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KEEPS GETTING HOTTER



Just Another Fire?

Every time there's a large fire and a logical reason is not definitely established immediately as to its cause, there is always the rumor that the fire was deliberately set.

They are the sensationalists who set forth that reason for a house or building burning, but simply because some people jump to that conclusion is no reason to discount it as sensationalism where there are fires of mysterious origin.

The loss of the White Oak school is a major disaster in the county school system. The board of education is operating on a shoestring, and the thought of rebuilding a school at Bogue is as plausible as picking figs off an apple tree. Even if the county had the money to invest immediately in a new school—anywhere—it would probably be in a large centrally-located consolidated one, the type the state says must eventually be in all rural systems.

Evidently there is a quirk in the minds of certain individuals which tells them that the way to get something new or better in the way of public building is to get rid of the structure already standing. The easiest way to accomplish this is by the use of fire. Dynamite is a bit too dangerous in the hands of a novice. The fact that arson is a criminal offense or that a new building may NOT rise from the ashes of the old evidently doesn't enter the picture.

Then again, criminal offense or not, what does it matter if there's a law against deliberately destroying property by fire when no effort is made by anyone to investigate the burning other than to kick the ashes and remark, "Yep, quite a fire, wasn't it?"

The typical attitude seems to be, "What good would an investigation do?" Referring to the type of investigations usually made, this attitude is undoubtedly correct.

Citizens howl and wail because their youngsters aren't getting the proper kind of education and then sit back and yawn when one of the major school plants in the county is destroyed by fire of "undetermined origin."

As long as such lassitude persists, there will be other fires similar to the White Oak school fire.

HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



In running the story, County Officials Defeated in Republican Landslide of 1916, in the Tuesday issue of THE NEWS-TIMES last week, overlooked were the lines which should have been run under the picture. For the benefit of those who might be interested in the names of the men in the picture they are as follows: Back row, left to right, T. C. Wade, clerk of the court, J. R. Morris, registrar of deeds, S. P. Hancock, sheriff, Ben Arrington, treasurer, D. H. Lewis, Redding Daniels and Sam Scott, members of the board of county commissioners. Messrs. Wade, Scott and Lewis are the only living members of this group.

Among the 107 applicants who passed the written bar examination held in Raleigh on August 3-5 appears the name of Elton Edwards of this city. Licenses will be granted when applicants have complied with all rules of the State Board of Law Examiners.

At a directors meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club held at Chapel Hill on Sunday, Morehead City was selected for the holding of the 1949 convention on June 17-19. The Carteret County Club, with Mrs. M. M. Ayscue as president, will welcome this convention to this city.

Salvaging is underway of the Rota Theatre building at Atlantic Beach which was destroyed in an early morning fire, Saturday, July 10. The cement blocks of which the walls were constructed are being cleaned up and sold as well as the metal from seats and other fixtures. No announcement as to whether the building will be rebuilt as yet as to the rebuilding of this movie house.

Car owners who failed to have their cars run through the inspection lane during the two previous times the lane had been in this city, gave the boys in the outfit a hard rush during the two and a half days the lane was in operation here last week. A large percentage of the cars passing through the lane drove away with a red sticker which indicated some mechanical defect.

The appointment of Joseph C. Gray, Norfolk, Va., as assistant to Col. George W. Gillette, executive director of the North Carolina State Port Authority, has been announced. Gray will serve as contact and promotional representative for the port of this city as well as Wilmington.

SAVE THE SOIL

By Roy R. Beck, Soil Conservationist

George B. Frank, Jr., of Newport, claims his small grain lespezea pasture has cut his feed bill to a minimum this summer. Mr. Frank, a member of the veteran's farmer training program, said, "I haven't fed any hay and very little grain to my team since I turned them on this pasture in late spring."

Arts Garner, of Newport, mowed his sericea lespezea meadow this week. Mr. Garner noted how fast the sericea had grown during the past month and said, "I think I'll like this little slope in a sericea meadow because it had always washed so bad when in row crops." Mr. Garner used 500 pounds of 0-12-12 fertilizer at the time he seeded his sericea in early March.

The Soil Conservation Service is furnishing Kentucky 31 fescue seed to five District cooperators to be used in one acre pasture demonstration plots in Carteret County. Kentucky 31 fescue has proven to be superior to either Dallas grass or orchard grass when mixed with ladino clover.

