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**EDITORIALS** 

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## Waterways Hold Spotlight

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress opens today in Washington, D. C., with Carteret represented in larger number than ever before. Seven men from this county will be sitting in on the conference and one, Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, is serving as co-chairman of the North Carolina delegation.

The congress has no authority to appropriate money for improving the nation's waterways. It serves mainly as a clearing house for rivers and harbors projects. Entered on the record are the projects which state representatives deem important, not so important, or projects that could be dropped.

Efforts have been made by North Carolina's delegation this year to get its program well lined up. Mayor Dill said, "We're not going up there halfcocked, each one headed in his own direction and getting so messed up nobody knows what we want!"

Unfortunately that has been the case

in the past when delegations from the hinterlands converge on Washington. Because they were ill-prepared, had no facts to back their requests, they were overpowered by more astute delegations who knew just what they wanted and how to get it.

While the Tar Heel delegation will be most interested in seeing that the federal government appropriates funds for channel and harbor maintenance along this coast, it will participate too in discussions of national scope.

Those discussions include conservation and development of water resources, floods, droughts, necessity for a strong Merchant Marine, public works and a strong defense against at-

Carteret is most fortunate to have representing it - and the state - the following River and Harbors delegates: Mayor Dill, Dr. John Morris, D. G. Bell, Bernard Leary and Bill White, all of Morehead City; W. H. Potter, Beaufort, and J. A. DuBois, Sea Level.

## Play Ball!

A long hoped-for project came to fruition Friday afternoon when the little shavers, 8 to 12, heard the cry, "Play Ball!" Morehead City had hoped for a Little League last year, but plans had to be deferred until this year.

And Newport and Swansboro are likewise promoting ball programs for the boys who have not yet reached their teens. It's a good sign. The citizens who are making possible the sports programs could do little more to assure a successful summer for the boys.

Because all the youngsters interested in playing ball in Morehead City were not "bought" by the Little League managers, a minor league program has been worked out. This allows all boys

the opportunity to participate in the ball program. It gives instruction to those youngsters who were not chosen for the league, allows them to have

fun and gives them the opportun-

ity to move up into the Little League

when more players are needed there. Sufficient financial support could not be found for the "Pony League" this summer. That group would have included boys in their early teens. But some day that may become a reality

The Morehead City Jaycees, and adults everywhere in the county who are now supporting recreation programs for children, are due a great big

## It's Summertime

Now we know it's summer . . .

A cop on his beat says, "Oh, my goodness, how am I going to stand it? All these pretty girls on the streets in their shorts."

No partyboats tied up at the waterfront. Nothing "docked" but cars whose occupants are off on the briny deep tantalizing the fish with lures or a strip of mullet.

Carloads full of kids headed for the beach where they can rock and roll in

front of a juke box or in the surf. Sou'westers blowing steady, making the housewife happy and the shrimper wonder when the blowin's goin' to stop.

Fat green watermelons lying on walks in front of stores, just aching to feel the cool blade of a knife.

New sunburns, pink, red and for the lucky ones, already brown. But everybody flocking to the drug store for sun-

Final pounds of the hammer and song of the saw as finishing touches are put on cottages by their summer occupants.

The roar of outboards-vying with noise of planes, and in the wake of a boat a pretty girl on water skiis or a bronzed young Hercules skimming by on a surfboard, his muscles glistening

Sailboats running gently before the wind and keeling breathlessly close to the water on a new tack.

Welcome sight of summer terns as they fly a short distance above the water, looking, looking, looking. Then zip! Down to the water and up in a flash, a tiny silver fish already down the

Everyone peering from behind dark glasses, yet seeing everything in rosecolored hue.

No doubt about it, it's summertime.

## Tack Inspired Sharp Idea

(From Steelways Magazine)

Maj. Brooks Walker dismounted against the hordes of Alaric and Verfrom his horse one melancholy day some 12 years ago and stepped squarely on a tough carpet tack that pierced lary, the major nonetheless kept his head - and his military imagination.

While his foot was healing, he parlayed the memory of that tack into a design for an ingenious modern caltrop which has since been patented, with full rights assigned to the government.

