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EDITORIAL PAGE

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Where Tall Pines Grow

This is the season of the year when forest rangers and fire wardens expect fire. While farmers clear overgrown land by burning, flames have a habit of defiantly leaping beyond intended bounds.

However, some of the fires that have occurred recently have been deliberately started with no intention or preparation to keep them under control. In one or two instances children have been responsible, but in most cases, adults, through willful negligence have caused scores of acres of timberland to be burned.

The lumbering industry in our county is a major one. Towering pines are as good as money in the bank for farmer and woodlot owner. Sawmills provide employment for hundreds, yet we continue to take our stands of timber for granted. A sky, blackened with clouds of smoke, creates no undue concern on the part of the average citizen, yet every time an acre of timberland burns, each one of us is being robbed of dollars and cents which one day would have been in our pockets.

Two years ago the county board realized that our timberlands had to be protected. With financial help from large timberland owners in the county, Carteret became a part of the statewide forest protection program. Prior to 1947, when there was a forest fire, it "burned itself out" or if enough farmers in the area could be gotten together, attempts were made to stop it. As for proper machines to bring it under control or trained men necessary for such a job—there were none.

Today, E. M. Foreman, Core Creek, heads our forest fire-fighting department. Located in every section of the county are his assistants. All are doing an efficient job. Night and day they are on call, protecting not only forest land, but each resident of the county.

The question was asked the other day: "Does the farmer, under this program, get re-imbursement for his fire-damaged timberland?" The answer is no. The interrogator retorted with "What good is the program then?"

The forest protection program, as set up by the state, is not a fire insurance company. It is not supported solely by individual landowners. It is a service, offered by state and county governments, and supported by every taxpayer, to protect our natural resources, our property and homes from destruction by fire. It does not pay benefits any more than do the town fire departments of Beaufort, Morehead City or Newport.

To prevent wanton, indiscriminate burning, the county fire warden asks that each person wishing to burn off land obtain a burning permit. This permit, required by law, is obtainable from the various district fire wardens throughout the county and at the sheriff's office, Beaufort.

A permit costs nothing. It is a means of checking on spots where fires may occur and it impresses the farmer or timberland owner with the seriousness of the job he is about to undertake.

Persons deliberately setting forest fires can be prosecuted to the full extent of the law—and they should be, for what more valuable heritage can we give our children than a land abundant with tall pines?

A scorched tree trunk, with charred branches poking stiffly from its sides, is a symbol of poverty, a portent of despair. A living tree is a symbol of security, wealth, and a fruitful tomorrow.

A Golden Year

This is Carteret's golden year as far as basketball is concerned.

In intra-county play Smyrna girls successfully defended their championship title in the Down-East tournament at Smyrna school, and Beaufort and Morehead City teams have brought fame to their alma maters by winning the Atlantic Christian college tourney and the Grainger Invitational tournament respectively.

So many trophies have come our way that if we got near a large enough magnet, we'd probably be yanked right off the face of the earth.

Every team member deserves our happiest congratulations. If their scholastic achievement is comparable to their performance on the court, we indeed have champions to be proud of.

Letter to Editor

What does the planning board of Beaufort think they are? In my opinion they are just a bunch of barber shop boys come here from other towns and got together to take things in their own hands. Other good citizens, as well as myself, think the boys are trying to rule over the town commissioners who were put in office by Beaufort citizens that voted for them.

It will cost the town of Beaufort one half million dollars or more to run sidewalks, sewer lines, water pipes, and new trash trucks, not figuring labor. I think the tax payers have enough of their own without grabbing a new settlement.

I hope the barber shop boys realize what Hitler got when he tried to rule the world. Wake up, town commissioners, and see what's going on and be ready to meet these boys in April.

G. W. Mason

The total capital invested in the U. S. gas industry totalled nearly six billion dollars in 1948.

Smile a While

Delayed Action
He: "Miss Willing, I'm going to propose to you."
She: "Really, this is so sudden."
He: "That we have some ice cream."
She: "Oh, I shall be delighted."
He: "Some evening when the weather gets warmer."

Bird in the Hand Is Worth As Much As One in Field

LONGMONT, Colo. — (AP)—Ald Dawson was walking along a downtown street when something struck his hat. He made a quick grab for the hat, missed it, and felt his hand close around a struggling feather leg.

The leg belonged to a pheasant which had somehow been flushed from the doorway of a store across the street. No one was able to explain the bird's mysterious business in this city, but Dawson said later: "It cooked up just as nice as a country pheasant."

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NOW, WILL THEY BE USED ?



HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



Providing that workmen arrive this weekend to dismantle the organ in the First Methodist church of Morehead City, the services held on last Sunday will be the last to be observed in this church that has stood for over three quarters of a century as a symbol of religious service to the community.

Erected shortly after the close of the War of '61 its portico has never been closed. It has maintained a record of liberal support by its members in both local and other church causes. This old structure replaced a smaller church edifice which stood across the street from the old Arendell house. During the war between the states the Union soldiers who invaded the city in 1862 turned the church into a bakery. When they vacated the city the building was burned.

