

Tar Heel GI Bill

New definition for North Carolina — place where retired Army colonels are put out to pasture, and get paid to boot. Now North Carolina's ports program has its third retired Army colonel, a director of commerce. We haven't met the gentleman who may, indeed, be a charming individual. But we, and a lot of other folks have been asking just how a retired artillery colonel fits into ports, commerce and transportation? According to the new stories, the new gentleman, Stephen S. Koszewski, was apparently selected by Richard S. Marr (retired Army colonel), who is director of the state ports. Colonel Marr has lamented on several occasions that he has been unjustly treated by elements in the two port cities, Morehead City and Wilmington, so he un-

doubtedly feels it imperative to move up the artillery. If he needs protection on another flank, he may call in another of the Army fraternity, equally unschooled in ports and commerce. Evidently the idea is to look after the boys wearing the old school tie. Whether they're qualified for the job seems to be a minor matter. After all, the colonels apparently reason, these are state government jobs and the idea must be about the same as the federal GI bill of rights — Earn While You Learn. The North Carolina ports program seems to rest on how fast these retired Army gentlemen learn — and whether the state can afford to run its training program to the tune of \$8,000 or more a year per colonel.

Waterways - - Neglected Stepchildren

Residents of eastern North Carolina can play an active part in the project to improve waterways. The investment required is a few minutes to write a letter and 3 cents for a stamp. The return on that investment, if enough people cooperate, is a more profitable fishing industry. The thousands of dollars now going into repair of boats damaged in shallow waters and the costly time lost in boats taking circuitous deep-water routes, would become dollars in the pockets of fishermen and businessmen. Especially should the fisherman take it upon himself to write Congressman Graham Barden and Senators Sam Ervin and Kerr Scott relative to the deepening of eastern Carolina waterways. The North Carolina Fisheries Association, a group of men engaged in the fishing industry, last week recommended that Wallace Channel and Ocracoke Inlet be deepened. Those two waterways are the gateway to the greatest commercial fishing area in the state. Large numbers of commercial boats, 36 to 150 feet in length and 15 to 300 gross tons, which use these waterways are finding "the bottom too close to the top," as one Beaufort operator termed it. Damage to underwater gear and costs of salvage after running aground cost, last year, an estimated \$100,000. Loss of revenue due to the inlet and channel being closed to larger boats is

also estimated at \$100,000. Aside from Beaufort Inlet, which is far removed from the best fishing grounds, there is no safe waterway from the ocean to inside waters between Southport, N. C., and Norfolk except Ocracoke Inlet and Wallace Channel. The trawler fleet using those two passages is growing larger each year. Most of the menhaden boats are too large to traverse those passageways safely. An operator of a menhaden fleet and plant says that restricted use of Wallace Channel and Ocracoke Inlet can reduce the value of the menhaden catch during a normal season from 40 to 50 per cent. That could mean a loss as high as a million dollars annually. Likewise, the trawler industry suffers. While Ocracoke Inlet and Wallace Channel are deemed the most in need of deepening, other North Carolina waterways in want of maintenance are Beaufort harbor and Taylor's Creek, Pelletier Creek, and the following inlets: Oregon, Ocracoke, Bogue, New River, Masonboro, Drum and Barden. While fishermen are the ones directly affected by this need for waterway improvement, everyone in eastern Carolina is indirectly affected by the economic status of the fishing industry. It would be appropriate for each one of us to write our representatives in Washington now, requesting their support of North Carolina's waterway improvement projects.

