

What Shall It Be?

With another question facing Beaufort on utilization of its waterfront property, the town should be aware that again it has come to a fork in the road: shall the path be taken that will lead to further commercialization of Beaufort's waterfront, or shall the steps be taken which will retain the waterfront as a scenic area?

From the commercial standpoint, the waters surrounding Beaufort are its major asset to industry. Those same waters make it a picturesque seacoast town. Thus the dilemma: to what use shall those waters be put?

One faction says, "You want industry. All right, let us put docks for fishing boats along the waterfront. That will bring business here."

The other faction says: "The main thing Beaufort has to offer is its scenic view across Beaufort Inlet. Take that away from us and you turn us into another dumpy, smelly fish town."

The town board and the planning board are going to be told: "Decide this issue, what shall it be?" And frankly, we believe the issue is one that cannot be decided by a handful of people.

The pressure groups for both sides will harangue long and loud. The commercializers will sniff at the view-lovers. "Scenic," they'll snort, "with the garbage wash of the whole coast backing up into Taylor's Creek and lying smelling along the sea wall!"

And the view-lovers will snap back: "And who wants menhaden boats and shrimpers strung all along from Way's

fish house up in front of the postoffice or even farther? In the fall the fishermen wake everybody up at 3 and 4 a.m. tromping aboard the boats and shouting around until they shove off. It would be a disgrace."

Commercializers could argue that there is nothing more picturesque than the menhaden fleet tied up at Beaufort's waterfront in the fall. And they can cap their argument with the quiet query, "Do you want more and more of the menhaden boat business going to our neighbor to the west?"

The scene-lovers will say, "Use the back part of town," but the commercializers shy off from that because they know the dredging and filling would be a tremendous expense. Taylor's Creek is already a federal waterways project.

Thus the argument can see-saw back and forth. For that reason we suggest that the people themselves be allowed to decide the issue by expressing their opinion when they go to the polls in November. If the commercializers emerge victorious, the town board would feel justified in changing the zoning ordinance affecting a portion of Front Street. If the view-lovers win, the town board would have basis for refusing to change the ordinance.

On an issue like this, which to an outsider may seem like a tempest in a teapot, we maintain that no decision will be accepted by all unless each citizen in town has an opportunity to express his opinion — formally and fairly — at the polls.

France, the Saboteur

Again last week the world was shown that France is still able to sabotage the plan of western nations in putting up an effective block against Communism.

Because of France, the plan for an army with divisions from West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and France itself, was killed. The plan was known as "EDC," or European Defense Community.

The basic purpose of the plan was to remove from western Europe the soft spot where Russia could attack. That soft spot is West Germany. West Germany, still occupied by allied troops, has not been allowed to have its own army.

The allied nations were looking for a way whereby they could remove West Germany as a likely spot for Russian attack and at the same time prevent the Germans from building an army which again could become a menace to the world.

So "EDC" was born. The idea was that the six European nations involved would contribute men and equipment to the EDC Army, but the army would be under a unified command.

France, unable to run even her own government, is as much a help to international planning as a tantrum-throwing 3-year-old child.

As a world power, she has shrunk miserably. In the face of a world where colonialism is on the way out, France still clings to the 18th century idea that she must rule her colonies in Asia and Africa with a Napoleonic flourish. And those colonies are causing her nothing but anguish and will continue to do so.

Torn domestically by Communists who promote Russia's aims and French rightists who make German nationalists look like children at play, France has long been relegated to the position in the world of being of nuisance value only.

But how annoying nuisances can be! France would probably have been thrown aside by European planners long ago but in the race of trying to

keep more free nations than Communist nations in the world, the west must give an ear to France.

Why did France reject EDC? She fears a German army more than she fears the devil himself. Mention the word "German" to her and she starts quailing in her panties. But now that EDC is out the window, France has, in her usual emotional, hysterical blundering, opened the way to giving West Germany an army over which France will have not a bit of control. France would have been able to keep check on an EDC army.

The United States is ready now to go ahead with plans to re-arm West Germany. West Germany is also demanding more sovereignty since EDC has been killed. And that in itself will cause France to throw another tantrum.

