EDITORIALS

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Yes - But Then Again, No

The State Ports Authority members, we hope, made a New Year's resolution to endorse - soon - Southern Railway's proposed equalization of freight rates to the port of Morehead City.

The authority's action on this matter was postponed at the Dec. 3 meeting at Pinchurst. In November, Gov. Luther Hodges asked the State Utilities Commission to make a study of the proposed rates, setting forth the benefits that would accrue to the state if Southern's proposals went through.

While such a study is desirable, since it would have the aura of an objective report, it is ridiculous to think that Southern Railway would recommend a lowering of freight rates into Morehead City unless those lowered rates would be beneficial to Southern, to the port and to the state of North Carolina.

Wilmington actively opposed the lower rates at a hearing in the fall at Atlanta, Ga., before the Southern Freight Association. The rates were also opposed by other port cities along the east coast.

Southern placed the proposal before the Southern Freight Association in the hope of gaining the association's support when the rates are taken to the Interstate Commerce Commission for the ICC's approval.

Referring to Wilmington's action at Atlanta, a Southern Railway spokes-

man told the SPA at its December meeting that he was "amazed and surprised to find any opposition in North Carolina to the proposed decrease in rates which should bring more traffic to the port at Morehead." He added that the proposed lower rates would not hurt Wilmington.

The state did not see fit to speak up in support of Southern's proposal at the Atlanta hearing. The former state port's director, Col. Richard Marr, said prior to the hearing that one of his staff would be there merely as an observer.

The state of North Carolina cannot expect Southern Railway to develop the port of Morehead City when it gives only lip-service support to Southern. Saying that the SPA endorses anything that favors North Carolina and North Carolina ports is not enough. Stands must be taken on specific issues.

Southern Railway is, in itself, a telling force. But in some instances, official North Carolina backing of Southern is - and will be - necessary if the port of Morehead City is to thrive.

To deny Southern the SPA's blessing on its proposed lower rates into Morehead is to follow the philosophy of the mother in this rhyme:

"Mother, mother, may I go out to swim?"

"Yes, my darling daughter, hang your clothes on a hickory limb, but don't go near the water!"

Religious Query Dropped

mended for dropping the proposed question on the 1960 census, "What is your religion?"

One's religion is a private and personal affair. It is not within the government's province, according to the Constitution of this country, to become involved in religious matters. Pressure has been brought to bear upon the government, by certain religious groups, to conduct a religious census.

If churches want religious data, let the church denominations do their own investigating. Citizens in this country have the privilege of following no religion, if their conscience so dictates.

As pointed out in an editorial in this column six months ago, government is becoming involved, in another way, in religious affairs. Heads of state and mayors of towns are frequently called upon to proclaim religious observances, such as days of prayer, or worldwide communion.

Such proclamations do not fall with-

in the province of government. The government officials may soon work

The Census Bureau is to be com- themselves into a maze of trouble. They probably feel that one proclamation here and there on a religious observance is not "going to hurt anything".

When the proclamation concerns a religious majority in the government official's jurisdiction, he's probably on safe ground. But if a minority religious group asks him to proclaim one of its religious observances, will the general public reaction be favorable?

The functions of church and state are separate. This nation has thrived, thus far, by closely following that tenet. Placing a question on religion in the federal census would be a breach in a bulwark that could have dangerous repercussion. Governmental proclamation of religious festivals could likewise have undesirable after-effects.

Persons who enjoy the freedoms this democracy assures them, and who intelligently analyze the background of these freedoms, should have no ill-feeling against a government, or government officials who follow the lawful practice of keeping church and state functions separate.

What is Politics?

(New York Times)

"My politics are short and sweet, like the old woman's dance." (Abraham Lincoln).

"The Aztec emperors took a public oath each year to keep the sun on its course. That may have been the beginning of the election promise." (Anon).

"In politics, familiarity doesn't breed contempt; it breeds votes." (Dr. Paul Lazarsfeld).

"Running for public office is something like being inebriated. If there's anything bad in a man, it will bring it out." (Adlai E. Stevenson).

"Practical politics consists in ignoring facts." (Henry Adams).

"If I could not go to Heaven with a party, I would not go there at all." (Thomas Jefferson).

