

Excellent Choice

It was most fitting that the major address during Beaufort's 251st anniversary celebration be given by the commander of the Coast Guard district in which Beaufort and Carteret lie.

Rear Adm. Peter V. Colmar commands many Coast Guardsmen who were born and reared along our coast, know our waters, weather, and can thus expertly do the jobs they are assigned.

As he pointed out, the Coast Guard plays an important part in our life. He gave his address within a stone's throw of a new Coast Guard tower on which is a range light, part of an improved system to allow ships to enter Beaufort inlet and Morehead harbor at night.

The admiral commented, "The level of shipping activity determines the number of navigational aids in a given location. Therefore, the existence of a fine aids-to-navigation system is indicative of a growing industry and a growing community."

The admiral pointed out that 10 years ago there was only one small patrol vessel in this area. Today there is the Conifer, a buoy tender; the Chilula, an ocean-going rescue vessel, and an expanded base of operations at Fort Macon.

Admiral Colmar answered a question raised in a recent News-Times editorial. The editorial asked why the local Coast Guard Reserve unit has not always carried out active two-week training in this area, as it did last month.

The admiral said, "Changed condi-

tions now allow this logical solution to be effectively employed. When reserve units were first established, they were made up largely of inexperienced personnel . . . obviously these men could not gain the necessary experience and learn the fundamentals of certain technical subjects by merely working with other inexperienced personnel.

"That these newly-organized groups might perform as self-sustaining operational units, it was necessary to send the men, as individuals, to training centers where the facilities and the experienced instructors were.

"This way the men got a solid foundation on which to develop their skills, earn promotions and learn to instruct others. The Morehead City unit, to which the editorial referred, has reached a point in its development where the rate of turn-over of personnel is low, and a sufficient number of qualified instructors are available. Therefore, it is a fully operational unit consisting of a nucleus of highly-skilled officers and petty officers and fully able to take on the task of training its own replacements."

The officers and men of the Coast Guard Reserve unit, commanded by Cdr. D. G. Bell, should be proud of the admiral's appraisal.

His comments were timely, informative, and again we congratulate Beaufort's celebration committee for having the foresight to request that admiral Colmar give the anniversary address.

One Mile Equals . . . Well, Uh . . .

In spite of the billions we are investing in science and research, the United States might find itself an also-ran because of its quaint, illogical way of measuring things.

Most of the world, including Russia, measures with the metric system, but not us. Instead of the simple, straightforward metric measurements, we use a "yard" which was determined by King Henry I who measured the distance between the tip of his finger and the tip of his nose; the "inch" which King Edward II determined as three, dry, round barleycorns laid end to end. It is said that the German, Gabriel Fahrenheit, waited one day until it got as cold as he thought it possibly could get, stuck a thermometer out of the window and that became zero. Then he put it under his arm, and that became 100 degrees!

These crazy measurements are official only in the United States, most of the British kingdom and Ireland. China and Japan are changing to the metric system. India is starting.

An example of the metric system: 10 millimeters equal 1 centimeter 10 centimeters equal 1 decimeter 10 decimeters equal 1 meter 10 meters equal 1 decameter 10 decameters equal 1 hectometer 10 hectometers equal 1 kilometer

A recent article in This Week magazine, by Dr. Edward Teller, who played a major role in developing the H-bomb, commented: "Young Russians who understand and use the metric system from the time they learn to count have an obvious advantage. Metric arithmetic is a window through which students are induced to get their first glimpse of the simple orderliness of geometry . . . their interest in science is aroused, and they soon are prepared to get acquainted with the puzzling facts of the universe."

Dr. Teller says the English-speaking world's monopoly on commerce is at an end. "In this economic battle, the

metric system is like money in the bank. Russian manufacturers and businessmen do not have to go into a whole new branch of learning to fill orders from customers in countries using the metric system. Americans must."

Dr. Teller predicts that the overwhelming forces of simplicity, easier communication and common sense will force this country to adopt the metric system. But how? He recommends three steps: start teaching it in elementary grades; change the measurement of geographic distances (put road signs and maps in kilometers instead of miles); and set a date after which metric measurements would be used for all legal and governmental documents.

He further suggests that all companies selling to the government adopt the metric system. Since the government is the biggest buyer in the nation, most companies would have to standardize.

Dr. Teller predicts it would take 33 years to make the change-over. He declares, "The need for conversion to the metric system is urgent . . . We simply must make up our minds to it and get used to it . . ."

