

# Carteret County News-Times

A Merger Of

The Beaufort News (est. 1912) & The Twin City Times (est. 1936)

EDITORIAL PAGE

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## Trash and Weeds Face an Exit

Beaufort's decision to enforce sanitation laws and inaugurate a weed-cutting and clean-up campaign was the most important one made at the town board meeting Monday night.

Because the exact cause of polio remains unknown, any precaution to prevent spread of disease in hot, germ-fertile weather may be a life-saving step.

Property-owners shouldn't have to be told to cut weeds, homeowners and merchants shouldn't have to be told that uncovered garbage is a menace, heaped in distasteful piles at the rear of homes and places of business. Yet so many people fail to move unless someone gets behind and prods them with a stick.

The Jaycees recently cleaned up the waterfront. Now it's time that Front Street itself gets a clean face. All summer it's littered with cups and other types of trash. Arm-height trash cans, made especially for use in municipalities, would do more to clean up Front Street than anything else. Morehead City, too, could make use of them.

Cleanliness in itself does more for the morale, health and general well-being of a town than half dozen smoothly-functioning municipal organizations. Town commissioners evidently realize this. Some day perhaps town residents will too.

## The Town's Secret Society

Ever hear of the SPMSMC? Most people haven't, but there are indications that the Secret Parking Meter Society of Morehead City exists.

Their biggest secret is the amount of money collected in the town's parking meters and the next secret is who belongs, but that one is not hard to figure out.

When the parking meters were first installed, inquiries as to the amounts collected brought only vague replies from the officials in charge. Definitely no figures.

One time the iron curtain lifted and out came the figures for one collection. These were published and then things were clamped shut again.

A columnist for this paper recently was told in no uncertain terms that he was to publish no more figures as to the amount collected in the meters, something about the money being saved for a paving project.

If this is true, why can't the people who keep feeding meters day after day know about it?

A reporter tried Wednesday afternoon again to learn the amount of money collected in the meters and he was told that those figures weren't ready for publication. The parking meters have been in operation a long time. How long does it take to count money and put it in the bank, hmmm?

As a matter of fact there's been too much stalling and evasiveness all around. If the commissioners or the mayor have ordered that these figures remain secret, why? If they haven't, then who's running things around here?

Beaufort's town clerk willingly announces parking meter collections. In June they took in \$625.14.

Could it be that the meter collections in Morehead City are running low, perhaps lower than Beaufort's and that they don't want anybody to know it? Utter childishness!

There's undoubtedly a logical answer to the meter question mark. But maybe this too, will be kept secret and nobody will know but the SPMSMC.

## Ashes, Seeds of Fire?

Thirty years ago today, July 16, 1918, the Russian Czar Nicholas, his wife, children, and personal attendants were assassinated by Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg, Russia. Their bodies were secretly buried.

Like the Phoenix, bird of Greek mythology, could it be that the ashes of an old dictatorship give rise to a new? During a moment of reflection, the past "glories" of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Shinto-worshipping Japan rush to the fore. Have these dictatorships been crushed or in the remains are there smouldering embers from which will spring new states shot through with blood-letting, terror, and suppression?

This is a question democratic statesmen face: It's a problem ever-present among members of the United Nations who earnestly desire peace. Able leadership of the United States is vitally necessary now as it was during the war . . . choosing our next president is not a matter to be taken lightly, as merely a big red, white, and blue circus.

If a state can rise again from blackened ashes, what more lofty goals can be attained from an ever-living flame, one burning with the light of liberty, justice, and equality of opportunity!

## Elmer Willis, Clam King, To Throw Another Bake

Elmer Willis, Williston, undisputed clam king of the North Carolina coast has announced that he would again entertain members of the Board of Conservation and Development at a clam bake in Williston Tuesday, July 27. The event will fall on the second evening of the annual three day summer meeting of the board in Morehead City July 26-28.

This will be the fourth year that Willis has entertained the board

members, their friends and invited guests at one of the now-famous affairs which features not only steamed clams, but also shrimp chicken, and roasting ears. The parties are held in Willis' modern clam processing house on Williston Creek in the Carteret community which is named for one of the host's ancestors. After the "clam-bake" an old fashioned square dance is held in one of the packing rooms of the clam plant.

