

At Your Own Risk...

The business section of Morehead City presents a sight to be ashamed of. And its unseen hazards should make everyone tremble.

How shattered glass resulting from the storm got neatly scattered the entire length of the street along the rear parking line of cars is a mystery. By now most of it has ground into tires. Is it any wonder you have seen more people fixing flats in the past two weeks than in the whole 12 months previous?

The stop lights are STILL not working. One set hangs drunkenly from a pole. How they appear, however, is not nearly as dangerous as the traffic hazard created by the fact that the lights are not in operation.

Tremendous oil and tobacco trucks now roar through the center of the city at 35 miles an hour and better. If the town is not going to fix the street lights, the police department should be instructed to stop and warn truck driv-

ers of the speed limit. And if the trucks still go roaring through the business section, the drivers should be cited to court.

Perhaps some of the town prophets would like to see a serious accident or someone killed so they could say to the State Highway commission pontifically, "See, we told you something was going to happen if you didn't take highway 70 off Arendell Street."

Property damage and death is a mighty high price to pay to prove one is "right."

Deliberately allowing dangerous conditions to exist is not the fault of the state highway department. The fault lies at the doorstep of city hall.

Maybe the town fathers are taking care of big problems, like who should be the next president of the United States. We wonder who's taking care of the little problems like whether it's safe to drive a car, park, or walk in the business section of town.

Applause? Please, No!

Someone commented that he missed applause on the discussion between Nixon and Kennedy Monday night.

Thank goodness the tv program directors had enough sense, for once, to keep their applause machines turned off. The program was conducted on a dignified plane, a tone which was maintained admirably by the presidential candidates themselves.

A request for applause on a program of that nature is another indication that many people have to be told how to react. It's too much trouble to reach one's own conclusion. If one hears a burst of applause from the sound effects machine in the studio where the program originates, then sitting home in his living room in front of the tv, the listener says to himself,

"That answer must have been pretty good."

On so-called comedy shows the most mundane remarks bring forth roars of laughter and the discerning tv viewer groans when he thinks of the tremendous job the sound effects crew has—to be sure to get the "laughs" to come at the right place. And the right place is usually where the lines in the script are so un-funny that unless some artificial means is used to fool the tv audience, the audience will realize that the lines are un-funny.

Applause on the Nixon-Kennedy shows? Heaven forbid. If tv is ever going to reach that high plane to which the networks claim they aspire, they had best keep their razz-ma-tazz out of a program featuring the two men seeking the highest office in our land.

Winston, the Prankster

(From A Roving Commission, Churchill)

Harrow possessed the biggest swimming bath I had ever seen. It was more like the bend of a river than a bath, and it had two bridges across it. Thither we used to repair for hours at a time, and bask between our dips, eating enormous buns, on the hot asphalt margin.

Naturally it was a good joke to come up behind some naked friend, or even enemy, and push him in: I made quite a habit of this with boys of my own size or less. One day when I had been no more than a month in the school, I saw a boy standing in a meditative posture wrapped in a towel on the very brink. He was no bigger than I was, so I thought him fair game.

Coming stealthily behind, I pushed him in, holding on to his towel out of humanity, so that it should not get wet. I was startled to see a furious face emerge from the foam, and a being evidently of enormous strength making its way by fierce strokes to the shore. I fled; but in vain. Swift as the wind my pursuer overtook me, seized me in a ferocious grip and hurled me into the deepest part.

I soon scrambled out on the other side and found myself surrounded by an agitated crowd of younger boys.

"You're in for it," they said. "Do you know what you have done? It's Amery; he's in the sixth form. He is head of his house; he is champion at gym; he has got his football colors."

They continued to recount his many titles to fame and reverence, and to

dilate upon the awful retribution that would fall upon me.

I was convulsed not only with terror but with the guilt of sacrilege. How could I tell his rank when he was in a bath towel and so small? I determined to apologize immediately. I approached the potentate in lively trepidation.

"I am very sorry," I said. "I mistook you for a fourth form boy. You are so small."

He did not seem at all placated by this; so I added in a most brilliant recovery, "My father, who is a great man, is also small."

At this he laughed, and after some general remarks about my "cheek" signified that the incident was closed.