'A voter without a ballot is like a soldier without a bullet." (Dwight D. Eisenhower).

"Politics are very much like taxes everybody is against them, or everybody is for them, as long as they don't apply to him." (Fiorello H. La Guar-

"Politics has always been a rough game, but there are certain rules . . . and the first of these is to utter no falsehood that can be refuted easily." (Charles Michelson).

"Politics is the only profession to which a man will devote forty years and then be insulted if somebody says he's good at it." (H. V. Wade).

"One of the evils of democracy is that you have to endure the man you elected, whether you like him or not." (Will Rogers).

"Politics is the art of the next best." (Otto von Bismarck).

"Kissing babies is a politician's way of offering lip service to the voters." (Edmund J. Kiefer).

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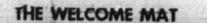
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Ruth Peeling

Dixie Upside Down by Jerry Ball Some of you probably know Jer- that they are the only ones doing thinking that one high-heeled doll

ry Ball. He's that wonderful guy from Charlotte who, incidentally is employed by Esso, and not so incidentally, plays the piano as though his mama was a player piano and his papa a victrola.

Well, Jerry staged one of his fantastic pianothons Saturday in Charlotte. Perched on a platform a hundred feet above Charlotte's Independent Square, he played the piano from that point for folks who contributed to the March of Dimes.

As an added fillip to the event this year, at noon he played Dixie while suspended by his heels. En-gineers rigged up an apparatus which permitted this crazy stunt. Some funsters quipped that this was a true picture of the South

was a true picture of the Sou these days—Dixie upside down! While people talk about the North Carolina mosquito menace, the mosquitoes are plotting to get rid of the people. After all, people

sometimes have the mistaken idea

anything.
For 1958 mama mosquitoes have

been ordered to lay more eggs. Mosquito rain-makers have been delegated to see that rain falls in the right amount at the right time so that ALL eggs, not just a certain percentage, hatch. The fe-males, too, have been given maps so that they lay their eggs in the places most conducive to a large output of young'uns. During this cold spell, the peo-

ple might have forgotten abo the mosquitoes, but the mosquitoes are faring quite well and are looking forward to those warm days ahead.

Marilyn Mercer, writing in the New York Herald Tribune Dec. gave parents a recipe for Christmas without tears. Among her suggestions were these:

1. Most children count their loot

How MANY gifts, not how valuable is their measure of a successful Christmas. "Do not make the mis-Miss Mercer says,

is the equivalent of a hair band, a set of plastic dishes and a piece of soap shaped like Mickey Mouse, even if it cost more than all three put together."

2. Don't make useless suggestions, such as, "But you're not going to take the bride doll's clothes off TODAY." Yes, she is, every stitch. 3. One little girl, who may have gotten six dolls for Christmas, will choose to retire, come nightfall,

with old Penelope, eyeless, noseless and filthy. Don't be hurt, says the Herald Trib columnist, she's just trying to hang on to reality. And for the children of the same

age in a family who get identical presents, the alert parent will label each with the owner's name that there won't be later over whose got broke

You'll probably never see: Dr. Ben Royal in a fore-in-hand tie.

Frustration: a 6-inch straw in a 9-inch soda pop bottle

14:10 COOD DAYS

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Beaufort town commissioners passed an ordinance forbidding households to make unauthorized connections for water and electri-

The Potter Emergency Hospital Beaufort was designated a United States Public Health Service

Mr. Joseph Frank of Williamston had purchased the Bayard Taylor stock of merchandise and expected to open a store here soon.

Twenty-Five Years Ago The Carteret County Bar Asso-ciation advised a general county court for the trial of all civil and

C. D. Jones was advertising Maxwell House coffee for 30 cents

A Virginia trawler was seized at for trawling within the three-mile limit.

TEN YEARS AGO

Clayton Fulcher of Atlantic launched his new \$25,000 trawler,

Elmer Dewey Willis of Davis opened a new furniture store in

County farmers were to review the proposed program on agricul-ture at the court house on Friday.

FIVE YEARS AGO
Arendell Street, Morehead City,

was designated as Route 70. County commissioners registered opposition to the appointment of a

county medical examiner. Range lights would be installed in the Beaufort harbor this week.

