

Chamber Efforts Bring School Here

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce and local school officials who co-operated in bringing the Woman's College Fine Arts School to Beaufort are to be congratulated.

Not only will the school be of value to the town economically but children of Beaufort and the surrounding area will have the opportunity to attend classes in art, dance, music and theatre.

At least 200 students are expected to attend the six-week session. In previous summers the art classes were much smaller, numbering 15 to 20 students, and the marine biology classes were sometimes even smaller than that.

To put it mildly, Beaufort is really getting the works this summer. Instead of a faculty of two or three, there will be 12 teachers, many of them well-known in their special fields.

While most of us went about our business, not thinking one way or another about the fact that the Woman's College summer classes had not been held here since 1952, Dan Walker, manager of the chamber, and a Chamber of Commerce committee were evidently looking into the possibility of having the school return.

Serving on that committee were Halsey Paul, Bruce Tarkington and Glenn Adair.

We doubt if the Woman's College

summer session would have been scheduled for Beaufort this summer if someone had not gone after it. Perhaps it might have left the mountain town in the western part of the state, but that doesn't mean that Beaufort automatically would have been named as the new site.

While the chamber committee deserves much credit, we believe that Mr. Walker was instrumental in convincing Woman's College officials and faculty that Beaufort is the place for their summer session.

Which recalls to mind the fact that Mr. Walker is acting as chamber manager this year without pay while a committee looks for a chamber manager. Seems as though they're interested in finding a "fireball." Reports from that committee are never heard. It's almost a red-faced quiet.

Maybe they have learned that you can compare the acting chamber manager with anyone they locate and the new fellows always come out second best.

Again we say thanks to Mr. Walker and the Beaufort Chamber for convincing the Woman's College Fine Arts people that Beaufort is the town that really can fill their requirements for a school and at the same time will always greet them with its well-known, old-fashioned hospitality.

What's the Cure?

The State Motor Vehicles Department and Highway Patrol are doing very well in stopping speeders on the hard-surfaced roads. We wonder when they're going to figure out a way to stop the hot-rodders, especially those in the eastern part of the county and specifically those on the Crow Hill Road at Straits.

There the car jockeys keep the unpaved part of the road torn up all the time. Seems as though the zenith to which they all aspire is to turn down the road, rev the car up, slam on the brakes so that they skid in a complete circle and head out the way they came.

To them it is a waste of time, evidently, to put the car in reverse and back around. The road is a little too narrow

to go through all that. So they skid around.

The road, as a result, is a series of ruts that are meat only for tanks. And it doesn't do too much good to run a motor grader over the road because the minute the grading is finished, the hot-rodders get on it because it's in better shape than for their maneuvering.

Naturally, all this goes on late at night or soon after midnight. The accompaniment to the carrying-on is constant backfiring.

The state has come up with its whammies and its cameras which take pictures of speeders but we have yet to hear of their cure for the suped-up jobs driven by irresponsible characters ranging in age from 16 to 26.

Better Think Twice

Following the reasoning of the Morehead City town board in declining to re-zone Presbyterian Church property, we fail to see how the board can do other than refuse to change an area under consideration on Bridges street.

The board was requested several months ago to change lots 1, 2 and 3 on Bridges in block 54 from residential to business. This property is located just west of Mobley Buick Co. The board at its last meeting tabled the request.

In our estimation, the board was justified in refusing to re-zone the church property (now residential), much as we would have liked to see the church helped in its building program. However, the change was deemed unwise by a zoning consultant and it would have, if effected, set off a chain of headaches to which there would have been no end.

At the board meeting where the change was considered, Mayor George Dill emphasized the fact that the zoning consultant said the town already has more areas zoned for business and industry "than is normally considered necessary or desirable." On that basis, there is no existing need for more business area.

Furthermore, what is the use of zon-

ing a town and adopting a zoning ordinance if at the whim of one citizen or another the zoning set-up is changed? Constant change would defeat the purpose of zoning. How can people contemplating building a business or home act with assurance if there is always the possibility that action by the town board tomorrow may change what today is residential or industrial?

