

## Health Officer Sought

The budget of the County Health Department for the coming fiscal year includes a request for funds to pay the salary of a health officer. The County Health Department has been without a full-time officer since the death of Dr. N. T. Ennett about a year ago.

Dr. F. E. Hyde, Beaufort, has been serving as part-time health officer since then. The report of the health department on its activities for 1953 shows how busy the health officer, nurses, sanitarian and clerk have been.

Statistics indicate an increase in 1953 in pre-school examinations, vaccinations and most other phases of public health work. Now that Dr. Hyde will be leaving the county, it is important that the health department have a supervisor.

In the current issue of Redbook magazine, an article by Albert Q. Maisel points up the importance of public health departments. Mr. Maisel says that nearly 200,000 Americans die every year because selfish groups are financially starving health departments.

He adds that one-fourth of all the nation's health departments cannot find anyone for the post of officer. In Georgia 24 out of 49 departments have been headed, in Arkansas, 20 out of 27.

He attributes the reason to the fact that in private practice a doctor can earn an average of \$12,500 annually and specialists more than that. The pay for a health officer is considerably less.

For that reason, the trained medical men turn their backs on public health work and seek the more lucrative fields.

Carteret is fortunate that there is a possibility of obtaining a health officer for its health department in August because other counties in the state are looking for health officers too. Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, chairman of the county board of commissioners, reports that an Army doctor who will retire this month is interested in accepting the post open here.

Mr. Maisel in his magazine article, urges citizens to check on the status of their public health departments. Key questions to ask, he says, are the following: Does the county have a full-time health officer? Is he a competent doctor? Is there a nurse for every 5,000 persons and a sanitarian for every 15,000? Does the governing body allow \$2 per person per year to cover health department operation? How often are restaurants inspected? Are food handlers put through health examinations and training courses? Are there clinics to suppress and control venereal disease, TB, and other illnesses?

Our county health department has been doing a good job. The county cannot afford to give it as much money as Mr. Maisel recommends, \$2 annually for each county resident, but if a competent health officer is employed, conditions can be assured that their public health program will not fall by the wayside.

## Summer Schools in Jeopardy

Because of upkeep expense, the State Board of Conservation and Development has decided that the buildings at Camp Glenn now being used for State College summer schools, shall be sold and dismantled.

This means, says E. W. Ruggles, director of the schools, that the sessions will be moved to other cities in the state. He adds that this will be the last summer here for the meter school, surveyor's short course and similar sessions offered under the extension division of State College — unless a place can be found to hold the classes.

Ted Davis, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, points out that 90 per cent of the men attending the meter school last week brought their wives and children and stayed at motels and hotels at the beach and in town.

Estimating that each meter school student and his family spent at least \$100 here during the week, the income to this area was about \$13,500. And

that is just for the meter school alone. Six similar schools are conducted at the section base by State College during the summer. The enrollment at all the schools will be more than 500.

It is understandable that the Board of Conservation and Development does not wish to spend money to maintain a building it does not use. However, it will be a tremendous loss to Morehead City if the summer schools are held elsewhere.

It has been suggested that the town maintain the building but it is a well-known fact that Morehead City has no funds to keep up buildings that are not essential to operation of the town.

The Chamber of Commerce is working on the matter. Use of either the school or the Recreation Center has been considered but neither seems feasible. Persons who may have suggestions as to how the problem could be solved would be doing the town a service if they would present their suggestions to the Chamber of Commerce.

## The New Look in Movies

(From Ocean County Leader, N. J.)

These days the movie business is flexing its muscles and making sounds like a showman. It's a good thing. This year will mark the fifty-first anniversary of the industry. But it's a young industry, fifty-one years young!

After every crisis, the innate optimism and enthusiasm of the movies asserts itself. The movies were always among the really rugged or rugged-individualist industries in their growth and expansion and met their toughest going (some of it recently) in the same spirit. Now once again, you can feel the upbeat.