Free Wheeling

By BILL CROWELL

COMICS ... Most of our state highway troopers are great racon-teurs. Any casual encounter with the highway gendarmes unproducpoor pickings indeed.

because like a monument to the weather they are buffed constantly by the vagaries of the public which range from abusive to odd, from funny to not so funny.

Spend eight hours or so in a

police car and stop maybe 25 or 30 motorists and it's even money that more than one will be an odd-

over desperately for an alibi, are seldom funny; the befuddled ones you feel sorry for—sometimes; the irresponsible and the drunks are unpredictable.

Occasionally on a Saturday night. when highway shennanigans usually climax for the week, I ride with a state trooper—a genial though unyielding six footer. Together we've had some weird and hilarious encounters with Mr. and Mrs.

This particular trooper, who has cruised the roads for 10 years, groups his "customers" into four groups his "customers" into four classes: the average driver who realizes his mistake, accepts his ticket without protest and goes on his way; the timid and shy, who wait wordlessly and dry mouthed for the bad news; the belligerant blokes who, liquor inspired or otherwise, throw their weight around; and the bolters—the ones who, under no provocation, stop, hurl open the door and hot foot it for the woods. Friend trooper was forced to

foot race one like that not long ago.

It all started with a flapping license tag, at worst an offense requiring only a reminder to have it fixed. But the driver had other ideas-long distance ideas. When the patrol car's red light hit his mirror he was out and running. His car with the loose tag was left standing in the road.

The trooper, no slow goer him-self, lit out after him. In a few minutes they returned. The driver was thickly trying to explain. The driver, I think, was drunk.
"What did you run for?" the
officer asked. No answer. "Well,

is this your car?" Again no answer. Then, remembering that he had left his flashlight in the patrol ear, the trooper called out to me, "Give me that light, Bill."

This brought an immediate response from the sodden culprit.
"Yassah, just a minute," he said while fumbling in his pockets. "I got that lightbill right here somewheres." See what I mean-oddballs, And

our state troopers collect 'em by

SUDDEN THAWT... When driving, it may not be your fault—only your funeral.

Author of the Week



A. Whitney Griswold, author of

and Yale, which gave him his A.B. and Ph.D; he has been president

States" and "Farming and Democracy.

Children who are proficient readers have a great advantage over their friends. They can finish a comic book before the druggist tells them to put it down.

--Maurice Seitter





"In the University Tradition," some essays and papers on education, was born in Morristown, I. J., in 1906.

He was educated at Hotchkiss

of the university since 1950. His previous books are "The Far Eastern Policy of the United

laws of Virginia.

As to real property, the governing law is that of the state in which the land is situated. As to A married man dies, survived

by a wife without children. His only close relatives are a mother and two brothers. There is no will. Who will inherit his property under the laws of North Carolina?

The surviving wife will get all of his personal property if its total value does not exceed ten thousand dollars. If the husband's personal dollars. If the husband's personal property exceeds ten thousand dollars, the surviving wife will be allotted ten thousand dollars plus one-half of the remainder; the resident

And I find that life's worth living, as long as there's a friend. Then be not hasty when I'm gone, to say I lived in vain. Tho' ghosts of many failures, like monuments remain But when Life's sun is sinking; and I reach my journey's end, Then count my earthly riches in the number of my friends.

And when I went by fields and trees my heart was lifted up. Lay me in the green grass and write upon the daisies' sod That still I praised with all my might, the wondrous works of God.

- Unknown

Captain Henry

Sou'easter

the hips.

Words of Inspiration

MAXIMS TO REMEMBER

The only safe and sure way to destroy an enemy is to make him your

If you see good in everybody, nearly everybody will see good in you.

Money talks but has very little conversation for the shiftless.

THE CLIQUE

What is the "Clique"? "Tis a body of men

Who never resort to an underhand trick;

Who attend every meeting, not just now and then;

Who don't make a farce of the magic word "Work";

Who believe in the motto, "Not a job will I shirk";

These are the men that the grouch calls "The Clique."

