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### Beginning of a New Era?

In a history-making move, Beaufort and Morehead City commissioners met Monday night in the municipal building, Morehead City. The purpose of their meeting was to discuss the causeway situation, but the ultimate outcome was an agreement that they have much to gain by becoming better acquainted.

It requires men of character to overlook years of traditional rivalry, to relegate personal prejudice for the good of the communities they serve.

It's startling to realize that in the past hundred years, ever since Morehead City's beginning, the governing boards of the two towns never deemed it advisable to get together once in a while. Monday night was the beginning, we hope, of a new era.

### From One Meter to Another

This parking meter business is fast becoming a farce. Morehead City Chamber of Commerce announced Wednesday that summer visitors need not pay anything to park in town at the meter stations. The town certainly has a flying start . . . last Monday at 10 a. m. a check along Arendell street showed sixteen cars parked in the main business block in front of meters showing red flags. That same day at 5:15 p. m. there were cars parked in front of 17 meters in which no money had been deposited.

The following afternoon at 4:15 p. m. 12 cars were parked in the block between 8th and 9th street on Arendell and five of these were in front of red flag meters.

Wednesday morning of the same week on the north side of Arendell street, not one motorist had bothered to put money in the meters.

In Beaufort many of the meters are out of whack. Put a penny in and 12 minutes register, put another in and nothing happens. At another meter, put a penny in, and an hour's time comes up. Otis Jefferson told us the other day that he saw a woman put money in a meter, the red flag continued to show, so she literally beat the meter up. Still nothing happened. So she went to the lane beside her where no car was parked and put money in there, then got back in her car and sat. See, it's driving everybody crazy.

The meters are a splendid source of revenue to both towns. Because of the dog track, Morehead City may not need the money as much as Beaufort, nevertheless, the idea of exempting summer visitors from payment means, actually, that nobody will have to pay anything.

What policeman is going to wait perhaps an hour or more to find out whether a car is from Atlantic, N. C. or some town upstate that has no town tag? Will the Atlantic motorist be considered a summer visitor? Will a motorist from Beaufort be considered a summer visitor?

All we can see are many headaches for the Morehead City police force, the mayor, and the automobile-driving public.

If a town doesn't want meters any more than that, they should be taken out. If they are to stay, then the law should be enforced.

Beaufort, even though some of the meters are in need of adjustment, has been doing a splendid job of enforcing the parking ordinance.

### A & EC Owns Arendell Street

A freight train was parked on Arendell Street again Wednesday night, blocking passage across Arendell on Fifth. The cars reached from Sixth street to Fourth. But a precedent, too, was set Wednesday night. The caboose at Fourth had its lights on.

The tank cars which happened, however, to be across Fifth street, were black as the ace of spades. Fortunately, lights shining out from Tide Water Power company and from an occasional street light helped the motorist to see that the road was blocked.

### Thoughts for an open mind...

Much consideration should be given those who are in trouble: dire need warps the vision.

No man may walk the high trails for long at a time; but a strong effort should be made to bring back a vivid memory of things sensed while there.

To save a person's FACE in a discussion is of more value than victory in the argument.

Integrity is the working capital of the man of moderate circumstances.

Many live too long in the present—others, too much in the future. It is seldom that man holds the right balance between the two extremes.

Live each day as if it were your whole life.

—Jim Morrill

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### DON'T SPARE THE HORSES



## Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood



**DRAWING HOME . . .** Like old coonhounds limping in from an all-night hunt, the legislators hit the trail for home last weekend. Many of them — particularly those on the House side of the Capitol—had given up the chase several days ago, and at least one of them hardly got here at all. On the day prior to adjournment, fewer than 100 of the 120 members of the House of Representatives answered to the roll call.