There is an indestructible buoyancy in the motion picture theatre business that seems to prevail from the top to the taproots. And it was never more in evidence than today. There is a renaissance in the making and it promises a new look for the new show season. A very exciting new look.

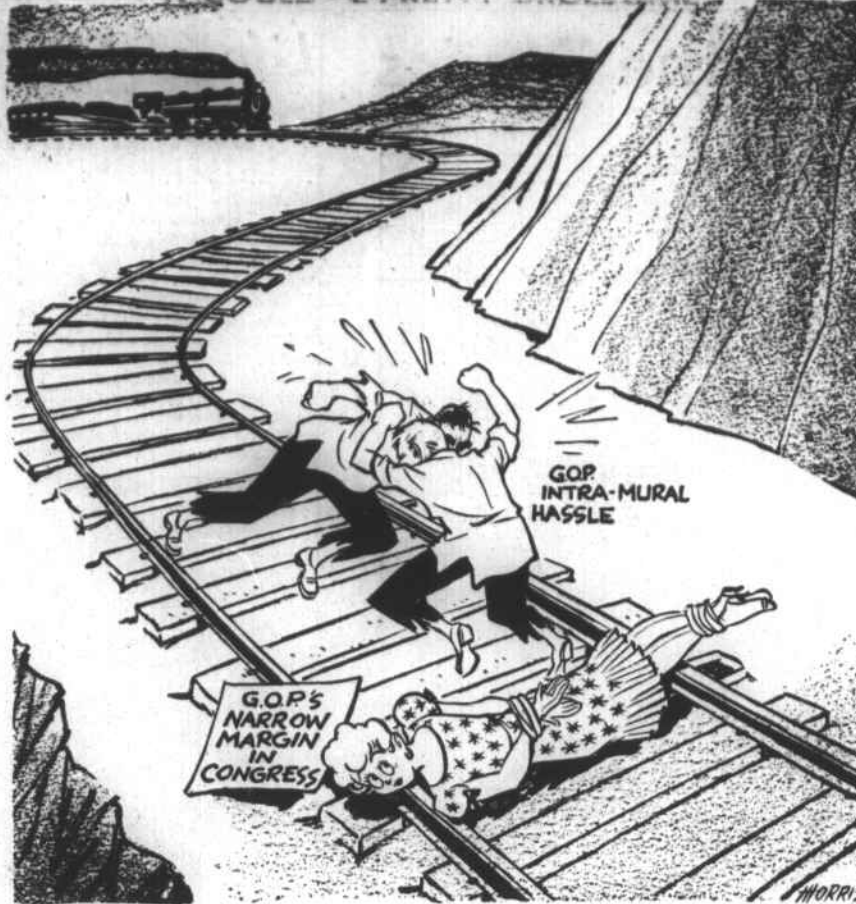
The new inventions, of course, account for most of it. The production men, the specialists and technicians, the

experts and experimental laboratories have largely contributed to it.

The screen has become high, wide and handsome. It offers a new visual and auditory experience. It has expanded in breadth and depth and occupies the entire proscenium of a theatre. It encompasses a vast and spectacular sweep of action and new wonders of wide-angle photography. Pictures are sharper and truer, possess a new beauty and clarity. The new proportions approximate the range of vision of the human eye and improved color techniques enhance the effect of reality.

These phenomenal new processes give to the movies a technological perfection that no other existing media can approach or provide. The horizons of motion picture entertainment have been immeasurably widened. The new look is here. Many fine films have been released or are being readied in the new miracle media and movie-goers by the millions are finding new magic within the portals of their local theatre.

## IT COULD BE PRETTY GRUESOME



### Ruth Peeling

## Claud Wheatly Tells Why Nobody Can Visit Track

Claud Wheatly says, "Nobody can go to the dog track any more. Saint Wiley's closed it up."

I was down making my regular call to the Morehead City police station Thursday and admired a bouquet of lilies over the radio panel. I asked Cap'n Herbert where they came from.

