**EDITORIALS** 

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## Spraying Saves Lines, But ...

If anyone has driven down-east lately, he can't help but have noticed how brown the vegetation is under the telephone lines. Eight-foot tall pines, shrubbery, all things growing above the ground are a red, dead color.

This is the result of a spraying project designed to keep limbs and branches out of the telephone wires. It is being done all over Carolina Telephone and Telegraph territory to protect toll lines from damage by swaying branches.

The dead vegetation is terribly unsightly. Not only that, one of the homeowners down-east said the spraying has killed some of his fruit trees.

We can understand the telephone company's viewpoint and sympathize with them. It costs money to hire manpower to go along rural lines and-cut out branches. If telephone service is disrupted, customers complain bitterly. Frequently the disrupted service is caused by a line damaged by trees.

So to save money and continue service, the killing of vegetation by spraying was started.

The results are one of the most unsightly things we have seen in many a month. Shrubs along the roadside that are bright with flowers in the spring are now dead. Even the vegetation that simply stays green is gone.

As for the spray killing growing things that are not on the telephone company right-of-way, that is something that will have to be thrashed out between the property owner affected and the telephone company.

Persons complaining of the awful appearance of the down-east roadsides have our full sympathy. Visitors to this county won't get a favorable impression from mile after mile of dead trees and bushes.

If the now-dead vegetation were cut down and removed, the roadside appearance would be greatly improved. Next year if the spraying is to continue, it should be done early in the spring before the vegetation reaches full growth

#### Watch Those Youngsters!

All the officers and laws in the world cannot keep highway fatalities down if parents allow their children to play along the road.

Two highway deaths in the county this year have been children. Both ran out in front of automobiles.

State highway patrolmen stationed here - and we believe we have the best four patrolmen in the state - are concerned about all highway fatalities. But like the rest of us, they are particularly concerned when innocent children are the victims of motorists.

It is acknowledged that parents cannot keep their eyes on youngsters every minute. But the two recent deaths of a boy 10 and a little fellow 21/2 years old should serve as a dire warning to all narents - keep your youngsters in a fenced vard or take other safety measures to keep them off the highways.

## Sand Roads Are Fast Disappearing

The County Board of Commissioners met recently at New Bern with highway officials of district 2 to hear a report on the road program in Carteret-what has been done here and what the possibilities are for the future.

THE NEWS-TIMES was invited to the meeting, but the invitation came two hours before convening time and we regret that we were unable to attend. County officials who went were evidently pleased at what they heard.

It was reported that during the past six years approximately four million dollars has been spent on highways in this county. For a county that is not a throughway from east to west or north to south, we have fared well.

It was suggested at a recent county board meeting that Carteret may not be getting all that should be coming its way. We believe there is little basis for that comment. A new bridge has just been built from Morehead City to Atlantic Beach, a new bridge is going up across the Thoroughfare between Ce-

dar Island and Atlantic, the road at South River is now being prepared for paving, and two road projects for which contracts were let last week mean the spending here within the next few months of well over \$30,000. The new highway in the wsetern part of Morehead City has just opened and in the process of completion is the resurfacing job between Morehead City and

There still remain roads which folks would like to have surfaced. There always will be such. But the county has gone through, in recent years, the biggest road-paving era it has ever seen. We're helping to pay for it, of course, but we believe it's money well invested.

Think of the increase in property value brought by the paving of four million dollars in roadways. It's no small item.

Folks always seem to be griping about the State Highway Commission, but we believe today that Carteret justly owes it a thank you.

## Farmers in Civil Defense

(From St. Louis Post Dispatch)

Is civil defense of no concern to rural areas? State Legislatures, dominated by rural delegations, have in general assumed that it is not. That assumption has retarded state participation in city civil defense programs. In Frederick County, Maryland, however, farmers themselves are demonstrating that they are far more alert than many legislators think they are.

There, a farm civil defense program is under way. It was instigated by a farmer, Siegfried Goetz. And it has been in progress for six years now. The Baltimore Evening Sun tells about it in a series of articles by Raymond Thomp-

This group of farmers, in the New Market community, hopes to set a pattern for the other farm areas of the nation. The farmers there realize that a bomb dropped on a city 100 miles away could stop the flow of electricity

which draws water from their wells, milks their cows, cools their milk, separates their cream, provides their refrigeration and lights their homes. They realize that this same bomb could cut off their supplies, their transportation, their market, their communication, their labor supply. They are aware that thousands of refugees from bomb-out cities would stream into their rural localities, seeking food, shelter, clothing and medical care.

