

Protection is Possible

Out of a study of hurricanes have come recommendations for lessening the damage which future storms might cause.

Emphasis is placed on individual communities and counties' making specific plans to protect themselves. We fear, however, that in this day of "let the government do it," few communities will take hurricane-precaution suggestions seriously.

The hurricane project report, issued by the North Carolina Council of Civil Defense, and released through the governor's office, suggests that a special coastal district be organized. The report says, "Special development districts are often organized on the basis of a single function, like mosquito control districts. There is no reason why a special development district could not carry out all of the protective measures that should be executed . . . Its resources, jurisdiction, and responsibility would be larger than that of the county, but smaller than that of the state."

The report makes it clear that "a major portion of the money for hurricane protective works must come from local sources." While the state is making every effort to obtain federal assistance, special districts set up in other

states have found that they cannot depend on state and federal aid.

It has been suggested that the state, however, in addition to offering technical assistance, establish a revolving fund from which money could be borrowed at low interest rates, to carry out hurricane protection projects.

It rests with local communities, to draft zoning laws and enforce building regulations which would protect people from building in places which continually flood, or putting up houses which invite wind and wave destruction.

The vastness of planning against hurricane invasion staggers anyone who gives the situation more than passing thought. For this reason, the hurricane report recommends that the state assume responsibility for the guidance and coordination of a hurricane protection program.

Yet there is something that mayors, town and county commissioners can do right now. They should read the hurricane project report. They should know what has been done to define the problem facing the coast — and what can be done to protect our natural resources, businesses and homes. Unless they acquaint themselves with the task, they will be in no position to work intelligently with the state.

Hope for Cripples

The amazing progress in caring for the crippled is one of the most obvious factors noted in the news released in conjunction with the 1956 Easter Seal campaign.

More has been accomplished for the crippled in our time than in all generations of man's civilization.

Improvement in techniques is one explanation for the progress. Another is the work of both public and private agencies without whose efforts scientific advances would be meaningless.

Not many private organizations can match the superlative contribution made by the National Society for Crip-

pled Children and Adults and its affiliates, including the Carteret County Easter Seal Society. For more than a quarter century, these societies have been providing care for the crippled and informing the public of the crippled's needs, spending Easter Seal dollars wisely and well.

The campaign in this county has meant these tangible things: purchasing braces, wheel chairs, hospitalization, speech correction, transportation to and from the hospital, direct medical aid, and crippled children's camp.

This is the time of year when residents of Carteret can again contribute to the cause. The Easter Seal program is in the finest tradition of humanity and deserves support. It opens tomorrow and continues through April 10.

Orange is Still Orange

(Greensboro Daily News)

A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but down in Florida they do not believe an orange in other color will sell as well.

For some thirty years orange growers have been routinely using artificial coloring to pretty up their ripe oranges that still looked green on the outside, no matter how ripe and sweet they may have been on the inside. Everybody was happy. The man in the orchard knew he could market orange oranges with greater ease and better profits than he could market the same fruit looking green. The man at the breakfast table knew what he liked — and what he liked was an orange orange.

Then last fall the Food and Drug Administration in Washington suffered an attack of conscience. Maybe the orange dye was poisonous. The secretary of agriculture issued an order that use of dye on oranges would not be approved after February 15. Orange growers were up in arms. As far as they were concerned the new orange order was purely a lemon. They wrote their congressmen to pass a law to save the orange orange. A bill was introduced in Congress.

But now the tempest in the orange crate is all settled. The growers man-

aged to squeeze an orange compromise out of the Food and Drug Administration. They may still dye their oranges for three more years, while the administration's scientists continue to test for any ill effects.

So rest well, drinkers of orange juice! When you totter sleepily to the kitchen in the morning for your glass of fruit juice, the orange will still be orange. All you have to do is squeeze it.

