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A Constant Problem

About a month ago we ran an article which came from the Morehead City Hospital Board of Trustees. Although it was an informative article, it was, essentially, a plea to those who owe the hospital money. It asked that they please pay their bill, if not in full, on account.

The plea brought little, if any, results, but we weren't surprised—the person who owes bills and makes no effort to pay is the type who cannot have his conscience jogged either by a piece of writing or an oral request.

Letters were sent out recently from the hospital, asking that the debtors make payment for medical attention they received there. There were several responses, but according to the hospital's business department, "hardly enough to pay the postage on the letters."

We have noticed that certain people think it's smart to run up bills. It gives others a feeling of superiority and "well-being" to know they can get credit. But some are out and out dead-beats who will get all they can for nothing and the devil take the hindmost.

In centuries gone by persons who owed bills were cast into prison. Many of the men who colonized this country were debtors who were released because they agreed to come here and settle the wild new lands that held promise of wealth.

No business can operate on a "credit eternally yours" basis. Certainly not a hospital which has equipment as intricate, precise, and expensive as printing machinery. Without the hospital, many people now living in Carteret county simply would not be living.

Thoughts for an open mind...

It is tragic how few people possess their souls before they die. The infinite always is silent — it is only the finite speaks. Our words are the idle wave caps on the deep that never breaks.

Smile Awfully. A home can't pull while kicking. This fact I merely mention. And he can't kick while pulling. Which is my chief contention.

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THE SIDEWALK SKIPPER

The heavy rains and wind have meant nothing but idleness for the fishermen. Word from the Carteret Fish company, Beaufort, is "we're not doing much of anything. Some of the boats are going out. We expect to get mullets as soon as there's a wind shift."

David Yeomans at Dannie Willis' fish house, Harkers Island, said their nine boats aren't doing much. They believed there would be some nice catches of mackerel if they got out. But they, too, are waiting for a mullet blow.

Capt. Calvin Willis got between seven and eight thousand in that blow about two weeks ago and Allie Moore came in with 12,000 on the "Judy." Captain Willis recently put a new radio in on his boat the "Barbaza."

Harvey Smith is still down in Mississippi, looking after his business there.

Capt. David Beveridge expects to return this weekend from Ocracoke where he has been for the past week or more. Capt. Jack Sewell on the "Betty K" has been up the Neuse. Reports from there aren't good.

Mr. Rice at J. B. Rice and Son seafood market, Morehead City, is specializing in shrimp right now, "anyway you like 'em," dressed, undressed, veined with the tails off, veined with the tails on, whole—all the customer has to do is name it. They also have crabmeat and are expecting mullets within the next week.

E. J. Hall of City Fish Market, Morehead City, had a wide selection Saturday: spotted trout at 55 cents a pound, round trout, blue, and spanish mackerel at 40 cents a pound, sea mullets, jumping mullets, and channel bass at 30 cents a pound, and hogfish at 25.

Pompano were available at Puck O'Neal's (Belhaven Fish and Oyster Co.) over the weekend. They have been catching a few recently. The total catch this week was 30 pounds. Only about five boats of the fleet are operating here. Most of the others are at Englehard but are expected to return most any day.

"We've been taking a few spots... very few mullets," was Cecil Nelson's report from Harkers Island. He expects a mullet blow very soon. The four or five boats fishing for him now are in "pretty good shape" for the fall season. Albert Lea of Lea's fish house, Morehead City, has named Captain Sammy Willis, Harkers Island as his star fisherman for the year. Lea estimates that Captain Sammy and his son, Dawson, have brought in approximately 200,000 pounds on

NEWPORT

August 31—Mrs. T. S. Brown of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. John Caffey of New York City arrived Tuesday to visit their mother, Mrs. Bessie Herrington.

Miss Nina Garner left Wednesday to return to Burlington where she will teach this winter. Capt. and Mrs. Harry Livingston and son, Billy, left Tuesday for Quantico, Va., where Capt. Livingston has to go to school for nine months.

Mrs. Allen Cannon and daughter shopped in New Bern Tuesday. Mrs. Cecil Hill, Mrs. Joe Hill and Mrs. Elbert Garner returned Monday from a trip to Florida. Miss Melba Garner left Tuesday for Littleton where she will teach this winter.

Bobby Tilden of Wilmington spent Tuesday night here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heath and Mrs. Marsh Knott and children went to Core City Wednesday to take Mrs. Duffy Heath who had been visiting here.

Davis fish market, Beaufort, had a wide variety of seafood yesterday in its bright new retail market on Front street. Flounder was selling for 40 cents a pound, bluefish at 40, mullet 30, spot 20, speckled trout 50, hogfish and croaker 20, shrimp 60, oysters \$1.25 a quart and clams \$1 a quart.

Their long-haul crews are doing pretty good, but the report on others is "slow."

Way Brothers Fish House, Beaufort, is buying trout about six boats now. Bert Davis says they're not doing much. "The fall fish aren't down here yet." The boats were out yesterday and were expected in last night.

There are an estimated 3,000,000 miles of rural roads in the United States.

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HOLLYWOOD

heart-tugging and enjoyable show I've seen lately was put on by 14 young men in wheelchairs. Assisting them in chorus numbers were 11 pretty and shapely young ladies who, daytimes, are the men's nurses. The show was called "Wheelchair Revue," and it was put on in the recreation hall of the Army's nearby Birmingham General Hospital.

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in a plane crash, summed up his and the other performers' satisfaction: "At last, we're entertaining people instead of people entertaining us." Eddie did a high balancing act, tipping back in his wheelchair on a pair of tracks held up by the nurses.

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