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'Model Miles' Can Be Realities

Afoot in this state is a movement to beautify roadsides. It is being engineered by the North Carolina Roadside Development Council and the State Board of Conservation and Development.

The Roadside Council has undertaken the "model mile" program. In our estimation this should come ahead of the Conservation and Development board's program which includes roadside picnicking areas and tourist information stations.

Not only is the "model mile" the first step, it is the most easily accomplished. A model mile will not have:

1. Garbage dumps, scrap piles, old car graveyards.
2. Signs tacked on trees or fences, signs painted on farm buildings.
3. Signs on curves or at scenic places.
4. Continuing signs (such as the Burma Shave rhymes), cat-eye (reflector) signs except state highway of public works signs.

In our estimation, another factor should be included above. "A model mile shall not be littered on either side of the hard surface with liquor and beer bottles."

North Carolina, especially our section, has more liquor and beer bottles per foot of roadside than any other state in the union. Frequently we have heard out-of-staters ask incredulously as they drive along the highways, "Where do all these bottles come from?"

The answer, "Everybody," is about 90 per cent true. For that reason everybody can help the model mile program by disposing of bottles at home. People who partake of alcoholic beverages in cars usually end up in serious trouble anyhow.

Mrs. N. A. Edwards, Goldsboro, who is president of the Roadside Development Council, says:

Our roads are our show windows. What do you see as you drive along — eyesores or beauty? We have the best highways in the world. Let's make them the best looking.

A fine example of road improvement can be seen on the road to west Beaufort (Turner street extended). Not many months ago all the town garbage was dumped on the sides of that road. That practice has stopped and today there's hardly a shred of garbage to be seen.

Keeping roadsides clear of debris is not difficult. Once this is done tourists will be eager to stop at roadside picnic grounds which the Board of Conservation and Development proposes; they will be interested in stopping at tourist information stations to learn more about touring the state. Their impression of North Carolina as they ride along will determine whether they want to stay longer or get through our state as fast as possible.

Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

I received a letter this week from up North from a gentleman whom I have never met. How he happened to write me is a long story which I'll skip.

Anyhow, he's interested in Salter Path. He's under the impression that the folks who live at Salter Path are a "collective society." Like a communal group, everybody helping everybody else in earning a living, fishing, tilling soil, etc. I imagine that impression has been conveyed by feature stories which have appeared in northern papers in recent years about Salter Path, mainly by the fact that many (if not all) of the home owners there do not have title to their land on which their homes are built.

I understand that in the past year or two Mrs. Hoffman, who owns the property along with some of the Roosevelts, has attempted to make arrangements whereby the Salter Path people can get title to the land. How successful that effort has been or whether the project is still underway, I don't know.

But to get back to the letter. The writer says:

"Fifteen years ago I owned a farm about a mile above Beaufort. . . So you see I am not a total stranger to your town. I did not then know about the Salter Path.

"We have snow on the ground here and it makes me think of your mild and attractive climate. I yearn to sail one of the 'old bank sailing skiffs' that used to be so common on Harkers Island. I remember the old boat builder there. No doubt he has gone to his last moorings; and his art lost with him.

"He used natural cedar knees and flashing of juniper all put together with copper rivets. The seams were carefully caulked with half white lead and half beeswax. It is difficult to tell you how fine was the craftsmanship of that un-hurried age.

"By the way, do you know that Chief Manteo, who welcomed the first white settlers at Roanoke Island was born on Harkers Island? Your land has much color."

This writer is one of the many who have fallen under the charm of our coast. I shall certainly answer him soon and tell him that the art of boat building on Harkers Island is not lost — and who knows

better than we all the historical theorizing which has hovered over Harkers Island and Roanoke Island in regard to the first white settlers in the new world?

The past weekend was quite different than the one before. We humans ought to be equipped with a device similar to the chameleon so that we could change body temperature in a flash to correspond with the weather.

The Christmas decoration downtown are prettier than I have ever seen them. I saw a young 'un, just learning to talk, standing under one of the Santa Claus lights, pointing and chattering away in his own particular jibberish: "Mummy, 'ook, Sanna Caws, Sanna Caws," and that's all I could understand, but Mummy practically had to drag him away.

State highway patrolmen won't have a bit of trouble spotting the lazy (or broke) motorists who don't have new license tags when they should. The new tag colors, red and white are fitting for the Christmas season.

Two County Women Win Colonial Store Contest

Mrs. Beatrice Martin, Beaufort route 1, and Mrs. R. D. Dunn, 1703 Shepard st., Morehead City, have won Bendix automatic clothes dryers for completing the sentence "I want a Bendix automatic clothes dryer because . . ."

The contest was sponsored by Colonial Stores (Pender's) in each town. Mrs. Martin's entry was judged the best of those submitted at the Beaufort store and Mrs. Dunn's the best of those submitted at the Morehead City store.

In announcing these winners, Colonial Stores also disclosed that there are 111 other North Carolina winners, one for each of the company's stores in the state. In addition, 253 other automatic dryers are being awarded by Colonial's stores in Alabama, Florida, Virginia, and Georgia.

Give Her Bells! When the bells ring out at Christmas time, give that fashion-aware high school miss a set of bells of her own. Bell bracelets, bell pins and even bells for her shoelaces are all popular teen-age offerings.

