

This is 'Unload Your Gun Day'

Today is Unload Your Gun Day. This is no day of national proclamation.

This is a day being set aside as of now to get those bullets out of your gun.

In this county within recent months five persons have been shot in gun accidents. Two died.

On March 20, 1953 Robert Swain, a freshman at Beaufort High School put an "unloaded revolver" to his head and pulled the trigger. The bullet killed him.

On Nov. 28, 1953 Ronald Smith, a 19-year-old Beaufort youth, was shot in the chest by a bullet fired from a rifle in the hands of one of his friends.

On April 10 this year Arthur Roosevelt Frazier, a 22-year-old Negro youth was killed when he lifted a shotgun from his father's pick-up truck at Harlowe.

The next day 5-year-old Michael Lewis of Bettie was shot in the back while playing cowboys with his brother. Last Friday Bobby Metz, an 11-year-

old Beaufort boy, was shot in the arm by a bullet from a rifle.

None of these accidents would have occurred had the person who last used the gun unloaded it.

Most parents know it's virtually impossible to keep things "out of reach" of children. If the youngsters decide they want something they'll get it, even if it's hanging on the ceiling.

Unless it's used as a club, a gun is harmless if it has no bullets in it.

Five gun accidents, two of them fatalities, in the county in less than a year and a half are appalling. Three of those accidents occurred within the past two months.

It looks as though the trend is increasing.

An Unload Your Gun Day is certainly in order.

Don't throw this paper aside now and decide you'll check your gun as soon as you have time. CHECK IT NOW. You may THINK it's unloaded. But the only guns that ever harm anyone are the ones that owners THINK are empty.

Help Toll the Death of Cancer

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"

This poignant quotation from Whittier's poetry has a tragic application to the nationwide battle against cancer.

In 1953, an estimated 73,000 American cancer victims were saved by modern treatment administered in the early stages of their illness. But the sad sequel is that another 73,000 died from cancer who MIGHT HAVE BEEN cured had they received prompt, effective treatment.

The American Cancer Society, pioneers in the fight to conquer cancer, has geared its public educational campaign to the two-fold mission of telling Americans the most easily recognized cancer symptoms and of persuading everyone to have a regular physical check-up.

We believe that everyone should know the seven common danger signals of cancer which the society is stressing in its educational program. They are:

1. Any sore that does not heal.
2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. Any change in a wart or a mole.
5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Persistent hoarseness or cough.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

Last Active Ace, And Memos of '18

(From the Charlotte Observer)

The retirement of Col. Edward M. Haight, last of the World War I aces, recalls the almost unbelievable progress that has been made in aviation in a short half century.

World War I, 1918, was only fourteen years removed from the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk. The combat plane of that day was little more than a box kite mounted on bicycle wheels and powered by a gasoline motor. It had room only for the pilot, though some of the ultra-modern planes could carry two men.

For protection, this pilot had only a windshield in front of him and nothing but the open sky above. His one weapon was a machine gun mounted on a swivel either fore or aft, and he had to fly the plane with one hand and operate the gun with the other, with no electronic devices to supplement his natural skill at both.

Yet those boys in 1918 went aloft in

such rickety crates and rarely got above 5,000 feet, but they fought such individual duels as you never saw. The combat was so near the earth that every detail could be seen by troops on the ground, and the way the flyers maneuvered those kites was something to see. They went into loops, false spins, climbs, and floppers until the contest looked like a fight between a blue jay and a robin.

They never quit until one or the other came down in a spin or in a straight wing-over-wing drop, or until one, relying on speed, made a bee line for his home grounds.

Colonel Haight brought down his five Germans and then lived to command an Air Group in World War II when the crates and the individual jousts of 1918 had given way to mighty navies of the air "grappling in the central blue."

He has earned a long and happy retirement, for he has seen and done marvels and has served his country well.

ANYBODY CAN BE DANGEROUS WITH A GUN



Kidd Brewer

Raleigh Roundup

HINDSIGHT . . . As the returns rolled in late last Saturday night with Alvin Wingfield and the other minor candidates barely in the race at all, I thought of what we had written in this space here last week, as follows:

"A lot of things have been happening in the senatorial thing within the past two weeks. It seems doubtful that there will be a second primary. Watch your money, boys, for only the careless will bet on this one. Our main reason for thinking there will be no runoff is that the 'other' candidates have not been able to get up as much steam as we thought they would three or four weeks ago."

We were not sure whether the winner would be Alton Lennon or Kerr Scott — there were so many straws in the wind — but we just didn't feel there was much interest in Wingfield's candidacy. But other predictions pushed his total votes to as high as 50,000, with most of the prophets saying about 30,000. We couldn't see it.