A caltrop? That's a four pointed "tack" of iron or steel - so designed that no matter how you drop it, it lands with one of its points always aimed upward. Its name comes from two Latin words meaning a snare for the heel, and the Romans are said to have used it had stepped on a tack.

cingetorix, who swamped them anyway. The medieval French adapted it to pay hob with the hooves of enemy horses. And early America settlers his riding boot and the foot inside. Cav- found that miniature caltrops, hammeralryman enough to exhaust his vocabu- ed to needle sharpness on colonial forges and flung on the ground outside lonely cabins, were ideal for chilling the enthusiasm of night raiding Indians.

> Maj. Walker's caltrops, bigger than its ancestors and of chrome alloy steel, is made with hollow needles to pierce the pneumatic tires of enemy vehicles. Unlike ordinary tacks, which tend to plug the holes they make and permit only a slow leak at best, the Walker caltrop pipes the air out in seconds flat.

> Many a North Korean truck driver wished that some less thoughtful major

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THE HOSTAGE



**Ruth Peeling** 

# You Can Get Those ID Tags Now

ceived over the weekend the blanks customers need to apply for Civil Defense identification tags.

Val Peterson, national civil de fense director, says it is important that every individual in the United



States have an "ID tag." The Pet Milk Co. has agreed to supply these tags at cost, 25 cents for each per-

You don't even have to buy any

To Mr. Bridgers and others like you,

Have you forgotten that you were ever young? Or are you to ancient and stuffy to remember

Graduates have reached the stage

in their lives when they are no longer children. And they should be treated as adults and not children. And, if their parents cannot trust them to behave themselves, chaperoned or not, after eighteen ware of teaching I-want to ask

years of teaching, I-want to ask you who will trust them? And it

is apparently a hopeless case, any

way, if they reach that age and

though, that there is one senior in the Beaufort class that would stoop

as low or think as low as you would have us think I give them credit for adsorbing more intelligence than that. Just as much meanness can be committed before twelve, as after, if that is what they went to do. They are not old

they want to do. They are not old decrepits like you or me that need to get eight or ten hours sleep a

night every night to be able to attend to their responsibilities.

attend to their responsibilities. Though, I grant you, if the practice of staying up late were practiced frequently it would not be good for their health.

BUT, to deny these young peo-ple those few parties after spend-ing 12 long years in school and have been told that new and great-

er responsibilities await them not right. They need that one last fling with their school mates be-

ot be trusted. don't think for a minute,

that far back?

now at grocery stores.

As county civil defense director,

I urgently suggest that each of you see that all members of your fam-ily have a tag. It is recommended that you keep the tag with you at all times. You needn't wear it around your neck, I guess, but women should have it in their purses, men should carry it in their pock ets and mothers should have them within reach to put around their youngsters' necks at a moment's

Tagging of the civilian popula-tion of the United States has been a tremendous problem to civil de fense officials. It has been only through the Pet Milk Company's cooperation that the program got underway last month.

Sidelight on Davy Crockett: There is fussin' and feudin' over trademark rights for the name of this coonskin pioneer. Lawyers are trying to decide whether Davy Crockett's monicker is in the pub-lic domain or can be controlled by the trademark of one firm.

At present, retail sales for Davy Crockett products are estimated at more than \$100 million. Davy even Hopalong Cassidy in the

A New England store unloaded three thousand pairs of moccasins in a few days and a fur manufac-

fore they separate never to

some of them again, and before

they have to settle down to being

It is people like you who keep a lot of the young people from the churches. With your stuffy ideas

on religion and right and wrong. I don't believe God intended re-

ligion to be that way. Grow up and show the intelligence that most of these youngsters do and you will

find that you can enjoy yourself and still be good, morally and

Smile a While

physically.

The Readers Write

turer, stuck with a Daniel Boone promotion of three years ago,

I saw a story in a newspaper the other day. It was datelined Har-mony and the headline read, "Jealousy Cited After Pair Shot." That's The Canadian ketch, Nola Sergent, which went aground on Cape Lookout Shoals the latter part of April, never did get off. The own-

ers, who were rescued by the Coast Guard, tried to get some fish boats to pull her free, but the attempts e unsuccessful I heard the insurance company took care of financial problems

What could be salvaged was taken off and the hulk remains there on the beach, another monument to the tenacity of wind and

Getting back to civil defense we've always got to practice hav-ing awful things happen to us. Bank people practice what to do if they get a gun poked in their ribs, school children practice being burned out, we practice being bombed. One thing about happi-ness, you don't have to practice to get ready for it. And that's prob-ably why it's so wonderful. It's ably why it's so wonderful. It's perfectly all right anytime it hap-

## Author of the Week



He wanted to marry the girl very much, but he was dreadfully Francis Irby Gwaltney, who and choked everytime he tried to utter the word "marriage." Finally, spent three and a half years in the Army in the Pacific area, and whose home and education and work have been in Arkansas, is after much thought, one spring evening under a big yellow moon and star-studded heavens, he whis-pered in her ear, "Julie, how would you like to be buried with my folks?"

