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## On Gambling and Guzzling . . .

All forms of illegal gambling were brought to an abrupt end in Carteret county a week ago Sunday. Illegal gambling mushrooms in all Carolina coastal resorts during summer months and conditions here paralleled those to be found at other beaches until the recent closure.

Each summer upstate newspapers pick one or another locality against which to editorialize. Last summer it was the Wrightsville Beach area for the most part, with Carteret county coming in for one incompetently prepared jumble of insinuations written by a News and Observer reporter.

These editorials or articles fail to point up or disclose anything THE NEWS-TIMES and The Beaufort News before it has not told readers.

A recent "expose" describes the selling of beer to minors at Atlantic Beach. We might ask at this point why an inspector from the state malt and beverage division visited only one beer selling concession on the beach and took its license, but steered clear of the other concessions where beer "blue laws" are consistently violated.

But evidently editorials and newstories serve only to make interesting reading and that's as far as it goes.

## How Your Boat — But Gently

Coast Guardsmen will race in surfboats for the Josephus Daniels Memorial trophy at Morehead City Aug. 4. This is known as the annual surfboat race. But anybody who thinks the race is going to be in the surf is just plain "out of order."

It seems perfectly logical to us that it should be in the surf but evidently it's illogical to Coast Guard officials and the men who have planned events.

We have heard all this hoop-de-dah about the man with an oar in his hand, the man who struggles against the surf, the trophy which memorializes all Coast Guardsmen who have battled breakers to save the lives of those in peril on the sea, but now what do they do? They schedule the surfboat race in the coming Coast Guard Day celebration for inland waters, somewhere around Fort Terminal.

The Fort Macon boys say this had to be done to give the other competing crews a break. Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen came in so far ahead of other crews in last year's race in the surf that people in boats are afraid to be wrecked near any coast guard station except Fort Macon.

If this celebration is just a show for the public, then the surfboat race should be held in calm inland waters (and thereby become a farce). But if it's to be a true sportsman's contest between men that are really men, let's take it to the surf and maintain it in the spirit and tradition that we believe Josephus Daniels would like it to be maintained.

## Every Shrub Has a Proper Place

Will it take a fatal accident to get some real action from Morehead City commissioners on the numerous blind corners which plague the motorist in Morehead City?

At numerous intersections, such as the one at the north corner of 20th and Evans streets, a driver must use a periscope, a seventh sense, or radar if he is to see a car coming along Evans street, before he pulls out into the intersection. Unfortunately, most motorists have no special equipment to reveal to them an oncoming car which is screened from view by a curtain of shrubs.

On several occasions, the "blind corner" situation has been brought to the attention of the Morehead City commissioners. They have responded to complaints, but weakly, by ordering that the trees be trimmed. An occasional trimming is not the real solution to the problem. The trees must either be removed, or they must be trimmed, and kept trimmed, in such fashion as will permit complete visibility.

So far, Morehead City has been lucky; its blind spots have cost it nothing more than a few complaints. The town may not always be so fortunate. In the event of an accident occurring as a result of one of the blind corners Morehead City could be held liable for damages.

Is not a human life, or a damage suit, too high a price to pay for the retention of shrubs that have doubtful value as town beautifiers?

## Sou'easter

By Captain Henry  
Fiction flies faster than fact. Rumors had the town jumping last week and all of them had as much foundation as one of those white clouds I see floatin' by my window.

For one, everybody swore up and down on Thursday that John Noe had confessed to the assault upon his wife. It wasn't so.

Secondly, Kit Jones, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Crip Jones, was reported to have had his leg broken in a bike-truck accident. It wasn't so. The youngster was scratched up a bit from coming close to being hit by a truck.

It seems as though the rule that's followed is: hear a whiff

of something, fill in the gaps with what probably happened, repeat it and say you know it's so, and, brethren, and sistern, you'll be putting writers of novels out of business.

I read the other day about that fellow who bred chickens without wings. Next they'll have eggs without shells. What do you do with the shell anyway except throw it away?

Front street was crowded with curious sympathizers as the W. A. Mace brought the listing Mississippi into port Wednesday afternoon. More than one person, upon

## FAR FROM OUT OF THE WOODS



hearing the news, "Th' Misspillion's burning!" thought the informer said, "Miss Peelin's burning." As a matter of fact, when I stopped by the newspaper office the other day, Miss Peeling said she was informed of the fire over the phone by Lorraine Willis, and she thought Miss Willis shouted "Miss Peelin's burning!"

The editor got rather annoyed, because she was quite sure she wasn't on fire, and said, "WHO'S burning?" and finally learned that it was the boat.

I read of a woman who was on fire the other day. The match used for lighting her cigarette caught a plume on her hat, and there she sat spouting flame from her top like a volcano. Shouts of "That woman's on fire!" brought help to the scene. But, if I don't miss my guess, she's going to go out and buy another hat—with a bigger plume.

The little fellows who play ball in the Beaufort recreation program are thrilled with their equipment. Especially the catcher's outfit. I was watching them the other morning and almost swallowed my upper plate laughing. The catchers about 8 years old, insisted on wearing the shin guards, chest protector and mask, plus glove of course. He was so encumbered that he spent most of his time yelling to other kids; "Hey, git me that ball!"

