

An Ounce of Prevention...

The report by Mayor Edgar Hibbs last week that one household in Newport was using contaminated well water...

Anyone knows, who has been following the news, that Newport's town boards for the past six years have been trying to get a municipal water system into operation.

Meanwhile, home wells should be rechecked. The water can be tested by sending samples to the state laboratory at Raleigh.

As for typhoid inoculations, they are

given free by the health department. The times when the shots can be received are Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

They Dood It!

Beaufort Jaycees did a fine job with their beauty pageant Saturday night. They, the girls who entered the contest, and others who took part in it deserve community-wide thanks.

Ronald Earl Mason, chairman of the affair, says no money was lost; neither was any money made. But the Jaycees can take pride in the fact that they successfully staged, in a way that has never been done before, a Miss Beaufort pageant.

Anybody Can Nominate a Dad

The Father-of-the-Year contest is one in which EVERYBODY can put in their 2 cents.

Any father, whether he lives on Ocracoke, in Marshallberg or Havelock — anywhere in the Morehead City trading area — can be nominated for Father-of-the-Year in the contest being sponsored now by 10 Morehead City businessmen.

The father selected by a committee of judges will be heaped with expensive gifts Saturday, June 19, in a ceremony at the Morehead City municipal building.

Every dad must have his day. And that day is coming up Sunday, June 20, when Father's Day will be observed throughout the country.

It seems to be the policy these days to make dad the scapegoat in movies or on radio and TV programs. He's a blunderer, pompous oaf or both — the purpose of course is to rouse laughs at the expense of the "old man."

A national board set up for the preservation of wholesome family life recently expressed regret that dad has to be the fall guy in entertainment programs.

Dad too frequently is thought of as being important only when the first of the month rolls 'round and bills must be paid.

Board Bans Palmists

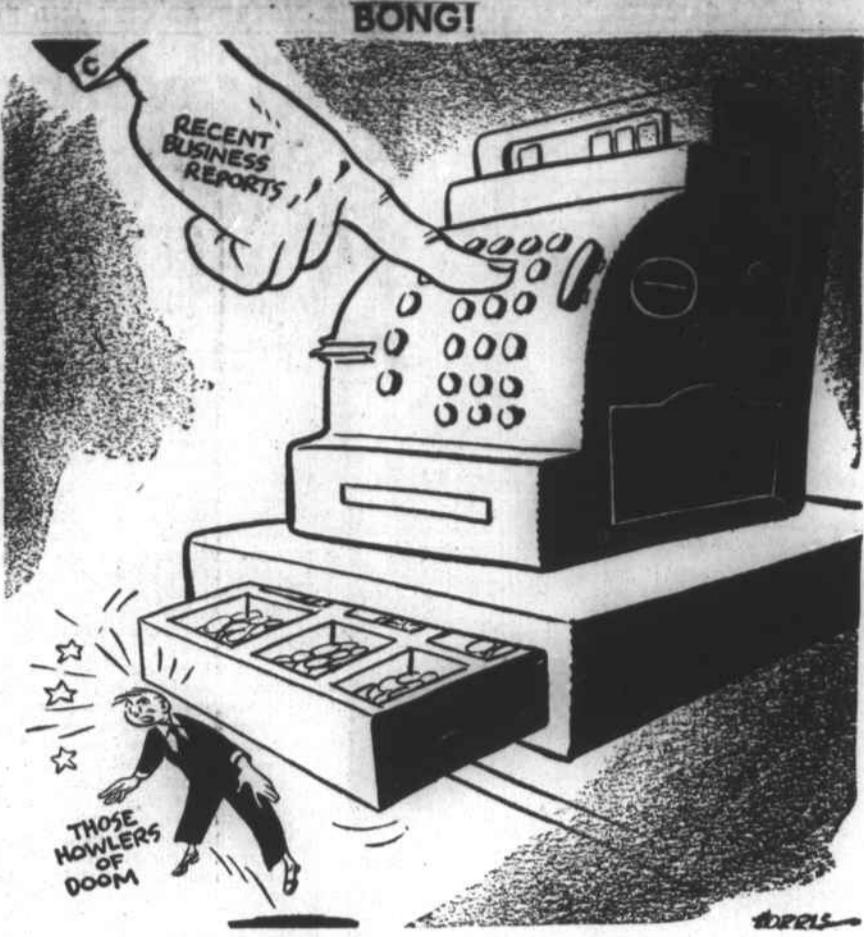
The County Board of Commissioners is to be commended for denying a license to a woman wanting to practice palm-reading here.