Tracks the author of a second novel "The Day the Century Ended"—about a young man who grows up in Ar-kansas and marries and serves in

The infantry rifle instructor was dumbfounded. "I can't understand," he told the young boy from the hill country, "how you can get five bullseyes on a 600-yard range with your sights set for 300 yards."

"Easy," said the boy. "See that rock halfway down there? Well, I'm bouncing them off that."

—Tracks Born in Traskwood, Ark., he went to high school in Charleston, took B.A. and M.A. in modern literature at the University of Arcansas, and taught English, all in the same state.

He is married, has one child, lives in Conway. His first novel was "The Yeller-headed Summer." -Tracks

## America by 1975

Strong improvement in conservation measures between now and 1975 will be necessary if America's saw timber growth is to ex-ceed the drain in non-virgin stands of suitable size for lumber, plywood and other products.
In America by 1975, the demand

In America by 1975, the demand for sawlogs for lumber will be up some four billions of board feet. We will need an additional 1.2 billion more board feet from veneer logs, chiefly for plywood.

Presently about one-quarter of all timber consumed has been used as fuelwood; about one-fifth is pulpwood. Mine timbers, piling and fence posts account for only a small fraction of demand.

# Mr. Butler originally used this slogan in 1952 to epitomize the policies which Britain and the

Britain Wants Trade,

Not Aid From Uncle Sam

Western European countries should follow to make dollar aid from the United States unnecessary, except for matters directly related to de-

the United States position on ta-riffs. It is essential, in the interest

of free world stability, that she should be able to sell her products

The phrase "Trade, not aid," coined by Mr. R. A. Butler, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, still is the best three-word summary of United Kingdom aims in deller trade.

in U.S. markets.

### Wants Chance to Compete

Britain has consistently empha-sized that she does not want special or favored treatment for her goods; she asks only a fair chance to compete on equal terms with domestic American products, sell-ing her goods in the U.S. on their commercial merits of price, qual-

Why is it necessary for the rest of the world to sell more to the United States?

The reason is that ever since the end of World War II America, with vast industrial capacity and agricultural resources, sold far more to the rest of the world than she has bought from it.

In 1954, for example, American imports amounted to \$10,207 million, while exports were \$15,073 million. The "dollar gap" is the difference between what the Unit-ed States buys, in goods and ser-vices, from the rest of the world

### Patched by Loans

The gap has been patched over since the war by U. S. loans, by generous aid — such as Marshall Aid — and by exceptionally heavy U.S. military expenditure overseas. It has also been kept within bounds by other countries' restrictions on their purchases from America. But loans run out, and defense

aid cannot go on for ever, and if international trade is to be maintained at existing levels, other countries must earn more dollars by "trade, not aid."

For Britain, earning her living y foreign trade, it is of particular importance to earn more dol-lars. She must import 50 per cent of her food supplies and nearly all the raw materials needed by her industries. In order to buy what she needs from the dollar area, she must expand her sales there.

In the last year Britain has re-moved many of her restrictions on

day more than one-half of her dollar imports are free from quan-

titative restrictions reduce restrictions on her purchases from America, she mu

crease her exports to the dollar

Exports Rise
Since World War II Britain has
made a great and successful effort to increase her exports to the United States. Between 1949 and 1954 they have more than doubled in value, and earned Britain about \$540 million in 1954.

Among the main things that Bri-tain sells the United States are machinery, automobiles, woolen goods, chemicals and china.

But Britain still has to buy more from the United States than she sells to her. In 1954 U.S. exports to the U.K. totalled almost \$700 million, so that Britain had a trade deficit with the U.S.A. of roughly \$250 million. Her main imports from the United States were to bacco, cotton, wheat and chemicals.

Expensive Proposition

Britain would like to close the

trade gap by increasing her ex-ports to the United States still fur-But entering the United States market — setting up the ne-cessary distribution arrangements, undertaking an advertising campaign and so on — is very expensive business for the British trader, and involves him in a heavy ini-tial expenditure before he begins to make any sales.