We do not advocate that the zoning ordinance be regarded as unalterable law. We believe the town board should have the power to make changes if necessary, but those changes should be backed by a series of excellent reasons which have as their core the betterment of the town as a whole.

For this reason we believe it would be untimely and unwise for the board to make the zoning change requested for Bridges street. It may be that we are unaware of certain circumstances there which would make the change desirable. But again, this request comes from a private citizen who probably stands to profit by the change.

In the face of the decision in the Presbyterian Church matter, a move to make the change would be rather unpopular. And we repeat, there would have to be some mighty good reasons to back it up.

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LIFE CAN BE PRETTY TRYING AT TIMES



MORRIS

F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

The following information is taken from the files of the Morehead City Coaster:

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1954

Miss Elodie Webb went to New Bern Thursday morning.

Captain Isaac Webb is quite sick at his home on 8th street.

Mrs. Martha J. Webb is visiting friends in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Morton left Monday to make their home in Beaufort.

Mrs. Jack Neal of Beaufort was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Julia Bell last Sunday.

J. C. Helms returned home Wednesday night from Raleigh where he spent several days.

C. C. Willis of Asheville spent a few days in the city last week.

Mrs. Adams of Four Oaks was called here Tuesday on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. B. E. Royal.

Miss Mattie Bradham left Monday for Beaufort having accepted a position with The Beaufort News.

Dr. B. W. Spillman will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church Sunday morning.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dodson and family, Miss Jane Hancock, Messrs. Charles Freeman and Dan Oglesby spent Sunday at the Straits.

Rev. K. L. Dennis, a former pastor of the M. E. Church of this city, is here this week assisting Rev. T. E. Pierce in a series of meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacey W. Wade and son Louis Mann of Raleigh and Mrs. M. E. Simmons will arrive in the city Saturday. Mrs. Simmons is coming to make her home with her daughter Mrs. E. Clay Boomer.

Mrs. F. S. Duffy, Mrs. O. H. Guion, Misses Susan Guion, Mary Louis Jones and John A. Guion all of New Bern came down Monday morning in Mr. Guion's car and returned home in the afternoon.

Miss Beebe Boyce of Crab Point entertained a few friends at her home Wednesday night, the eighteenth anniversary of her birthday. Many delightful games were engaged in. Those enjoying Miss Boyce's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Powers, Misses Bettie, Alice Contentnes and Lucy Oglesby, Eleanor, Eva and Alice Laughon, Elsie Twiddy, Messrs. John Oglesby and Sam Weeks.

Miss Ethel Webb, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Webb, died in Raleigh Thursday evening at 8 o'clock after an illness of only two weeks. Miss Webb was taken to a hospital in Raleigh a week ago today where as soon as her strength would permit she was to undergo an operation.

One of the prettiest marriages of the season took place in Elizabeth City Thursday night when Miss Cordie Davis of Wilmington, Del., became the bride of R. E. Lee of Morehead City.

On Monday the Daughters of the Confederacy held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. S. Wallace. At this meeting "Shiloh Day" was observed. Mrs. W. M. Webb, chapter historian read a description of the battle of Shiloh and Mrs. J. O. Kornegay, the chaplain, read a poem on Shiloh after which the Chapter made a contribution to the Shiloh monument.

C. D. Morton who has for some time been with The Coaster left Monday to take charge of The Beaufort News which he has recently purchased. Mr. Morton has given absolute satisfaction to The Coaster and we extend to him our best wishes.

On last Friday night Neal Wade gave an automobile party in honor of Misses McMillan, Ritch, McKay, Ervin, Blackman and Stem. About 12 couples were invited and the trip to the Carteret Lodge was

made in six automobiles. A delightful supper was served on the veranda of the Club House overlooking the lake. At 8:30 the jolly party started home arriving here at 10 o'clock.

