

# Carteret County News-Times

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## A Salute

After years of faithful service to the Town of Beaufort, Judge Julius F. Duncan has resigned his town attorneyship.

It was a job that paid him little more than headaches, but those he bore, as he bears everything else, with a big, wide generous grin.

No town anywhere has ever had a better public servant and Beaufort and all Carteret County can thank their lucky stars that Judge Duncan will be with them for at least another fifty years.

The temperature here will have to drop to 50 degrees below zero before Judge Duncan's advice is no longer needed.

## Who Will Serve?

Serving as a public official is no picnic. It requires tolerance, courage, patience and the ability to withstand criticism that is unjustified more frequently than it is justified.

During wartime, men in uniform receive citations for "service beyond the call of duty" if they have distinguished themselves in military campaigns. Medals for persons who have served beyond the call of duty in civilian life are rare. Occasionally, it has happened that a citizen who has served his fellow men well in public office will receive formal recognition from the townspeople or his constituents.

For the most part, however, the only time a public official knows he has done a good job is when he wins a majority at the polls. And then he can't be sure; it may be that he was on the side with the best political machine.

What then, are the compensations for holding public office? Certainly not the small amount of pay received; but for the honest official, there is the satisfaction of helping his townspeople, and the people of his county, seeing the town or county progress, righting the evils that can beset a democratic form of government, keeping the government on an even keel, and maintaining those ideals that have made our nation great.

A small-minded, selfish individual cannot hold public office, for the highest requirement is willingness on the part of the official to help his neighbors, the ones he likes and the ones he doesn't like. He must give of his time, an item frequently more valuable than money.

It is small wonder then, that there may be difficulty in finding persons to accept positions where they believe they will be open only to criticism and abuse, for there are few persons who can rise above the pettiness of human nature.

All of us would have overpowering claims to fame, if when we leave this world we could truthfully say, "I have served my fellow men."

## Thoughts for an open mind...

In the light of the silent stars that shine on the struggling sea.  
In the weary cry of the wind and the whisper of flower and tree  
Under the wealth and laughter, deep in the vale of tears,  
We hear the loom of weaver that weaves the web of the years.  
We are children of splendor and flames,  
Of shuddering, also, and tears;  
Magnificent out of the dust we came,  
And abject from the spheres.

—Jim Morrill

## In The Good Old Days

### THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

A bulkhead from Holland's fish house to Live Oak St. was being built. It would be on the south side of the board walk which would eventually be done away with.

A reprint from the Charlotte Observer commented on the fact that Beaufort was the prettiest seacoast town along the Atlantic seaboard.

### TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Swift ham was selling at 29c a pound, according to an advertisement in the paper.

A front page story commented on Dr. O. W. Hyman of Memphis, Tenn. who drove from his home to Beaufort and made the 1400 mile trip without any special difficulty. Dr. Hyman traversed roads in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and North Carolina and found the N. C. roads best.

### TEN YEARS AGO

The Harkers Island electrification project was completed at long last and it was hoped that a bridge would soon replace the state owned ferry.

The midsummer meeting of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Com-

merce was to be held in Beaufort next week.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

An editorial in the Beaufort News, now the Carteret County News Times, hoped that after the war, restoration might be made of the Ann St. cemetery, and provision made for its proper care.

A soil conservation district was being organized to aid farmers in the county.

### Smile a While

#### HIS BEST CRITIC

"Is it possible for a man to make a fool of himself without knowing it?"  
"Not if he has a wife."

### Bridge Ends Sudan Duckings

KHARTOUM, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (AP)—For centuries people crossed the great Gash River by having four West Africans carry them across on angree-native beds. Many fell into the stream.

Now civilization has ended the duckings. A new 433-foot reinforced concrete bridge with six spans and a 16-foot carriageway has been dedicated.

## MIDSUMMER NIGHTMARE



## Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood



**WHITE HOUSE?** . . . Word leaked out of an architect's office last week that several architects have been approached within the past few weeks in regard to the Governor's Mansion here being turned into a "white house."