He may be willing to incur this expenditure if he has a reasonable assurance that the U.S. market offers continuing long-term pros-pects, subject only to normal competition and the other accepted risks of commerce.

But if he feels that the trading

position is uncertain, that if he expands his sales in the United States the tariff on his product may be increased at any time, he will probably be unwilling to undertake the initial expenditure, only to have his efforts later frus trated, and his very success penal-

This kind of uncertainty is one of the gravest handicaps to foreign trade. This is why Britain has worked hard with other like-minded countries to formulate fair "trade rules," expressed in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

And this is why, also, she has welcomed the prospect of stable tariffs and lower trade barriers that has been opened up by the trade program of the U.S. Admin-

"Say," said Paul to Al. "You better phone Tony right away and tell him you have his car. He thinks it's been stolen. Besides that, all police of Morehead City

and Beaufort and the highway pa-trolmen are out looking for it."

"Well I'll be a fried flounder!" said Al as he rushed for the phone,

Johnny Holland, Wilson, plays the organ at Captain Bill's Water-

front Restaurant. Holland, a young fellow with wavy red hair, is blind.

Lots of folks are taking advan-tage of our waterfront benches here in Beaufort these days. And

if you haven't seen the roses blooming around the flag pole in

the courthouse yard, better go look.

mirror finish.

## Captain Henry

## Sou'easter final processes of being polished to

Captain Tony Seamon's fancy Cadillac automobile was stolen Saturday morning, at least Captain ony thought so. In his search for rock salt for

his water conditioner, Paul Cleland finally ended up at Sanitary Fish Market Restaurant. All the wholesalers were out and one of them told him that maybe Tony could let him have some.

"Where's your Cadillac?" Paul asked Tony when he didn't see the

shiny car in front of the door.
"Been stolen," Tony sadly said.
Pappy Fulcher told me that he saw a man get in it and drive away. He said the man didn't act like a thief. Said he acted like I had told him

"Well, you don't have anything to worry about," Paul sympathized.
"You have it insured." 'No, that's the trouble, I don't.

I have only liability insurance on it. No theft. If I carried theft insurance on it I wouldn't be able to afford to put clams in the clam

Almost sniffling, Tony put a 50-pound bag of rock salt in Paul's new Packard. As Paul drove off Tony said:
"Take some advice from

Never leave your car with the key

Paul's next stop was for gas at Al Garner's Gulf service station. There he saw Tony's Cadillac in the

Before yesterday's rain, they were a mass of flaming blooms. John Johnson, who looks after the growing things around the courthouse, said he was most surprised they did so well because the spring freeze had cut them all down.

Tommy Herring, the younger Jarvis Herring son, needs no les-sons in merchandising. He was out Saturday afternoon selling grandpa's insurance business cards at "two nickels each." His sales pitch was that those cards valuable."

## In the Good Old Days TEN YEARS AGO

THIRTY YEARS AGO

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The Carteret County Club and
Alumni Association of UNC were
making plans for their annual banquet which would be held at the

The Norfolk Southern Railroad was running special excursion trains to Atlastic City, N. J. Round trip fare from Beaufort, including one day there, was \$16.70.

Beginning June 1, Beaufort dry goods merchants would close their stores at 6 p.m. during the week and 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO W. A. Mace of Beaufort bought the Marine Hardware Co. of More-head City in a foreclosure sale.

Construction was started on buildings at Atlantic Beach and they were expected to be com-pleted and ready for use by July 4. A large bell was presented to the Presbyterian Church in More-head City.

Plans for the new Beaufort school included a cafeteria and commercial and agricultural de-

W. A. Mace Jr. was elected president of the Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Four commercial airlines were considering placing Beaufort on their routes.

Fire destroyed the former Beau-fort recreation building at the east

Fort Macon Beach would reopen for the season this weekend.

George W. Dill of Morehead City was elected state assembly-man; Irvin Davis, register of deeds; C. G. Holland, sheriff; Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Tilton Davis, Moses Howard, Hugh Salter and W. M. Yeomans county commis-sioners in a hotly-contested elec-tion.

WAGES GOING UP 1915 276 1935 TODAY \$1.81 rage Hourly Earnings, U.S. Factory Production Worker RCE HETE HISUSTEML CONTERENCE BOARD