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Flying Imagination or Space Ship?

A dispatch about two weeks ago from Mexico stated that there is basis for belief that one of the renowned flying saucers crashed on a mountain in Mexico. Not only did it crash but the pilot's body was sent off for embalming. His body is reported to have been only 23 inches long.

An American salesman in that area says that he saw the site of the crash, which reportedly occurred two months ago, and that he also saw a large piece of "metal" out of which the saucer was made. In the same dispatch it was stated that American military observers viewed the site of the alleged crash but would make no comment.

Flying saucers have been in the news for more than a year. Many believe that they originate with human beings -- maybe beings like ourselves, or beings of another planet. Jet planes have chased after these objects but have "lost" them. Fiction has dealt with these new phenomena, scientists have given their considered opinions, and the military has not been totally silent on the subject.

Unbounded imagination can take one to infinite planes on this saucer business. Assuming that there is some fact to the Mexican story, perhaps there is a race of tiny human beings on another planet, beings whose intellect is far superior to ours and who have already conquered space.

If these pilots from another world are skimming near Earth in their weird mechanisms, the average person might ask, "Well why don't they land?"

But these individuals don't know whether we will kill them or welcome them. They probably don't know much more about us than we know about them. Until they land here, they don't know how the atmospheric pressures of our planet will affect them, they don't know whether they could survive in our climate, eat what we call food, or much less be able to communicate with us. (If they made landings on this planet successfully we know nothing of it.)

If they are a race of people averaging 23 inches in height, and they have come close enough in their "saucers" to see us, they undoubtedly consider us giants. If they come from another planet that engages in wars, would their weapons have any effect on these giants who inhabit Earth?

Another thought makes one shudder. If their world is advanced so much farther, scientifically, than ours, could it be that they, centuries ago, discovered the power of the atom, that their world plunged headlong into atomic wars and radioactive materials so affected their planet that the type of inhabitant which survived and emerged from the cataclysm was a creature of dwarflike stature?

We have wondered too, if necessity may force us to conquer space, that in order to flee the devastation that seems imminent on Earth, will our struggle to avoid liquidation lead us to other planets where the few who might escape will adapt themselves to an inconceivably new way of life?

Flying saucers may be another one of those crazes in which Americans are apt to become involved, the power of suggestion makes lots of us see things that aren't really there. Then again, they may be fantastic space ships. If so, the future holds discovery that will, in comparison, make the finding of America a minor historical episode. Only this time, it looks as though we may be the ones to be discovered!

Then we'll know how the Indians felt.

Letters to the Editor

To the people of the Town of Beaufort:

I wish to thank each and every one for the cooperation that was given to us in putting on our concert Sunday. We cannot help from feeling disappointed in the small crowd, but feel like the people do not fully understand why we have different kind of entertainments. The few that did see the concert Sunday did enjoy it very much and the ones that did not, missed a great deal.

While I have already written this much I would like to say a few more words in regards to the Beaufort Fire Department. We all know that our fire department has had a bad name in the past but that is all behind us and has been so for sometime. I, being the newly-elected fire chief for the year 1950, expect to do my best to make this department better than it ever has been, but to do this I have to have the cooperation of the town people as well as the members of the department.

It's true, the department is here but I really do not think the people realize what it means to have a department such as we have. For instance, the firemen are all volunteers, they are willing to get out of their beds, leave their jobs, in all kinds of weather, to help anyone that needs them, and are more than willing to stay until the need for them is over. One house to them is as good as another. Remember that these men do not draw any salary whatsoever for what they do. True they do not have to pay poll tax which is very small, considering the danger they face at any fire.

The Town of Beaufort is better equipped to fight fires than any other small town in the state. I know there are lots of people in this town who have never been in this station to see what we do have, everyone takes it for granted that we do have a fire department.

When we do try to put on some

kind of entertainment to make money, it's all for the benefit of our fire department. The people of town gain from the proceeds as well as the department, as the money is spent for the benefit of the department for buying things we need to help fight fires, sending delegates to conventions, our men to fire fighting schools, as well as to help the volunteer members when they are in need.

Let me take this opportunity to invite the people of this town to our station, have a talk with our engineers and let them explain the equipment to you. Let's try to work together and make this fire department a department to be proud of. Any assistance we can give you will be done so gladly, regardless of whether it's in the fire fighting line or not. Give us a chance.

Charles B. Harrell Chief,
Beaufort Fire Department.

To the Editor:

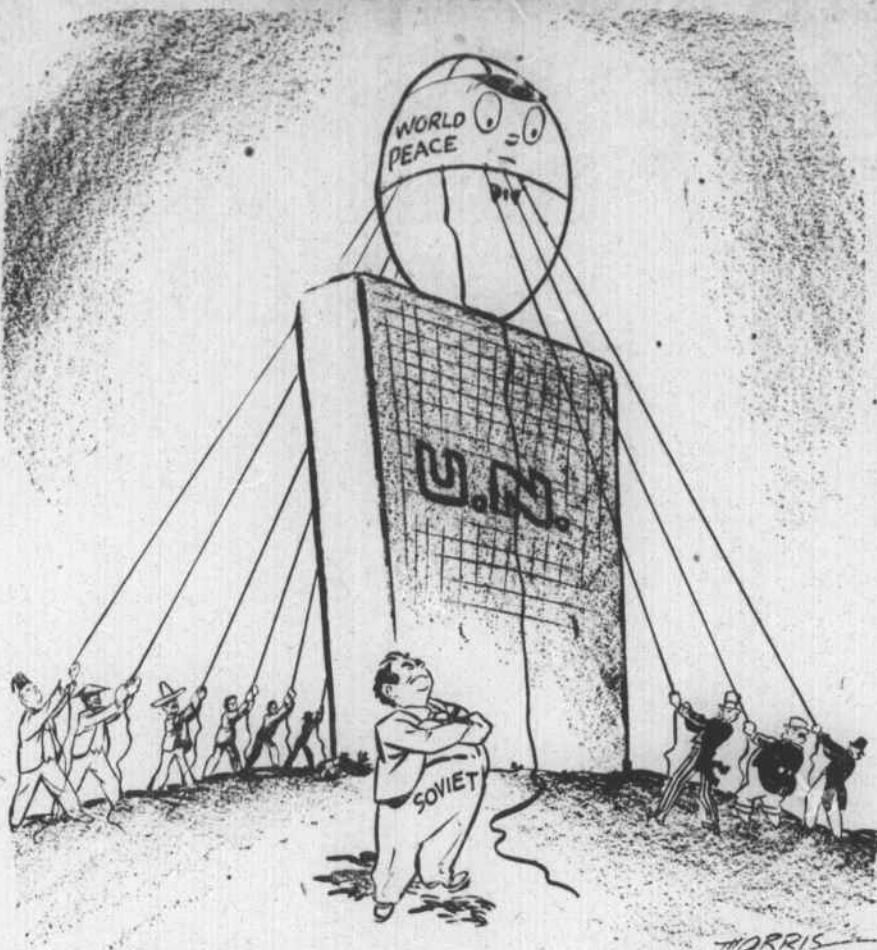
We, the people, of the community of Marshallberg want to thank our good friend, the Hon. L. W. Hassell of Beaufort for his loyal support in taking our road program and establishing it before the Highway commission.

We want to extend our thanks to Capt. J. B. Harker of Harker's Island for giving the state, and the community the sand to build our roads with.

I want to thank Mr. Lee Humphery (the ole master road builder) for his kind consideration and loyal support in developing our road program into a reality. I personally want to commend Mr. Humphery for his genius . . . to be able to take the sand of the earth and to assemble it together and thereby build an addition to a community that will develop and accelerate its resources and beauty. Such workmanship should not go without praise and admiration.

Sincerely yours,
James C. Davis.

THE MAD RUSSIAN



Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

The Republicans in the county are planning a hootin' and whoopin' big convention for April 1. Could there be any significance in the fact that they choose to meet on April Fool's day?

Lawrence Hassell seems to be proceeding satisfactorily in lining up candidates for his ticket. It is not likely that he will release the names of any of his candidates before April.

I see that Dare county is having the same problem as Carteret county -- need for fireproof vaults to store deeds and other county records. It has been suggested that Irvin Davis, the register of deeds move across the hall to the sheriff's office and the sheriff move to the court house annex. Then all of Irvin's present office could be made into one large vault.

But the sheriff doesn't want to be moved out of the court house (by mandate of the people or otherwise) and Irvin doesn't want to give up his office of Southern exposure which brings him warm sun in the winter and cooling breezes in the summer.

So, if the lawyers don't want to be jammed in that little register of deeds vault, looking like ants swarming over a piece of cake, they better dream up a new idea. Preferably one that won't cost the county any money. They'll get what they want quicker.

I read a newspaper story the other day about a car and an oil truck which collided when the car tried to avoid hitting a dog. Two women in the car were killed. The remainder of the story reminds me of a currently popular song, "Where R You?" -- "She and her sister, Alma, 30, were killed. So was Clem Merrill, 35, the tuck dive. The dog was not hurt."

The following from Oscar Salter came into the newspaper office the other day. They handed it to me, probably because they know Oscar and I like to swap yarns occasionally. Well, this is one from Oscar:

The Home Life of a Farmer

A certain farmer whose wife discovered 12 bottles of whiskey in their cellar told him to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink "or else". So he proceeded with the unpleasant task. He withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass, which he drank. He extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass, which he drank.

He then drew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good ole booze down the sink except a glass which he drank. He pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass, which he drank. He pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink of it and poured the rest down the glass. He pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. He pulled the next cork out of his throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass.

The he corked the sink with glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour. When he had everything emptied, he steadied the house with one hand and counted the

bottles and corks and glasses with the other, which were twenty-nine. To make sure, he counted again when they came by and he had seventy-four, and as the house came by he counted them again, and finally he had all the houses and bottles and corks, and glasses counted except one bottle and one house which he drank.



News from
OCRACOKE
March 17 -- Ocracoke's new freight boat made its first run to Washington, N. C., on Wednesday of last week. Name of the boat is the "Bessie Virginia"; she is 64' 5" long, 19' wide, 90 tons capacity. Captain of the boat is Van Henry O'Neal. Mr. Walter C. O'Neal, sr., will make the trip temporarily; Powers Garrish is employed on the boat. No definite schedule has been announced as yet.

Mrs. Hellas Bragg is building an addition to her home here. John Midgette left last week for Beaufort and Washington, N. C. He plans to attend the trial of his brother, Ralph Midgette, in Washington.

Wilber Gaskill has returned to Manassquan, N. J., for summer work at a hotel there.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Styron sympathize with them in the death Saturday, March 11, of their infant son, Fil Monroe. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. Y. Stewart and Rev. Ernest Etheridge.

Patrolman Jack Arthur Takes Burgaw Position

Jack O. Arthur, Beaufort route 1, has been assigned to fill a state highway patrol vacancy at Burgaw.

Mr. Arthur, a recent graduate of the patrol training school at Chapel Hill, had been placed on reserve list until the need arose for another patrolman in the state.

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