The story is that since his election last fall Gov. Scott has been toying with the idea of having the residence on Blount Street painted a gleaming white. However, the architects have turned thumbs down on the proposal, saying this color scheme—aside from the tremendous expense which would be involved—would not fit into the architecture of the many gabled structure.

It is understood that funds have been made available for cleaning the exterior walls of the Mansion and painting the woodwork. Thus the "white house" will just have to wait a while.

So, is the Governor's idea to go to the White House or sit and hope that in the dim, distant future the white house might come to him?

### \$50,000 PER DAY . . .

The budget figures at the present time do not look too bad, particularly in view of the back-breaking appropriations which a Scott-prodded Legislature passed. But wait. Prediction here among men who have followed the financial affairs of the State for 25 years is that during this fiscal year North Carolina will go into debt at the rate of \$50,000 per day. This is in the General Fund alone and has nothing to do with the \$200,000,000 bond issue for roads.

Put this down somewhere: The appropriations made from the General Fund will run approximately \$20,000,000 less than the money which will come into the General Fund during the 1949-50 fiscal year.

Now divide this \$20,000,000 by 365 and you will find that this economy-minded State Government is sliding into the red at a rate of a little better than \$50,000 each day, Saturday and Sunday included.

**PERSONNEL** . . . Henry Hilton, the new personnel director here, had his salary pushed up to \$9,000 per year last week. This is a new job created only this year and Hilton's salary was "worked out" one day last week in a conference between Governor Scott and a committee from his "State Personnel Council."

This brings the estimate as to what the Personnel Division will cost the State each year to \$55,000.

**WON'T LIKE IT** . . . There is no doubt that Kerr Scott wants to be a good Governor, but his "branch head" friends, as he refers to them, are not going to like the way he is throwing money around. Improvements in his of-

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**AUTOMOBILES** . . . Through June, a total of 38,662 automobiles had been sold in North Carolina this year. Chevrolet led with 8,399. Then came Ford with 7,801. Remember these are new cars, the information coming from the registration dept. of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. Other totals for the six-month period: Plymouth, 4,071; Buick, 2,736; Pontiac, 2,422; Oldsmobile, 1,820; Mercury, 1,638; Studebaker, 1,629; Dodge, 1,564; Hudson, 1,143; Packard, 926; Nash, 842; Chrysler, 710; DeSota, 613; Cadillac, 549; Lincoln, 501; Kaiser, 469; Willys (Jeepsters, etc.), 356; Frazer, 208.

In the month of June this year, 6,638 new cars were sold. Chevrolet led with 1,931. Next was Plymouth at 798. Ford was third with 599. The other leaders: Pontiac, 537; Buick, 497; Oldsmobile, 378; Dodge, 347; Studebaker, 322; and Cadillac, 102.

Trucks for the first six months showed: Chevrolet, 4,564; Ford, 2,224; Dodge, 1,143; International, 915; GMC, 670; and Studebaker, 624.

**CHAIR OF RETAILING** . . . John M. Carroll of Asheville, president of the N. C. Merchants Association, is working with Louis Lipinsky, prominent Asheville merchant, and Dr. I. G. Greer, executive vice president of the N. C. Business Foundation, toward the establishment of a Chair of Retailing at the University of North Carolina.

Proposal as adopted by the board of directors of the State merchants organization would call for special courses under the School of Commerce in the management and operation of stores. Dozens of boys and girls are now forced to go to Northern states to obtain this work and the merchants want to have facilities for teaching retailing right here in North Carolina.

Carroll and Dr. Greer were in Raleigh last week discussing plans for the meeting of a special advisory committee on the project early this fall. The N. C. Merchants Association is expected to have the establishment of the Chair of Retailing as its No. 1 project this year.

**NOTES** . . . Some radio stations in N. C. have been approached recently on a million-dollar prize contest for this fall . . . something similar to "Stop the Music" . . . providing the proper arrangements can be made . . . from New York and from Hollywood . . .

A new \$8,500 job in the Employment Security Commission should be announced any day now. Funds will come from Washington, of course, but authority from Raleigh . . . Three cars are now at the Governor's use—a Packard, See ROUNDUP Page Three

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