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A Cheer for the Jaycees

After Friday's game, there is no need for further evidence to prove that the Jaycees of both Beaufort and Morehead City have accomplished a major objective in re-establishing football at the respective high schools. They have placed another milestone along Carteret county's sportsman's highway. They have opened a new channel of entertainment for sports lovers and have made it possible for high school boys to participate in one of the finest competitive games in America.

Not all school officials look upon football with favor. There have been complaints in the past that basketball occupied more time than class work. The older generation educators are partially right when they claim that everything is sports, sports, sports, and not enough arithmetic. But we hope that the opportunity to participate in football will inspire students to maintain high averages. If the scholastic requirement for football players is dropped by the wayside, all that has been gained may be lost.

But without reservation, our hats are off to the Jaycees. Again they have accomplished "the impossible" and have contributed bountifully in making their respective communities better places in which to live.

The Matter is Settled

Mayors of Beaufort and Morehead City read with pleasure an item entitled "Prisons" in the current issue of Popular Government, published by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill.

Mayor Herbert Eastwood of Jacksonville inquired, according to this item, if cities are financially liable for the upkeep of prisoners who are placed in the county jail as a result of arrests made by municipal officers. The answer came back "No."

Tired of housing drunks and all manner of petty offenders in the county jail, the sheriff of Carteret county suggested several months ago that the towns of Beaufort and Morehead City be charged for upkeep of all prisoners they send there. The sheriff thought this would save the county money and also depopulate the frequently over-crowded county jail. The county board thought it was a good idea too.

Mayor Dill and Mayor Hassell, to put it mildly, did not think well of the idea. Both contended the towns were not liable.

That's why they read with relief and delight last week "that a city cannot be charged with the costs of keeping its convicted prisoners in the county jail."

It has been decided by jurists "that whether the criminal offense created by a town ordinance is before a mayor or before a justice of the peace, it is a state prosecution in the name of the state . . . and at the expense of the state . . ."

Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

I have noticed that the most avid readers of posters in front of the post office, "Enlist Now' and "Find Your Career in Uncle Sam's Army" are young men 2 to 6 years of age.

Commissioner Jim Rumley, in studying the town budget, remarked, "ABC refund, what's that?" Commissioner Merrill, straightfaced, replied, "That means for all the bad liquor you get, you get your money back." Jim's still trying to figure that one out.

The school youngsters stuffed a football dummy, labeled him "11" in honor of Morehead City's Mickey Woolard and took him over to Morehead Thursday night. I heard that Mickey tried to keep them out of town and one of the Morehead cops, when consulted on the subject, laughed and replied that he couldn't do anything about it.

So Beaufort paraded No. 11 through the streets of enemy territory and then returned to the government dock here and burnt the effigy on the shore.

Things were just as hot on the gridiron Friday night.

I have heard that dirt was deliberately thrown in Vincent Wright's eyes and that one of our fellows swung on one of the Morehead players, but on the whole the game was the cleanest, on the part of both players and spectators, that I have ever seen.

Butch, an 11-year-old Korean, may be adopted by two Marines whose lives he saved. The Marines said Butch warned them Red troops were near. They asked him how he knew and he replied, "Because the crickets have stopped chirping over there in the rice field." A machine gun was turned on the field and out tumbled a squad of Red Koreans. Butch's parents were killed when American bombs were dropped in the Inchon landing.

Wiley Taylor's wedding day ain't fur off. He and his bride are going to live at Straits but he's going to maintain Beaufort as his legal residence. Maybe it's my imagination, but it looks to me as though he's lost a bit of weight lately. Could it be that his contest with Tight Water Power company is getting him down or is he merely suffering palpitations at becoming the future Mr. Mary Alice Holliday?

Here and There

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

Our first full day on the river has given us much of interest. Watching the panorama of the shoreline, each bend in the river brings into view a change of scene. Small settlements dot the higher ground on either side of the river while small shacks appear along the crest of the levees. Tied up along the shores are a great variety of shanty boats, fishing crafts and pleasure boats. Passing up and down is the usual river traffic of freighters and huge barges lashed together being pushed by powerful tugs.