## Smile a While

Sins of Omission  
A bit tipsy when he appeared at orchestra rehearsal, the flute player chose to omit a few measures in a difficult number which required some rapid finger manipulation. The leader rapped with his baton, looked caustically at the offender, and said: "Sam, you just skipped a few bars—something you'd never think of doing on your way to rehearsal."

Americans are credited with inventing iced tea.

## HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

G. E. "Gibbie" Sanderson who for the past two years has been conducting the Morehead City Building Supply Company in the 2400 block on Bridges Street, has purchased the stock and goodwill of the building supplies of the Hardware & Building Supplies Corporation at their warehouse on the highway west of the city limits. The transaction did not include the warehouse or real estate. Mr. Sanderson took possession last week and has moved his stock from his former location to the new place of business. Mr. Sanderson states that with added storage facilities he expects to increase his stock to meet the many demands of the building trade.

Members of the 449th Field Artillery Observation Battalion with headquarters in Morehead City are expected to attend the annual training period of this organization to be held at Fort Johnson, South Carolina, for two weeks starting August 10. Much interest has been shown in this organization that was formed the early part of this year by former service men as well as those with no service record.

The June number of The National Geographic Magazine contains a most interesting article covering the menhaden fishing industry in this section of the state. The story is by Leonard C. Roy, one of the staff writers of the Geographic. Several fine illustrations are tied in with the article. First hand information was obtained by the writer from the menhaden boat "Mace" under the command of Captain Brady Wade with Harold Taylor as pilot. The heading of the story reads "Menhaden-Uncle Sma's Top Commercial Fish." Both Morehead City and Beaufort get their share of publicity in connection with this industry.

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ers requiring persons in the business section being properly clothed, has been observed to any extent. Out of town persons might be excused for not knowing about the ordinance, but there seems to be no excuse for local persons who must have known that such an ordinance was passed.

History does not tell us why St. Swithin is responsible for 40 days of rain when rain falls on June 15. This is one of the old beliefs that has come down through the ages for St. Swithin was bishop of Winchester from 852 to 862, a long, long time ago. He is said to have been a builder of bridges and churches. He shares honors at this time of the season with the dog star, Sirius said to be responsible for dog days.

Plans for construction in Morehead City area of major grain storage facilities, designed principally to handle Eastern North Carolina's unusually heavy grain crop, were proposed at a meeting held last week in Washington, N. C., by two state agricultural department officials. The proposed construction would consist of two grain storage facilities, capable of handling several million bushels during the course of a harvesting and shipping season.

Mrs. Katie White Morton, 65, sister of Mrs. D. H. Rowe of Morehead City died last Wednesday at Duke hospital. Funeral services and burial took place in New Bern where the deceased had resided for several years. She was born in Onslow county the daughter of the late John C. and Mollie White.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has notified North Carolina congressmen that the government proposes to allocate more than \$143,000 during the present fiscal year to improve the five airports in North Carolina. The Beaufort-Morehead City airport is scheduled to get \$12,000, half of which will come from the government, for construction of buildings.

Stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company will hold the annual meeting of this company at the Atlantic Beach hotel on Monday, August 5. There are prospects of this line having some 25 miles of tracks added to its system if the government sees fit to authorize the building of a spur rail line from Cherry Point to Camp Lejeune. It is claimed that such a line between these two bases would save 90 miles of travel and eight hours of travel time besides reducing the navy's freight bill by about 20 per cent.

Purchase of Fort Caswell by the North Carolina Baptist Convention will give this state organization one of the finest recreational sites in the United States. The government has accepted the offer of the Convention of \$66,000 for the property. It is stated that the Baptists will use the fort and its facilities as a summer recreation site, and will establish a school for ministers and lay workers where refresher courses will be taught. Fort Caswell faces the ocean on a point of land opposite Southport. Built on top of one of the ramparts of the old fort is a swimming pool of warm water supplied from a natural thermal spring within the fort.

A certificate of incorporation has been granted to the Cherry Point Veterans Mutual Housing association at Havelock. This association proposes to provide housing for employees and marines located at Cherry Point. The authorized capital stock is given as \$30,000. Havelock interests are back of the project.

Arab shieks flavor their tea with mint.

## County Council Will Meet At 2:30 Tomorrow

The county council of home demonstration clubs will meet at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon in the home agent's office, Beaufort. Mrs. Mary L. McAllister, district home agent from Raleigh, will be present to discuss plans for the 1950 program of work.

Mrs. Carrie Gillikin county home agent, has requested that all county council officers, county club officers, county project leaders, and committee chairmen be present.

Mrs. Gillikin has also announced the following home demonstration club meetings for this week: Russell's Creek at 8 o'clock tonight at the home of Mrs. Lee Garner; Wilston club at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Vivian Wade; and the Wildwood club at 2:30 Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter Whitley. The topic for discussion is Use and Care of Refrigerators.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

L. A. Daniels, County Manager of the CAROLINA TELEPHONE and TELEGRAPH CO. announces the opening of a new telephone office at 106 Turner Street, Beaufort.

This office, opening Monday, July 25, will be open for business, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

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