Two Year Old

(From Greensboro Daily News)

He who has not been father to a two-year old has been spared many of life's trials but he has also missed many joys. The two year old is a number of things calculated alternately to infuriate and charm. He is a great spiller of milk, concealer of bath tub stoppers, climber of cabinets, marker of walls and puller down of books. His sense of timing is diabolical. He waits until an important telephone conversation is begun to start his drum concert. Some fiend tells him when his parents plan an outing (sans two year old) and triggers his tears. This sense of timing carries over and combines with a marvelous know-how of public relations. He knows how to infect "Hi Daddy" with a tone of innocence to forestall a spanking. And in the super market he knows just the smile to debase staid old ladies into admiring, simpering fools. The two year old understands the importance of proper table manners and knows that their keystone is a reliance on the spoon rather than fingers for placing food in the mouth. With complete confidence in the correctness of his behavior, then, he loads the food upon the spoon with his fingers and

transports it to his lips with the aplomb of Emily Post. Life, in fact, for the two year old is just plain full. He has conquered enough of his environment to feel secure and yet there are enough strange objects cluttering his horizons to excite his imagination. Included among his conquests, of course, are his parents. They make good servants. His grandparents serve him as acolytes. But like all successful monarchs and minor deities, he knows that to reign he must reward service. This he does through a number of devices: the heartfelt thanks for being allowed to open a form letter, the kiss composed of one part saliva to three parts enthusiasm and by looking on occasion just a little like his father. In this way, the two-year-old rules his little kingdom until his third birthday when he finds new values in his life and his parents lose their adored tyrant. A man usually considers it a good Sunday sermon when he feels the minister didn't refer directly to him.

TAKING A BACK SEAT



Jerry Schumacher

Just 6,000 Gallons Short, Captain

Capt. Bill Styron had a heart breaker the other day. A 250-foot car ferry tied up to his dock and needed some fuel. Now this time of the winter customers at the Gulf Marine dock are few and far between. Well, anyway, the captain said fill her up. Bill hoping for a good sale said, "How much will she hold, Captain?" 15,000 gallons, was the answer! The best Captain Bill could get together was 9,000 gallons, the most gallorage he's ever put in one boat and prob-

ably one of the biggest fuel oil sales ever made on the inland waterway. Well, it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. George Wallace has a new pair of fancy slippers. He explains them like this, "They are just like walking barefooted with something on your feet." Capt. Julian Willis of Atlantic, captain of the trawler Clay hauled in three sturgeon, each weighing around 1,000 pounds. In fact two of the monsters weighed within 3 pounds of each other. According to my old time water front experts, sturgeon are rather rare around here, especially that size.

Sturgeon, up north, is a very expensive fish, and furthermore, caviar is derived from the roe. Captain Willis ought to have enough ready money to buy a few plugs of tobacco this winter. The old studio is froze up tighter than a tick this morning, all the pipes are frozen solid, not even enough water to mix with the necessities. Penny brushed her teeth with coffee. Did you hear about the Indian named Chief Screaming Train Whistle who wanted to shorten his name? The judge said, "OK, what would you like?" The Chief thought a minute and said, "Toots."

Ruth Peeling

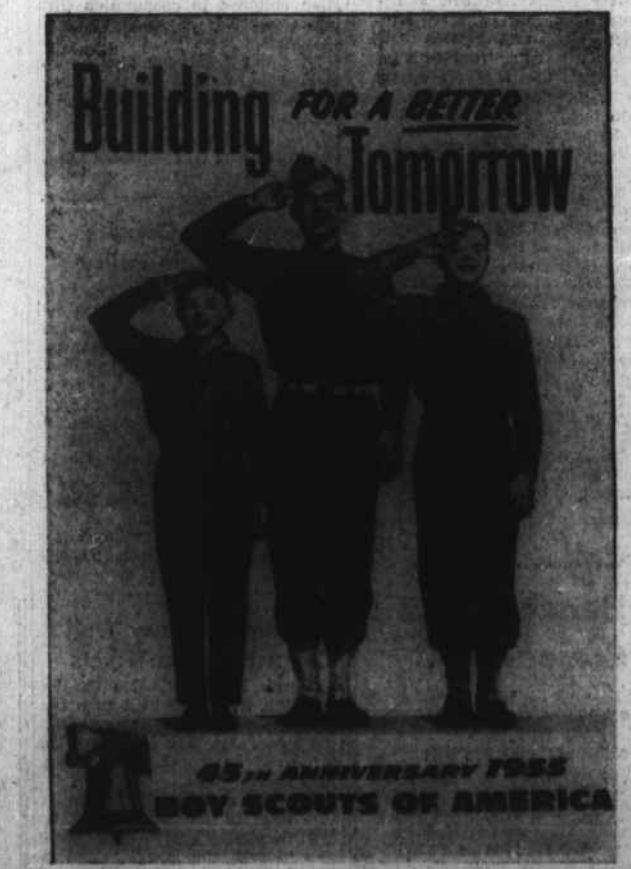
I was fortunate enough to be invited to the Toastmasters meeting Wednesday morning (I wasn't so sure I was fortunate at 6 a.m. that morning when the alarm went off). I got there at the starting time, 7 o'clock, and what a meal those boys pack away. Eggs, ham, grits, toast, hotcakes and coffee. But it didn't seem to bother the speech-makers. They got up and talked with the greatest of ease. I especially liked Cliff Lewis's talk on the harmful effect of cigarettes. After drawing a picture of all the horrendous things that can happen to the nicotine addict, he sat down and his first words were "Gimme a cigarette." Then there was the lady at Newport who told the carpenter not to worry about making places for electrical outlets in the bedroom she was putting on her house because the street light was right outside the bedroom window. Hearing of those three stills and confiscated whisky during the past

