by the Morehead City Lion's club. All during the month of May they have been holding small contests in each school and picking two winners from each. These winners will have a contest among themselves to find the county winners. (Prizes, by the way, are $100, $75 and $50 for the three winners.)

The show begins at 7:45 and admission prices are 35 cents and $1.00. Of course, the "Talent Show Finals" are to be held in our Carteret County Recreational Center at 1504 Shepard street. The entrants from the Morehead City High School search are the Glee Club and Mrs. Ruth Webb Bailey.

New hall montiors were appointed this week and they are as follows: Roy Yeager, Charles Macy, Donald Davis, William Lloyd and Shep Sampson.

The F.H.A. girls are having a picnic at the beach Saturday and they are to bring their own lunch and a boy, so you boys better be on your "good" behavior!

L'd like to remind some of the Teenagers of a certain rule of our club. It was approved by the charter members and read, by our president, to the Teen-agers at a special business meeting. But! some are trying to get by without obeying it! The rule is: "when a Teen-Ager leaves the building he (or she) must sign out on the sheet at the door and also put the time you leave and where you are going. You are no to come back in anymore that night!" That's what some have been trying to do but no exceptions, are to be made to this rule. Once you've signed out, you're definitely out for the night!!

Installation of Beta Club members was held yesterday morning at 8:45 in Miss Hufham's classroom. Eighteen, out of the nineteen invited to join, were welcomed into the club. The first of next year we hope to gain about 5 more whose averages will have reached 90 or more. Our club of next year will start off with 32 members, quite a large number for one school!

Be seeing you.

Voting: How It's Done

(Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles explaining political machinery and election processes).

The voter in the election who casts his ballot into the ballot box perhaps does not give a thought as to what preparations were made whereby he could vote.

For the interest of the voter who wishes to look behind the scenes, the conduct of the election machinery is in the hands of the precinct officials, the registrar, judge, and assistant. State laws largely govern their conduct.

Officials' Procedure

For instance, election laws state that

1. the officials must be at the voting place at least by 6 a.m.

2. if it has not been done already, they stake off the voting enclosure and arrange the tables and chairs.

3. they supply pen, ink, pencils, and place the ballots, the ballot boxes and the poll books in the proper places.

4. they should then and there have the official ballot boxes supplied with lock and key. They must allow any electors present to examine the ballot boxes and shall lock the boxes while empty. They shall not unlock the boxes again until the closing of the polls.

5. They must open the sealed packages of ballots.

6. One of the judges must declare the polls open at 6.30 a.m.

Voter's Procedure

When the voter goes to the polls, he too must obey certain rules in order to vote. He must give his name, address and, in a primary election, his party. After the registrar checks his name on the registration books, the voter receives the ballot of his party. The ballot is so folded that its face cannot be seen, and it is up to the judge to tell the voter to refold the ballo in the same way after voting.

The voter then takes the ballot into the voting booth and chooses his candidates.

In practice, when the precinct is small, the giving of the name and address is sometimes bypassed because the officials and the voter have been participating in the same elections for years. Instructions as to voting also probably are needless, in such a case.

Once in a great while voters present themselves, only to find that they are not listed on the regisration books. In such a case, the voter must satisfy precinct officials that his name is left off by mistake, or that he has become qualified since the registration books closed.

Marking the Ballot

In marking the ballot itself, the voter in a general election who desires to vote a straight ticket, (for every one of the candidates in the ballot.), must either make a cross mark in the circular space below the name of the party; or he must make a cross mark on the left and opposite the name of every candidate on the blank space provided.

If the voter wishes to vote a mixed ticket, he should make a cross mark in the voting square opposite the name of each candidate whom he wants from either party; or make a cross mark on the party circle above the name of the party for some of whose candidates he wishes to vote, and then make a cross mark in the square opposite the name of any candidate of any other party. This method casts a vote for every candidate on the ticket of the party whose circle has been marked, except for those candidates whose name is opposite the specially marked opposing candidates.

His Own Choice

If the voter wishes to vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, he can substitute the name by writing it in the proper place and making a cross mark in the blank space provided on the left.

After marking the ballot in the voting booth, the voter is expected to fold it so the face cannot be seen and to place it in the ballot box.