Weather Report

For the next few weeks it will be warmer than a few weeks ago. There will be no change in weather conditions. It will be either warmer or cooler, unless it rains, and then things will be wet.

There will be increasing cloudiness before it rains, due primarily to the overcast. There will be clear, bright days on occasions, due to the sunshine. Windy days will bring breezes.

Along the coastal areas, high tides precede low tides on various days of the week. Otherwise the weather will remain the same until it changes.

— Sunshine Magazine

JAPANESE SANDMAN



Ruth Peeling

Neighbors Grow Lush Gardens

Some of the folks in my neighborhood have the nicest gardens. I don't think they have green thumbs, either. But they have lots of interest in growing fine Irish potatoes, beans, squash, cucumbers, fruit trees — and are proving that small garden plots can produce oodles of good things for the table.

Most of the folks agree that the prize-winning garden on Yaupon Terrace is that of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart. Mr. Stewart keeps fisheries statistics at the lab on Pivers Island, when he and Mrs. Stewart aren't working in the garden.

Me, I'm happy if I can grow a few flowers. I put one white petunia plant in the middle of each of two 6-foot square flower beds with several plants of red sage. One of the petunia plants has grown so terrifically that it now almost covers the whole bed, and the other is running it a close second.

When Mother was visiting me in the spring she wanted to know why just one little sad plant in each bed. I said they would grow so big they'd probably crowd everything else out. Glad I don't have to eat my words.

Friday's paper could have almost been called our April Fool issue! Hope you all found that front page story which were continued on page 2 weren't continued there at all. A new sports word meaning "whip" is "Blenk" and maybe there are some other things I haven't even discovered as yet.

Need I say "We had our problems"? One linotype operator was in the hospital. Wilson Davis, who does an expert job of getting the right things on the right pages, was on vacation. Pat Skarren, New Bern linotype operator, came down to help us out.

Instead of one person "making up" the pages as we call it — putting the type in the columns, cut-

ting column rules to fit, etc., there were four of us!

Larry McComb made up his own sports page and then helped with some of the others. I made up page one, something I hadn't done for 12 years; Pat made up several pages and Harry Hill, shop superintendent, sweater and fumed over the classified page and legal.

Edwin Paylor, circulation manager, was expected to do the impossible, like becoming an expert head-setter and make-up man in the short time prior to Wilson's going on vacation!

Bill Horton, pressman, stereotype man, and picture-maker was doing his usual million-chores-at-once.

In a small organization like ours, each fellow has a specific job to do and when one is missing it's like taking out the engine room of the Queen Mary, and expecting the ship to "proceed as usual."

Oh, we had a jolly time. But I don't want to see one like it soon again!

From the Pulpit

A few years ago our government, in cooperation with other nations developed what we call radar. It is being extensively used in our defense system and in industrial and commercial use. Its basic principle is very simple. Our scientists, wondering how bats were able to fly for miles underground, through dark caverns and never strike the walls, captured some of them and experimented.

They stretched wires across a room and placed the bats inside. To their amazement, even though blindfolded, the bats flew without accident. But when they taped the ears and mouths of the bats they flew into everything and were helpless. The bats were using a system of radar. They made a noise, a shrill high note that went out and the echo would bounce off the wall or object back to the ears of the bat.

When the sound wave hit anything solid and echoed back the bat swerved. This, our scientists tells us, is the principle of radar.

Actually Jesus taught this principle some 2,000 years ago when He said, "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to ye again." or "That which a man sows, he will also reap." "Your

sin will find you out." To put it simply, when a person lashes out at someone with scathing words, so often there is a violent reaction on the part of the other person. Hatred destroys the hater.

The Bible is filled with illustrations of this principle. King David coveted Bathsheba and had her husband killed in order to take her as his wife. This sin came back to plague him for the rest of his life.

However, if we look carefully around us we will see the other side of this principle. If we do good, it will come back to us many times more than what we gave. Like the manager of a small hotel, who late one cold wintry night had an elderly couple ask for a room. He told them every room was taken.

As they were leaving, he called them back and gave them his room. Sometime later, he was called to be the manager for one of the finest hotels in the world — the Waldorf Astoria, in New York City. This elderly couple wanted just such a man to manage their hotel. "Cast thy bread upon the waters." Eccl. 11:1.

—B. L. Davidson, Pastor First Methodist Church Morehead City

the good old days

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Eibert M. Chadwick of Straits won the Democratic primary for sheriff and Eric Gaskill of Sea Level won the Republican primary for register of deeds.