After leaving Memphis, the river flows through only two states, Mississippi and Arkansas until it reaches Louisiana, so as the channel changes we switch from one state to another as the center of the river divides the two states. The first large town we passed in the early morning was Helena, Ark., a city of 10,000. Later in the day we passed Arkansas City, typical of river towns as described in the river stories of Mark Twain.

From our deck chair as the river life passes before us, one's mind turns to the reviewing of the stories of Mark Twain. It is an easy matter to visualize the scenes and characters portrayed by that author. Nearly 100 years have passed since this unique writer of river stories served his time as a river pilot. The life of the river has seen many changes during that period.

No longer is it necessary for a leadman to stand in the bow of the boat to measure the depth of the channel, calling back to the pilot in a droning cry "by the mark twain" or two fathoms. Each "mark twain" or fathom is six feet. Mark twain, the phase that was to echo down the years as the name of a famous author, meant two fathoms, 12 feet, the depth needed for safe passage. Channel markers and buoys kept in place by the Government along with the dredging and a series of man-made cut offs, does not require the pilots of today to know the "feel" of the river or the guiding landmarks of a century ago.

Mark Twain admits in one of his writings that his nom de plume "Mark Twain" was not original with him, but was that of one Iaaish Seller, an old river pilot who used to jot down brief paragraphs about the river and sign them "Mark Twain" and give them to the New Orleans Picayune. After the death of the old captain and while Sam Clemens was a young reporter in San Francisco he signed his articles by that title.

Late afternoon we passed the city of Greenville on the left bank of the river. Greenville is the principal city of what is known as the Mississippi Delta. This is not to be confused with the Delta section at the mouth of the river where it spreads out into the Gulf. For many years the Mississippi Delta extending from north of Greenville to Vicksburg and inland to the Yazoo River was one of the largest cotton producing sections of the south. Since the devastating flood of 1927 the attention of the plantation owners turned to the raising of cattle to a large extent.

Like so many riverside towns, Greenville lies almost hidden behind the high levees, for the land of the Delta is but a few feet above high water level. During the flood of 1927 and the breaking through of the levee, this section suffered the most of any point along the river. William A. Percy in his book "Lanterns on the Levee" gives a most vivid account of the breaking of the levee at Greenville and the flooding of thousands of acres.

At Vicksburg the land becomes higher, forming a series of bluffs extending back from the river a considerable distance, on down to beyond Natchez. Vicksburg was passed during the night's run but we will visit the place on our return trip to Memphis. We plan to rent a car at New Orleans and follow the River road, made famous in story and history, from that city to Memphis. The trip will take about three days.

We reached Natchez, the last of the hill cities, on Thursday morning where the boat made its first stop for any length of time allowing the passengers to go ashore to visit what is said to be the finest collection of southern mansions in the South. Situated high above the flood plain it was a favored location of the great plantation owners for their fabulous mansions.

The history of Natchez is the history of the conquest of America. The city and surrounding territory has been ruled under five flags. In its early days it had a desperate reputation, morally, in the old keelboating and early steamboating times. But today the city-on-the-hill is a beautiful Southern town. The Natchez Pilgrimage conducted for a month each Spring by the Garden Clubs has become a national event. The Pilgrimage includes a visit to 30 beautiful ante-bellum homes. At night a brilliant Confederate Pageant is presented depicting scenes of the Old South of the days of long ago.

With the limited time we had ashore we availed ourselves of a tour that showed many of the palatial homes, some dating back nearly 200 years. Gracious hostesses greeted us at such homes, opened to the public at this season of the year. Homes, buildings and street scenes reminded us very much of Charleston, S. C. This opportunity to visit this beautiful old town brought our second day of the river trip to a close. Friday morning will find us far down the river with much of interest to pass before us and of which you will hear about in our next travelogue.