Services were then held in the school building until the structure now going under the hands of a wrecking crew was built. The late Rev. Edges Arendall, a Methodist district preacher, is said to have been the pastor of the small church opposite his home on 5th street.

A contract has been given by church to J. Luther Helms of Goldsboro for the erection of the new church building at a cost of \$130,000. During the construction of the building, church services will be held in the Sunday School building adjoining the present church.

G. W. Phillips of Morehead City who for the past two years has been operating a wholesale and feed business on North 12th street, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in federal court. He gives his liabilities as \$13,200.51, including \$11,659.39 in unsecured claims, and his assets a stock valued at \$1,778, and \$1,840.25 due him on open accounts.

Prof. Thomas B. Hood, principal of the high school at Smyrna was the speaker on Saturday night at the first annual spring banquet of the New-Corn City-Wide Youth Movement. His subject was "The Challenge of Youth"

Frugal citizens of Carteret county invested during the month of February in savings bonds the sum of \$37,260 in E bonds, \$1,480 in F bonds and \$100 in G bonds. Plans are being made throughout the nation for a Spring Savings Bonds campaign to begin May 18.

Thirty years ago, Floyd Chadwick of Morehead City who was a member of the 113th Field Artillery and who was in service overseas, wired his parents that he had landed in Newport News Va.

We take our hat off to the P.T. As of Carteret county after reading the report of the Grand Jury in session last week. They made a survey of the schools of the county and finished their report with the statement "After checking all the county schools we find that if it were not for the P.T.A. they would not be fit to go in."

It is said that the largest single paving project in the world is the

airfield of the Marine Air Base at Cherry Point.

For the first time in the history of Fredell county, so far as has been ascertained, the Fredell Superior court in session last week, Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City presiding over this court for the first time, asked that the audience standing as the sheriff formally opened the court, remain standing for prayer. The prayer was read by Rev. Neil R. McGeechey.

The first marathon boat race for utility stock boats ever held on the Carolina coast will be staged from New Bern to Morehead City, a distance of 45 miles, by the East Carolina Yacht club on July 17. The finish line will be at the yacht basin in Morehead City.

Under the direction of the State Park system the recreational area at Fort Macon may be ready for the use by patrons during the early summer.

During the war and since that time the buildings on this area have been used by the government first as an officers club of the harbor defense unit stationed at Fort Macon during the war and later by officers of the Marine Air Base of Cherry Point. When the buildings are opened this season it will be the first time that the public at large has made use of this recreational area.

The menhaden fishing boats, Dewey and King Fisher left on Friday for the spring fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. They will fish for the Wallace Fisheries out of Cameron, La. Several other menhaden fishing boats now being repaired at the local ship yard will leave about the first of April for fishing in Florida waters.

The trawler Royal Flush working out of Morehead City for the Belhaven Fish and Oyster company, captained by Stanley O'Neal, came in Sunday with a load of fish estimated at 8,000 pounds.

This catch contained some of the largest croakers ever to have been caught in this section. Some of the fish measured nearly two feet in length.

THE SKIPPER

The birds and the boat and the buoyant sea,
Sun in my face and the squid running free
While across the inlet the white houses of Beaufort gleam,
Like a little city in a dream.

Ah! here it is that since my childhood days
I've gone with the skipper, and learned his ways,
Laughed at his stories, listened to his good advice;
And many a "blue" I've hooked and landed nice
And many a mackerel, that king of fish,
And once a cero, that made a fine dish.
But yesterday, in the News and Observer, I read
That Captain Adrian Willis was dead,
And for his wife Daisy and her my tears are shed,
But for myself and mine, I'll

know a change
Three generations of my family fished with him
And pulled in all the finny dimizens that swim.
Grandfather, father, husband, son and brother

Sou' Easter

By Captain Henry
It has happened! Clark Gable doesn't have anything on me. I'm getting fan mail too. Some waterfront dope and I quot from my mail: "The admiral found his skiff. The Coast Guard can rest next summer as the net was destroyed in the last fire."

Admiral Ernest Davis had a very successful oystering trip the other Saturday, I hear. The last day of the oyster season to be exact. The motor on his boat knocked out and his total take of oysters that day came from Davis Fish house.

Most of these yowling pieces of noise that I've been hearing these days are called "songs" by some of the folks I know. If I'm going to appreciate them, reckon I'll have to take several courses at the Core Sound Conservatory of Music. Their top flight professor in voice sounds mighty like a gull.

Every member of the Beaufort Loved Adrian and they loved no other.

And many a day I've risen while yet it was dark
And scorning sleep, considered it a lark
To fry the bacon, put the coffee on
And meet the skipper on his pier at dawn;
And felt the true sportsman's thrill of joy
When we headed for the cape and Thistleroy.
To sail with any other skipper will be strange
And like the restless wave that breaks upon the shore,
I'll mourn my own loss o'er and o'er.

Lucy Parham Cooper,
Henderson, N. C.
March 14, 1949.

basketball team who went to Wilson over the weekend was sporting a little gold basketball when he returned Saturday night, yep, the kind of gold basketballs that only champions wear.