That reminded him of a story. He said he walked into a dairy bar not too long ago and someone noticed him all of a sudden and asked, "Why Herbert, where did you disappear from?"

Herbert says, "That goes for those lilies. I don't know where they disappeared from."

Members of the Toastmasters Club must be hardy souls or else fired with ambition to be the world's best public speakers. What other reason would inspire anyone to get up at daybreak to attend a meeting at 7 a.m.?

A Camp Lejeune Toastmaster, Capt. William L. Nelson, recently took top honors in a 10-state talkathon at Birmingham, Ala. His topic: "What's the best investment for a young man?" His answer: "Take a wife."

Dr. Frank G. Slaughter, an au-

### Jane Eads

## Washington

Washington — The discarded icebox is a 15-year "time bomb."

A Senate subcommittee probing ways of ending their toll of suffocated children has found that most of the death traps are electrically-operated refrigerators which have been in use about 15 years, their approximate lifetime. As people replace these they become what safety-campaigners call "attractive nuisances," along with gravel pits, lumber piles, crumbling house foundations, water-filled excavations, dump yards, rusty ironwork, sewer holes and fish pools, which tempt the young and curious and present an ever-serious threat.

As yet NO foolproof gadget has been invented to enable a trapped child to escape from inside which will still insure the sealing in of cold air required in refrigeration. Manufacturers are working on this, and there have been suggestions that if their laboratories can't produce the proper gimmick Congress appropriate funds to promote work on such a project by the U. S. Bureau of Standards.

Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala) who — along with Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont) — has proposed a bill requiring installation of inside latches on refrigerator doors, acknowledges effects of such a law would not be evident until the current batch of refrigerators is discarded in another 15 years. However, he says, "We should not hold back on taking some kind of action, because unless the problem is solved it is going to be just as serious 15 years from now as it is today."

C. B. Collins, general counsel of the Refrigerator Trade Association of America, has told the Interstate Commerce Subcommittee that nearly five million refrigerators are manufactured each year. "Eventually approximately the same number will be abandoned," he said.

Meanwhile everyone agrees that a drive to get communities to adopt laws making it an offense to discard an icebox in such condition that it is a hazard should be pushed. Removing the latch or entire door is the best way to make it safe.

thor I interviewed when he visited Beaufort several years ago, has written another book, The Song of Ruth. This is his first novel without a doctor in it. "It just happened that this book didn't have a place for a doctor," he explains.

Dr. Slaughter has written 16 books in less than 15 years. He says if 'Ruth' is a success, he wants to do a series of religious plays on women of the Old Testament. Among his books are Luke the Physician and The Galileans.

Overheard in the courtroom Wednesday afternoon after lawyers for the track and against it had presented their arguments and were talking to each other and laughing: Spectator A: Lawyers, they're all alike, in cahoots with one another. Spectator B: Yeh, and then they take our money.

Spectator A: Hope I never have to get a lawyer for anything!

While I was amused at the conversation, I thought at the same time that there's a powerful lot of psychology wrapped up in what courtroom spectators see. No lawyer worth his salt likes to lose a case. At the same time, there's no need antagonizing one's opponent more than necessary — lawyers on opposing sides are no different than players in athletic contests. They fight like fury until the final whistle, but when it's over it's best to shake hands and compliment the other fellow for waging a good fight.

### Arthur of the Week



Daphne du Maurier writes about her great-great grandmother in a new book with a touch of fiction and a lot of fact, called by the grandmother's name, "Mary Anne." Miss du Maurier's ancestry, however, has been solemn and serious as well as flighty and frivolous, for her father was Gerald, the actor manager, and his father George, was an artist and author of "Trilby."

Miss du Maurier in private life is Lady Browning, wife of Sir Frederick A. M. Browning. Among her other books are "Rebecca," "The Parasites" and "My Cousin Rachel."

### Thought for the Day

You have to enjoy doing something before you can be successful at it.—Martha H. Kirk, Owensboro, Ky.

## In the Good Old Days

### THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO

A new resort, Asbury Beach, had been opened on Bogue Banks.