couple weeks, I asked Marshall Ayscue, ABC officer, what it was all about — did the proposed tax increase on whisky, now being considered by the legislature, have anything to do with it? Mr. Ayscue said that should the tax on legal whisky be raised, that will give the bootleg boys an opportunity to raise their price and they're getting ready for it. Mrs. Robert Lee Humber, Greenville, former state officer in the American Association of University Women, has suggested that a chapter of the AAUW be organized here. The purpose of the AAUW is to encourage high standards of education, support legislative programs such as federal aid to education, offer fellowships to women scholars and bring women from other countries to study in America. The various branches throughout the country carry on programs suitable to their locale, all in line with national policy. Only graduates of AAUW-ap-

proved colleges are eligible for membership. Among the North Carolina approved colleges are Duke, East Carolina College, Greensboro College, Meredith, Queens College, Salem, University of North Carolina and Woman's College. Graduates of AAUW-approved colleges in other states are eligible for membership here, of course. Ten women are needed to start an AAUW chapter. Mrs. Humber has suggested that college graduates who are interested contact me. If sufficient interest is shown, Mrs. Humber said she will be glad to come here to speak to the group and make further plans for organization. I can be contacted at THE NEWS-TIMES office, 6-4175 or at 2-5041.

The Readers Write

PLAY BALL! Feb. 3, 1955 To the Editor: Looking through the Carteret County NEWS-TIMES, I came across the Broad Creek News and it read, in part, that the baseball players of Broad Creek met on Joe Morton's field Sunday, Jan. 23, and they wish to warn the local teams and fans to prepare themselves this season with sun glasses, because they were "plenty hot." Looking at it kind of stunned, I called Tye Frost, the old wheel horse Salter Path manager, and asked him to take a look. Tye remarked, "Gosh! This is nice of Chuck Hall and Bobby Webb, to advise us in time." Then Tye turned to Irvin Smith and Uncle George and asked them what they thought of that remark. Well, Uncle George said, "Why I've got the answer to that. I will just put in an order at once for a couple hundred pair of sun-glasses for our players and fans and that will take care of that." Then Tye remarked, "Was most certain you had the answer. You always have it when we get in trouble." We are all looking forward to this season as days of fun and pleasure. We do hope the boys from Broad Creek will make good this season and we believe they will under Hall and Webb's management. They had bad luck in the past and we truly hope they will come through this time. With best wishes and kindest regards and luck to you all. Salter Path Ball Club



Downy Woodpecker Likes Orchards, Leafy Trees

Possibly one of the best known of all orchard, street-tree, feeding-station birds is the downy woodpecker, a smaller relative of our subject — the hairy woodpecker. When one remembers that hair is longer than down, it is easy to remember that the hairy woodpecker is longer than the downy woodpecker. A hairy woodpecker may be to 10 1/2 inches long while a downy is only about 7 inches long.