Palm-reading is a first cousin to voodoo and tomfoolery. It's living proof of the fact that people love to be hoodwinked. They pay good money to get told a lot of broad "predictions" about their future, predictions that are so broad that they could apply to the lives of everyone — but the person whose palm is being read believes the "prediction" is solely for him and the palmist is always smart enough to throw in a lot of stuff to make the customer feel good.

As Sheriff Hugh Salter said in the county board meeting Monday, "If palm-readers really can see in the future, they'd be making so much money they wouldn't have to read palms!"

Honoring Our Flag

Monday is Flag Day. On June 14, 1777 the design of the American flag was adopted by Congress. The Stars and Stripes can claim antiquity among national flags.



From the Bookshelf

A TIME TO LOVE AND A TIME TO DIE. By Erich Maria Remarque, translated from German by Denver Lindley, Harcourt, Brace.

This is the official picture given the Germans as they retreat westward after Stalingrad. But the soldiers know they're taking a terrible licking and dream of going back to their clean, safe, homeland.

Graber is warned not to say a word about the parlous situation at the front as he is warned, on returning, not to say a word about the situation at home.

There's too much of the automation in all the characters, and Remarque fails to arouse much sympathy for his luckless couple.

Today's Birthday

RISE STEVENS, born June 11, 1913 in New York City. This world-famous opera singer has been a star of the Metropolitan Opera Co. since 1938.



Jane Eads

Washington

Washington — There still seems to be only one good answer to the threat of the abandoned icebox, the hideaway in which 30 little adventurers were suffocated last summer.

That is, to take off the latch or the whole door, before abandoning it.

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Smile a While

"Did you see much poverty in Europe when you were there?" "Not only did I see it, but I brought some of it back!"

F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1915 Miss Geraldine Willis of New Bern is spending a few days in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willis.

Miss Alice Edwards returned home from Pollockville where she has been visiting relatives. Friends of Postmaster W. L. Arendell will be glad to know he is much better and expects to be at his post within the next few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kornegay have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Glen Dora, to James R. Murphy, Wednesday afternoon, June 16 at the Methodist Church.

A surprise wedding took place in New Bern Tuesday afternoon when W. S. Webb, a young man of More-

Kidd Brewer

Raleigh Roundup

WHAT ABOUT STAFFS? ... In all the talk about W. Kerr Scott eking out a win over Alton A. Lennon for the U. S. Senate and whether this person or that person would succeed by Governor Umstead appointment the late Senator Clyde R. Hoey, most of us have neglected to think of—or at least to refer to—the people who are most directly affected by the two changes which are occurring.

I am referring to about 20 people who comprise the staffs of North Carolina's two offices in the U. S. Senate. We have talked about Sam Ervin, Bob Lassiter, Irving Carlyle, Gregg Cherry and others.

But now with Lennon going out, Scott going in, Clyde R. Hoey gone and Sam J. Ervin becoming the western senator, what about Harry Gatton? He went from a good job with the Treasury Dept. last year to succeed Jesse Helms as administrative assistant to Senator Alton A. Lennon. Both Gatton, who formerly managed a radio station in Statesville, and his wife work in Lennon's office.

Then there is the veteran assistant, modest and likeable, John Slear. For many years he was Congressman Robert L. Doughton's assistant. His wife, Julia McNinch Slear, writes a Washington socio-political column. She is the daughter of the late Frank McNinch, former mayor of Charlotte who could not stomach Al Smith in 1928, but who bounced back into prominence when the New Deal moved into town in the spring of '33.

Slear, when Hamilton Jones of Charlotte went to the Congress, moved over with Jones. The east windows in Jones offices, while Slear was there, had at their base—in dirt as rich as Yaddin River bottomland—some of the finest African violets seen by these tired old eyes in many a day.