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They will always start trouble but seldom will stick,

They can call them "The Clique" or whatever they please,

Idleness is a constant sin, and labor is a duty. Idleness is the devil's

home for temptation and for unprofitable, distracting musing; while

A FRIEND

And tho' the Road of Life is rough, with mountains hard to climb;

I will not think that I have failed, or lived my life in vain, if to my credit I shall find one friend to be my gain.

I find there's joy along the way, and the journey, it is fine.

If there's a friend beside me, to cheer me with his song,

To smile his understanding, when everything goes wrong;

Write on my grave when I am dead, whatever road I trod

The beauty of the hills and seas brimmed that immortal cun:

That I admired and honored the wondrous works of God.

It gives me strength and courage, the Mountains to ascend,

Who don't miss a meeting unless they are sick -

The men who are seldom behind in their dues,

And who from the meeting do not carry news;

We all should be proud of members like these.

But there are some people who always find fault

And leave all the work to be done by "The Clique"

And most of this kind are not worth their salt;

labor profiteth others and ourselves. - Baxter

Who attend to their duties and don't seek a kick;

master you. Let them teach you patience, sweetness and insight. When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrough

in our own life, or in the life of another.

There's a certain professional man about town, who when he leaves to do some trading in other places shucks his professional sta-

If he didn't do so, he says, the prices on what he buys would be twice as high!

The womenfolks are going mad over some new gadgets that shim-my and shake them and take off weight. They cost a couple hun-dred dollars, and some of the girls are thinking about joining together in a co-op, buy the table or vibra-tors or whatever it is that shakes the fat off, and then share the

I think the whole thing is silly. If some of these women that wor-ried so much about their weight would wash their own windows, scrub their own floors, bend over to get the dust off the bottom rungs of chairs, and stretch a mop to the ceiling to get cobwebs out of the corners, they'd take the weight off in the right places— and it would also build up some weight in the "right places."
I have little patience with the about someone in Morehead City who uses one of those vibration gadgets and if you ask me, she still looks like an elephant. Bill Blair, who winters in More-

girls who sit and drink cokes and

eat chocolates and at the same time complain about their weight.

If they want to eat and enjoy it,

then they ought to learn to keep quiet about the extra inches around

I heard the first mate talking

head City, has a Weimaraner, one of those German dogs like the sheriff and Ernest Davis have. They tell me that this pup, called Vi, is so German that she won't even obey orders in English. So Mr. Bill has resurrented some of Mr. Bill has resurrected some of his German and now Vi happily does as she's told.

This should be helpful to some of 1958's Carteret coroner's juries: an lowa jury, unable to reach any sort of an agreement about a death they were investigating, came to the conclusion that it was "An act of God under very sus-picious circumstances."

This is the Law

By ROBERT E. LEE N.C. Bar Association

INHERITANCE LAWS

A resident of North Carolina dies during a visit to a foreign country leaving real and personal property in both Virginia and North Carolina. There is no will. The law of which state determines the owner-

ship of his property at his death? The ownership of the real property in North Carolina and the personal property in North Caro-lina and Virginia would be deter-mined by the intestate laws of North Carolina. The ownership of the real property in Virginia would be determined by the intestate

personal property, however, the governing law is that of the state in which the decedent had his domicile or legal residence, re-gardless of where the personal property may be located.

due of his personal property will go to his mother.

The surviving wife is entitled to "dower" in her husband's real property. "Dower" is a life estate

in one-third of all real property. The two brothers of the deceased become the owners of the real property, subject to the surviving

A man dies without a will. He

is survived by a wife, three chil-

dren, parents, brothers and sisters, and numerous other relatives. Who will inherit his property under the laws of North Carolina?

The surviving wife gets one-fourth of the personal property, and the balance of the personal property is divided equally among the three children. The surviving wife gets "dower"

rights in the real property. Dower, as previously stated, is a life estate in one-third of all real propowners of the real property. subject to the surviving wife's right of dower. This means that the three children become immediately the absolute owners of two-thirds of the real property and the owners of the remaining one-third upon the death of their mo-

If there is a deceased child leaving children, the children of the deceased child take the part their parent would have taken if living. The parents, brothers and sisters, and other relatives of the decedent in this case are entitled to noth-

This is the last of a series of articles that have appeared weekly during the past three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association. Another series will be started in the spring.