

We Wish Them Well

Best wishes for success go to the Sea Level Community Chamber of Commerce which holds its initial meeting tonight in the former Sea Level School.

We hope the residents of communities in the eastern part of the county realize the importance of an organization such as this. It can weld together the common interests of them all and eventually put more money in their pockets.

The chamber is particularly fortunate in its leadership. While selection of officers is important and the president of the chamber should be carefully chosen, the manager is the fellow who serves as sparkplug. Morehead City lost a valuable chamber manager when Joe DuBois accepted the managership of the Sea Level Chamber.

Well-acquainted with this area and confident of its potentialities, Mr. DuBois is a natural for the Sea Level job. He has long seen the value of promoting Carteret as one community. He has raised his sights to greater things while a few others still cling to the belief that progress of their own particular business in their own particular little town is all that matters.

The Sea Level Community Chamber of Commerce is the closest we have come to the ideal of a county-wide organization devoted to selling our natural blessings to the world. Credit for its beginning goes to D. W. Taylor and his associates who have faith in their

home community and can envision its blossoming.

Mr. Taylor has furnished our people with the tools with which to work. They have only to pick them up and use them with diligence and wisdom.

Watch and Wait

People here and all over the state are asking about the status of the dog track at Morehead City. "The status is quo." Which means that things are just as they always have been—on the surface.

There is much speculation. But all the surmising and wondering as to what might happen ends up with nothing more or less than a question mark. The future of the local dog track came to the fore after last month's supreme court ruling outlawing the track at Currituck.

Morehead City has accepted the supreme court ruling and the possible closing of the dog track here philosophically. There has been no wild tearing of hair on the part of town officials—some of them don't have much hair to tear anyhow! They've lost it worrying over other town problems.

Upstate newspapers expecting lengthy public debate or discussion on the matter went a-begging. Other than coffee klatch conversations here, dog track surmises have not been aired.

The prevailing official policy seems to be watch and wait.

Nursing Profession Beckons

With graduation days fast approaching, many girl graduates are thinking about what to do after high school days are over. A field that will welcome young women with open arms is nursing.

The demand for nurses grows but the response from the girls needed in the profession lessens. In an effort to strengthen the bulwarks against illness and disease, Congresswoman Frances P. Bolton has introduced to Congress two nursing bills. One would give federal grants and scholarships in the nursing field and the other would give male nurses commissions in the armed services. Strangely enough, in the latter case, men do not have equal rights with women. Women nurses are eligible for commissions but men in the same field are denied that privilege.

Mrs. Bolton recently sent out 10,000 questionnaires to leaders in the health field. She asked: "Do you believe there is a nurse shortage? If so, what are the causes? Is financial aid needed and if so, where? How do you feel about federal aid, state aid or a combination of both?"

The yes replies to the nurse shortage question were overwhelming. Less than 2 per cent of the persons replying felt there was no nurse shortage.

Opinions as to the reason for the nurse shortage were as follows:

1. Many jobs open to high school graduates, jobs that require little or no extra training
2. Cost and length of nursing training without financial assistance
3. Low pay plus long and irregular hours
4. Increasing demand for nurses because more people are using hospitals
5. Competition of nursing fields other than general, such as public health nursing, industrial nursing, use of nurses as doctor's receptionists or assistants.
6. Better nursing conditions in government-managed nursing services
7. A decline in the desire to bring comfort and ease the pain of fellow human beings
8. Reduced birth rate during the 1920's and 1930's which has made

for less woman-power during the age when nurses train

As for government aid (money) to help make the nursing profession more attractive, most of the respondents to the questionnaires favored giving federal funds to schools which would reduce the cost to girls enrolling in nursing courses.

Both professional and practical nurses are needed. Nursing is one of the highest professions a young woman can enter and those who heed the call will be performing an everlasting service to humanity.

How About a Slogan?