Hugh Swan, of New Bern, was very well pleased with the ditch

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, N. C. Aug. 1, 1948

To the Editor: What an inspiring place this is! I feel like writing home about it. Coming back after thirteen years I feel again the thrill I had forgotten. Liberty of spirit is still here. You see it. You feel it. No wonder this great university has grown so much during the last twenty years and is still growing. It now reaches out among the trees to the amphitheatre on the east and past the Kenan Stadium and tennis courts on the southeast. Four huge dormitories nearing completion on that side will certainly house everybody.

One feels that the university grows upon its democratic spirit and that it is expanding over the entire state and even beyond to the corners of the world. With a heart like this North Carolina should not lose its way in the maze of worldly affairs which seem to entangle people in this day. The spirit of truth is all that a people needs. Once you have that you can see the gold mines in your own yard and do not desire to grab and shove in order to get your neighbor's. Truth is found by open minds.

The center of the campus has not changed so much but there are improvements. Old South has a beautiful colonnade facing the library. Swain Hall has been renovated and now houses the extension division. The veterans unit is just back of that, composed of many trailers which house their families. And Peabody has become Veterans' administration. The Navy has made its mark with many small white buildings beyond Old South. It also built Lenoir, which is a fine brick cafeteria now used by the university.

The new Morehead planetarium being built on the north campus near Graham Memorial will be one of the most beautiful buildings here. There are more improvements than I can describe now. But as I have said the beauty and the wonder of a place like this is not so much its buildings as its spirit.

Aleeze L. Smith Gloucester, N. C.

James L. Hawkins Receives Bachelor of Laws Degree

James L. Hawkins, son of Charles C. Hawkins, and the late Mrs. Lorena S. Hawkins, was recently awarded his bachelor of laws degree at Jefferson City, Mo.

Mr. Hawkins, while a student at the Lincoln University School of Law, St. Louis, Mo., was a reporter on the National Bar Journal and a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

He is married to the former Miss Thelma Pittman, of Burlington. Both his wife and son attended the commencement exercises at Jefferson City. Mr. Hawkins plans to return to North Carolina in the fall to prepare for the bar.

bank grading job Ralph Wilkins did on Mr. Swan's North River farm. Ralph says he graded off the banks with a farm tractor and angle wheel grader at less cost than bushing the banks one year. Mr. Swan is working towards maximum surface drainage through bedding and sloped ditch banks for the poorly drained Bladen and Coxville soils found on his farm.

Covering the Waterfront

By Avreck Brown NEWPORT, N. C.—Finally I took time off on Monday to stop here and make a picture of Moses Howard's deer family, before the pair of fawns had lost their "Bambi" look. The father of the two fawns posed very nicely and his Summer antlers should show up good in a picture. The mother deer also posed very obligingly—but those fawns, they scampered all around their lot and just like some children I have tried to shoot with my camera. They would not remain still or pose. So I shot them on the fly.

Howard has the deer family in a small but roomy enough pen near his garage at the western limits of this community between Cherry Point and Morehead City on Highway 70. I thought it was strange that he could keep the deer penned up and he explained that the wildlife authorities had granted him permission to keep them in captivity.

If they had not given him this permission both of the adult deer, which he has had since they were fawns, would have died. The doe or female he rescued after it was struck by an automobile several months ago. The buck, as a tiny fawn, was on the verge of being devoured by a pack of hounds when Howard saved its life.

The new fawn, the twins which are now part of the family were born in captivity. Some person connected with a northern city's zoo stopped by to see the deer family one day. He was very much surprised to learn that a fawn had been born in captivity, and even more so when he learned that the two little fellows in Howard's pen were twins. "In our zoo we have never successfully reared a fawn to maturity," the zoo man told Howard. It appears that Howard's baby deer will be reared successfully by their parents—the old buck and doe.

To get the deer to pose for the picture, Howard attracted their attention by feeding them peanut cheese sandwiches and watermelon. I learned that one of the favorite foods of the animals are watermelons.

For some time while making trips from Manteo to Morehead City and return I have been on the lookout for what I would call an appropriate model to be posed working in a tobacco field. It has been years since I shot pictures of girls working in tobacco. The last three I used for models in this connection were residents of Beaufort. All of them are now married and each of them has children almost large enough to pose for newspaper pictures.