But as the Belgian foreign minister recently said, France has been shown all the understanding and conciliation which she was entitled to claim.

We believe it's time for the west to get on with its business of keeping Communism in check and recognize France for what she is: a juvenile and senile conglomerate which is happiest sitting in a sidewalk cafe — settling world problems by frenziedly ordering another glass of wine.

Southward, Ho!

Ports officials are pleased with the reservations thus far for the four cruises to the Caribbean. Morehead City is the port of departure. The second and third cruises are fully booked and people are clamoring, we hear, for space on the first and fourth cruises.

On the first cruise which is sponsored by the State Medical Society, no Carteret doctors have booked passage. We hope that at least one doctor and his wife will see their way clear to take a well-deserved vacation and at the same time help serve as an ambassador of goodwill for the Morehead City port.

BUT DID HE HIT THE BALL?



Captain Henry

Sou'easter

'Long about the third or fourth week 'in August I had a feeling there was going to be a mullet blow "back home" and I got that old itchy feeling to get on back here to welcome the same herring gulls that had been bouncing up and down on those waves in Long Island Sound.

I usually do beat 'em back here, but not this time. Anyhow that mullet blow I thought was coming turned out to be a full-fledged storm. Carol, as they call her, wasn't too bad, but anyone who has lived through a few bad ones like I have doesn't write 'em off as nothing until they're really gone by.

The only person I can find who got hurt because of the storm is Grayden Paul, our candidate for legislature.

He climbed up to see how much damage the storm had done to his roof, got into a wasp's nest and when they started jabbin' him, he jumped down and sprained his ankle.

Dr. Johnny Way was a nervous wreck Monday night. He wouldn't leave that Queen Martha. There she was tied up in Taylor's Creek

with the rain 'a'blowin' in the stern end and the boat swinging and tugging hard at her lines. When he thought the Queen would be okay for a few minutes, he'd jump in his car and dash back to the airport to make sure his plane hadn't blown away. Problems, nothing but problems!

A lot of skiffs were lost on Monday and Tuesday. People who find stray skiffs really should make an effort to return them to their rightful owner. Once I lost a skiff. But I had a feeling somebody helped it go adrift.

Well, I found out who had it and I went to him and told him it was my skiff and I had no idea of giving it away anytime soon to him or anybody else. I got it back all right.

Now, I'm not saying all skiffs are stolen when they go astray. Some folks find them and honestly don't know who to return them to, while others have earned a star for their crown by getting up with the owner in hurry.

Well, our first football game is Thursday night. I'll see you out there to help give the Sea Dogs a big send-off for 1954.

Yesterday

Two Men Die as Guns Blaze in Feud over Hogs

By HENRY A. TOLSON

Bogue Banks, including Atlantic Beach, in other days was "anybody's" property. We mean by that, that it was the frontier of the North Carolina sea coast.

Very little taxes were paid, by the reputed owners, to Carteret County. Those who claimed to own it were too good "politicians" to allow it to be highly taxed. In fact, "twere'n't wuth much.

Squatters could build a camp and plant a garden anywhere he could "pitchfork" the rattle snakes off.

Bogue Banks was excellent for "piney-woods" stock-hogs, cattle, en' sich — along with the many deer and alligators. And Mr. Anybody could keep hogs and cattle on any of the 30 miles of beach between Fort Macon and Swansboro Life Boat Station.

The cattle lived, along with the wild deer, on the natural marsh, wild celery, reeds, mosses, etc. It is there now.

The piney-woods hogs lived on the live oak acorns during the winter. Did you ever see a dead live oak? And, when times got tough, said piney-woods hogs would feed on fish — rotten or otherwise — or on crabs and sand fiddlers.

Mrs. Hoffman, who bought up some of Bogue Banks, had a caretaker named Glover. I think it was, and Mr. Glover was a fearless man. Miss Alice Hoffman would have nothing else.

Charlie Salter was a spit image of the Salters that tamed the ocean. A descendant of the Salter who named Salter Path.