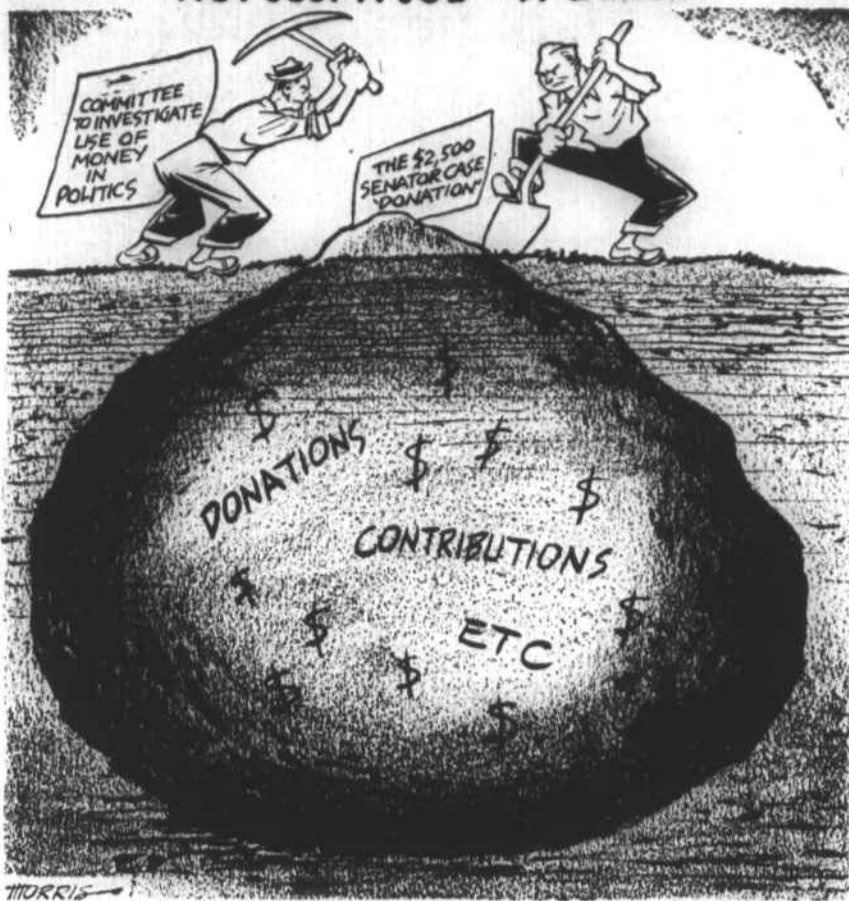
4-H 4 All

As 4-H Week comes to a close, adults would do well to note again the 4-H Club pledge, because the pledge, if lived by, would improve every community.

Too frequently adults look patronizingly on youth programs, setting them apart as something only for the children. The grown-ups feel they have acquired all the principles and teachings necessary to live successfully.

Unfortunately that's not true. Thus, if adults would join 4-H youngsters in pledging themselves to clearer thinking, greater loyalty, larger service and better living, Carteret would be a model for all communities.

NOT JUST A JOB---A CAREER



Bill Whitley

Washington Report

(Editor's Note: This column is written by a member of Sen. Kerr Scott's Washington staff.)

VOTES. It's rather amusing how certain things just seem to "happen" in election years.

Several events in the past two weeks have made some mighty good news for farmers. The Department of Agriculture has seen fit to change some policies that will mean a big boost for a lot of farmers in North Carolina.

PEANUTS. Just recently, peanut growers in North Carolina were given a hefty acreage increase, averaging up to almost 14 per cent. The Department of Agriculture was very gracious about it, and came through with the increase without a whimper. Last year, the same peanut growers had a tug-of-war with the department and then were given only a token increase.

A week or so after increasing peanut acreage, Secretary Benson announced that he was putting surplus cotton stocks up for sale at competitive prices in the world markets.

This was another delayed action. For the past 18 months, Benson has refused to do just what he proudly announced last week. The fact that he will sell sur-

plus cotton in the world markets at competitive prices means that a lot of the cotton stocks now hanging over American farmers will be removed.

Farm leaders have been pleading with him to take this action for many months.

BAIT. At about the same time Benson announced his cotton policy, it was revealed that he had offered some bait to southern Senators to vote for flexible price supports.

He told some senators, he said, that if flexible price support laws are retained, then he would be willing to increase support prices on cotton.

VISITORS. Quite a few Tar Heels were visiting in Washington last week. As the bitter winter weather subsides, more and more visitors are enjoying the sights of Washington.

Democratic party leaders are expected to be in town in force the weekend of March 24 for the annual Congressional Banquet staged by the Democratic Club of Washington.

