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What's the Future for Recreation?

Sale of Morehead City's recreation center means that the town should begin making plans immediately to replace the large barn-like structure with a smaller building which can be easily maintained and adequately equipped for entertainment of children.

Because funds for a recreation center would be a long time accumulating if taken from the recreation levy, we recommend that the municipal recreation commission request the town immediately to earmark "unbudgeted" funds (race track dividends) for the construction of a center which would give the youngsters a place to dance, play ping-pong and sip a soda.

From present indications, the town has already spent or has slated for spending the returns from the track this year. In that case a smaller recreation building should be figured in on next year's returns. Sale of the property on which the old recreation building new stands has been discussed. Real estate men term that block one of the most desirable areas in town. Should Morehead City sell it off in building lots, several should be retained for a new recreation building and return from sale of the lots would certainly swell Morehead City's treasury.

It is unnecessary to suggest that the funds could be handled so that construction of a recreation building could get under way soon, because the town fathers are past masters at keeping things "financed" when necessary.

Right now they are contemplating the purchase of a "motor scooter gutter sweeper." They've got a great big silver garage to house the motor grader, recently-purchased bucket loader, town trucks, and other rolling stock, so why not a gutter sweeper for \$1,584? It's another high-cost toy to keep the street department happy.

Purchase of the sweeper may eliminate a man or two from the present crew, but what good is a gutter sweeper on Arendell street at any hour of daylight? Right now even the men have trouble sweeping around the cars in the business section early in the morning.

It is claimed the gutter sweeper will keep the grass out of cracks in the gutters. Undoubtedly this new gadget sweeps up cracks too.

The town now has a nine-man police force to keep peace in town and to keep the radio going. Radio was supposed to make coverage of the town easy—they wouldn't need "so many men" to do the job. Instead they need just as many men and more because somebody has to sit 24 hours a day and listen to the radio.

The old patrol wagon has gone to the street department and three police cars are now running all over the place. The board room in the municipal building is a beautiful study in gold, red, and aqua, the city clerk and treasurer's office is a restful, cooling aqua. The town is slicking itself up something fine, and we hope it is soon finished preening itself and starts thinking about the people.

Undoubtedly everyone will be overjoyed with a gutter sweeper, but they would be twice as overjoyed with a decent recreation building, built and maintained with the annual summer windfall.

There may be many excuses forthcoming in regard to this proposal, but a small, well-built recreation building is essential and any so-called obstacle to the town's having one can be overcome.

Western Union Spells Trouble

Service offered by the Beaufort Western Union office now is a laughing matter. Nevertheless the office is open on certain hours during the day and if persons schedule their emergency messages for those hours, everything works out all right. Now adding injury to insult, Western Union wants to close the office entirely.

The number of people living immediately east of Beaufort in recently-developed areas and in areas farther down-east has increased tremendously during recent years. It is only logical then that Western Union business has increased proportionately and the company's records would show this, had not a concerted effort been made to direct the business into the Morehead City office.

Even the hours on which the Morehead office operates should be increased. In view of the tremendous business activity in this area, as indicated by expansion of business firms and opening of new ones, accompanied by a steady home-building program, Western Union, strangely enough, is going directly opposite the current.

The business is here if Western Union is interested in offering the service it claims to offer throughout the nation.