Those in the party were Misses Eva McMillan, Reecie Ray Ritch, Kate McKay, Edna Ervin, Jessie M. Stem, Jessie Blackman, Mildred Wallace, Elodie Webb and Allie Boomer; Messrs. Neal Wade, Clarence Taylor, I. G. Farrow, E. A. Council, I. C. Stallings, W. J. Moore, P. H. Murray, W. H. Barnhill, Frank Stroud, Robert Lacy, J. G. Kuhn, Otway and Andrew Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wade, chaperones.

The U. S. Engineers motor survey boat, "Neuse," was successfully launched from the shipyard of Jno. F. Bell Co., Saturday afternoon April 24. The sponsor was little Miss Catherine Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wade.

As the trippers were loosened, Miss Wade kept pace with the boat and as the craft slid down the ways, broke, not the traditional bottle of wine on the prow but instead a bottle of Neuse river water.

Today's Birthday

EVE ARDEN, born April 30, 1912, as Eunice Quedens, in Mill Valley, Calif.

This comedienne, well-known for caustic, brittle humor, began her career at 16 with a stock company. When she opened in Ziegfeld Follies in 1934, she changed her name to Eve Arden. Her first movie, in 1937, was "Oh Doctor" with Edward Everett Horton. This twice-married blue-eyed blonde has made more than 40 motion pictures, is now popular as "Our Miss Brooks" on radio and TV.

Smile a While

Farmer, pulling with one mule: "Giddap Peter! Giddap Barney! Giddap Johnny! Giddap Bill!"

Stranger: "How many names does that mule have?"

Farmer: "His name's Pete, but he don't know his own strength; so I put blinders on 'im, yell a lot o' names, an' he thinks a lot o' other mules are helpin' 'im."

The Readers Write

April 28, 1954

To the Editor:

Question: How much longer will we the people of Carteret County have to ride on log cart roads?

We were of the impression that the Powell Bill would take care of this situation. However, we would like to know which streets have been improved with the money appropriated by this bill. It certainly has not been Highway 70 through Beaufort and Morehead City. One of the roughest pieces of road in N. C. is on this highway from the Jefferson Hotel to the Morehead City Bridge. When will this highway be re-surfaced?

Does the Powell Bill expressly state that the money appropriated to each town be spent only on road improvement, or is it permissible for the town officials to decide to use it for repair of Fire Houses, or any other type of improvement which may be needed?

Also, why doesn't the railroad maintain the crossings properly? These are pertinent questions affecting not only the welfare of the individual citizens, but also that of the municipality as a whole.

It would seem that if the funds received from the Powell Bill were not diverted, that money should be available for re-surfacing the streets. There have been many cases of the diversion of highway funds, to the detriment of our roads and streets, and the present condition in Beaufort is a flagrant example. Something should be done!

T. EVERETT, Representative
Taxpayers of Carteret County
Beaufort, N. C.

(We appreciate hearing from Mr. Everett. It's always well for citizens to voice their opinions and stand up for their beliefs.)

We have attempted to check on Mr. Everett's place of residence and are slightly puzzled. His return address on the envelope is Morehead City. He signs himself as a representative of county taxpayers, "Beaufort, N. C." A check with the town clerks of both towns shows that there is no "T. Everett" on the tax books in either Beaufort or Morehead City.

Be that as it may, even though the writer may not own property here, he may be a resident of this area, a user of our roads and streets, and therefore entitled to

speak in praise or criticism of them.

As for the Powell Bill funds in both towns, we doubt that they are being "diverted," that is, used on anything but streets, roads, sidewalks or street maintenance equipment.

Paving, grading and maintaining streets is an expensive operation. Both towns are having difficulty in making Powell Bill funds take care of ALL streets. The Waterloo is maintaining unpaved streets in the northern section of both towns. They are streets that white folks, perhaps, are not as familiar with as they are with the main streets.

While it would be impracticable to print here a detailed financial report on disbursement of Powell Bill funds in Beaufort and Morehead City, the clerks of both towns extend an invitation to anyone interested to call on them and they will show how the funds have been spent since they were first available several years ago.

