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Time for Jaycees to Shine

Every Jaycee organization in the county should have a representative in this year's Miss North Carolina Beauty pageant. There should be a Miss Marshallberg, a Miss Harkers Island, a Miss Beaufort, a Miss Morehead City, and a Miss Newport.

The expense will be negligible compared to what it has been when the girls had to be sent to Wilmington. This year they won't have to leave the county because the big pageant will take place in Morehead City.

It would be practical for the Marshallberg and Harkers Island Jaycees to combine in a program at a school to select a Miss Marshallberg and a Miss Harkers Island. Local talent could present an entertainment, a small admission could be charged, and in that one program enough money would be raised to finance the entry of their prospective representatives in the beauty pageant.

Some of Carteret county's prettiest girls live down-east and the rest of the world has never had a chance to see them.

Beaufort Jaycees are having a slight money headache over the proposition, but if the beauty pageant in Beaufort too were held at a school rather than at a dance, as heretofore, they would come out better financially than they have in the past.

Newport Jaycees recently have taken a new lease on life. One of the things that would really put them on the map would be a Miss Newport.

Plans are already being made to select a Miss Morehead City. Morehead City Jaycees are sponsoring the state contest this year.

Contestants in the Miss North Carolina pageant must be 18 years old by Sept. 1, 1949 and they should be able to sing, dance, play the piano or perform on some other type of musical instrument.

Winners of the Miss North Carolina pageant will compete for the title "Miss America" at Atlantic City this fall.

Carteret county should show the rest of the state that our Jaycee organizations are "on the ball." With five contestants in the pageant, we would have at least a three-to-one better chance than any other county in the state to win that contest.

Our Pride in the Coast Guard

Carteret county should be busting the buttons off its vest with pride. We've got one of the finest Coast Guard stations along the Atlantic coast—not only from the standpoint of grounds and buildings, but especially in the men that man the station.

Many of them are natives of this coast. They are right at home in these waters. They know the peculiarities of wind, weather, and shifting sand. If they don't know from first-hand experience, they have learned from their fathers and grandfathers what it is to be at the mercy of a sandbar or heavy seas.

Innumerable times during the year the cutter Agassiz puts out from Fort Terminal to aid a vessel off our coast. Standing by constantly at Fort Macon are men on watch every hour and ready to go into action at a second's notice.

Their skill and ability in handling boats was ably demonstrated when they won the surf-bat race last summer at Hatteras. The Josephus Daniels Memorial given for the first time for the race of 1948, was presented to the Fort Macon men at the banquet last night. This dinner, given in their honor, was attended by many notable Coast Guard officials and citizens of North Carolina.

We add our congratulations and wishes for good luck to the Fort Macon crew in this summer's race.

Thoughts for an open mind...

Avarice, which often attends wealth, is of greater evil than any that is found in poverty.

Life is continually weighing us in very sensitive scales, and telling every one of us precisely what his real weight is to the last grain of dust.

Mental process, at whatever level, tends to work towards expression.

Experience is interpretation. To experience a thing is to give a meaning to any sign of that thing. Your past experiences and associations will give it your individual color.

The distance a man has traveled constitutes the yardstick with which he measures others.

No man may look over his own head.

—Jim Merrill

Pennsylvania Gets Rid of Old Laws in Legal Code

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(AP)—It came as a blow to anti-horse theft societies but Pennsylvania legislators are repealing a 125-year-old law against horse stealing.

It's part of a move to rid the state's legal code of ancient, out-moded statutes.

The house okayed a repealer to wipe out "an act to encourage the apprehension of persons who shall have committed the crime of horse stealing."

Also approved were bills repealing:
1. A law "prohibiting the discharge from public posts of union soldiers without reasonable cause."
2. An act providing "enumeration of taxable inhabitants and slaves within this commonwealth."
3. A law giving fishermen permission to catch terrapin, a form of turtle, on Sundays.

Experiments show that cockroaches will stop entering sections of an enclosure where they have been frequently shocked by electrical charges.

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THE SPELL OF THE ROAD

JUST BE CAREFUL!

GOOD WEATHER DRIVING

Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

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WATCH IT . . . Indications are that many of the local bills now being passed by the Legislature may prove to be unconstitutional. Although the fights between the General Assembly and Governor Kerr Scott have made the State-wide news, in virtually every county there is some local measure which is creating a storm. These local battles are close to the people, to the voters, and they worry and irritate the legislators much more than the public bills.

"The General Assembly shall not pass any local, private, or special act or resolution relating to the establishment of courts inferior to the Superior Court," says the Constitution in Article II, Section 29.

It also forbids the General Assembly to pass any local, private, or special act relating to justices of the peace, or relating to health, sanitation, and the abatement of nuisances, changing the names of cities, towns, or townships, relating to the pay of jurors, erecting new townships, changing the line of school districts, remitting fines, penalties, and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the public treasury, regarding labor, etc., etc.

This is an exceedingly interesting section—particularly at this time.

