

## The Problem is Still With Us

An editorial, "What Are Your Teen-agers Drinking?" appeared in the May 7 issue of THE NEWS-TIMES. The editorial called attention to the fact that drinking of beer and other intoxicating beverages is prevalent among a certain group of our youngsters.

Wiley H. Taylor Jr., solicitor of County Recorder's Court, is correct in his interpretation of this condition as a community problem and not just a church or a legal problem. (See news-story page 1).

Basically, it's first and foremost a home problem, but parents (at least quite a few of them), don't recognize it as a home problem. If they do they don't know how to cope with it. When the discipline and training that should take place in the home is sloughed off by parents, then the community as a whole and other agencies, court, church or welfare organization, must step in. Why? Because the community is directly affected by action of children who are without parental restraint.

We believe that parents of teen-agers who are drinking are unaware, probably, that their children are getting whisky. If youngsters who have been drinking and have reached an intoxicated state are presented to their parents in that condition, we believe the parents will willingly take the necessary steps to get the child straightened out.

If they won't, then the case will most certainly end up in the hands of the juvenile court judge and the county welfare department.

Impractical dreamers will say that this problem can be solved by prohibition. If prohibition could keep whisky out of everyone's hands as effectively as the federal government keeps dope under control, THE NEWS-TIMES would be the first to advocate prohibition. Until the moral code changes, thus condoning murder and racketeering, THE NEWS-TIMES will never support prohibition.

It is a generally recognized fact, as well as a legal fact, that persons who have not reached the age of 18 (in certain instances 21) are "minors" and are not answerable for their actions in the same way as are adults. Society, for example, frowns upon child marriages, children under "legal age" are not permitted to enter into contracts or handle without supervision an estate they inherit. If adults exercise such supervision, it is also within their realm to exercise supervision in the case of drinking.

It is hoped, according to Mr. Taylor, that this supervision need not be effected through the courts. If parents of drinking teen-agers cooperate willingly with authorities, or better yet, take their youngsters in hand before they are picked up on the streets for being drunk, action will be unnecessary.

## Fun or Funeral?

There's a well-known highway safety slogan, if you drink don't drive, if you drive, don't drink. That is as applicable to boatmen in small craft as it is to the motorist.

Thus far this season, there have been two drownings in this area directly attributed to the mixing of boating with whisky. If people board small powered craft in an intoxicated condition or else get that way once they are in the boat, trouble is never far away.

In case of emergency, all the full mental faculties a person can command must be brought into play. And drunken boatmen usually create the emergencies with which they then find themselves unable to cope.

According to a medical report in Today's Health, a magazine published by the American Medical association, small boat accidents take about 1,200 lives each year, more than most communicable diseases.

## Charms of Summer

(From the Greensboro Daily News)

The charms of Summer are mixed with madness.

When the Fourth of July fades, Spring and the best part of Summer seem gone with it, and approaching is the time of Sirius, the dog star, and its conjunction with the sun. Ancient people thought Sirius produced the close heat of mid-Summer and its maladies. Thus the term "dog days" when the sun's fierce rays sear the fruits of earth — and animals and men wilt and gasp.

Yet the discomforts of Summer bring their compensations. Who can forget its familiar sounds and sights? The sound of tinkling ice in tall glasses, the cooling mist from a lawn sprinkler — and song sparrows and thrushes bathing in it. The thrill of a ride on a carousel for the children, wide-eyed with delight and left wet with perspiration and excitement.

Who will forget the thrill of catching lightning bugs at dusk, or the mocking bird's song at full moon? Or the tide sweeping up some beach on a late afternoon with a dozen squealing children chasing the foam?

What of a blue mist seen on a moun-

tain top, or a trout tugging at a taut line? What of the thrill of a sudden thundershower, when rain splatters along dusty rows of corn, and men and plants offer private thanks?

And what of the smell of charcoal cooking after the sun sets, when mid-Summer zinnias and roses are bathed in some strange last glow of day? Or the sound of mallets hitting croquet balls, and the hub-bub of children's voices? Or the late hour when a breeze finally touches the window curtains, and there is peace in the house?