The 120th Infantry Regiment of the NC National Guard had begun its annual two weeks' encampment at Camp Glenn.

The Coastal Twins, Beaufort baseball team, with the battery of C. Hassell and W. Potter, won three out of four games.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

County commissioners were asking the State Highway and Public Works commission to build a road from Atlantic Beach to Salter Path.

Voters in 26 precincts in Carteret county would decide Saturday whether the county would have control, or no control, over liquor sales.

Definite word was received that the bridge to be closed for repairs was not the Beaufort-Morehead City bridge, but a small and little-used span between Beaufort and West Beaufort.

TEN YEARS AGO

An automobile accident killed a Beaufort man on the Harkers Island road and a man on the Swansboro road was killed by a road cave-in.

Nine and 11/100 inches of rain fell in the county in the first nine days of July. Crops were damaged and roads washed out by the rain.

The Rev. T. R. Jenkins was installed as president of Beaufort Rotary.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Moses Howard of Newport was elected chairman of the county commissioners, succeeding Dr. K. P. B. Bonner who died July 1.

Barbara Piner of Beaufort and Carolyn Guthrie of Morehead City would go to Wilmington next week to participate in the state beauty pageant.

Fifty-nine Chamber of Commerce executives were registered for the annual N. C. Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives meeting now in session. Headquarters for the group was the Atlantic Beach hotel.

Louise Spivvy

Words of Inspiration

THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

Do you wish you could find the fountain of youth? I've just discovered it . . . that's the truth! And it isn't capped up in a bottle or jar . . . To be bought at a fancy cosmetic bar . . . There isn't a Beauty Shop on earth, That could sell you even a penny's worth . . .

The fountain of youth has its secret start, Deep down in a loving human heart! It bubbles up a shower of grace . . . And splashes You on a mortal face! It's found in greatest abundance In people who love all humanity . . . You can tell where a drop has been awhile, For it's left its mark in a happy smile! And it sprays a glory . . . on kindly folks, Of Beauty lines lifted in upward strokes!

The fountain goes dry . . . in those who hate . . . And leaves them old . . . as sure as Fate . . . In those who speak ill of their fellow-men . . . And repeat ugly gossip . . . again and again . . . If the selfish ones . . . who will never lend A helping hand to a stranger . . . or friend . . . These are the ones . . . and it's plainly shown, That Old Age claims for its very own . . .

The youngest woman I'm blessed to know, Has hair as white as the driven snow . . . And a heart that is good . . . and kind . . . and wise . . . And eternal spring-time in her eyes! — Betty Stuart

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

"Life is a journey, not a home; a road, not a city of habitation. And the enjoyments and blessings we have along the way are but little inns on the roadside, where we may be refreshed for a moment, that we may with new strength press on to the goal.

"You will meet today 10 men and women; perhaps 20, or perhaps a hundred. Every one of them will have his or her day brightened or darkened by the tone and manner of your greeting. You can put a little more spring into the step and a little more joy in the heart of every one of them by a cheerful, confident salutation.

"Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumphs, a beginning, a struggle, and a victory. "A few wise friends with whom to counsel, a few good books to read and absorb, and with courage and faith we are well equipped for the facing of life's difficulties and disappointments as well as its pleasures and successes.

"Lives are made of chapters. After one is written, it cannot be revised, but we can write a new chapter each new day." — Phillips Brooks

Under 21

Mother Wants to Know Truth About Navy Hitch

By DAN HALLIGAN

Dear Dan: I have a son who will soon be enlisting in the Navy. The recruiter told Bill he would be in for four years but a young man we know who is in the Navy said the recruiters just tell the boys they have to serve four years instead of two.

Do you know what the facts are? Thank you. — A Mother.

Dear Mother: Unless there's been a recent change in policy, first-time enlistees go into the Navy for four years or until their 21st birthdays. There is no favoritism in the Navy, regardless of what your friend may say.

Dear Dan: What would you do about a kid who is always bumming cigarettes or leaving his lunch money home and always tries to borrow some to buy his lunch? He's got a good job in town but is always horsing around and annoying the girls.

When a boy and girl are together

he doesn't know enough to leave them alone and he can't take a hint. We've been wondering what to do and we thought maybe you would have some suggestions. Take it cool, man and thanks. — Charlie and Fish.