We do think it a deplorable fact, however, that the audit for the year 1952-53 has not yet been completed. And here it is, almost time for the 1953-54 audit. The fact that the auditor employed to do the job is slow in getting it done is an excuse, but not a very good one.

We agree with "T. Everett" that the highway between the Jefferson Hotel and the Morehead City bridge is not in good condition. A lot of the bumpiness is due to drippings of oil and asphalt along that stretch. And we'll say amen to anyone who calls attention to the terrible condition of the railroad crossings.

The Morehead City town board has repeatedly asked the A&EC to fix the crossings and occasionally one or two are repaired but never is a regular maintenance kept up. We don't know why the railroad won't "maintain the crossings properly." The operators of the road are certainly aware of the situation. It has been called to their attention on numerous occasions.—The Editor.)

Thought for Today

The meaning, the value, the truth of life can be learned only by actual performance of its duties; the truth can be learned, and the soul saved, in no other way.

Kidd Brewer

Raleigh Roundup

NEXT WEEK . . . The next seven days promise to be something besides merely the first week in May.

You people who have been looking for excitement in your political campaigns will find plenty of it in the Lennon-Scott-Wingfield battle. Charges are being prepared. The other side has heard of these charges. My understanding is they already have counter charges ready.

Much of the material which will be used in these attacks has been ready for some time. However, for reasons plain only to themselves, the principals involved have held off until the first week in May. This may be too late to prove very effective for either side.

YOU NEVER KNOW . . . It's getting so you never know when somebody or something is watching you when you are out in your little auto.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt revealed privately last week that he wants it that way. Referring to it as the "psychological approach," he said it is manifestly impossible for the patrolmen now available in North Carolina to cover adequately all the highways we now have in the state.

However, and this is point of it, they turn up so unexpectedly that you never know when one is around. Consequently, you stay scared — scared to speed — and that's just what Commissioner Scheidt wants.

A fellow was traveling last week on a rather lonely stretch of road between Sanford and Durham via Pittsboro—through there—and he was in a hurry. He was checking along a little better than 60 most of the way.

He came around a gentle curve. There stood one of those old gray geese—and there standing by it and waving him down was a patrolman.

As he told it to me, he hadn't seen a car in several miles—just bright beautiful road, spring weather, and nothing to bother him. This all went through his mind as he began putting on his brakes. He couldn't stop right at the patrolman, so backed up.

"Aren't you in a little bit of a hurry, friend?" inquired the officer.

Fellow told him he was, and blah-blah-blah. Meantime, he kept trying to figure how the patrolman knew. Guilt complex all over him, you know.

"When you crossed our tube back yonder you were doing 60. Now watch it — just a little more and you would have been in court — tied up from your work for a day and kicking away a lot of money you probably need around the house," said the patrolman.

"Yes, SIR," said the guy. He thought he recalled seeing one of those wires across the highway a few hundred yards back, but had thought it was to check on the number of cars using that particular road. Even if he had known it was to check speed, he was on it before he could check his speed.

At a distance of 50 feet ahead you can't distinguish between tube and tar. You don't know, for sure, whether the black thing across the road is a concrete separation filled with tar or whether it is to check speed or to check traffic.

Moreover, on one of these black top jobs you can't see the tube at all until you are practically on top of it. Our friend traveling from Sanford to Durham felt lucky that the tube wasn't around when he had slipped up to 60. It had caught him when he was — as luck would have it — doing only 57. Another thing: don't think when you have passed one patrolman, you're free of them for a spell. The other day I counted eight in a 100-mile stretch.

Scheidt's statement last week that we should have a mechanical

inspection law in North Carolina has already called forth opposition from some of the letters-to-the-editor fellows.

But the man speaks with some authority, as the News and Observer so aptly pointed out last Saturday, for since the first of the year fatalities on the North Carolina highways have dropped 20 per cent under the same period for 1953.

Scheidt's psychology seems to be paying off. You never know when somebody — or SOMETHING — is watching.

BIWEEKLY . . . We have been a reader of State Magazine for nigh on to 20 years now. We've been reading after Bill Sharpe longer than that. We enjoy his writing, as Old Trudge or Old Otherwise.