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When Hoey went to Washington in 1944, Jack Spain left Bonner and became administrative assistant to the new senator. Jack still maintains his home and legal voting residence in Greenville, has farming interests in Pitt County, but doesn't get back to his home woods often because of that rat race in Washington.

Another assistant in the Hoey office is Miss Helen Whitaker, sister-in-law of Edwin Pate of Scotland County, farmer, merchant, State senator, and recently elected head of the N. C. Bankers Association.

Carolyn Basin of Yanceyville, daughter of State Senator Sam Ba-

sin, has been an assistant in the Hoey office. Will Senator Sam Ervin keep this staff? Only time will tell, of course, but the word is that they are not nearly so worried as is the staff of Senator Alton Lennon, whose term of office has only about five months more to run.

Something worth considering: Jack Spain over the years served in a dual capacity as secretary and administrative assistant to Senator Hoey as I did for Senator Hoey. Senator Ervin would do well to keep Jack Spain as administrative assistant and bring over one of Sen. Lennon's men for secretary.

CROSS-BREEDING ... Frank Crane, who last week was appointed Commissioner of Labor to succeed the late Forrest Shuford, and his lovely wife Edith, really have a birdish background.

Until she became a Crane, Mrs. Crane was a Peacock. Yes, this is an actual case of where a crane married a peacock and now both are very fond of birds and are considered the best amateur ornithologists in this section of the State.

Several years ago Frank put up more than a dozen bird houses on our hill, Belle Acres. Just outside Raleigh on the road to Durham and overlooking Crabtree Creek. He took on the responsibility of inspecting and cleaning out those boxes each year.

Last Sunday week—when Frank and Edith were out visiting the Brewers — he made his annual spring check and reported there was a family of blue birds occupying each box. Well, since bluebirds are considered good luck omens, we all solemnly crossed our fingers and wished that the Governor would appoint Frank Crane Commissioner of Labor.

And — don't you know — three days later he made it. The salary is \$10,000. As labor conciliator, Frank was receiving \$8,500 per year. By the time he expends a few hundred here and a couple hundred there for election and reelection, chances are he will not be making as much net money as before he got the appointment.

But—he will have more prestige, will be in a good position to improve the lot of labor in North Carolina, will be a member of the Council of State, and will reap any fiscal benefits that accrue through the possible hiking of salaries of the men who run the State of North Carolina.

Incidentally, our Governor receives only \$15,000 per year. He should not receive less than \$25,000. Members of our Council of State should not draw less than \$15,000 per annum. Folks, we are underpaying the men who have the chief responsibility of running this State and sooner or later we may regret it.

NOTES ... Surprised to see former Lt. Gov. Reg Harris of Roxboro take it on the chin again from Byrd Isaac Satterfield up in Person County. Harris, showman and general howdy-doer around Raleigh, can't seem to do anything with his home folks any more. Harris' defeat by Satterfield for the Legislature — a little old seat in the House — surprised everyone here. He didn't run against Satterfield in 1952, but took him on again this year and went down again.

Just a lot of time people from back in the counties are a lot more popular around the Sir Walter and here and there in Raleigh than they are with the folks at home. We've noticed that several times.

Cousin Wayland Spruill of Windsor, the old "rippling waters of the Chowan" man, was defeated for the State Senate by A. P. Godwin of Gatesville, who in 1953 served his first term in the Legislature. It is an ironical item that the only man who has the nerve to take on Kerr Scott for Agriculture Commissioner (Spruill opposed him, very, very, unsuccessfully in 1940) lost for the State Senate the same day his old opponent was being nominated for the U. S. Senate. Cousin Wayland also lost out for the House in 1952, so this may mean the end of a long and interesting career in politics for Cousin Wayland Spruill.

Stamp News

By W. G. Rogers



Many foreign countries have done well printing their postage stamps by the photogravure and lithograph method. U. S. stamps are engraved only, but the Post Office Department is experimenting with these other systems. The above stamp issued by Switzerland is a good example of the photogravure process.

The British Colonies' series for the 25th Wedding Anniversary of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth also was printed by photogravure. (Illustrations by Harmer - Rooke Co.)

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