Charlie Salter had haws and Glover wanted to get rid of them. The Honorable Henry R. Grady Sr., judge of superior court, remembers well the controversy between Hoffman and the Salter Pathers.

So, Charlie Salter met Glover. Two guns blazed. Both were hit about the heart by simultaneous shot gun blasts. That's how they were found. The tops of their heads facing each other about 30 yards apart, and their empty shot-guns beside them.

The owner's report in Beaufort

Smile a While

The accountant of a new business concern reported to the owner that for the first time the business was out of the red.

"That's fine," said the owner. "Make up twenty-two copies of the annual report at once—one for the bank, and one for each of our large creditors."

"But I have no black ink," said the accountant. "We never needed it before."

"Well, then go out and buy a bottle," directed the owner.

"But, sir, I can't do that—it would put us in the red again."

A Chinese life insurance company, worrying about a policy-owner who had forgotten to mail his premium, sent this memo: "Esteemed policy-holder, kindly refrain from joining illustrious ancestors while insignificant premium reposes unpaid in offending pocket since meantime honorable family, not Company, is holding the burlap."

Jane Eads

Washington

Mrs. Rowland Hughes, who was brought up in a well-heeled fashion and educated to be a musician, knew zero about budgets until her husband taught her the intricate art of figure-balancing.

He's the director of the U. S. Budget and the Hughes family budget as well. Now Mrs. Hughes says it's a "joy to live by a budget."

"It gives you such a sense of security," she adds. "You know what you're doing. Budgeting is planned spending, as well as a plan for saving."

The mother of four, and grandmother of five boys and girls, Mrs. Hughes believes it is very important for young people to know how to live on a budget.

"We always had regular budget sessions with the children," she said, "and Mr. Hughes often agonized over their lack of ability in this field, while they agonized over their budgeting. Our son, Richard, was his most apt pupil. The three girls weren't as competent, but now they all manage their budgets quite well and are glad for this early training."

Also recognizing the importance of planning the best use and disposition of the family pay check, the General Federation of Women's Clubs this year is stressing the program of its Family Finance Division.

In introducing the program, which calls for the study of such things as federal, state and local taxes, budgets and allowances, investments, and wills, trusts and estates, the Federation division chairman, Mrs. E. L. Hubbard emphasizes that "All study and planning should be done by the family as a whole."

Mrs. Hubbard says that no one can tell a family what should go into its budget.

Allotments, she says, depend not only upon the income, but upon the desires and tastes of its members; upon the situation and condition of the family; and upon the standards of the community and the social group to which the family group belongs.

"A family may be likened to a going business concern with the parents as senior partners, and the children as junior partners," she told me.

"As a senior partner, the wife should be fully cognizant of the financial affairs of the firm. The junior partners should learn business management through the experience of handling small sums of money of their own. Hence, the importance of children's allowances."

Ruth Peeling

Insurance Men Follow In Wake of Hurricane

It seems as though the busiest people, following the storm, were the insurance adjusters. The town crews who had to haul away the leaves and debris might debate that but I'll bet they didn't have as many headaches as the insurance men.

A big branch was broken out of a willow tree in the courthouse square and one of the dogwoods had a limb twisted off, but otherwise the old oaks at the courthouse stood up under the blow quite well.

While vacationing in Denver last week, President Eisenhower signed the bill which returns the Coast Guard property at Lennoxville to the town. Because of this legislation Beaufort gets the property back for \$1, what the government paid for it during the second world war.

Stamp collectors say stamps are fascinating things. Although as a youngster I collected them, I never delved into it with the vigor of a true philatelist (that's a \$10 word meaning stamp collector).

But I saw recently a new use to

which stamps can be put. They can be used for cut-outs in decorating stationery. The stamps are cancelled of course. You don't realize the beautiful and varied shades of color in stamps until you see them molded into something completely different such as a small bird swinging on a tall reed or a group of tiny flowers in a window box.

The decorative pictures have to be on a tiny scale of course, because each part of them, a blade of grass, a bird's wing, or a flower petal has to come out of a tiny stamp. The parts are then assembled and pasted together to form a picture.