Reminds me of my younger days. I played basketball too, but there's one game in particular I'll never forget. We had had an undefeated season and were playing the last of our scheduled games. The visiting team was hot that night and we were doing everything but inflating the ball with helium to keep up with 'em.

The score was 33-32 in our favor and three minutes to play, I got my hands on the ball, shot from the middle of the floor, and from a beautiful arc it dropped dead through the hoop—the WRONG hoop. I'll never know yet how I came to aim for the wrong basket.

This put the score to 34-33 in favor of the OTHER team, with two minutes to go. The coach should have yanked me out right then and there but he didn't. I don't believe it was until after the game was over that I actually realized what had happened. All I could think of was to get my hands on that ball again.

The hands of the clock were getting closer to zero, our team had the ball, but one false move and the other guys would freeze it, but solid. The gym was jammed, every person there was on his feet, half blessing me and half cursing me out.

I'll never know how it happened, I was close to the sidelines, made what I was sure was a wild shot, and the next thing I knew, the final whistle blew and I was being thumped on the back, punched, pummeled and practically carried back to the shower rooms we won, 35-34. Headlines in the paper the next morning, all the way across the top of the page read: "Goat Turns to Hero in Last Sec-

onds of Game." That was me, young 'uns. This old ticker of mine does flip-flops now when I think of it.

Young Julius Adair was a hero himself the other day. He was sanding the floors at his daddy's place, suddenly fire flared up from the motor and Julius beat the flames out with his hands. Got burned kind of bad.

Have you seen the new Plymouth yet? She's a honey. Halsey says the fact that he has two, to show off instead of just one is "just pure luck."

City Appliance is going to move into Dave Merrill's building next to the A.P. Dave's also, packing the newspaper office on Craven street. He recently bought the building from Bill Hattell. Our town's going to be all decked out come summer.

I'm still looking for some warm wind, nothing quite so blustery as that sou'wester last week.

Russian Teachers Required To Take Extra Work Too

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Ministry of Education of the Russian Republic has now decided that all school teachers who have not had pedagogical education must take special courses.

The courses given the teachers will not interrupt their teaching and will be partly correspondence courses. Special attention, it is stated by Tass, will be given to biology teaching. The decree provided that teachers with under 15 years work must take the specified courses while those with over 15 years of work to their credit would be expected to study by themselves to improve their qualifications.

Nearly 23,000,000 customers were served by gas utilities in the United States at the end of 1948.



PRESIDENT RALPH C. PRICE

JEFFERSON STANDARD'S PRESIDENT reports on 42-year Record of Service to the Public

"The aim of the life insurance business is to provide financial security. This is a service now given high public acceptance. In the Jefferson Standard, as in all other well managed companies, we carry with us in our daily operation a keen sense of fiduciary responsibility.

"The reports for the year tell the story of our work. The safety of policyholders funds, the extension of service to new fields, the development of new policy contracts, the over-all stability of Jefferson Standard should be a matter of great satisfaction to our policyholders.

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In 1948 4% interest was paid on funds held in trust for policyholders and beneficiaries. Not since organization of the company in 1907 has Jefferson Standard paid less than 4%.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets exceeded \$21,287,625 in 1948—now total \$21,144,911. Surplus, capital, contingency reserves total \$26,200,000, an unusually high ratio of additional funds for protection of policyholders. For every \$100 of liabilities there are \$113.44 of assets.

YEAR OF RECORD ACHIEVEMENT

- (1) New sales largest in history—\$122,365,121.
- (2) Gain in insurance in force—\$73,223,754.
- (3) Insurance in force total now \$820,725,276.

BENEFITS PAID

\$9,273,819 paid to policyholders and beneficiaries in 1948. Total payments since organization—\$176,985,153.

EXPANSION PROGRAM

A 1948 highlight in Jefferson Standard's expansion was the opening of eight new branch offices: Albuquerque, Baton Rouge, Boise, Mobile, Montgomery, Portland (Ore.), Seattle and St. Louis.

JEFFERSON FAMILY PROVIDER

A new policy plan for preferred risks was made available to the public in 1948—low cost protection tuned to high cost of living needs.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$ 3,406,915	Policy Reserves	\$184,955,561
United States Government Bonds	34,312,931	Reserve for Policy Claims	917,941
All Other Bonds	38,368,313	Reserve for Taxes	627,783
Stocks	19,844,373	Reserve for Interest on Advances	6,895,743
Listed securities are carried at market, cost, or call price, whichever is lowest.		Policy Unassigned Funds	18,642,346
First Mortgage Loans	101,613,339	Reserve for Policyholders	5,494,384
Real Estate	16,194,891	Policy Unassigned Reserves	1,976,483
Loans to Our Policyholders	14,193,259	Reserve for All Other Liabilities	1,032,886
Secured by the cash value of policies.		Liabilities	\$194,944,911
Investment Income in Course of Collection	1,473,096	Contingency Reserve \$2,500,000	
Premiums in Course of Collection	5,346,888	Capital	10,000,000
All Other Assets	1,371,145	Surplus Unassigned	14,000,000
Total Assets	\$21,144,911	Total Surplus Funds for Additional Protection of Policyholders	24,500,000
		Total	\$21,144,911

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