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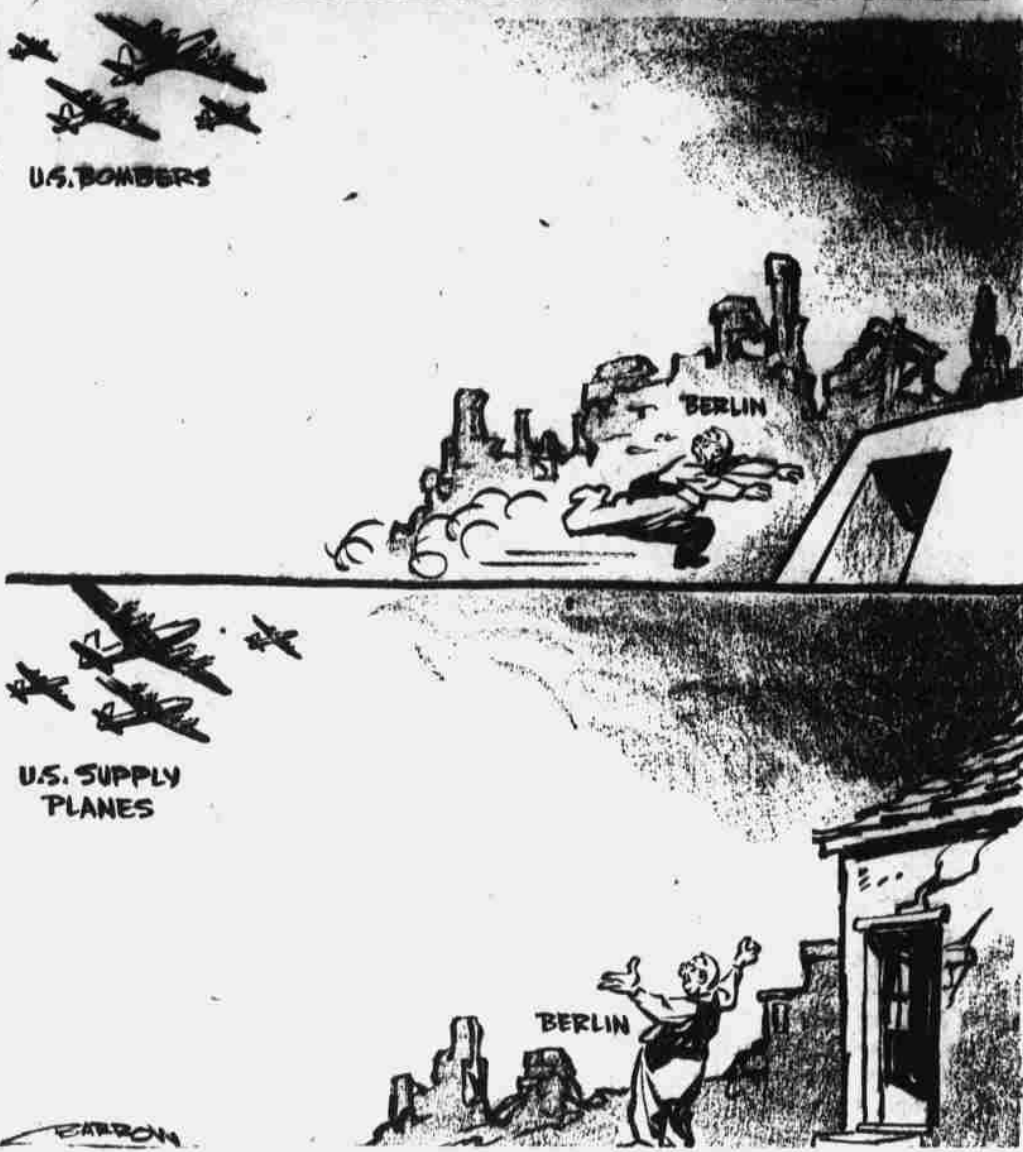
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## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A FEW YEARS MAKE



### Raleigh Round up

SCOOPEROO — J. M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for the U. S. Senate, has pulled another fast one on the wise boys—a "scoop," the newsjacker folks would call it.