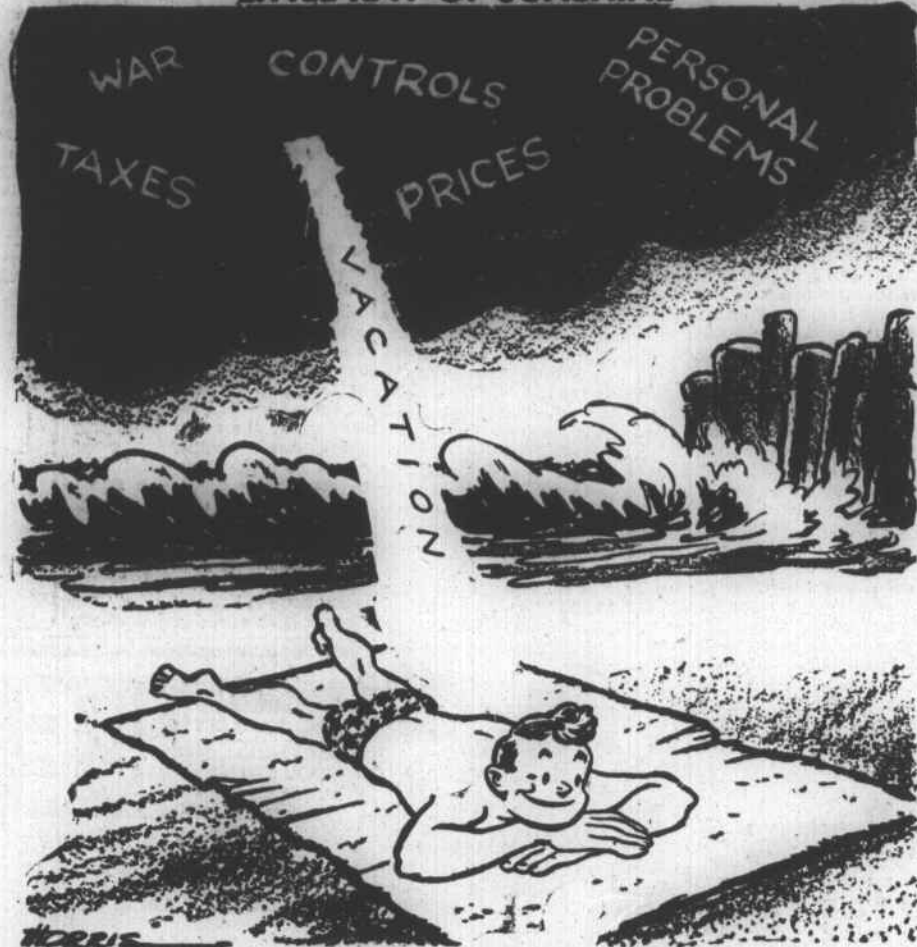
Directing business into the Morehead City office saves Western Union money. A phone call to Morehead City from Marshallberg or Atlantic costs the sender an additional 15 per cent for the phone call. That's no skin off Western Union's nose. Today if persons want to pick up Western Union money orders this has to be done, nine times out of ten, by calling at the Morehead office, which means making a longer trip, either by automobile, bus, or by hitch-hiking.

As a nation-wide operation, exclusive in its field, Western Union is making a daring if not dangerous move in attempting to withdraw its "services" from Beaufort. Give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile.

Time is so precious that it is dealt out to us only in the smallest possible fraction—a tiny moment—in a unit in which we cannot live again the moment that is just past, nor can we live in the moment that is to come. Just while the pendulum is swinging through the present instant—this is the only time of which we are sure, the only time to do our thinking, our working. We should make this a perfect moment.

No government can long be secure without a formidable opposition. —Disraeli

LITTLE RAY OF SUNSHINE



Hollywood

By Gene Handsaker

Hollywood.—One of the lesser-known things about Jane Russell is that she can paint. Pictures. A dreamy-eyed portrait by her, titled "Geisha Girl," recently went on display in the lobby of a local bank.

"I copied it in pastels from a photo of a half-Chinese girl," Miss Russell said when asked about her hobby. "I can do things from photos but not very well from real life."

This last statement blasted my plans. I'd taken my young son's crayons along to the "Las Vegas Story" set, hoping Miss Russell would make a sketch of me between scenes.

The shapely star said she "took art mainly" in school. If she hadn't got side-tracked into photographic modeling and movie acting, she might have become a clothing designer.

Instead of concentrating on problems in her arithmetic class, she drew pictures. Mostly they were girls' faces, hands, legs, and feet. "The same girl over and over, idealized," Jane said. "All the other kids also drew their particular girls. I don't think my girl looks anything like me."

She pencil-sketches a sample of her idealized girl. The features were square and strong.

She finds painting "more stimulating than relaxing."

"I work in a room off the kitchen," she said. "There are about 50 old, dusty paintings that I've never finished. I never have the time. I'm not much of a finisher, not much for detail. I have to do it in one sitting or it never gets done."

She has another artistic talent, too—pottery. She fashioned the everyday dinner dishes, of a square, Chinese design and kiln-baked, that are used by Jane and her husband, Bob Waterfield.