Henry Oglesby, secretary to Rep. Herbert Bonner, is handling tickets for the affair. The tickets are going for \$6 each.

Author of the Week



Samuel Flagg Bemis, in "John Quincy Adams and the Union," completes the Adams biography begun with the publication in 1949 of "John Quincy Adams and the Foundations of American Foreign Policy."

Native of Worcester, Mass., Bemis took degrees at Clark and Harvard, and continued graduate studies in England and France.

After teaching at several colleges and universities—Colorado, Whitman, George Washington University, among others—he joined the faculty at Yale where he is Sterling professor of diplomatic history and Inter-American relations.

Paradise for Bachelors

The Polynesian beauties of the storybook island of Rapa want men. Rapa is famous as the "island of women." It lies far to the southeast just within the borders of French Oceania.

This morning a small sailing schooner arrived at Moorea from Rapa. The captain is a strapping Amazon measuring approximately 230 pounds by six feet. Her name is Anaa. She has island products to sell or exchange, but her chief concern is to persuade men to come to Rapa.

Rapa women want babies but are thwarted in this ambition by lack of male collaboration. There are six women to every man on Rapa. Of the 350 inhabitants 300 are women.

Anaa assures her prospects that they will not be expected to work on Rapa. The women will do that for them. Life will be made pleasant for them. Their every wish will be gratified. She promises, as an extra bonus, that they will even be fed by hand, if they so desire.

One is reminded of the Amazons and their annual importation of males to perpetuate the race. The only essential difference between the two tales is that the Rapa

story is true.—From Adventures in Paradise by Willard Price

Restless Sea

The edge of the sea is a strange and beautiful place. All through the long history of earth it has been an area of unrest where waves have broken heavily against the land, where the tides have pressed forward over the continents, receded, and then returned.

For no two successive days is the shore line precisely the same. Not only do the tides advance and retreat in their eternal rhythms, but the level of the sea itself is never at rest. It rises or falls as the glaciers melt or grow, as the floor of the deep ocean basins shift under its increasing load of sediments, or as the earth's crust along the continental margins warps up or down in adjustment to strain and tension.

Today a little more land may belong to the sea, tomorrow a little less. Always the edge of the sea remains an elusive and indefinable boundary.—Rachel Carson in "The Edge of the Sea"

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

Sierra Leone, the British crown colony on the west coast of Africa, has issued a set of pictorials, reports the New York Stamp Co.



The designs also include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth with the crown.

The illustrations include Cape Lighthouse, Queen Elizabeth II Quay, Piassava workers, The cotton tree at Freetown, rice harvesting, iron ore production at Mar-rampa, Whale Bay at York Village, a bullom boat, a map, Orugu bridge, Kuranko chief, law courts at Freetown and Government House.

Two new stamps, one of them a triangle, have been issued by the Netherlands Antilles. The stamps hail the Caribbean Conference of



Nations held in Aruba last December. The conference discussed ways and means of developing the nations in that area. The United States was one of the participants. The triangle shows the petroleum refinery at Aruba.

Smile a While

A sailor was anxious to have his fortune told. He went to a swami. As he sat at the table, he noticed the crystal ball had two holes in it.

"What's the idea of the holes?" he asked.

"On Wednesday nights," explained the swami, "I go bowling."

—The Hoist

Louise Spivey

Words of Inspiration

LINES TO A BLOOD DONOR

On some far lonely battleground
A soldier . . . lying in the mud,
Blesses your unknown name . . . and lives anew!
You gave him blood.

You helped him pay the price for freedom's ground . . .
Yes, hard won ground . . .
Red with his own blood stains . . .
And it must comfort you somehow, to know,
That your blood now runs in a hero's veins.

And somewhere, there are parents, humbly praying and thanking
God for you . . . they kneel beside
The bed of their small child, now calmly sleeping,
But for your gift of blood, he would have died.

How it must warm you, thrill you, recompense you . . .
This knowledge that your gift one early morn
Held back the hand of death from one small body
Because of you . . . an injured child's reborn!

You gave the priceless gift . . . the gift of life!
Unselfishly, to save the lives of others.
You make the stranger kin, the weak the strong,
And bind the unknown ones to you as brothers.