Mr. Thompson, in writing the Sun's articles, was guilty of no overstatement when he said, "Few people have ever given this serious thought." The fact that farmers in the New Market Community of Maryland are giving it their most serious thought, and are carrying on in the sixth year of doing so, may lead other farmers . . . to re-examine the idea that civil defense is no concern of theirs.

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#### Rambling Through Carteret

By F. C. SALISBURY

If you live in Carteret County, are a transplanted countian, or a would - be traveler, these ramblings may refresh your memory about your county. If you are a visiter they may lead you to points of historic interest.

As you traverse the county, you will discover here and there points of interest, both old-timey and modern, around which is woven much of the early history of the settlement of the county as well as present day commercial progress.

Entrance to the county by automobile can be made over way 24 or Highway 70. T The Inland Waterway cuts through the eastern part of the county and ocean-going craft dock at the Morehead City Port Terminal.

Route 2 brings you across the White Oak River from Swansboro. The center of this river is the dividing line between Carteret and Onslow counties. Two bridges recently completed by the state bring the best in the property of the state bring are the state of the state bring and the state bring are the state of the state bring are the state of the state of the state bring are the state of the st you into what is known as the Cedar Point section. Off to your right in the distance is Bogue Inlet Coast Guard station located on Bogue Banks. This is one of two stations along this coast, the otherer being at the end of the Banks near Fort Macon.

Tradition has it that Cedar Point, before the coming of the settlers, was the site of the annual meeting of Indian tribes along the coast who went there to hold their powwows and oysters roasts. If you are a student of archelology you might delve into an Indian burying ground in this section guarded over by a grove of cedars and water Along the embankement of the sound one can dig out pieces of Indian pottery and observe the lay-ers of oyster shells accumulated from the oyster feasts of the past.

Continuing eastward you are now driving through one of the early grants known as the Hill planta-tion. Look sharp and at the end of a lane off to your left you will see a most unusual house. This is a ndmark of that section known the "octagon house," one of the few eight-sided houses standing in

The story goes that one Edward Hill over a hundred years ago built the house as near round as possible to avoid the howl of the wind that one gets from a squarecornered house. However back in 1848, O. S. Fowler, a New York-state man advanced the idea that more cubage could be obtained in an octagon than in the rectanguan octagon than in the rectangular house having an equal area of
enclosing walls. Fowler's idea
caught on. Octagon houses are
said to have been built in that period from Cape Cod to San Francisco. Mr. Hill might have been
one of those who adopted this new
style of architecture, gaining cubage with less howl of wind.

The Hill plantation new owned.

The Hill plantation, now owned by John S. Jones, a descendant from Edward Hill, consists of 1,040 which constitutes one half 2,080 acre grant made Jan. 30, 1713 to Capt. Thomas Lee by Henry, the Duke of Beaufort, after whom present day Beaufort is named.

In 1765 William Hill, one of Mr. Jones' early ancestors, bought the west half of the Lee property and William Borden, one of the early Quakers coming into the county, bought the east half. There is no "private" sign at the gate. Mr. Jones will extend to you a bit of the old Southern hospitality along with plenty of Cedar Point history. It will be time well spent.

If time permits, take a side road just beyond the Jones place to Stella. A few miles brings you to the oldest church building in the county, known as the Hadnott Primitive Baptist Church. The church society dates back over 150 In 1765 William Hill, one of Mr.

years, the building being over 100 years old. It is of the plainest architectural design, straight backed benches for pews, a gallery at the rear for slaves of past days. It would have met the approval of the exacting Pilgrim Fathers. You will have to look sharp on your right as you pass the settlement of Pelletier for the building is on a knoll in a grove of pines. Services are held from time to time in the ancient structure.

Back on the main highway headactive imagination you can witness many a foray in this section during the Civil War between small details of the Rebels and the Yanks. From 1862 to '65 the Federal forces holding Carteret County after the capture of Fort Macon maintained large camps at Newport and Carolina City. Attempts made by the Johnnies to cross White Oak River and stab at the Yanks in the rear brought forth many a scrappy little battle along the river. A large block house built by the Federal forces along Bogue Sound to protect the water traffic was de stroyed during a raid by the Confederates.

