

# Carteret County News-Times

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## Civilization, Regimentation, Disconsolation?

Civilization—which means regimentation, is fast coming to Carteret county, a section we have considered almost as an outpost on the Atlantic, far removed from many of the restrictions that bind areas of dense population.

No longer will Fort Macon be a wild beautiful section where persons can roam or rest to their heart's content. It is a state park and the state is doing there what it is bound to do by regulation at all state parks, but it's like putting a bridle on an unbroken horse, we don't like it. And after a while, as does the spirited horse, we will become accustomed to new ways: "Place trash here," "No swimming beyond this point," and "Picnickers please use picnicking area."

It is inconceivable that crowds of a thousand or more could swim or picnic at a spot like Fort Macon without parking areas for cars, toilet facilities, and other means to accommodate them. We are glad the state is constructing such facilities although we do not condone the high-handed manner in which everything was shut down without any explanation the beginning of this month.

Parks officials predict that Fort Macon state park, in the future, will be one of the most heavily-patronized parks in North Carolina.

Individualists who wish to escape mobs will seek less populated spots. Their eyes may wander to Shackleford banks.

If some of the private landowners there would attempt to improve property by planting a few trees to provide shade, it could be that in several years regular ferry service to and from the banks would be profitable.

Drink stands on the banks might flourish and Shackleford banks may become the goldmine many investors once dreamed it would be. Beaufort Jaycees, we hear, have been considering the operation of a drink stand on Sundays on Shackleford.

Carteret county's facilities for recreation are endless as long as the wide sea rolls against our white beaches.

Improvements at Fort Macon will give more persons the opportunity to enjoy our natural blessings. We are indeed, willing to share them. But our squawks will be loud whenever we think anyone is trying to take them away.

## Thoughts for an open mind...

Exercise is as necessary to the mind as it is to the body. Man's mind abhors inactivity as nature does a vacuum. It must be eternally at work. Surround it with material upon which it can feed, and it's drive will be forward and upward. Cut off this supply, and you do not slacken the activity of the mind machine. It still runs as rapidly as ever, but, unable to obtain what it needs in the present, it reaches back into the billion years of the past and in the archaic finds the material denied it in the present. Too often we call this latter insanity.

Character is a perfectly educated will. —Jim Morrill

## In The Good Old Days

**THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO**  
Bogue Sound watermelons were on the market for the first time this season. They were selling for 25 cents.

The mail boat changed its schedule, leaving Beaufort immediately after the arrival of the train, but not later than 11:30 in the morning and arriving at Ocracoke at 8 that evening.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of the president, died at Walter Reed hospital in Washington of blood poisoning.

A bond issue of \$15,000 for a school in White Oak township was authorized by the county commissioners.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
Graham Duncan, Jr., was a winner in the annual 4th of July sail races in Morehead City.

A killer whale, which had been on exhibition near the Beaufort draw bridge died.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
A forest fire burning in the woods east of highway 70, back of Beaufort, was endangering the town. Charlie Britton's house and Mrs. John Morrison's garage, both on Ann St. extension, had caught fire from burning sparks.

Tyrone Power, Lt. USMC, landed and took off from west Beaufort airport.

## Letters to the Editor

**Sportsmanship**  
I have just been informed that the President of the Tide Water League has given Newport a baseball game that was supposed to have been played Sunday (Weather Permitting).

Newport knew that the ground was too wet and that the manager of the East Carteret team could not get his men together in that length of time. Maybe they knew that was the only way they could win but why could they not act like real sports and forget it. No other team tried to get a game in that way even though they did not play Saturday or Sunday.

Newport's team was not on the field Saturday to play but did

East Carteret ask for the game? No! Because they knew that the ground was too wet just as the manager of Newport team knew that their field was too wet Sunday. And I might add, just as the President of the League knew it was too wet to play anywhere in the county, Mr. President, if you were the one that ruled on the game, why did you give the game to Newport?

Swansboro got the game the same way from Marshallberg last year and I happened to be in Swansboro that day. It had rained up to around one o'clock and when it did quit they knew that the manager of Marshallberg team could not get his team together and be at Swansboro to start playing at

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## MAIN STREET SCENE



## Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood



other groups of this type.

**NOTES** . . . "Better Health," at one time the most handsome magazine published in North Carolina, has called it a day . . . It was Ambassador Capus Wayne's brain child . . . with Reynold's money . . .