Voters are entitled to receive help in getting to the voting booth and in marking the ballots. State rules point out however, that this help must be requested. If in the case where a voter has to have help in marking the ballot, it must be written in the poll book that he "ballot is marked by—."

Although the voter's duty ends when the ballot is dropped into the ballot box, the responsibility of counting and recording votes, a big job in large precincts, is left to the precinct officials.

How votes are counted and recorded, and returns are made, will be told in next week's article:

Tabulating the Returns

The first written use of the expression, "hair of the dog," is believed to be contained in an English translation of a French book published in 1616, when "haire of the beast that hath made thee ill" is prescribed as a cure for "the head that complaine itself of too much drinke of wine."

Vote For CHARLES M. JOHNSON For GOVERNOR

"The most important activity of the State Government is the School System."

Charles M. Johnson

'Your Proudest Duty,' Movie, to Be Shown at Hut

"Your Proudest Duty," a movie will be shown Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Morehead City American Legion hut.

Dealing with the proper escort and ceremony required in burying World War- II war dead being transported home, parts of the film are of such a nature that only ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen may see it, according to C. L. Beam, county veterans' service officer.

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-:In The Good Old Days:-

(The following information is taken from files of The Beaufort News — Ed.)

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

C. D. Jones had opened for business in Clawson's old stand, next door to the Bank of Beaufort. They ran an ad offering to buy fat cattle, sheep, chickens, eggs and Margaret Taylor left for New York ELIZABETH CITY BLIMP ....14.. where they would board a United Fruit company steamer for Port Antonia, Jamaica, to join Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Taylor who were living there.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

There was a possibility that the state might take over Fort Macon and operate it as a public park.

The Swarthmore Chautauqua played before a large crowd and was so successful that a contract was signed to bring it to Beaufort again next year.

TEN YEARS AGO

J. M. Broughton, probable candidate for governor during the next gubernatorial election made the keynote speech at the Carteret County Democratic convention held at the Court house on Saturday.

The Very Reverend Israel H. Noe, visiting in Beaufort, was in great demand as a speaker.

A large group of Beaufort and Morehead City citizens went over to West Beaufort to meet the mail plane scheduled to pick up mail at 8:30, but due to a low ceiling, the plane had not appeared by press time.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Walter S. Morris was elected president of the Beaufort Jaycees, Charles Hassell, vice president, W. A. Mace, secretary, and Ralph Eudy, treasurer.

Rotarians were trying to find some way to solve the question of swimming in front of the town without going in the contaminated water. A ferry to Town Marsh was among the suggestions.

Ellis, Senate Candidate, Stresses Roads to School

Alebrt J. Ellis, 34-year-old Jacksonville lawyer who is running for state senatorship from the seventh district, said in a recent interview that more emphasis should be placed on making good roads for school buses, regardless of he revenue concerned, in order that every child might have an equal opportunity for schooling. He said he believed that state funds should be used in counties which face financial distress.

As for industry in eastern Carolina, Mr. Ellis emphasized that the present tax rates will not attract indusry to this area. He pointed ou ha the tax rate was high because the county had to foot so much of the expense alone, and that the use of state surplus revenue would ease his condition.

Other things he stands for are: an increase in teachers' salaries to a minimum of $2,400 a year; agricultural additions to schools to aid both the student and the student veteran; federal housing; increasing the amount of the dependency exemption in the state income tax; putting teeth in the veerans' readjustment laws, and using a rotation system for state senators. He said "they haven't had more than two from Carteret and Onslow counties for more than 30 years."

Tiny Fair Isle, north of Scotland, is famed for its sweater patterns, and as a stop-off for migratory birds.

Good  Luck

1948 GRADS

**"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players.
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts. . . ."**

With your graduation, the curtain drops on one role of what Shakespeare terms your "strange eventful history." You have scored a success in that role, and we extend our most heartfelt congratulations on your exit.

Now you are about to make your entrance in another phase of that drama called "Life." May you play your part well—may the principles of "good acting" which have been inculcated in you throughout the "rehearsals" of your school days serve as a constant beacon to guide you in fulfillment of your cherished goal. That is our wish for you, members of the Class of 1948, on this Graduation Day.

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