Downy Woodpecker

Both are essentially black and white birds. Each has white outer tail feathers though those of the downy may be faintly barred or marked with black spots while those of the hairy lack such markings. In each of these birds the male differs conspicuously from the female by having a red spot at the back of the head or the nape but the matter of size should ordinarily be enough of a character to establish the proper identity. Hairy woodpeckers like their relatives are for the most part bark gleaners. They do not ordinarily seek ants on the ground as do the flickers nor do they ordinarily pursue insects in flight as do the red woodpecker. Instead they attend strictly to business and that business is the removal of insects in the bark and dead wood of trees. They have neither the vigor nor the implements with which to compete successfully with the pileated woodpeckers in this connection but they do their best and they are to be found where the larger pileateds are not to be found. Without them, the insects that attack the dead wood in orchards would have a field day. Without such dead wood the woodpeckers would be likely to seek it elsewhere. There are 13 subspecies of hairy woodpeckers ranging from Alaska to Newfoundland and south to Florida and lower California. They are resident birds perfectly able to survive in either winter or summer and therefore find it unnecessary to go to the trouble of migrating. The nest is built in a hole in a dead tree trunk or branch. The entrance is about 2 inches across and the depth of the nest hole about 16 inches. Usually the nest is from 5 to 50 feet above the ground. In the nest the female lays 3 to 5 shining white, inch-long eggs. These are incubated for 14 days by both parents. Care of the young is shared by the parents, too, and while the young do not closely resemble the adults at first they soon do so. There is usually but one brood a year. Careful studies of the food habits of hairy woodpeckers indicate that over 3/4 of the food is insects including grasshoppers, hairy caterpillars, gypsy moths and ants as well as the wood boring insects which they are eminently fitted to catch. The remainder of the food is vegetable matter including nuts and seeds. The individual range of a hairy woodpecker is only a few acres if suitable food and nesting sites are available. These birds will nest in suitable boxes, will visit feeding stations supplied with suet and will generally please those who must study their birds from inside a house. — E. Laurence Palmer

In the Good Old Days

TEN YEARS AGO Beaufort's school was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Beaufort town commissioners passed the rat control ordinance and then nullified it by not providing the \$2,000 of Beaufort's share of \$5,000 for the rat control program. The water supply of Beaufort was again pure after having been contaminated when the water from the channel was pumped into the town water mains to help fight the school fire. FIVE YEARS AGO County commissioners, at the request of Wiley H. Taylor Jr., conveyed for public usage 1,000 feet of property from the bridge on Turner Street to the F. R. Bell tract, to the town of Beaufort. Mr. Taylor said town authorities hoped to dredge out the area for small fish boats. James B. Rumley was appointed Beaufort town commissioner to fill the vacancy left when Orville Gaskill resigned. Shrimpers had discovered new shrimping grounds off the Florida Keys.

Sou'easter

The Tom Kellys have been missing their newspapers a lot recently. A dog has been carrying them off. Whose dog, what dog, what kind of dog, they didn't know. The mystery solved itself the other day when a neighbor saw the dog, a fine collie dog walk up on the Kelly porch and take a quart of milk. Happy as a lark over his achievement, he trotted off home — to Albert Chappell's house. Hazel did one good turn for George Taylor. It ripped down the ugly billboard near his home. I'm glad to be up and about again. I can see and hear more on my feet. Saw a funny one the other day. A motorist parked where there was no parking meter. During his absence a meter was installed in front of his car. When the motorist returned there was a parking ticket on his car. He didn't think it was funny.

America by 1975

The Printing Industry of America is looking forward to a 1975 consumer market of some \$3.5 billions. This contrasts with consumer sales volume of \$847 millions in 1929 and \$2.1 billions in 1952. Here again is another example of expanding population which, with increasing productivity, leads to a growing economy—and points the way to an even higher standard of living. Individual purchases of books, magazines, newspapers and other periodicals have increased with the years — from nearly seven dollars per person (an average figure) in 1929 to over thirteen dollars this year. By 1975, individual buying of reading matter should reach seventeen dollars per person. As a result of the increased use of printed material, plus the rapid strides of formal education, Americans will be a more literate people than ever before.

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