Wingfield's vote will run, when all the returns are in, at around 8,500. The minor candidates, then, polled only a little more than half of what the predictors had said Wingfield, alone, would poll.

FUTURE . . . Although W. Kerr Scott has been nominated with only a shade over 50 per cent of the votes cast, the Democrats should — and no doubt will — rally to his

support in the General Election this fall.

And, one thing is sure, there isn't much chance Kerr Scott will ever be found voting with the Republicans in the Senate.

His philosophy will in all likelihood put him on the team with Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Russell Long of Louisiana, Paul Douglas of Illinois, John Sparkman of Alabama, Herbert Lehman of New York, and Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. Not bad company, either, and Scott must be constantly on his toes to keep up with them. The U. S. Senate is no place for mental laziness.

POOLE IN WAKE . . . In Wake County, Scott as he has in the past, really went to town. His vote was 14,793 to Lennon's 9,352.

Although former State College Chancellor J. W. Harrelson was the front man as manager for Wake, Bruce Poole was largely responsible for lining up the precinct organizations and getting out the vote. His herculean efforts turned the trick in Wake County.

I don't know how it was in your section, but here in Wake the Scott folks really worked.

And just who, you might ask, is Bruce Poole?

Well, he was originally a Scott man, but supported William B. Umstead for Governor in 1952. Scott saw betrayal and Poole was moved out as warden at State Prison.

Poole felt that his support of Umstead was not appreciated to any great extent, so he went back to Scott. Incidentally, give any candidate 100 Bruce Poles and chances are he will carry the state. We understand that Scott had here and there in North Carolina about that many key men who would listen to nothing except Scott victory.

SLIGHT . . . Some of Carlisle Higgins' friends are still talking about an oversight — or whatever it was — that kept the Winston-Salem attorney and political leader off the stage at the recent State Democratic Convention.

Higgins, who managed William B. Umstead's campaign for Governor and who recently succeeded Robert L. Doughton as Democratic National Committeeman from North Carolina, was not invited to sit on the stage. Why he wasn't, nobody seems to know. Of course, it was just one of those things that sometimes happen — but it didn't do much to create Democratic harmony in the state.

WEAVER SUCCESSOR . . . We predicted here three weeks ago that Wake Forest's Jim Weaver would be elected as the first commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

He was chosen last week. Now the Baptists must find a successor. Within a few hours after he had been named to the five-year contract (at \$15,000 per year) with the new athletic conference, a move got under way among Wake Forest men to bring in Jim Tatum from Maryland as Deacon athletic director and football coach.

Tatum has told friends he would return to this state for a salary of \$20,000 per annum. It is common knowledge that he was on the verge of coming to State, but they wanted only a football coach, feeling that they had already an usually capable athletic director in Roy B. Clogston.

Wake Forest could not afford to pay \$20,000 for a head football coach. They could not go that high for an athletic director. But for a combination — and what with Wake moving to Winston-Salem and the need for a big name coach and a broadened athletic program — they might come up with the \$20,000 per year and Big Jim Tatum. At any rate, this is all being discussed here and there about the state — and may well supplant Alton Lennon as the chief topic of Baptist conversation now that the primary is out of the way.

CHECKING . . . As reported here last week, a local paper has been doing a lot of checking and a lot of hunting on Kidd Brewer — but with no startling results. They even referred to me as the "mystery man" in the Umstead administration.

As we said before, had the paper asked me in the first place about my business, I could have told them the same thing they went to a lot of trouble to find out: to wit, my business is not as good as it was under the Scott administration.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . While we are thinking about it, a hearty word of congratulations is in order for Terry Sanford, who managed W. Kerr Scott's successful campaign for the U. S. Senate. He conducted a clean hard fight, and is now as well set as any young man we know in North Carolina to go places politically.

LATER . . . Friends of Conservation and Development Director Ben Douglas should not be disappointed that he has withdrawn formally his name as a possible successor to the late Senator Clyde R. Hoey. He is thinking about the future.

The reports we get are that he was given assurance of sharp support for another office — probably governor — later if he would not get into the Hoey successor controversy.

F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1915
John Bennett arrived home Sunday night from Raleigh where he has been attending the A&M College.

Mrs. J. C. Long who attended the commencement exercises at Lenoir College, returned home Thursday night.

Mrs. Helen Chadwick who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Cicero Chadwick, left Saturday for her home in Marshallberg. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Evelyn Chadwick.

George H. Webb who has been attending school at A&M College, Raleigh, arrived home Sunday morning.