See how The State — beginning next week — will come out every two weeks. Maybe that's good. We hope so, but we are going to miss seeing The State every week. Bill and Carl Goerch say the change will give us a better magazine. Well, it's been much better during the last two or three years than it used to be. But they ain't satisfied. Just want to keep on keeping on—getting better, that is.

They say that "other publications devoted to regional subjects, such as those of Virginia, New Hampshire, Arizona, etc., are published either monthly, nine times a year, or even quarterly, as in the case of the Kentucky magazine."

Bill and Carl say that coming out every week that way just doesn't give them time to get out the attractive magazine they want. We believe them. You can look for a better State, folks. You know, Collier's became a bi-weekly several months ago to get away from the dog-eat-dog competition of Life and Saturday Evening Post. Now they are in a battle, heads-on, with Look. Collier's is bigger, but it isn't much better.

State aims to be bigger and better, too.

NOTES . . . North Carolina farmers received approximately \$449 million for their tobacco crop last year . . . but cigarette taxes levied by 41 states brought in a total of \$482 million . . .

Halifax is a great county for midwives. Of the 1,226 non-white births there year before last, 897 were by midwife. N. C. Facts says every county in the state except Alleghany had some midwife births in 1952. The number one county in births with physicians in attendance was Watauga—98.55 per cent. In Northampton, the lowest, only 24.79 per cent of all births were attended by physicians . . .

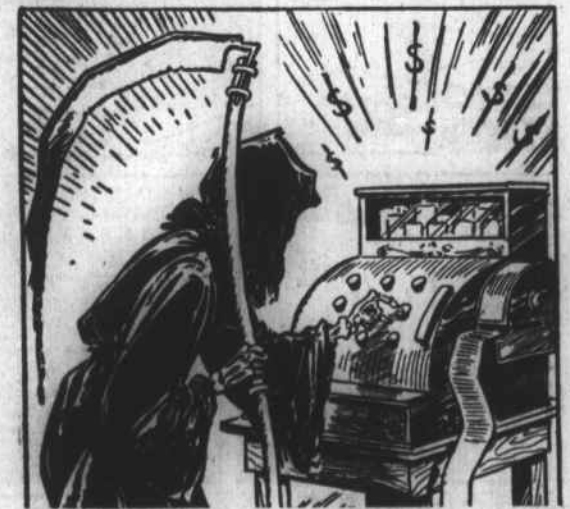
Because of last Saturday's Red-White game at Riddick Stadium, State College alumni are talking about the Wolfpack's chances on the gridiron this fall. They feel better about it—but admit they still have a long way to go. State has a good coach. Now they need good material . . .

Signs of the times: Want ad sections of the big dailies have begun to fill up again with "Teachers Wanted" appeals from principals and superintendents . . .

W. Kerr Scott has as his Wake County manager Col. J. W. Harrellson, who until a few months ago was chancellor of State College. Senator Lennon has as his Wake chairman former State Senator James H. Pou Bailey, who decided not to run for re-election . . . Both are well and pleasantly known here . . .

At the rate things are moving, Candidates Lennon and Scott should have all their county managers and co-dittos, committeemen, etc., named in another two weeks. Little enough time, too, when you figure that the primary is only a month away.

Every Automobile Accident Means More Expense to You



Ever stop to realize that the accident you were not involved in costs you money just the same?

You were mighty lucky at that. Lucky not to have been maimed or killed. But you don't get off scot-free. Every accident costs you money in the form of increased insurance cost.

Automobile insurance rates are determined each year on the basis of the accident experience of the preceding three years. In areas where residents have had accident

records, insurance rates are higher.

Strict enforcement of traffic regulations will reduce speeding and reckless driving — primary causes of accidents. But you, yourself have the big responsibility. Drive with care. Remember that traffic regulations are, in fact, safety regulations — obey them. And just as important, keep your car in safe-driving condition.

There's only one way to reduce the cost of accidents—reduce the number of accidents!