Early fencing of plantation boundaries consisted of rail fences. Along this stretch of highway you will notice what is said to be the last remains of such fencing the county. This is part of a rail fence which at one time formed the boundary of a large plantation. Don't let anyone tell you that Abe Lincoln split these rails. of the old rails went to feed the fires of the Yanks as they camped in that section during their for-

Glimpses of Bogue Sound appear between breaks in the woods, also Bogue Banks across the sound. The village of Salter Path is about opposite Broad Creek bridge. Near-by is the burying ground for the people of Salter Path, for the shifting sands of the Banks will not permit burial.

For several miles before reaching the junction of route 70, the shore line is dotted with camps and summer homes. One catches glimpses of them across fields and

Camp Morehead, operated by Pat Crawford is one of the finest boys summer camps to be found in the

From the sandy soil of many small farms along this route come the famous Bogue Sound watermel-ons, known the world over for their unusual fine flavor that this sandy

soil seems to give them. Don't tak our word for it, stop and buy This is melon season

Friday: Ramble No. 2.

#### Author of the Week



William Fain, author of a sort of perverse and contrary first novel, "The Lizard's Tail," seems to be a most uncontrary fellow himself. He was born in New York and now lives here with his wife and two children

But in between he has wandered far, as a student, in the service in war, and on his own — into New England, where he was graduated from Harvard, to France, where he studied, and to Africa. He worked on the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, the Hous-ton (Texas) Press and the New York World-Telegram and Sun.

#### Today's Birthday

JOHN CORNELIUS STENNIS. horn August 3, 1901 in Kemper County, Miss. The U. S. Senator was re - elected



in 1952 after filling in the vacant term of the late Theodore G. Bilbo. Served in state House of Repre state sentatives and as circuit judge.

Advisory Council. Started his education in one-room schoolhouse, went on to make Phi Beta Kappa at University of Virginia. Mem-ber of Senate Armed Forces Sub-

# In the Good Old Days

THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO Beaufort would have free mail delivery in a few months.

Beaufort Girls Scouts were on a camping trip at the beach.

Bayard Taylor was advertising an August clearance sale. Men's \$6 shoes were \$4.35, 75 cent silk ginghams were 49 cents a yard and children's bathing suits were re-duced from \$1 to 50 cents.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Permission to erect a bridge from Harkers Island to Lennox-ville had been granted the Cape Lookout Highway Inc.

The Johnson-Prevost Dry Clean-ing Co. had bought out the Taylor Dry Cleaning Co. in Beaufort and would operate in the same build-ing on Front Street. H. I. Saund-ers of Durham and J. H. John-son of Chapel Hill would be man-

Paul's Garage in Beaufort was advertising an Essex for \$695.

TEN YEARS AGO
A Marine, stationed at Atlantic

Air Field, was electrocuted when he touch a Marine truck parked be-neath high tension wires. The truck's antenna contacted a 2,300volt wire.

A nest of painted buntings was found in Beaufort.

Beaufort, leaving slight damage in its wake.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatsell of Norfolk were presenting chimes to Ann Street Methodist Church in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hatsell and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis.

Fort Mscon State Park would be opened to the public this week for swimming, fishing and picnick-

Wiley H. Taylor Jr. resigned as Beaufort town commissioner and was appointed town attorney. Or-ville Gaskill was appointed a com-missioner, subject to his accep**Ruth Peeling** 

## Time Has Come to Speak Out Against Fuzz Domes

I've stood it as long as I can. This is going to make me a lot of enemies but I feel the time has come to speak.

I hate crew hair cuts. I hate butch cuts, brush cuts or whatever you call those things that leave a fringe of vegetation across the dome of the male cranium.

Look around you today. Who are the best - looking guys? The ones with the crew cut coiffures? No. Look at Irvin Davis, register of deeds. He has the prettiest head of hair you'd ever want to see. Ted Garner in Morehead City always looks as though he just stepped out of a barber shop ad but he'd look like something that got caught in a lawn mower if he got his hair clipped off. And just picture John Lashley if he had all that lovely grey wayy stuff shorn.

I could name some more. think for yourself. Do you know any guy who ever enhanced his appearance by having his hair cut so short he could comb it with a washcloth? Look at Dan Walker and his new cut.

Now Jerry Schumacher knows better than to get a butch. His head would look like a 15-year-old toothbrush 'cause there aren't many bristles there to begin with

Women may be contrary when it comes to hair, men beat everything. When they're young and have enough hair to keep the soft spots on their head warm,

Jane Eads

## Washington

perle Mesta, famed as the "hos tess with the mostess," was just catching her breath after her first spectacular shindig since her return from five years abroad, an elaborate black-tie affair with more than 700 guests.
"Well, you had no trouble re-

gaining your title as the capital's No. 1," I remarked.