. . . Dr. Talmadge C. Johnson, the new State Paroles Commissioner, is Scott's speech-makingest

appointee . . . Good, too . . . You ought to get him . . . Although school sessions are at an all-time high, good ones day, these days, finds the papers carrying teacher want ads . . . Time Files Dept.: Most N. C. public schools will start the new term in about seven weeks . . . That means summer is half gone . . . Aside to WKS: Holdover Probation Commissioner Harry Sample is walking the floor over you . . . As of July 2, the Governor had made 281 appointments . . . And still they say N. C. governors have no power! . . . Governor and Mrs. Scott spend every weekend they are in N. C. at Haw River, where they do some good resting . . . They may live there until Sept. 1 to escape the paint and carpenters at the Mansion. Scott admits barn odors are better than paint fumes any day . . .

**NOT NOW** . . . If you have been expecting tax reductions, you are in for a disappointment, according to Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in Congress. Last week he told friends in Washington that he could foresee no changes in the Excise Tax (on furs, cosmetics, jewelry, luggage) or any tax reductions.

Uncle Sam ran a deficit of nearly two billion dollars for the past fiscal year, he reminded them, and consensus in Washington is that the financial future looks even darker unless sharp reductions in spending can be effected.

**THE UNUSUAL** . . . Virtually every day something of unusual interest occurs out on the thousands of miles of Carolina Power and Light lines.

One morning last winter, for instance, a group of CPL linemen were riding to their day's task when they saw four dogs lying at the side of the road. Thinking it rather peculiar that hounds would lie down to die together that way, the workers stopped and went over to investigate.

As they stooped for a closer look, a hunter snatched out of the woods and related how he

and his two friends were down that way for a deer hunt. Bringing six dogs with them, they had placed two in the back seat of the car and the other four in the trunk. Even though they had permitted some air to reach the hounds, it had proved insufficient and the exhaust fumes had killed them.

After hearing this, two of the linemen darted to the truck, dragged out the palmators which they always carry for an emergency, and within a half hour the four "dead" dogs were jumping and sniffing and apparently ready for a days hunt—thanks to Carolina Power and Light.

You probably have never heard of the above event, but it actually happened. So, you now have a better idea of why State Newsman Bill Sharpe is going with CPL.

**"I OBJECT"** . . . The present head of the State Government here evidently has little feeling for the attorneys, virtually all of whom were against him last year. He slams at them with every turn. His latest dig came just after the new special judges had been sworn in a few days ago. Governor Scott said by "amplified telephone" from Frankfort, Ky. (he is reported to have said; this reporter could not understand one word) that the wheels of the law should be made to grind with more rapidity. What he was shooting at was this business of getting cases "laid over," and that type of trouble, and the editors are supporting Scott in his statement.

**PAROLES** . . . Scott had hardly reached home after this hit when Dr. Talmadge Johnson, his fast little short stop (Paroles Commission) went to bat and before the Wake Bar Association caused many a Raleigh legal face to turn crimson by charging that political-

influential lawyers have played tremendous roles in the paroles situation in North Carolina. Johnson could have been a great deal stronger without fear of being sued for kicking the truth around and he might have even called a name or two or three without fear of ditto.

**OFF THE CUFF** . . . There is a Negro cafe just south of Fayetteville named "Black Market" . . . Another eating place of color . . . this one in Whiteville . . . is called "Okinawan" . . . Then there is a street in a Negro section of Fairmont named "Liberia" . . . A Negro night spot in Raleigh is named, simply enough, "Paradise" . . . And on Sad-day night, look out! . . . Raleigh's WRAL lost \$1,400 (wire charges) bringing listeners See ROUNDUP Page Six

## PREVENT FIRES—PROTECT VALUES

76 per cent all fires start from these four major causes:

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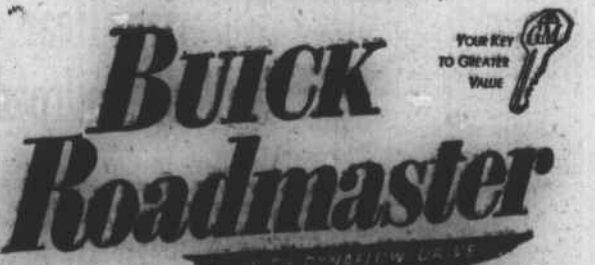
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