CONVENTION TIME . . . The season for conventions is beginning. The teachers were in Asheville, last week, the automobile dealers will meet early in May, and on May 23-24 the N. C. Merchants Association, which now has 7,000 members and is the largest trade organization in the South, will meet at Hotel Charlotte. George Dowdy, efficient and wide-awake manager of Belk agrees in the Queen City, is the attendance chairman. Paul Abernethy, one of the high moguls of the N. C. Automobile Dealers Association, is also Charlotte director of the Merchants organization and head of the Convention Committee. It now looks as if upwards of 800 people will attend this merchant's get-together. Better get your reservations in early. Principal speaker will be Rowland Jones of Washington, D. C., new president of the American Retail Federation.

A ROYAL MESS . . . The leaves are here and so is the Legislature. With proper leadership, the General Assembly would have adjourned two or three weeks ago. Asked by a member last Friday how things were going, Governor Kerr Scott replied: "I don't know."

This was masterful understatement. All your life you have heard the statement "a royal mess." That is the situation here in Raleigh.

MAJORITY AND MINORITY . . . One element delaying adjournment is disagreement between the two houses of the Legislature. As lines were drawn last week, it could be seen that the majority of the members of the Senate were in hearty agreement with the minority in the House. Thus it has become necessary for a set of conferees to be appointed on the \$200,000, 000 road bond issue. If this group does not agree by the early part of next week, another set must be appointed.

LOBBYISTS . . . Governor Kerr Scott tore into the lobbyists, but he overlooked the fact that the Governor's office and the various State departments have the Legislature running over the lobbyists. "Lobby" as a noun means a hall or waiting room, but "lobby" as a verb means to try by personal

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most newsworthy incident at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner here was the tremendous applause given William B. Unstead when he was introduced. It lasted for about five minutes. . . . Only FDR has done better in this State, reports say. . . . Believe it or not, the Republicans in the Legislature have worked more closely with Scott than the majority of the Democrats have, and there are some able men in their ranks, among them Booze Harding of Yadkin County; T. E. Story, veteran legislator of Wilkes; S. C. Eggers of Watauga; and Dr. C. A. Peterson (father of the change from electricity to gas in executions) of Spruce Pine.

OKAY THIS WEEK . . . Sometimes, yes; sometimes, no. But this week it does look as if the Legislature will give the people an opportunity to vote on roads and schools. There is tremendous feeling against both projects, but the solons saw last week how the Georgia voters turned down a bond issue much smaller than those proposed here and are of the opinion a similar turn of events will occur in North Carolina.

Mark this down, however: If they do carry it to the voters, it will not be because of any love for Governor Scott; but rather because they do not want the Governor to be able to say: "The folks would have adopted these bond issues if you legislators had given them the opportunity to do so."

OFF THE CUFF . . . Tony Tolar, the man who did a lot of driving for Kerr Scott on his speech-making trips last year, is in line for

influence to get the votes of members of a lawmaking body for or against certain bills. The Governor was more than likely referring to those lobbyists who do not agree with him.

By jumping up and down on the necks of the lobbyists, he was really taking his most severe kick to date at the Legislature, for he left the impression that its members are more or less subject to the will of the lobbyists. Therefore, the attack did his program no good. It made good reading, but accomplished little else, for on the day following his verbal assault one of the lobbyists he called by name—a man greatly respected by the Legislature—appeared in both houses and was given a big round of applause.

NOTES . . . Those highway employees who have been whispering opposition to the road bond issue are in for a rude awakening. . . . This may look rather loudly of politics, but the hint comes straight from the Governor's office. . . . It now looks as if the Legislature is finally going to let people vote on the road and school bond issues (totaling a quarter-billion dollars). . . . If the folks turn down these proposals, Dr. Frank Graham will have position next year. . . . Get it? . . . Although only two or three papers took note of it, the

Smile a While

Majority Rule
In the charity ward of a large hospital, the surgeon-teacher was imparting some instructions to half a dozen students. Pausing at the bedside of a doubtful case, he said: "Now, gentlemen, examine this patient, and tell me whether or not he is a case for an operation."
One by one, the students made their diagnosis, and all of them answered in the negative.
"Well, gentlemen, you are all wrong," said the wielder of the scalpel; "and I shall operate tomorrow."
"No, you won't," said the patient, quickly sliding out of his bed: "Six to one is a d-n good majority. Gimme my clothes!"

head of the State Highway Patrol. At present, he is one of Scott's legislative eyes and ears. . . . Plans are being made for J. M. Broughton, Jr., to begin the practice of law here in July. . . . in the office vacated by his late father in December with Woodrow Teague of Thomasville as partner. . . . Is Charlie Parker tiring of his job with Governor Scott? . . . The Appropriations Bill, still millions and millions of dollars out of balance with the money the State expects to take in during 1949-51 is now in the hands of the Senate Appropriations Committee. This may mean a huge cut in appropriations to school teachers. . . . and in other channels, too. This will be the big news this week.

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