County commissioners let the contract for painting the county home to H. M. Marshall, lowest bidder.

Beaufort town commissioner George W. Huntley wrote a letter to the Beaufort News, now THE NEWS-TIMES, objecting to action taken at their last meeting. He said there was no need for a fire alarm system when the town had no fire fighting equipment.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Local banks had on exhibition some of the new money the government would put in circulation in July. The new bills were smaller than the old currency.

The new funeral establishment of Adair and Rice in Beaufort was now completed. It was situated in the rear of the W. E. Adair residence.

Fred Lewis, Sam Way, William Potter Jr., Cecil Longest, Charles Howe and Clarence Guthrie, students at the university, had come home for their summer vacation.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Graydon M. Paul announced his resignation as mayor of Beaufort effective July 1. Bayard Taylor would act as mayor after that date.

Mrs. J. G. Allen, county chairman of Russian relief, announced that 7,180 pounds of clothing had been shipped to the Russian Relief warehouse.

Scoutmaster Charles Hassell, junior assistant scoutmaster N. W. Taylor, senior patrol leader Tom Gibbs, and patrol leaders Robert Thompson and Jimmy Finer had taken patrols of Boy Scout troop 51 to a camporee at Jacksonville.

## This is the Law

By THOMAS F. ADAMS JR.  
For the N. C. Bar Association

**Real Property Law**  
Husband and wife questions are frequently raised about the difference in the inheritance of a husband in the real estate of his deceased wife and inheritance of a wife in the real estate of her deceased husband.

### Dower

By statute a married woman, upon the death of her husband without a will or if she should dissent from his will, is entitled to a life estate in one-third in value of all of the real property which her husband owned during the marriage. The wife may lose this dower right if she commits adultery and is not living with her husband at his death or is convicted of the felonious slaying of her husband or being an accessory before the fact to such slaying.

The widow's dower may be allotted by a deed between her and the other survivors. If such deed is not made, the widow may petition the Superior Court to appoint a jury of three persons to set aside her dower in the lands of her deceased husband.

The remaining lands of the deceased husband descend to his heirs at law (children and grandchildren, if any, and if none, to the parents and brothers and sisters of their children). Under the law as written, if a husband does not leave a will, owns real estate in his own name, and does not have close kin, very distant relatives may inherit his real property to the exclusion of the wife, except for her dower interest. If the deceased husband leaves no persons who can claim an heir and as such, may inherit his real estate.

### Dower Cannot be Cut Off

Generally speaking, a husband cannot cut off the dower of his wife if she is unwilling for him to do so. He may, however, make a will in which he devises her less than her dower interest. This forces upon the wife an election of taking what is left her in the will, or dissenting from the will and taking what the law gives her as her dower.

### Curtsey

By statute, a husband is entitled to a curtesy in all the lands owned by his wife during the marriage, which interest entitles him to the rents and profits from the land during his life. In order to qualify for a curtesy in the estate of his deceased wife, a husband must have

a child born alive by her during marriage, however, it is not necessary that the child be living at the time of the death of the wife. The right of curtesy may be lost if the wife has obtained a divorce from bed and board and is not living with her husband at her death, if the husband has abandoned his wife and is living in adultery at her death.

In addition, the wife may cut off the curtesy of her husband by a will giving her lands to other persons, and the husband cannot regain his curtesy by dissenting from her will.

If the wife leaves no will, her real property passes to her heirs at law however distant relatives they may be, subject only to the curtesy interest of her husband; and the husband does not inherit real property from his wife unless there are no persons who can claim this property as her heirs.

The husband may sell his own property SUBJECT TO HIS WIFE'S DOWER; but except for a lease for not more than three years, a wife is NOT permitted by the law to dispose of her lands unless the deed is signed by her and her husband, AND proved and acknowledged by them. A wife may, however, convey her separate property without her husband signing the deed if they are living apart under a deed of separation, or if the husband is insane.

An absolute divorce cuts off both dower and curtesy.