AND THEY SAID HE WAS OBSOLETE



Here and There

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



November shows the second lowest building permits this year. Only \$6,885 in building permits for the month have been issued by A. B. Roberts, building inspector for Morehead City. Lowest monthly building total from the records, so far in 1950, was the \$6,558 recorded in October.

The November figure brings the 1950 permit total to \$514,093, over \$50,000 more than the construction record of \$462,782 set in 1949. Only four permits were issued during November covering the following constructions: Francis Wade, dwelling on Shackleford street \$4,000; C. L. Scott, garage on Arendell street \$2,000; Parker Motor Company, paint shop in connection with their garage on Arendell street; C. F. Bell, two room addition to house on Fisher street. Total \$6,885.

The decline in new construction evidenced in October and November is blamed on increased cost and scarcity of building materials, and contractors state that this decline would continue for the next several months at least.

Previous monthly building totals this year are: January, \$194,070; February, \$65,030; March, \$24,180; April, \$37,980; May, \$27,290; June, \$12,665; July, \$27,850; August, \$35,185; September, \$76,400; October, \$6,558.

Construction work has started on a new Esso filling station on the property of the Standard Oil company in the job plot to the east of the building of the W. P. Freeman Wholesale grocery. This site was the former storage plant of the oil company from which the nine large storage tanks were removed a few months ago.

This new station is being built under the direction of Stanley Wainwright at an estimated cost of \$20,000 and will be operated by Mr. Wainwright when completed. A modern station such as the

Standard people put up will do away with another eyesore in the center of the city.

A finishing touch has been given the pastor's study in the new Methodist church of Morehead City by Mrs. Will Webb, who in memory of her husband, the late William M. Webb, has furnished the study in a most attractive manner. Furniture most suitable for such a room combined with the color scheme of drapes and wall finish gives a most charming effect. Landscaping has also been done about the exterior of the new church, adding to the beauty of the building.

On account of the warm fall weather in the northern states, yacht owners up until two weeks ago were rather slow in making their annual trek to southern waters. The sudden cold weather has started many yachts south-bound.

New Year's day coming in this year on a Sunday and going out on a Sunday gives 53 Sunday's in the year. Any regular year that comes in on a Sunday, or any leap year that comes in on a Saturday will have 53 Sunday's. There are five months in this year having five Sunday's.

The W. P. Freeman Wholesale grocery of Morehead City have purchased from the State of North Carolina five building lots in the square opposite the Jefferson hotel on which they plan to erect a modern warehouse in the near future. The lots run from Arendell street to Bridges and from 4th street to the west alley. The present switch which is now located on this square will connect with the new warehouse to facilitate the unloading of freight directly on the platform of the ware-

Letters For Santa Claus

Morehead City, N. C. Nov. 28, 1950
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Maxwell car and a cowboy suit and boots.
Leroy Thomas Lewis
Mansfield Box 238

Morehead City, N. C. Nov. 28, 1950
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a big bicycle. Also I would like you to bring a pair of slippers, and anything you think I will like.
I love you.
Duncan Lewis
Merry Christmas
Camp Glenn

To Santa Claus
North Pole
Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a bicycle for Christmas, and send me some fruit. I hope you have a merry happy Christmas.
Your friend
Tommy Lee Bryant

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I want you to bring me a bicycle and some new clothes for Christmas. My brother Van wants a jeep and some clothes. I am being a

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO
The squad of Marines formerly on guard duty at the wireless station left for Norfolk, being replaced by a detachment of sailors. Local boys who arrived with the sailors were James Caffrey, Albert Mason, Tom Willis and Henry Styron.

A college professor, speaking before a group of students, said that it was the patriotic duty of every person in the country to keep informed through the news papers, of all events and speeches reported. There was a war on then, too.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
The paper was full of ads. Bayard Taylor had a full page ad, as did Davis Brothers and Duncan and Willis; Richard Felton and Son and W. P. Smith each had two page ads, all telling of sales starting Dec. 5, to run for 15 days.

Plans for the new bridge from Beaufort to Morehead City were received. It was to be a two mile highway bridge, with a mile of dirt fill between two concrete and steel sections of the bridge.

TEN YEARS AGO
A show boat was arriving in Beaufort next week to give a week's engagement of plays. The floating theatre would tie up at Inlet Inn dock.

Two purse boats, nets, and a catch of fish were lost off the Parkies which was owned by the Fish Meal company, when it was caught in a sudden squall.

FIVE YEARS AGO
A. B. Cooper was building a new hotel and residential section at Atlantic Beach, and converting the

old casino into a new night club. Taylor's Aerona Flying Service with Earl Taylor, president; Herman Reid, general manager and Braxton Hall, secretary-treasurer, was organized.

Smile Awhile

Wife: "No, I did not sew a button on your trousers; I was too tired. Which is the more important, anyhow—your wife or your trousers?"
Husband: "Well, there are places I can go without a wife."

house. Early construction will rest with the ability to secure needed material.

That fish factory "smog" which comes in on the south-west wind and hangs over Morehead City combined with the asphalt "smog" which comes in on the south-east wind, meeting over the city spells "industry," putting the necessary shekels in the pockets of many for the Yule time.

For Her Collection

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