Miss Bertha Morton who has been teaching school at Waynesville is home for the vacation.

Miss Pearl Brinson arrived home Thursday night. Miss Brinson is a member of the faculty of the Lenoir College.

Misses Bettie Harker and Marie Long who graduated this year from Lenoir College returned home Thursday night.

The Rev. E. R. Harris, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, left Monday for Durham where he will spend a few days with his family who are visiting relatives there. Mr. Harris will return to Morehead City next week and spend a few days before taking his final leave.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wallace and Miss Bettie Pelletier of Beaufort spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Hazel Hawkins has returned from Pine Grove to spend the summer.

Charles Tolson of New Bern was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Wallace and her mother, Mrs. Catherine Lewis spent Monday in Beaufort visiting relatives.

Mrs. Will Myatt and child of Raleigh passed through the city Tuesday morning enroute to Swansboro to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Swindell.

Mrs. E. Piner of Wilmington arrived in the city Tuesday morning to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. Wiley Helms.

Mrs. C. S. Wallace Jr. left Monday morning on a visit to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Addie Jones left Tuesday afternoon for Maryland where she will spend the summer with relatives.

Veteran G. W. Stencil left here Tuesday morning for Richmond to attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans.

Mrs. Fannie Howerton left Tuesday for New Bern where she will spend some time with relatives.

W. E. Jenkins and family moved this week. They will occupy the Guion cottage near the Atlantic Hotel.

Miss Eva Hardesty has returned home from Portsmouth, Va., Raleigh and Wendell where she visited relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coddington of Charlotte arrived here this week to spend the summer. Mr. Coddington recently purchased the Poe property on East Bridges Street and with several improvements the house has undergone it is decidedly one of the prettiest cottages in the city.

A. H. Webb Sr. left Wednesday for Raleigh where he will spend a few days mixing pleasure with business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hillard arrived Sunday night to make their future home here. Mr. Hillard is in charge of dredge No. 3 which is being used near Pier 1.

Mrs. Annie Miller who has been

visiting her daughter, Mrs. Zack Emery, left Tuesday for her home in Aurora.

Mrs. Clarice Tuten and Mrs. J. B. Warren of Beaufort County are in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sawyer.

Mrs. D. N. Caviness left Monday for Greensboro where she will spend several days visiting friends.

The Rev. D. N. Caviness returned home Monday night from Kingston where he attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caswell Training School.

Fisheries Commissioner H. L. Gibbs left Wednesday on official business to Pamlico County.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wade of Southport arrived in the city Thursday to visit Mr. Wade's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wade.

The many friends of the Rev. J. H. Edwards will regret to learn that he is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Manly Wade on Bridges Street.

C. D. Dodson returned Monday from Duplin County where he was called to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Dodson. She died Saturday afternoon and was buried Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sallie Swain, wife of E. L. Swain, died here Friday morning. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon with burial at Core Creek.

R. P. Foster who will manage the Atlantic Hotel this year is here looking after the repairing being done to the hotel which will open June 15.

The Sunday Schools of the city will hold their annual picnic at Newport this year. June 8 is the date set. A special train has been chartered and will leave the station at 8:30 a.m.

An invention that is now attracting considerable attention is the Giddens Periscope Machine Gun, which was placed on exhibition by its inventor, Dr. J. F. Giddens of this city, last week in the salesroom of the Morehead City Hardware Company.

Freeman-Hatch
A surprise marriage occurred here Friday night when Miss Valie Hatch became the bride of Mr. Walter Freeman. The marriage was performed by the Rev. D. N. Caviness in the parsonage of the Methodist Church in the presence of a few friends. Miss Hatch came here about a year ago from Richlands to enter the training school of the Morehead City Hospital and during that time served her chosen profession faithfully and well.

She is the sister of Mrs. F. B. Klein of this city. Mr. Freeman is one of the city's most enterprising young men, the son of W. W. Freeman and holds a responsible position with R. T. Willis.

Today's Birthday
ROSALIND RUSSELL, born June 4, 1912, in Waterbury, Conn., daughter of a lawyer. The motion picture star was graduated from Barnard with honors. Usually cast in light comedy roles. Became the darling of New York theatre with her exuberant performance in the musical comedy, "Wonderful Town." Some of her top films have been "My Sister Eileen," "Never Wave At A Wave," "The Women," "His Girl Friday." Married to producer Fred Brison.

Thought for the Day
The man who sings his own praises invariably sings a solo unaccompanied.

In Spring a Young Man's Thoughts Turn to Fishing

In the spring a young man's fancy strongly turns to thoughts of fishing and it is quite probable that in many cases his interest in fishing extends over a greater portion of his lifetime than do thoughts of love so ably publicized by Locksley Hall half a century ago.