The Siriono Indians of Bolivia have no art, little folklore, no curiosity about the supernatural.

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Smile Awhile

Enough Said

During the preliminary inspection at a Boy Scout camp, the director found a large umbrella hidden in the bedroll of a tiny scouter. Obviously not one of the items of equipment listed, the director asked the lad to explain. The tenderfoot did so neatly by countering with this question:

"Sir, did you ever have a mother?"

Kaiser Wilhelm II fancied the Dachshund.

Army Reserve Corps Will Go to Greenville Friday

Lt. Col. George H. McNeill, local Commander of the Organized Reserve corps, announced today that a Third Army special demonstration team, consisting of members of the famed 82nd Airborne division, will present a special program for all members of the Organized Reserve corps and National Guard personnel in the office of the unit instructor, 106 Ficklen st., Greenville, at 8 p.m. Friday.

This team will demonstrate the latest information on "Air Transport of Troops" and "Supply by Air in Combat Operations."

This program is designed to keep reserve personnel up to date on the latest information in regards to air operations for ground troops Colonel McNeill said.

Four Home Demonstration Clubs to Meet This Week

Four home demonstration clubs will meet during the coming week. The North River club will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, place to be announced; the Pelletier club will meet at 2:30 Friday afternoon at the Community building and two clubs will meet Monday, Oct. 16.

They are the Merrimon club, 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jim Stallings; Wire Grass at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dan Eubanks.

Two Appointed

Fire Chief Vernon Guthrie, Morehead City, has appointed Charles Willis and Grayden Willis to serve as Fire Prevention Week committeemen. The two Mr. Willises are also members of the Jaycee fire prevention committee.

Rome—(AP)—Italy, plagued by over-population and unemployment registered a population increase of 259,772 during the first six months of 1950, the government statistical office announced. The population increase in the same period in 1949 was 255,869.

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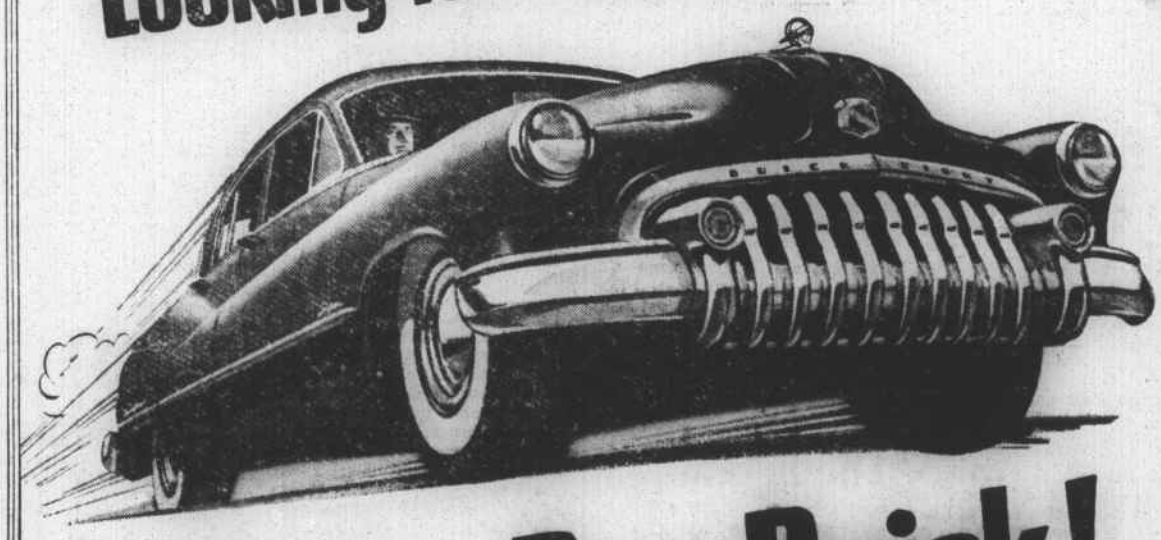

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