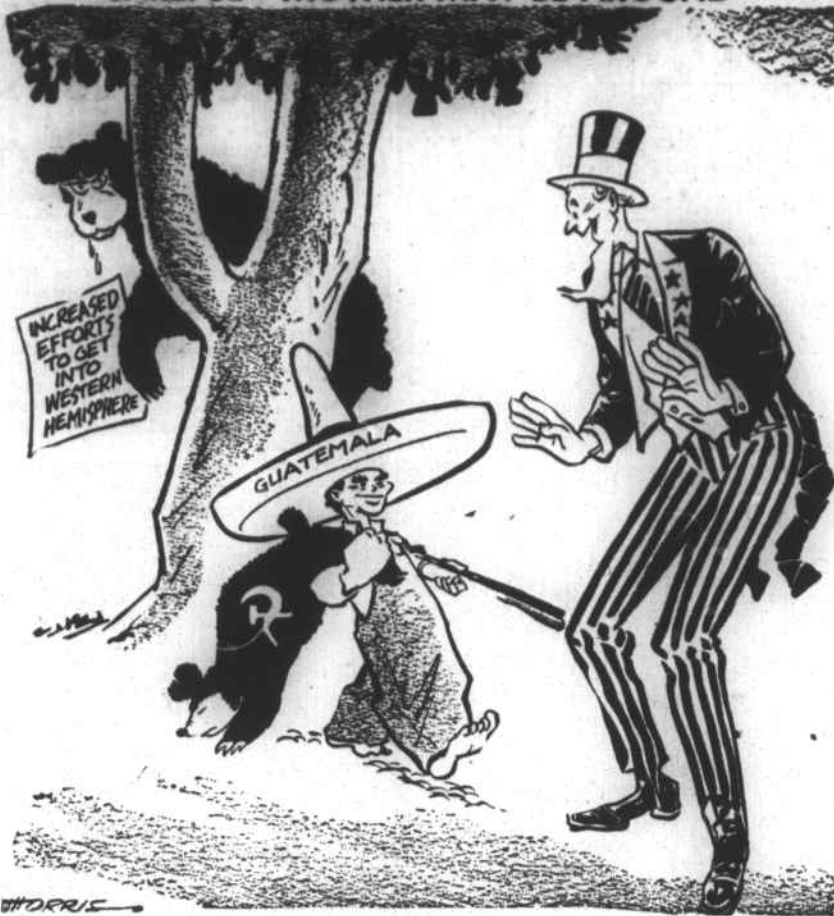
All these things are part of Summer too. They give it lasting charm.

## She Was Right

Because of the housing shortage near the military base where he was stationed, a young doctor and his wife and three children had to live in cramped quarters in a hotel.

A friend said to the doctor's six-year-old daughter, "Isn't it too bad that you don't have a home?" To which the philosophic young one replied, "Oh, we have a home; we just don't have a house to put it in."

## CAREFUL...MOTHER MAY BE AROUND



## Did You Know? Ruth Peeling

By F. C. SALISBURY

**That:** The village of Atlantic, first known as Hunting Quarters, said to be as old a town as Beaufort, was incorporated Feb. 7, 1905. The first officers under the act were Mayor S. E. Hamilton; aldermen, J. R. Morris, Thomas Hamilton, J. E. Willis; Marshall, Willie Mason. The people saw no need of a municipality, so for years failed to elect officers. This community was the first in the county to vote a special tax for schools. Also first to have a high school. In all its years no Negro has lived in the community.

**That:** Lennoxville, a thriving village of the past, located a few miles east of Beaufort bordering on the waters of The Straits, attained a size over a century ago allowing it to be incorporated in 1805, continuing as such until 1816.

**That:** An Irish brick mason from the North laid the entire outer course of brick for the new lighthouse built at Cape Lookout in 1858. His helpers took care of the rough inner work. John R. Royal was the keeper of the old light and for several years the keeper of the new one.

**That:** The settlement of Diamond City and other small units on Shackelford Banks, a century ago, was the center of one of the most active whaling industries along the Atlantic coast. During the period of this industry hundreds of whales were caught and their blubber converted into oil.

**That:** Robert Lee Humber, author of the Humber resolution of World Federation, presented his plan for the first time to a group of interested citizens at a gathering held on Davis Island, a small island in Core Sound off the south end of Davis Shores.

**That:** Bricks for the construction of Fort Macon were made at two different brick kilns in the vicinity of Core Creek and Harlowe. Otway Burns became the first manufacturer of brick under the supervision of a foreman from Alexandria, Va. Later Dr. James Manney of Beaufort also opened a brick business. He was a former member of the legislature, president of the Clubfoot and Harlowe's Creek Association as well as a prominent surgeon in the county.

**That:** Newport was one of the first communities in the state to receive benefits from the Peabody Education Fund founded in 1897 by George Peabody for educational purposes in the South. Funds given were for promoting "intellectual, moral and industrial education in the most destitute portions of the Southern states."

A school having an attendance of 100 pupils and complying with other conditions, might have \$300 yearly. Not only were funds given established schools meeting the required regulations, but in many cases school buildings were erected.

Records show that the Newport Peabody Educational Association was formed and on Nov. 20, 1870 a deed was filed covering the purchase of one acre of land in the Newport township. It was not until 1885 that a building was erected. The early graded schools of Morehead City received yearly aid from the Peabody fund.

## How It Came to Be

When Michelangelo was ordered to decorate the walls of the Sistine Chapel, he refused. He had never done any work of that kind, and he said he could not do it. But he was told his refusal would not be accepted. When he discovered there was no alternative without unpleasant consequences, he mixed his colors and went to work.

Thus came into being the world's finest painting.

## In the Good Old Days

**THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO**  
The County Board of Education let the contract for the new school building at Atlantic.

An auxiliary yacht, Sea Scamp, was rescued by the Coast Guard off Cape Lookout.