Just two days remain to get your slogan into the Newport Businessmen's Association. What slogan? The words that are to go on the welcome signs at the town limits of Newport!

Charles Hill, president of the association, hopes to have a barrel-full of slogans to place before the judges. The winner in the contest will receive a \$25 government bond.

Up until last week, slogans were coming in slowly. It shouldn't be difficult to think of something to put on the signs—"Welcome to Newport, Fastest Growing Town on the Carteret Coast" or "Welcome to Newport, Center of Carteret's Bright Leaf Belt..."

There are literally hundreds of slogans befitting the town that forms the gateway to Carteret. Anyone anywhere may enter and there's no limit to the number of wordings that one person may submit.

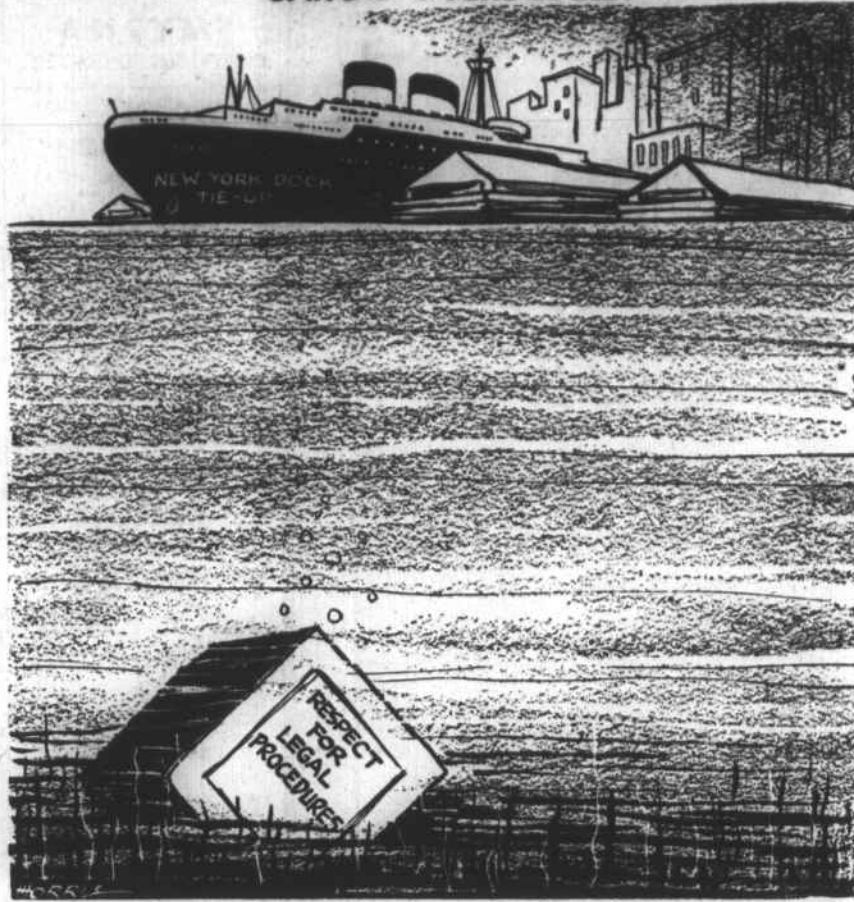
How about getting busy right now and send in several slogans to Slogan Contest, Newport Businessmen's Association, Newport, N. C.? Entries must be postmarked before midnight Thursday.

Bond Sales Go Up

Savings bond sales in North Carolina for the first two months of this year were 1 per cent ahead of the corresponding period last year.

From that we would judge that there's just as much money around as in 1953 only people are evidently stashing it away. Thrift is a fine thing—if the grocer bill, shoe bill and other obligations are met first.

CARGO OVERBOARD



Ruth Peeling

Bogue Island Transaction Holds Promise for Future

Without a doubt, the most exciting thing with the farthest reaching possibilities for this area was the sale of half of Bogue Island last week.