And so your blood becomes a thing divine,
A Christ-like gift; you give unselfishly,
There was Another, once, on Calvary's hill,
Who gave His blood . . . to save humanity.

— Betty Stuart

The Red Cross blood program is only one of the many services offered by our Red Cross. Those of us in Carteret County are not quite as familiar with the many fine programs that are sponsored by this organization as we are the "Disaster Service." Our minds are still fresh with the memory of strong hurricane winds, high seas eating away our shore lines, and homes and businesses washed completely away, drowned crops and flooded farms.

Representatives of our Red Cross arrived in Carteret County ahead of these severe hurricanes, they directed us through these storms. In many of the storm shelters coffee and sandwiches were served. The Red Cross was prepared to give us more assistance, if the need became necessary.

Following each of the severe hurricanes that have struck our county in the past two years, your Red Cross set up an office. All of those who suffered loss and needed assistance came to their office and registered these losses together with their needs.

In an organization as great as the Red Cross you will probably hear that some might have been helped who were not deserving. I believe this is the case in almost any of our charities, and beyond complete control.

I accepted the chairmanship of the Red Cross this year, not because I felt that I was capable of serving in such a position, but because I believe in it. The Red Cross has spent in Carteret County during the past two years approximately \$100,000. Another hurricane season is not too far away, and we certainly have no assurance that another storm will not strike here. If one should come, I want the Red Cross to be here, with all of its fine services, to help me, and to help you. I want the Red Cross to stay again after the storm, and help us as we try to build a better Carteret County.

The minimum goal for our county is \$3,960, the maximum \$4,480. To reach this goal I shall need the help of every one of you.

Co-chairmen have been appointed in most of the communities, but you know it will be impossible for every person to be contacted and asked to help support this great organization, so I would like to appoint each of you, as a committee of one, to help me. If no one has contacted you, and you would like to help, mail or bring your contribution to me in Beaufort.

F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

The following information is taken from the files of the Morehead City Coaster:

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1917

Miss Alma Richardson returned home Friday night from Kinston where she spent a few days with friends.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins left Sunday afternoon for New Bern where she has accepted a position in the altering department of S. Coplon & Sons.

Will W. Brinson returned to New Bern Monday afternoon after spending a short time in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. Melissa Brinson.

Capt. J. M. Wallace of New York who has been spending several weeks here with relatives left Tuesday morning to return to his home.

C. S. Wallace and son, George, returned home Tuesday morning from Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Addie Hobbs and son, Archie, who have been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hobbs, left Thursday for their home in Tunkhannock, Pa.

The Five Hundred Club met Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberts who proved to be most charming entertainers. Master Jack Roberts gave out the score cards and Miss Bernice kept score.

The wireless plant at Beaufort is now being guarded night and day. Reports have been current that plans have been made to disable the plant and the government is taking no chances and is using every precaution that is possible.

The Social Department of the Epworth League held its first meeting of the season Saturday evening. Miss Archia Ormond, superintendent of the social department was in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. George Thompson was hostess at a bridge party Tuesday evening at her home on Evans street. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. G. Kuhn, served a delightful four-course luncheon.

A committee from the town board, consisting of J. T. Davenport, A. H. Webb and Gilbert Willis, has been named to look after the building of quarters for Fire Company No. 2 on a lot recently purchased.

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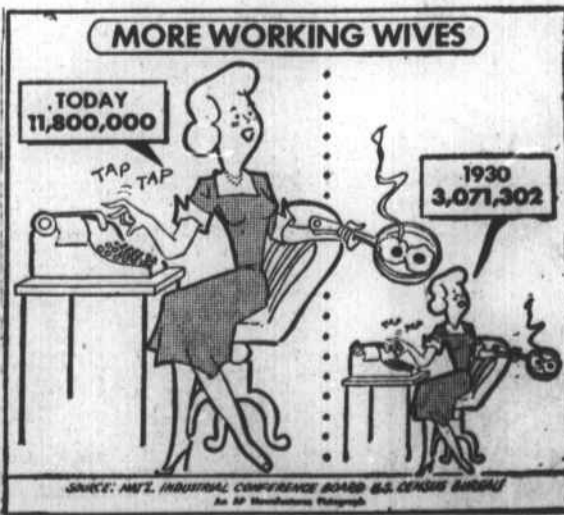
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