**INCIDENTS . . .** One member of the Legislature, Senator Joe Blythe of Charlotte, died during the session, and Senator Rex Gass of Winston-Salem was seriously ill most of the time. Probably the saddest incident in the House occurred just as Rep. L. A. Martin of Davidson finished one of his vigorous speeches against liquor. He had hardly sat down when he and Rep. J. V. Whitfield, of Pender were asked to lead a House member—and one of the most prominent and ablest men in the Legislature—from the hall.

**RUMORS ARE FLYING . . .** Until all the Kerr Scott appointments are in, you will be able to hear

**BY AUGUST 1950 . . .** The belief among some of the conservative leaders here in Raleigh is that a

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eight months ago that he would like to sell Deyton his Brevard residence, which, incidentally, is one of the most beautiful homes there. You see, Deyton is leaving his job as assistant director of the budget to go with Ecusta and will live in Brevard.  
Now McMahan is coming to Raleigh as a member of the Utilities Commission. It looks as if Ed might trade his home in Brevard for Bob's home in Raleigh. That's an idea, anyway.

**THE WAY UP . . .** Way to quick promotion; bet on the right political horse and stick with him over the hurdles. Of the six men chosen for important State jobs here last week, five—Paul Oliver of Robeson County, Dr. H. T. Trigg (Negro) of Raleigh, Josh James of Wilmington, Ed McMahan of Brevard, and Claude Ferrell of Elkin—were newcomers to big-time State politics and their names meant nothing to old-line North Carolina political leaders. This may well be regarded as a compliment to them, but it also indicates that their spheres of political influence have heretofore been on a local plane.

**AND WELCOME . . .** By the way, Josh James is known by merchants and farmers throughout the southeastern part of the State, where he was for a long time a feed and seed inspector under Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott. When his former boss announced for Governor, Josh hit the road and

did well for his man in pro-Johnson territory. Now he comes to an \$8,800 position.  
Had McMahan been given better support in his law practice in Brevard, he would not be leaving there. He's a good, dependable fellow, the State's leading Lion, but somehow he was not able to get going as he wanted to in his profession. Now, many a lawyer in this State would be glad to exchange jobs with him.

**EDUCATORS . . .** Claude Farrell, new member of the State Board of Education, lives only 35 miles from old member Sanford Martin of Winston-Salem, who was reappointed. Claude, a former teacher, knows his education on the local level and will enjoy his frequent Thursday trips to Raleigh. He can meet with the boys and then do as they always do: saunter across Capitol Square for lunch at a long table at California Restaurant. Dr. Trigg will have to eat elsewhere. Farmer Paul Oliver will maintain the rural touch on the Board. Alonzo Edwards of Green County, who is going off, is president of the Farm Bureau.

**ONE BILLION . . .** Remember only a few years ago when people whistled and said: "Just think this State is now spending one million dollars a month—every month!" Those dear, dead days.  
Now we are approaching that magic figure, one billion dollars. In fact, if the people vote the \$25,000,000 for school buildings

and the \$200,000,000 for roads, this General Assembly—which Governor Scott kicked and lambasted as being "economy minded"—will have paved the way for spending \$652,000,000. It actually spent \$427,000,000.  
Scott still has at least one more Legislature—probably two more—coming to him and thus it should be relatively easy for his administration to reach the one-billion-dollar figure. He only has \$448,000,000 to go.

**NOTES . . .** Several members of the Legislature, digging their hands into empty pockets on the day of adjournment, vowed they would not be candidates for the General Assembly next time . . . Buren Jurney of Statesville is scheduled for a firing when his term on the N. C. Industrial Commission expires May 1 . . . If Rep. John Umstead and the school forces had not fought so hard to spend that reserve fund of \$30,000,000 right now for further school teacher raises, they would have gotten most of it eventually, anyhow, for it was set up to prevent declines in salaries of teachers and other State employes in hard times . . . Now \$25,000,000 of it has been allocated for school buildings (\$250,000 per county), and the teachers lose accordingly . . . W. Z. Betts, head of the Division of Purchase and Contract and a faithful State employee for 25 years, feels a Scott wind on his neck. . . .

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