Persons closely connected with the deal foresee the spending of hundreds of thousands of dollars to develop "Emerald Isle" into the resort-area its investors dream of. Things like this are always launched with high hopes and I hope the need for money (should such occur) does not shelve the dreams, meaning that the result would be in five or ten years, what we have seen so many beer-ches develop into—honky tonks, beer joints and dives.

The Bogue Island beaches, indeed, are the safest along the Atlantic coast. Their east-west direction and the prevailing southwest winds mean they are virtually without undertow. It may be that at last, a beautiful resort area, second to none that Georgia and Florida boast, may come into being in this county.

Friday's news story said that Henry K. Fort who bought the property in the early 1920's came to this "country" in 1918. The word should have been "county." Although born in Ireland, according to Mr. Fred Seeley, Mr. Fort lived in Philadelphia many years before making the Bogue Island purchase.

The nickel parking meters have caused no little stir in both Beaufort and Morehead City.

The following is not official but you may take it for what it's worth: Morehead City policemen, before writing a ticket for overparking, flip the handle of the meter in front of the car. Should another coin be sticking in there, it will drop, registering another hour of time, and no ticket is written.

Now Beaufort meters are not built that way. There is no handle to flip. The coin as it goes in the slot automatically makes the pointer jump to 60 minutes. I have heard, but I have not personally experienced this—if a nickel is placed on the windshield of the car, the Beaufort policeman will take it and put it in the meter should your car still be parked after the red flag flips up.

Before trying such a thing, you'd better check with a policeman. It was also suggested at the March town board meeting that the meters on the south side of Front between Queen and Pollock be changed to nickel-for-two-hour meters. Should that be done, you can park there for two hours, pay only a nickel and go to the show!

The drug store picture in Morehead City certainly is changing. The S&W drug store has closed. Goodwin's Pharmacy in the 1100 block of Arendell street is in the process of construction and in the 1200 block next to the A&P store will be another drug store of which they say Dan Pickett, formerly of

Today's Birthday

OLIN EARL TEAGUE, born April 6, 1916 in Woodward, Okla. The U. S. representative (D-Tex.) has been identified in Congress with veterans affairs. A many-times decorated veteran of World War II he served from 1940 to 1946 and was discharged as a colonel. Some of his decorations were the Silver Star with two clusters and the Purple Heart with two clusters. Last re-elected to Congress in 1952.

Captain Henry

Sou'easter

Anybody looking for a good bathhouse, a three-car garage, a cow shed or the makings of a magnificent beach cottage may have same by bidding on the present Beaufort ABC store. It's soon to be torn down. And the county probably will sell the land on which it stands. You can probably buy the land too but that will cost a penny or two. Beaufort and Morehead real estate doesn't even have a bowing acquaintance with lowered prices. It's not like butter.

The new location of the ABC store is going to be in the Huntley building diagonally across the way, the new building next to Ideal Cleaners.

The reason for the move is that fire insurance rates on the present tin and wood structure are so high that insurance rate savings in the new, fireproof structure will virtually pay the rent.

Carteret's photographer, the one with the chartreuse auto, needn't feel that he's the only one who falls for a story. He almost went to Salter Path the other day to photograph a 50-foot whale washed ashore. But there wasn't no whale.

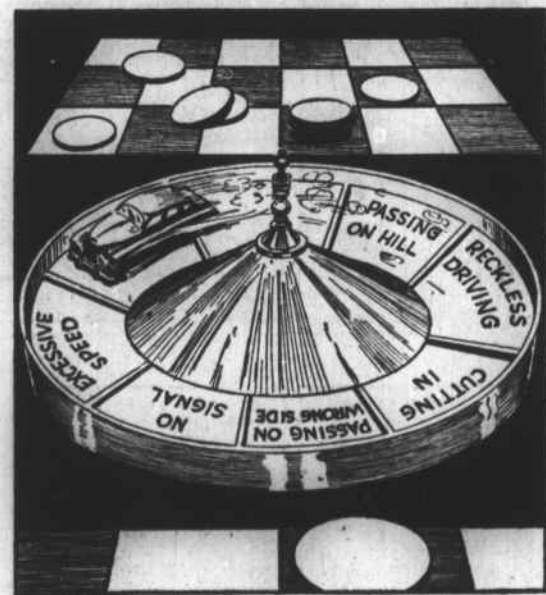
Harry Davis, famed curator of the State Museum, took time off from his duties in Raleigh this weekend to travel to Salter Path to see "the seals disporting themselves offshore."