Glimpses of Glammerville: Vincent Price plays a smooth gambler in "The Las Vegas Story." He lost \$15 trying to learn to shoot dice like an old hand while on location in that city... Johnny Weissmuller's contract will cost him \$1,000 for every pound he ever again weighs over 200. The most he's been over that figure (since reducing was three or four ounces, which the producer generously ignored... Half of the "Little Big Horn" prints list John Ireland's name first. The other half put Lloyd Bridges' name at the top. That's how their agents' argument over who should get top billing was settled.

CAMERA NEWS

BY IRVING DESFOR

VACATION ADVICE for photo fans, repeatedly given each summer and so easily ignored, will pay off in the long run if heeded. I'll vouch for that statement from personal experience in the past week, having both heeded and ignored some of my own advice.

Annually I've advised fans to check their cameras and equipment before a vacation trip and especially after a long lay-off. You don't have to be a camera expert to see if it's operating normally, if the lens is clean and the body free from dust and sand and paper scraps. Open the back and look through it as you click the shutter at various speeds and at "Time" and "Bulb" exposures. Open and close the diaphragm. This will re-acquaint you with the camera's operations and show you what's happening when there's film in back instead of your eye.

Ahh... how I wish I'd done all that last week BEFORE instead of AFTER shooting five rolls of 35mm color films! For it was then, as an afterthought, that I started a routine check and discovered, to my horror, that my shutter was stuck open all the time. At what point in my picture taking this happened I don't know but I will find out when the five rolls are returned after processing. As one friend understated the case, the pictures are bound to be "over-exposed" with the lens open all the time. That is putting it mildly.

Today that camera goes back to the manufacturer's service department, because further normal manipulation, such as shifting the speeds and setting it on "Time" and "Bulb", had no effect. That's as far as



"DEAR BOSS: The picture tells the story. It may be a new car but it has its weak moments and on a country road it spells... delay... AL"

a non-expert should go with the delicate innards of a lens shutter, I decided. Especially when I couldn't even find a screw driver small enough to expose the works, much less discover what was wrong.

I'VE ALSO often advocated separate cameras for black-and-white and for color. When the 35mm camera went out of commission for the time being, I was still able to picture the rest of my vacation in black-and-white, using 120 roll film. As a matter of fact both Eastman Kodak and Ansco have color film in 120 rolls, so I could have continued shooting in color. Therefore, having separate cameras is not only a handy way to shoot either color or black-and-white... or both... whenever the lighting conditions or the subject matter warrants, but permits you to keep right on snapping if one of the cameras goes berserk suddenly.

Here's another bit of oft-repeated advice you've heard before: "Keep your camera loaded with film, handy for instant shooting." Let me tell you how this solved a problem for a worried friend when he was kind enough to drive me back to the city after a week's vacation in the country.

In his new 1951 car, we headed for the city early Monday morning in time to put in an early appearance in our offices. We were still on the country road when the car got temperamental and quit. There, as in the case with my 35mm camera, normal tinkering and the usual tests produced no results. Fortunately, friend Al Rose was a member of the AAA and off he went to the nearest farm house where he phoned for aid.

THIS EVENTUALLY arrived and the trouble was finally located as a faulty condenser in the distributor. This was replaced and once again the new car purred and off went... two hours behind schedule.

"What bothers me," Al sadly said, "is the corny excuse I have for my boss... 'car trouble.' He knows I have a brand new car and he even kidded me in advance that I couldn't use 'car trouble' as a reason for not being in on time. How can I convince him it's on the level?"

"If that's all that's bothering you," I replied, "your worries are over; I have your convincer right here... in black and white. The camera was handy, the incident seemed part of the vacation story, so while the mechanic was tinkering and you were worrying... I snapped a few pictures. 'The boss may kid you today about the excuse—but you'll have the last laugh tomorrow with a picture.'"

Yes sir, I too, find it pays to practice what I preach.

Raleigh Roundup

BY JAMES POU BAILEY

COMING TO TOWN... Look for a lot of news on Capus Waynick this week.

He will be in Raleigh sounding out sentiment as to whether he should stop running for Governor. There will be pictures, newspaper stories, telephone calls, and visits. This column's prediction is that he will not stop running. Waynick says he will let you know by September 1.

COBLE... Trial balloons for George Coble, Lexington dairyman, and the champ road-builder among the highway commissioners, were hoisted last week. If Waynick stays in the race, Coble will not run. If Coble does run, cow bells will ring throughout North Carolina. He never goes about anything halfway.