### Joint Ownership

The hardships sometimes resulting under the dower and curtesy laws may be avoided by having an original deed for property made to the husband and wife jointly. This creates what is known as tenancy by the entirety. This means that both husband and wife must sign any deed to the property if it is sold. It means further that if the property is not conveyed before the death of either, the interest of the deceased husband or wife passes automatically to the survivor and does not descend to the heirs of the first to die.

This does NOT mean that property should always be held by husband and wife as "tenants by the entirety," because, in some instances, severe inheritance and estate taxes may be avoided by separate ownership. Very often other problems are involved which can only be solved by a properly written will.

## Avalanche Lily Grows Wild in Western States

To most of us the names trout lily, adder's tongue, dog-tooth violet, fawn lily, or chamise lily have some meaning. We know these plants because one or the other or many may be found growing attractively and reasonably abundantly wide-spread over America. All belong to the genus Erythronium. Most of them bloom early in the spring and most are relatively hardy, surviving picking rather well in part because of the underground parts.

The avalanche lily is not so well known. Even in some of the standard botany books dealing with kinds of plants it may appear under the name alpine fawn lily rather than as avalanche lily. Botanists speak of it as Erythronium montanum and it is found in alpine meadows in the states of Washington and Oregon. It was first recognized as a separate species by botanists who had a plant collected on Mount Hood in Oregon.

It rather closely resembles the California fawn lily but has leaves that are not mottled. It of course has other differences but these are not obvious at all times to the casual naturalist. The California fawn lily is sometimes called the Easter lily but this name of course applies to many other plants.

The flowers of the avalanche lily are white with the parts that are most showy orange at the base. The flowers may turn pinkish with age or when collected for use as herbarium specimens. There are 6 of the showy "petals" that bend backward at the tips much as do the parts of the adder's - tongue of the East. There may be more than one flower to a pair of leaves. The stamens are to 1/2 inch long, with the pollen-bearing portion being white and to 1/8 inch long. The pistil thrusts its 3-part tip beyond the length of the stamens. The leaves are to 5 inches long



Avalanche Lily

and an inch wide with unbroken margins and with parallel veins. As stated earlier they are not mottled. Plants bearing flowers usually show two leaves supporting the flower while younger shoots may have a single leaf.

The underground parts rise from horizontal structure that is covered with coarse, thickened scales. This underground portion is edible but the plant is too beautiful for it to be sacrificed for food except in the greatest emergency.

E. Laurence Palmer

### Captain Henry

## Sou'easter

Saw two examples Saturday of the helplessness of public and police against the reckless driver.

A friend of mine had some business down east and took me along. We saw car after car speeding in excess of 75 miles an hour. We saw car after car skidding around curves.

At Pake's Grocery we saw not one, but three cars, just barely make the curve.

Had any one of them somersaulted his driver, I confess, I'd have felt no pity over his injury or death.

Then, back home, about 6:30 and even from better than a block away I heard a terrible screech around death man's curve where the Charlie Styrons and Lockwood Phillips live on Front St.

Mrs. Dan Willis told me the car, a blue Plymouth convertible, came roaring up the road from the heart of Beaufort, failed to make the curve on the hard surface, struck the dirt shoulder on the Styron side of the road, swerved to the left, hit the dirt shoulder on the Phillips' side of road, righted itself and kept going at a terrible rate of speed.

"I thought it was going to turn over right in my yard," Mrs. Willis said.

Had the neighborhood children been playing at the edge of either the Styron yard or the Phillips yard, one or more of them most certainly would have been killed.

Had any law-abiding person been driving decently toward Beaufort, and had his car been anywhere in the vicinity from the Odell Merrill's to the Cliff Flowers' he'd of been smashed into head-on.

I'm not blaming the police. They can't be everywhere. Beaufort police do their best to patrol Front St. And as for down east, that's almost no man's land on a Saturday and Sunday because the highway patrolmen are needed in the dense highway travelled Atlantic Beach area.

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