"I never had a title, never pre-tended to have one," Perle objected. "There is only one woman in Washington who is entitled to be called 'No. 1 hostess,' and that is the first lady in the White House and you can say I said so.

Mrs. Mesta told me that, al though "I live to give parties and have just as much fun as anyone, this one will have to do for awhile." She was off to fill a speaking engagement in Columbi Ohio, and expected to spend July and August at her home in New-

new Washington home which the former minister to Luxembourg is having renovated and decorated by a French firm won't be ready until late fall. Meanwhile the fabulous Perle is occupying a luxury apartment with her broth er-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs George Tyson. Mrs. Tyson, she said, is "having a lot of fun showing poodles — and she's got the best in the world."

Mrs. Mesta said she was feeling fine and had several plans in mind to keep her busy next autumn. "I'll doing something - you know she said.

me, sne said.

The party glittering with lum-inaries, including Chief Justice

Earl Warren and some 35 ambassadors. Cabinet and military officials, congressional figures and news and theatrical folk — began at 8 p.m. and didn't break up until

Champagne flowed freely, and there were two lavish buffet tables There was an orchestra for dance and some 25 violinists moved from one table to another playing gypsy tunes. Billie Worth who sang in London in "Call Me Madam" (the famed musical which the hostess inspired), and also sang at Perle's glamorous coronation ball in the British capital, sang with her husband, Donald Durr. Celeste Holm of "Oklahoma" fame also gave forth.

there are others, past 50, who are unhappy because all their hair has just naturally disappeared.

Kno why the price of hair cuts has gone up? These off-with-the-hair cuts are required so seldom that to stay in business the bar-ber had to hike prices. So now a fellow not only has to part with a buck but in the bargain he gets to look like somebody who has just touched a 10,000-volt wire.

It used to be that anyone with a butch cut had been recently re-leased from state prison or the army. The no-hair routine was a purely utilitarian measure to keep down germs and infestation. Maybe our men are healthier because of the short hair-do. I doubt it. It just looks to me as though they are hurrying the day when they'll really be bald.

The sun filters down through the stubbles of hair, dries out the scalp, and bingo, before you know it, the guy's on the way to the drug store to buy some stuff to restore 'that natural oiliness" to the scalp.

Ask any woman — I bet nine out of 10 will vote for the guy who has some hair she can run her fing

Blanda McLohon, Morehead City's town treasurer, is overjoyed.
"At last," she says, "I've won something! A \$25 diamond." And she really did. She counted the number of diamonds in an ad and lo and behold the store sponsoring the contest notified her she had won a \$25 diamond.

I told her that when she got it, I'd bring my magnifying glass and come look at it. But she has had the diamond mounted and the ring is right pretty.

Know what the uplanders want to name two of our recently-ac-quired state boats? The Dogwood and the Cardinal. The sentiment is touching. The dogwood is our state flower and the cardinal our state bird, but it has been traditional to name state boats after rivers, bays, inlets or sounds of North Carolina. And frankly, Dogwood and Cardinal not only sound peculiar as boat names, they just don't fit in with the saltwater scheme of things.

I hope the up-staters are overruled by the time christening day

### Then Will be Peace

By PEGGY GIRVIN Beaufort

When the world is through with toil and strife. And we love our neighbors more

than life, That will be peace on earth.

When God looks down and says, "Well Done,"

And we are united, all for one, That will be peace on earth.

It may not be in my day or yours; For the world is not yet done with But some glad day the angels will

And all of Heaven's bells shall

ring, And God's light will shine on everything— Then will be peace on Earth.

sing

#### Smile a While

Father, tired and full after Sun day dinner, was seeking sweet rest on the davenport. The youngsters tried to arouse him for their promised Sunday afternoon walk. Finally the five-year-old daughter pried open one of pop's eyelids, peeking carefully, and reported

## A Famous American Ship



The Flying Cloud is one of America's most famous clipper ships The Flying Cloud is one of America's most famous clipper ships. On her record passage in 1851 between New Ydrk and San Francisco, she averaged 13% knots over a four-day stretch, considerably faster than today's Liberty ships, according to the American Merchant Marine Institute. Her overall voyage of 89 days was hailed on both coasts. San Franciscans rejoiced because the voyage had been made in under three months and made them feel closer 40 their old homes in the East. "It is truly a national triumph," wrote the New York Commercial, "and points to the preeminence upon the ocean which awaits the United States."