ELECTIONS... There is always a lot of political talk winging here in the Capital City, year-in-year-out elections or no elections. The beer people are always having elections and votes; and the outcome marks news.

In the beer elections this year, Yadkin has gone dry; Rockingham County, wet; Hope Mills, in Cumberland County, wet; and Morgan County, dry. On August 30, a beer election will be held in Liberty in dry Randolph; on September 1 in Gaston, a community in dry Northampton; and on September 11 again in Moore County. This county went dry in the initial vote, but the Supreme Court held the election illegal, so they are going at it again.

YD CANDIDATES... Willie Staton of Sanford, James R. Chestnut of Clinton, and Vaughn Winborne of Raleigh seem to be the leading candidates for president of the Young Democrats who meet at Carolina Beach on September 27.

Staton, who assisted with public relations in Dr. Frank Graham's campaign for the U. S. Senate last summer, is a law partner of J. E. Pittman. Chestnut was also a Graham supporter. Winborne, son of Stanley Winborne, head of the State Utilities Commission, is not regarded as a liberal—although he is certainly not a mossback conservative.

HOOD SYSTEM... Gurney P. Hood, as you have noted here previously, is organizing a Hood System bank for Raleigh. In about a month now he has sold \$112,000 worth of stock. His goal is \$150,000.

In the years 1924-1927, Gurney Hood and his brother, C. E. Hood, organized eight industrial banks in North Carolina. They are situated at Burlington, Winston-Salem, Durham, Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, High Point, Reidsville, and Statesville. Each of them passed through the banking holiday period in 1933 without difficulty.

C. E. Hood is now executive pres-

ident of the Hood System Industrial Bank in Winston-Salem. His brother hopes to go before the State Banking Commission here within a few weeks for permission to begin business in Raleigh.

Robin Hood, son of Gurney, is executive vice-president of the First National Bank in Marion.

PROMISED LAND... About 50 years ago in the back country of Missouri a revival meeting was conducted by one of that State's outstanding young ministers. He lived in Kansas City, was a busy editor, but liked to get out in the sticks and get down to earth with real folks. They reminded him somewhat of people he grew up with in Yadkin County.

One of his most interested listeners at this particular meeting was a strip of a boy around 16 or 17 years old. This boy recalls to this day how that minister would laugh, cry, and sing a little during his sermons. His favorite sermon was "I am Bound for the Promised Land."

This minister was Dr. S. M. Brown, who for years and years was editor of the "Word and Way", the Baptist paper of the Midwest. His son now operates a big publishing house in Kansas City. Sant Brown, as he was known around Hamptonville, Yadkinville, Statesville, Elkin and through that country, died several years ago at the age of 85. He left the red hills and the scrubby pines of Yadkin while he was still a young man but came back to North Carolina every two or three years until he became too old for such long trips.

The little boy who used to listen to him so avidly was invited last week to come to Winston-Salem, only 35 miles from Dr. S. M. Brown's Hamptonville, to participate in the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Wake Forest College on October 15. A visit to Northwestern North Carolina should give Harry S. Truman new strength at a time when he sorely needs it.

SPORTS... Billy Joe Davidson, the North Carolina boy who was paid \$100,000 to sign up with Cleveland, is fluking out on the Indian's farm out West. Hasn't done a thing, says his fast ball isn't working, etc., but the scouts insist he has the stuff and will pan out all right.

The basketball scandals are being followed closely by basketball-conscious Raleighites, but there is full confidence here that the North Carolina colleges were not afflicted in the slightest by the disease which has crept onto some other sportsline campuses.

VISITORS... The argument as to whether the Raleigh-Durham airport will get the air force base of 6,000 men (and \$33,000,000 for setting it up) still rages in Washington. Meantime, some members

On the Highway



of North Carolina's Congressional delegation are looking daggers at each other. Some rather harsh words have been tossed about.

A Congressional subcommittee is scheduled to look over the situation this week.

NO SCOTT MAN... Kerr Scott got him a good State Prison System head this week in the person of Walter Anderson, but he didn't come up with a Scott man. This might be regarded as a tribute to Anderson and to the Governor.

As head of the SBI, Anderson has worked along with the administration in the investigation of this, that, and the other when called upon. Some of the so-called investigations were more headline material than anything else, but Anderson cooperated with his Governor.