Fishermen may not only be divided on the basis of their veracity but on the goals they seek. Some wish to get freedom from confining influences while others really want to fish. Of those who want to fish there are those who seek unusually large, aggressive or coy animals, and those who just want the fun of fighting something on the end of a line.

It is this last group who only want something that tastes, smells and acts like a fish that our crappies seem to have been created to please. They are common. They are vigorous fighters. They are good eating. They can be found where superior fishes could not survive.

The reproduce abundantly, permitting a generous surplus harvest and they are not too choosy as to bait, tackle or skill. They seem to be willing to match their wits with anything that comes along even remotely resembling a fisherman. All this adds to their popularity with those who seek food, fun and freedom through fishing.

The black crappie is darker than the white crappie. Either may reach a length of about 1 foot. The black crappie normally has seven or eight spines in the front fin on the back while the white crappie has five or six such spines.

Crappies feed almost exclusively on insects, crustaceans, fishes and other animals found in the water. The nests are saucer-shaped and shallow. They are built by the males, usually over a cleared spot on the bottom in water from 3 to 8 feet deep. A female weighing one-half pound may lay to 60,000 eggs.

Care of nest, eggs and young is probably mostly taken care of by the male. In suitable waters incubation lasts for a few days to 2 weeks or even more. The young may reach a length of 2 to 3 inches the first year and in northern waters may mature at a length of 7 or 8 inches in the third year.

Crappies have been caught that weighed as much as 4 pounds. Crappie eggs are likely to be injured if the water reaches as low as a temperature as 58 degrees F. and may be destroyed if it goes down to 55 degrees F.

The Readers Write

Beaufort, N. C.
May 31, 1954

Let me say that I do not agree with your recent editorial that the entrance of the local churches in the movement against the race track is a violation of the principal of separation of state and church.

It is my opinion that combating evil is the prerogative of the church wherever it is found, more especially if the evil is being sponsored by the state. The church and all other groups with wholesome ideals as their objective must forever be active to see that the state does not allow wrong to operate by license.

If the church and allied groups do not have this prerogative, and duty, who will police the politicians? I say they do, and more power to them and their pastors who have the guts to speak out against legalized crime.

My only objection is that there are too few who have the courage to speak.

Cordially yours,
Wiley E. Taylor Jr.



Black Crappie

Black crappies are found in shallow ponds and slow streams through most of southern Canada from Manitoba to Quebec and south to Texas and northern Florida. The white crappie is more likely to be abundant in silty waters than is the black crappie.

—E. Laurence Palmer

Jane Eads

Washington

Washington — Martha Taft, widow of Republican Senator, Robert A. Taft, is giving up the apartment she rented here last January and returning to spend the summer at Sky Farm, her Ohio home on a hill overlooking the Miami valley near Cincinnati.

"We've had a very, very nice time," Mrs. Darrah WUNDER, a long-time friend who shared the apartment with her, told me. "But we've been almost too busy, and we're glad to get away and get a rest." Sky Farm is quiet and pretty.

Mrs. Taft, keen-minded and witty, was very much a political personality in her own right until a heart ailment forced her into semi-retirement in 1950. She loves life in Washington, where she made her debut and met and married young Bob Taft. She returned here several months after the Senator's death because she wanted to be where things were going on. She says she hopes to spend a part of each year here.

Never completely recovered from the effects of her illness, Mrs. Taft nevertheless has withstood the strain and excitement of her return to the capital. "She's interested in going and seeing and doesn't seem to get as tired as I do," Mrs. WUNDER said. "She's seen all her old friends and we go out to luncheon four or five times a week and occasionally out to dinner in the evening. We've gone up to the Senate dining room several times, but it's a little sad to go to the Capital now."

In addition, Mrs. Taft keeps abreast with all that's going on through the newspapers, magazines, radio and TV. She still gets about, mostly in a wheelchair but occasionally with the aid of a cane and the strong arm of a friend.

"She still talks about going to Ireland for a visit with her son, William," Mrs. WUNDER said, "but I don't think she will leave the farm until late July or August. She may go to Murry Bay, where the family has gathered for vacations for years."

William, the eldest of the Taft's four sons, is U. S. ambassador to Ireland. He has been visiting his mother in Washington. Another visitor has been the late senator's sister, Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, history dean at Bryn Mawr College.

Other Taft sons are Robert Jr., who is going to run for the Ohio state legislature in the fall; Lloyd, vice president of the Cincinnati Times-Star, and Horace, a physicist at the University of Chicago. There are 13 grandchildren.

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