Terrapin being raised at Pivers Island were to be on display at the State Fair in Raleigh.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Former county officials underwent a six-hour examination Friday when an investigation was begun on county administration for the past several years.

Carteret County farmers led the State in shipping cabbages and sweet potatoes in the year 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones announced the engagement of their daughter, Nell Blair to Mr. Benjamin Windley. The wedding would take place Oct. 1.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
The SBI investigated the case of a woman found dead last week and

said there was nothing to support the theory of murder.

James B. Canady, president, N. F. Eure, vice-president, and Dr. W. L. Woodard, secretary-treasurer, were installed as new officers of the Beaufort Rotary Club.

A freak wind lifted the roof of the cottage Coxhaven, on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway and draped it over the telephone and electric wires along the road.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
The Mispillion, menhaden boat belonging to Beaufort Fisheries, sustained \$50,000 damage when fire swept it after an engine exploded.

Morehead City commissioners approved the purchase of a road grader.

B. E. Tarkington was to be the new principal at Smyrna school. Thomas S. Hood, formerly of Smyrna, was to be principal at the Atlantic School and H. D. Epting would be principal of Harkers Island School.

## Red-Bellied Woodpecker Likes Woods, Quiet Towns

Here is a relatively shy woodpecker found in forested lands or about the shade trees of small, quiet communities. It is much more cautious than the commoner downy woodpecker, the hairy woodpecker or the flicker, or for that matter, than the more conspicuous red-headed woodpecker. It measures just under 11 inches and is therefore a couple of inches shorter than the flicker which in many respects it resembles rather closely. It has a wingspread of 18 inches.

In the male red-bellied woodpecker, the crown and nape are a lighter red than one finds in the red-headed woodpecker, the black is conspicuously dark-striped. A spot of white shows at the base of the tail like that seen in the flicker and the breast, throat and cheeks are pale brown. In the female, the red on the head is confined to the nape with the crown becoming a grayish brown. The female is also smaller than the male.

Red-bellied woodpeckers range from the Dakotas east to western New England through Southern Ontario and south to central Texas and Florida. They are resident in the territory they occupy so their winter and summer ranges are approximately the same. Closely related species include the golden-fronted, the gila, the carolin and the Brewster's woodpecker that extend the range to the South and west.

Nesting season for the red-bellied woodpecker is May and June. At that time a hole is dug in a tree or pole from 16 to 50 feet above ground. It has an entrance of 1 1/2 inches and a depth of about 1 foot. In it the 3 to 5 or more dull white eggs are laid. The eggs are incubated for 2 weeks by both parents and the young are helpless when hatched.

With their first feathers the young resemble the mother and usually not until the following spring



Red-Bellied Woodpecker

do the young males develop maturity and the characteristic red crown and nape. The birds may on occasion nest in boxes put up for their benefit.

The food of the red-bellied woodpecker is essentially insects gleaned or dug from trees. This includes caterpillars, beetles and their grubs and bugs of many sorts. The birds may on occasion follow the example of the red-headed woodpecker and feed on fruit and on corn, or it may follow the example of the sap-suckers and tap trees and feed on the resulting sap that flows from the wounds thus made.

In regions where the birds injure oranges they are naturally most unpopular. Ordinarily they are looked upon as interesting, harmless and often useful members of the wildlife population.

The National Wildlife Federation has featured this bird in its stamp series which have for many years presented the best illustrations of wildlife that have been obtainable anywhere. Through this service the Federation makes its contribution to the betterment of conditions for wildlife.

—E. Laurence Palmer

## Author of the Week



Elliot Paul, in "Desperate Scenery," writes another chapter in the autobiography which began in 1891, in Malden, Mass., and reached far and wide in the intervening 60-odd years.

A newspaperman, an engineer, a World War I veteran, he began his literary career in earnest in Paris, where, with Eugene Jolas, he founded the magazine transition. Besides novels, and mysteries, he is the author of numerous books telling the story of his own experiences in France, Spain and this country, scene of this new work.

## Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

VIET NAM, once a little-known kingdom in eastern Indo-China, has made front page news in its fight against Communist aggression.

Now it makes philatelic news with a set of seven new stamps bearing portraits of Crown Prince

Bao-Long. Three of the stamps depict the Prince in military uniform and four in his royal garb.

The military group includes a 90 cents green, 20 cents red and 50

p violet. The royal portraits are 40 cents aqua marine, 70 c red, 80 c brown and 100 plasters violet. Viet Nam stamps first were issued in 1951. Stamps of Indo-China overprinted "Viet Nam" as well as Viet Nam definitives of 1945-48 had no international validity.

## Today's Birthday

BENSON FORD, born July 29, 1913, in Detroit, grandson of Henry Ford. The vice president of the Ford Motor

Car Co. and director of its Lincoln-Mercury division has been associated with his family's empire since 1840. To improve labor-management relations he works closely with his foremen and supervisors. Also active in civic affairs he has been cited for his work in the cause of racial and religious tolerance.

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