A few of the boys have thought Anderson was a Scott follower because he wasn't kicked out during the wholesale firings. Not so. Fact of the matter is, the head of the SBI is appointed by the Attorney General and the Governor has nothing whatever to do with it.

You ought to know Walter Anderson. He is a big, burly, red-faced and raw-boned, ugly and ungainly. He walks as if he were climbing a mountain. He looks not a little like a big Rode Island red rooster. Anderson is probably the most deeply religious man on Capitol Hill. He has a heart of gold and only one Boss. And you may be sure this Advisor was consulted several times before Walter Anderson agreed to go on the firing line at Central Prison.

REARMAMENT REVERBERATIONS

World Suffers Sulphur Shortage As United States Cuts Exports

Rearmament has made it necessary for America to curtail severely the export of sulphur and to reduce domestic consumption for other than defense purposes.

Since 1907 the United States has been the world's chief exporter of sulphur, the American Geographical Society notes, supplying in recent years more than 90 per cent of the market demand. Sulphur, either in raw form or as sulphuric acid, is so important a manufactured article into whose production it does not enter at some stage.

Present Shortage Expected

The United States is by no means the only source of sulphur. However, its principal deposits can be worked so cheaply that their product can be priced far below that of the world. The result is that sources elsewhere have been neglected or have been worked only enough to supply limited local needs.

The present shortage was not unexpected. Last year, of a total of 5,441,000 long tons of American sulphur used at home and abroad, 241,000 tons had to be taken from stockpile and the early exhaustion of stockpile is expected.

Sulphur in its native state occurs in three forms: in deposits around volcanoes as in Japan, Java, and Chile; in sedimentary beds, of which the largest known are in Sicily and Russia, although smaller deposits are known and worked to some extent in many parts of the world, including our own states of California, Colorado, Nevada, and Wyoming; and in the caps of the so-called salt domes in Louisiana and Texas. In these salt domes are the largest known sulphur deposits.

Great columns of salt (the largest now being worked, Bolling Dome in Wharton County, Tex., has an area of more than 1,500 acres) thrust up from beds many thousands of feet beneath the sur-



face. They are capped with limestone five to 200 feet thick and containing no sulphur. Beneath is a second bed whose fissures and seams are filled with pure sulphur. Superheated water is pumped into this rock and the melted sulphur is driven by hot compressed air up into vats where it solidifies.

Exploitation began with the Louisiana domes, but those in Texas now yield more than 75 per cent of this country's sulphur output. Elsewhere sulphur must be mined, a much more costly and laborious process.

Of the countries known to have sulphur deposits only Sicily could make any appreciable contribution to the present emergency by increasing production. Forced from its century-old monopoly of the sulphur export market by American sulphur, its production dropped to as low as 35,000 tons annually, but in the past few years it has risen again to more than 100,000 tons.

Pyrites, which are sulphides of various metals, but chiefly iron, supply about half the world's annual production of sulphur chemicals, whether mined expressly for that purpose or recovered in milling copper and zinc ores. Sulphuric acid is also obtained from gases produced in smelting sulphide ores. Its extraction from

natural gas and from smog, an increasingly serious problem in many manufacturing cities, is being considered.

Production Accelerated Of the European countries producing sulphur from pyrites only Finland is known to be self-sufficient. The Meggan mine, in what is now the British zone of Germany, produced annually during World War II a tonnage of pyrites that would be sufficient to meet present requirements of both the British and American zones. In the past, Spanish pyrites, of which there is little domestic consumption, were exported in considerable quantities. For several years after the revolution of 1936 production was low but it has been on the upgrade again for the past few years.

To meet the present emergency, measures are being taken to step up sulphur production from sources already being worked in this country. Operation of two new salt-domes (one in Texas and one in Louisiana) are expected to begin this year, and a third in Louisiana is scheduled to start production late in 1952. Meanwhile, plans are underway for increasing production of European pyrites and long closed plants are being reopened to meet the pressing demands of defense and industry.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

HAARON VII, KING OF NORWAY, born August 3, 1872, at Copenhagen, Denmark, son of King Frederick VIII of Denmark, who was crown prince. When Norway declared its independence in 1905, its parliament chose him king. His reign was interrupted during World War II, when the Germans took over Norway. He fled to London and there ruled in exile for five years. When he returned home after victory he received a rousing welcome.