Dear Charlie and Fish: Anyone can leave his lunch money and cigarettes home once, twice or even three times but beyond that it becomes an unnecessary habit. For his own good where lunch money, smokes and couples are concerned, the boy may need some words straight from the shoulder.

If he's obnoxious, he may not realize it and may appreciate whatever you care to say but keep your voices down.

Dear Dan: I'm 15 years old and have been going steady with the same boy for almost two years. He's leaving for the Army soon and we plan to get married when he comes out in three years. The trouble is that while he's away, he doesn't want me dating other boys. My friends tell me I'm crazy to sit home for three years. What should I do? Thank you. — Mixed Up.

Dear Mixed Up: When a girl of 15 is considering marriage to a certain boy in three years, she's looking at the world through the well-known rose-colored glasses. I would say the odds are very much against your marrying your soon-to-be soldier boy and because you are only 15, don't think you should even consider sitting home dateless for the next three years.

You would be a very unwise girl to do such a thing, the same as your boy friend would be unwise to live in the barracks for the next 36 months. Your boy friend shouldn't expect to put you in moth balls for the next three years, no matter how much he loves you.

Dear Dan: I'm in love with a boy in my class but he acts as though I'm not even around. I asked him over to my house but he just made up excuses. Dan, what should I do? — J.K.L.

Dear J.K.L.: If you're as young as your handwriting indicates, you should wait several years before getting interested in boys. The boy probably knew as much and his excuses, flimsy as they might have been, were his way of saying exactly what I said.

Dear Dan: My boy friend is running an elevator in a hotel this summer and he says most men riding the elevator don't bother taking off their hats when women are present. Doesn't a man remove his hat out of simple respect or am I wrong again? — Grace.

Dear Grace: The hard and fast rule of a man removing his hat in an elevator containing women has been replaced by one of more common sense. A man now keeps on his hat in a crowded elevator mainly to protect the fedora from being crushed.

However, if the elevator isn't crowded and there's one or more women riding, then I think a man can still be a gentleman by removing his hat.

This is the Law

By ROBERT E. LEE For the N. C. Bar Association FAMILY CAR USED BY ADULTS

John Olive had purchased in his name a car for the pleasure of his family. Mrs. Olive, his wife, was taking a trip of some distance in this car. She became tired and requested a friend to take over the wheel and drive the balance of the way. If the friend negligently operates the car and injures another person, may a judgment for damages be recovered from John Olive?

Yes. The driver is merely an instrumentality, or a longer arm, of the wife who is seated in the car and is in actual control. There is an extension of the agency of the wife to the driver. In effect, it is the same as if the wife had been driving at the time of the accident.

Similarly, if a father allows his son to use the family automobile to take a friend and two girls for a ride, the father would be responsible for injuries resulting from negligence of the friend, whom the son had permitted to drive while he rode in the back seat.

This is the law of North Carolina pursuant to what is known as the "family purpose doctrine" in respect to automobiles. Under this doctrine, the owner of an automobile, which is furnished to the members of the owner's family for their pleasure and convenience, is held liable for the negligent act of any member of the family who might be driving it for pleasure with the consent, express or implied, of such owner.

Is the owner of a family-purpose car liable for the negligent acts of an adult child, committed while driving the car with the owner's permission? The family-purpose doctrine is not limited to the wife and minor

children of the car owner. Adult children are included if they are members of the owner's household.

Albert Blond lends his family car to a neighbor. The neighbor, while negligently driving the automobile, injures George Green. May Green recover a judgment from Blond for the damages sustained?

There cannot be a recovery under the particular facts in North Carolina. The automobile was not being driven at the time by an agent of Blond. The "family purpose doctrine" is not applicable. The neighbor driving the car, and not Blond, is the one that should be sued by Green.

In a number of states Green could recover from either Blond or the driver. New York, Florida, California, Iowa, and a few other states have statutes which impose liability upon the owner of an automobile for the negligent acts of any person who might be driving it with his consent. But North Carolina, in accord with most jurisdictions, does not have such a statute.

North Carolina merely has a statute which says that proof of ownership of an automobile is prima facie evidence that it is being operated at the time of the accident by an agent of the owner. This rule of prima facie evidence may, of course, be rebutted at the trial.

Smile a While

The mountain lad wanted to marry the girl, but was much too shy to come right out with the words "marry" or "the problem," so, after giving the marriage much thought, he asked her in a whisper one evening: "Julia, how would you like to be buried with my people?" — Sea Foam, USNS

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