I asked someone here in Newport where the Garner triplets lived. Learning their house was nearby I dropped in to see if they would pose for a picture in a tobacco field. They were more than willing to do this and, as matter of fact, each of the triplets has been "working in tobacco" as they called it since their school closed for vacation time.

The triplets, June, Jean and Joan are now 11 years old. They are the daughters of Chief of Police Charles Garner and Mrs. Garner of Newport. They are in the seventh grade at the local school—and talking about pretty, the girls are that, and they are as alike as peas in a pod.

First time I made their picture was 11 years ago. At that time they were only a few hours old.

Two of them weighed three pounds and 12 ounces and the other weighed three pounds and four ounces. The Garners were not in prosperous circumstances at the time, so The Beaufort News, which I was editing started a Triplet Fund in order that they might be taken to the hospital for their first days here on earth.

They are the picture of health and always have been. When they were two years old I made a picture of them one day when Mrs. Garner brought them to Felton's

Havelock - Cherry Point

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MERRIMON

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Shephard and children, of Durham, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lawrence, Mr. D. M. Salter and their house guest, Mrs. F. M. Nelson, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday afternoon at Harlowe.

Mrs. E. L. Nelson is visiting her son, Leslie Nelson in Goldsboro. Mrs. J. W. Adams was in Beaufort on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Emer, of Cherry Point, spent the weekend with Mrs. Emer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Wilkins, of North River, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wallace Sunday.

Mrs. Gene Tingle, who recently had an operation for appendicitis in Morehead City Hospital, is up and able to be out again.

Mrs. Henry Carraway left for Morehead on Sunday where she will see the doctor for treatment. We trust she will soon be well and at home again.

Mrs. Florence Howard, of Kinston, visited Mrs. J. W. Adams and Miss Nita Carraway one day last week.

Mr. Harold Austin filled the pulpit of Rev. W. D. Caviness on Sunday. He had lunch with Mrs. W. E. Lawrence. Mr. Caviness is on a vacation.

Hitler's Headquarters Become Information Office

MUNICH, Germany — (AP) — Hitler's former headquarters where the Munich pact of 1938 was signed is now "Amerika Haus" — a U. S. information center for Germans.

Here 15,000 books, 5,000 magazines and newspapers, music rooms, lecture halls and a theater are provided for Germans to learn about the United States and the rest of the world from which they have been isolated so long. It is one of the biggest of several such centers in American zone cities.

Stores in Beaufort to buy them shoes. Then, just after the war when they were eight or nine, I photographed them again and that time the picture was released to newspapers throughout the country by Bill Sharpe.

Bank Branch May Be Established at Havelock

The Havelock Property Owners Association Steering committee, represented at this time by George Brockway, Joseph Mallinson, Ray Frauenholz and R. R. Bull, by appointment, visited the president of the Citizens' Bank and Trust company, R. P. Holden, in Smithfield.

During the discussion of the possibility of establishing additional banking facilities in and for Havelock, they were assured that Mr. Holden was sympathetic and anxious to co-operate. At the present time, it is believed that a cashiers' window and depositary service may be established in the near future.

A representative of the banking concern has already called in Havelock and surveyed the situation and talked with leading business men.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Haskett, of 3 E. Pembroke drive, announce the birth of a daughter, Brenda Joyce, on Monday, Aug. 9, 1948, at the Morehead City hospital.

The Thursday Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. R. R. Bull, 5 W. Central drive. High prize was won by Mrs. Harry Shadle, second by Mrs. Houston Gober, and Mrs. Lee Rountree won the bingo prize. Delicious refreshments of lime fruit salad, miniature sandwiches, cookies, and green lemonade were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowden, of New Bern, visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson, Jr., of 35 S. Craven drive, last Sunday. Later in the day, Miss Lois Bowden and Bill Salter joined the party.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Pearson have returned from their honeymoon after visiting Roanoke, Va., and travelling through the mountains of western North Carolina. At present they are residing at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Gober, of 2 Sunrise lane.

Rivers are estimated to carry two and a half billion tons of silt annually to the oceans.

Smile a While

A woman who wanted to sing in grand opera asked a German music professor to give her an audition. He played her accompaniment and listened to her for a few minutes, but she sang so badly off key that he finally slammed down the piano lid and refused to continue.

"What's the matter?" asked the woman in amazement. "Don't you like my singing?"

"Der trouble mit your singing, madam," said the exasperated professor, "is dot vedder I play on der vite keys or on der black vuns, you sing all der time in der cracks!"

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