When he got there, there wasn't no seals. He diligently checked around and found that a "creek otter" had crawled across the bank from the sound and swum around in the ocean awhile, maybe looking for a mate. Not finding one, he crawled back to his sound home.

Big Gehrman has a couple of his pals scared. They're worried about his remarks about "deep freeze" fishermen. It isn't the number of shrimp they catch that matters, Gehrman says, but the fact that they make so much fuss about so little results that they rile up the waters, scatter the shrimp and scare off the real shrimpers.

The geese were really flying back to Canada last week. I saw flock after flock of them headed north, some of the flocks big ones.

Why Play 'Road Roulette'?



Perhaps a handful of Americans have been killed gambling at the dangerous Russian Roulette—that game in which you put a single cartridge in a revolver, spin the cylinder, aim at the temple and pull the trigger, betting your life that the bullet will not be in position to fire.

But statistics reveal that more than a thousand North Carolinians died last year—and more than 15,000 were injured—taking bigger gambles with their driving; exceeding safe speed limits, driving or passing on the wrong side, cutting in, passing on curves and hills, improper signalling or none at all, driving off the roadway or just plain driving recklessly.

"Road Roulette"—with human lives as the stakes—you might call such insane carelessness.

When you assume, for example, that speed limits are set by legislators interested merely in forbidding something—you're playing "road roulette," with your life as the bet. Safety limits are set by engineers who know how much speed a given road or curve can safely take.

Other players of "road roulette" the driver who drives too fast for his headlights; the sport who squeezes through changing traffic

signals; the driver who parks and gets out of his car on the traffic side; the exhibitionist who covers most of his windshield with stickers showing where he's been—so that he can't see where he's going; and the driver who "just takes it for granted" that his car is in safe operating condition.

They're all playing "road roulette." Make sure you're not in the game.

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

FRANCE pays tribute to its annual "Day of Stamps" with a new semi-annual report. The New York Stamp Co. The 12 franc plus 5 green stamp shows a profile portrait of M. Lavalette, director of postal services under Napoleon. The background is brown. The dates of Lavalette's stay in office, 1804-1815, appear below the portrait. The additional values on the stamps will go to the French Red Cross.

In the Good Old Days

THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO

County commencement exercises were held in Beaufort last week. Harkers Island school won the parade prize.

County commissioners ordered a school election for Smyrna township to decide on a bond issue of \$1,000.

C. G. Gaskill, Republican, and J. H. Felton, Democrat, had filed for the office of sheriff.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

C. R. Wheatly of Beaufort was reappointed to the State Highway Commission.

The Sea Bird, a raised deck cruiser-type boat, which was built by Whitehurst and Rice Marine Railway in Beaufort, was launched last week.

County commissioners gave permits for bridges to be built on the proposed highway to Harkers Island and Cape Lookout.

TEN YEARS AGO

Citizens from the Deep Creek section of Newport asked the State Highway Department to make improvements on their road.

Mr. David Merrill of Beaufort had purchased the stock of E. D. Martin and Company. Mrs. Merrill would manage the store.

The Red Cross Drive for Beaufort and the eastern part of the county was over the quota.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Cleve Gillikin of Bettie was the first farmer in the county to market his cabbages.

Mrs. Ruth Emley of Beaufort won the Lions talent show.