It's quite effective as stationery decoration but it might be adapted for other things, place-card decorations, personalized postcards, invitations or even to keep a nimble-fingered youngster busy on a rainy day.

A really artistic person can make effective use of the cancellation marks across the stamp.

Collectors may throw up their hands in horror at such use of stamps, but not every stamp is a collector's item. Most of them end up in the wastebasket.

In the Good Old Days

THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO

Beaufort schools were opening next week. Children from Lennoxville, Beaufort suburb, would be brought to town by boat.

Cedar Island residents protested the results of the school election and the question was to be referred to the Attorney General.

Hog cholera was on the increase and farmers were urged to have their swine vaccinated.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Atlantic Beach, Inc. and Atlantic Bridge Inc. were placed in the hands of a receiver.

The county board of elections was purchasing 80 voting booths.

Eudy's Barber shops in Beaufort were advertising haircuts for 30 cents.

TEN YEARS AGO

All commercial and partyboat

fishermen must report to the boarding officer at Fort Macon dock before departing and on entering Beaufort Inlet.

Beaufort town commissioners appointed Bayard Taylor, acting mayor, mayor of Beaufort as of July 1.

A fire at Inlet Inn was brought under immediate control by the Beaufort fire department.

NEWPORT TOWN COMMISSIONERS approved plans for a Rural Fire Protection Association.

Newport town commissioners voted to investigate the cost of stop lights which would be placed on Highway 70 through Newport.

Because of financial difficulties, the Beaufort and Morehead City ball teams would play no more baseball games this season.

Obedient-Plant, a Mint, Is Known by Many Names

Some may know this plant as dragon's head or as lion's heart and few would be likely to consider that either a lion or a dragon might be considered obedient.

Whatever school you wish to follow you will possibly agree that the name is not too important and has little or no effect on the beauty of the pale lilac flowers of the plant which is a mint.

This plant grows wild in waste places and along banks of streams where there is some dampness from New Brunswick to Maryland and west to Minnesota and Missouri with the range extending south in the highlands of North Carolina and Tennessee. In some places, the plant is cultivated as an ornamental and it is listed commonly in books dealing primarily with attractive wild flowers.

Obedient plant grows to a height of nearly 5 feet with the four-sided stem smooth branched and usually more slender in the upper areas. The leaves are opposite, coarsely but shallowly notched along the margins and often with

short undeveloped branches in the axils.

As suggested earlier, the flowers are pale lilac, roseate or even purple, with some being white. The corollas are to over one inch long and the narrowest at the base and appear to be swollen in the middle.



Obedient Plant

The stamens are commonly enclosed completely by the corolla but the branched tip of the pistil is long and appears beyond the corolla tip. The flowers appear in July and August. The spike of flowers may be to 8 inches in length. The flowers are sensitive to handling and because of this the plant gets the name obedient plant.

When grown in gardens, obedient plant may be propagated by seeds or the underground parts may be divided and transplanted.

While the flowers of obedient plant are attractive to bees that visit them and assist in pollination the plant is not considered as an important source of honey. This is largely because the plant is not usually found in sufficient abundance to compete with other plants that are as good or better. It is obviously more valuable as a garden ornamental than as a honey plant. It may now and then escape from cultivation and establish itself precariously in some regions where conditions are ideal for its development. —E. Laurence Palmer.

Author of the Week



William A. Owens draws on his own experiences and observations, as a civilian and soldier, to write his first novel, "Walking on Borrowed Land." It's a story about Negroes and whites in an Oklahoma community, such a place as he lived in when, in World War II with the Counter Intelligence Corps, he was assigned to the job of reporting on racial friction in Tulsa, Okla. Born in Texas, he first became acquainted with the Negro people when he was a child, and he worked with them later in cotton fields. With a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from, variously, Southern Methodist University and the University of Iowa, he now teaches literature at Columbia University.

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

ECUADOR has issued two new stamps for its Postal Employees Day, reports the New York Stamp Co. The 30 centavos brown shows



an Indian runner carrying a message. The 80 centavos blue airmail has a symbolic design of a plane in flight, a wheel and a building.

You can't push yourself forward by patting yourself on the back.

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