A few hours after W. Kerr Scott had been nominated for Governor, and while hundreds of people throughout the State were saying, "Look where R. Wayne Albright would be now if he had thrown his support to Mr. Scott," Mr. Broughton contacted Albright and requested him to become his administrative assistant.

This position now pays upwards of \$10,000 per year. Will Albright accept it? Well, he hasn't as this column goes to press, but since his wife is a Washington, D. C. girl, and since you could name on the fingers of one hand the jobs with the State that pay as much, chances are he will go with Broughton.

TWO SURPRISES — The first surprise is that J. M. Broughton offered the position to Albright—you would think there would be at least 100 bright young men closer to the Broughton campaign—and the second eyebrow-lifter is that Wayne Albright didn't snap it up the second it was offered . . . or preferred.

The answer to the first is that Broughton needs more strength

Hand James, Laurinburg native and good friend of Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill, resigned from Bailey's office for something more secure if less remunerative. He became clerk of the Eastern District of the Federal Court in North Carolina shortly after the retirement of Judge I. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City, still holds this position . . . which served as a

retirement cushion for the late Thomas Dixon, the author, after he lost his fortune on a real estate boom in Western North Carolina and his knack for writing books which would sell.

GETTING TO SCOTT — Everybody is trying to get Kerr Scott's ear. The man is getting more advice than he knows what to do with, and he still hasn't been able to read all his congratulatory mail. Various groups are sending emissaries, to the Scott farm in Alamance. Scott's every footstep is dogged by advisors, schemers, and some well-wishers. Long forgotten friends have renewed acquaintances.

Who is closest to Scott? Capus Waynick. Next in line probably is J. M. Broughton. Scott is in the position of being friendly with Umstead, Broughton, Cherry, the Farm Bureau and the State Grange, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, with a few Episcopals thrown in. They all seem to love him. But Scott is a good listener, and so far his visitors have done most of the talking. He's very popular. Reminds one of the words of Old Tom in the "Lost Colony," which is now packing them in on Roanoke Island. As he walks his lonely post, protecting the colonists, he says to himself . . . I, who was lately nothing am become somebody."

SOCIAL NOTE — Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr Scott of Haw River and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw were guests of Governor and Mrs. R. G. Cherry, at dinner, at the Mansion on Saturday evening, July 10.

P. S. Following the dinner, some small talk—and some not so small—Messrs. Cherry, Scott, and Jordan entrained for Philadelphia and

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AT THE CONVENTION — On Sunday around noon, Kerr Scott through his spokesman Everett Jordan let delegates to the convention know that he was dining with Joe Blythe for National Committeeman. He made it clear that he was not slapping at J. M. Broughton, but merely felt that Blythe should continue in this position in view of the fact that the Democratic National Committee had given North Carolina's committeeman the honor . . . though thankless task . . . of being National Democratic Treasurer.

Mr. Broughton, Lon Bolick of Winston-Salem, and Broughton Publicist Robert W. Redwine (for the convention) last week began their efforts to woo delegates away from Blythe. Scott refused to go along. He also pointed out last Sunday afternoon in his hotel room in Philadelphia that he thought North Carolina made a mistake in preventing R. J. Reynolds, Jr., from being National Committeeman at the time Reynolds was National Treasurer.

Medical Society Members Hear X-Ray Specialist

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State Bonds	6,428,984.09
Municipal Bonds	9,978,903.83
Federal Land Bank Bonds & Other Other Marketable Securities	5,240,048.13
Accrued Interest	408,058.46
Loans and Discounts	26,923,057.17
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures and Building Sites, less depreciation	532,125.27
Commercial Building Corporation Stock	1.00
(Cost \$105,000.00—Carried at \$1.00)	
Other Assets	6.00
(6 Parcels of Real Estate, Carried at \$6.00, Appraised Value \$16,500.00).	
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Capital Stock:	
Preferred	\$200,000.00
Common	800,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,000,000.00
Reserve a/c Preferred Stock Retirement Fund	544,172.78
Reserve a/c Accrued & Unearned Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Other Reserves	200,000.00
DEPOSITS	3,555,851.79
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