Beaufort town commissioners passed a resolution to extend the town limits westward to the Newport River, to include Pivers Island, Inlet Island, and the marshes north of the railroad.

From the Bookshelf

THREE MEN: An experiment in the Biography of Emotion; Jean Evans (Knopf).

With an introduction by a Harvard psychologist, here are three case histories of men given the names of Johnny Rocco, 27, William Miller, 45, and Martin Beardson, 30. The author, who began these investigations as a New York

newspaperwoman working up features, talked to case workers, consulted records, but mostly drew her information from the subjects themselves.

Out of an impoverished family living insensitively and wretchedly in slums, Rocco grows up to a life that constantly throws him into trouble with the police. Miller, overcome by the complexities of the society in which he lives, turns blind; overcoming those complexities, he recovers his sight; relapses, and goes blind again. Beardson is simply 4F.

But the wonder of these three sketches lies in the manner in which the intensity and thoroughness of the scientific investigation develop into art. It couldn't be done with Humpty-Dumpty but it can with these three: they're taken to pieces and then put together again.

This is a completely absorbing trio, teetering precariously on the edge of unreality. They are lonely and bereft men, the cards stacked against them in the outside world and within their twisted minds; they unflinchingly make the wrong choices, turn left when it should have been right, say yes when it should have been no. They fascinate me, I sorrow for them.

A SEED UPON THE WIND. (William Michelfelder, Bobbs-Merrill).

In a Catholic hospital in Florida, Dr. Andrew Carew, intern, has suffered a couple of shattering experiences: A male patient, who sees in Carew the indifferent scientist rather than the solicitous man, throws his beads in the doctors face and dies; another patient also dies as he looks on.

Now his past catches up' with him tragically. There was an instinctive defiance of the church when he was a child, and on his conscience lies another death due to an error. As if the past were not hard enough, misery accumulates in the present. Dr. Andreozzi schemes against him. Dr. Snavely is too confident of his ability to fix things on the staff; Sister Agnes, too confident of her ability to fix things in Heaven.

Above all, Nurse Majorie Butler intervenes as Dr. Carew madly careens on toward what seems catastrophe. "So here we are, faithless, arriving by different roads," says Marjorie as they hide in a hotel. If he cannot have the church, he can have the woman.

According to T. S. Eliot, "man without God is a seed upon the wind." You may not agree, and you may further question why the God must be, in Carew's case, Catholic. But in the end Carew cannot question; and this first novel, if we accept some premises, is a powerful and eloquent account of the love of the flesh and of the spirit. The secret ways in and out of the heart are explored tellingly, and while you share in the anguish of these men and women, you share, too, in the great free exultation.

Author of the Week



Gene Fowler's new book about some of his friends—W. C. Fields, John Decker, John Barrymore and Sadakichi Hartmann—is called "Minutes of the Last Meeting." Fowler, once a telegrapher and later a Denver and New York newspaperman, long since settled in Hollywood. Among the subjects of his recent biographies have been Jimmy Durante, Jimmy Walker and Barrymore.

Carteret County News-Times

WINNER OF NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION AND NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

A Merger of The Beaufort News (Est. 1912) and The Twin City Times (Est. 1896) Published Tuesdays and Fridays by the Carteret Publishing Company, Inc. 504 Arendell St., Morehead City, N. C.

LOCKWOOD PHILLIPS — PUBLISHER
ELEANORE DEAR PHILLIPS — ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER
RUTH L. PEELING — EDITOR

Mail Rates: In Carteret County and adjoining counties, \$6.00 one year, \$3.50 six months, \$1.25 one month; elsewhere \$7.00 one year, \$4.00 six months, \$1.50 one month.

Member of Associated Press — Greater Weeklies — N. C. Press Association National Editorial Association — Audit Bureau of Circulations The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to use for republication of local news printed in this newspaper, as well as all AP news dispatches.

Entered as Second Class Matter at Morehead City, N. C., Under Act of March 3, 1879.