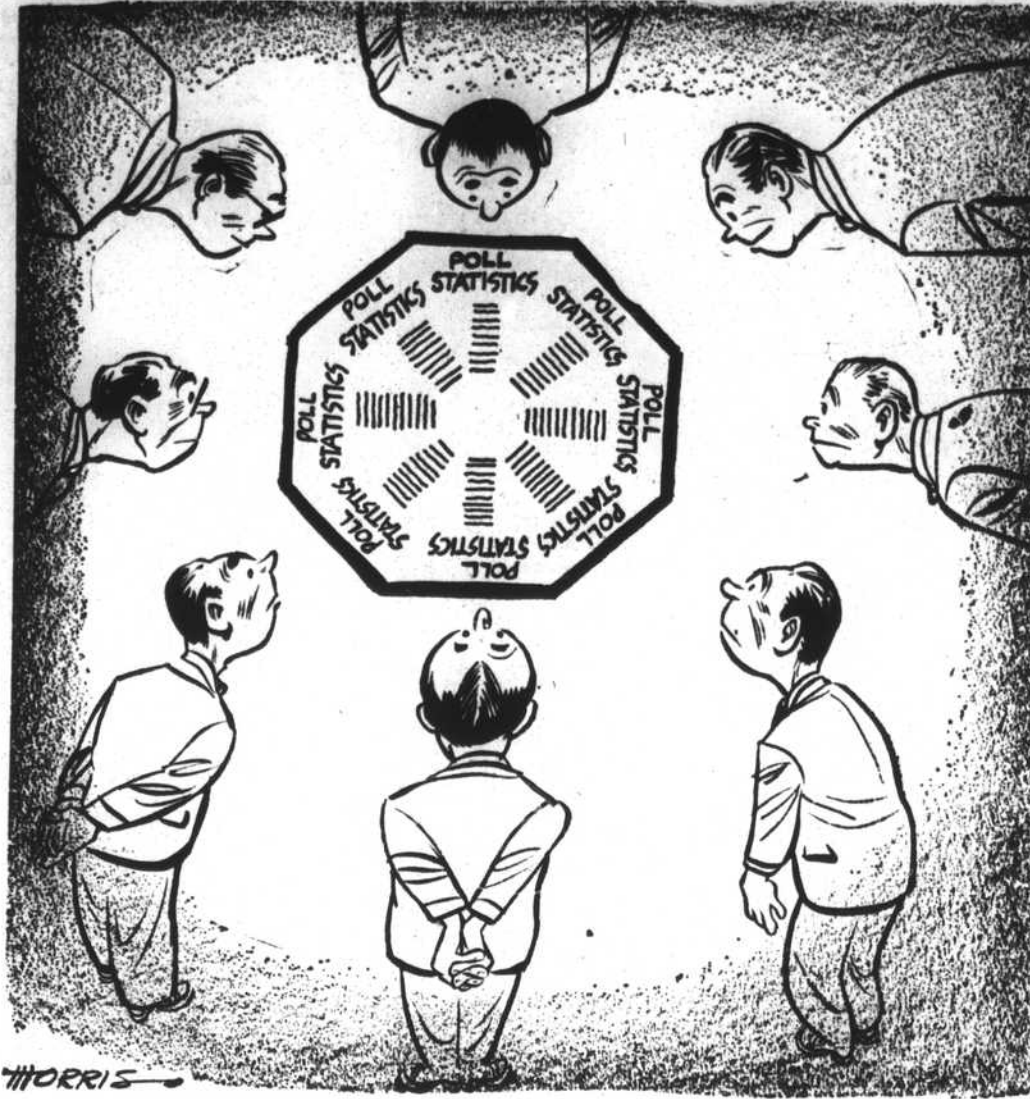
I have been fortunate to see a good deal more of him, in times when three years' difference in age is not so important as it is in school. We were afterward to be cabinet colleagues for a good many years.

The Hazard

I think that I shall never see a hazard rougher than a tree — a tree o'er which my ball must fly if on the green it is to lie; a tree which stands, that green to guard, and makes the shot extremely hard; a tree whose leafy arms extend to kill the mashie shot I send; a tree that stands in silence there, while angry golfers rave and swear. Niblicks were made for fools like me, who cannot ever miss a tree.

— Sunshine Magazine

READ 'EM THE WAY YOU WANT 'EM



This is the Law

By ROBERT E. LEE
For the N. C. Bar Association
ANNUAL CROPS

This is the first of a fall series of articles that will appear throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar association.

John Jones lives on a farm which he owns and cultivates. He sells the farm to Joe Smith. Does Smith become the owner of the growing crops on the land at the time of the sale?

Yes. The general rule is that a deed to land passes the growing crops thereon to the grantee of the deed in the absence of a reservation to the contrary. This is true even though the crops have already matured and are merely standing unsevered in the field at the time the deed is given. As between seller and buyer of land, the law considers the land crops attached to it as being united.

The principle applies to cotton, corn, tobacco, grain, and all kinds of vegetables, fruits, and berries that have not been harvested and are still attached to the soil.

May there be an oral agreement that a sale of land does not include the annual crops attached to the land?

Yes. Although a conveyance of the land or a contract to convey land must be in writing, the law of North Carolina permits an oral reservation of the annual crops to the seller.

But there cannot be an oral

agreement to except from the provisions of a deed the fruit on trees and the berries or products of perennial plants. Perennial trees, bushes, shrubs, and vines pass with the title to the land and there cannot be an oral reservation to the seller of either them or their products.

Perennial crops are those which are produced year after year from the same roots, trees or bushes without annual planting. Unsevered they are a part of the land to which they are attached, and contracts relating to them must be in writing.

Sam Taylor will give a farm to Mary Barnes. There is an unharvested crop of corn, tobacco, cotton and vegetables on the farm at the time of death of Sam Taylor. Does Mary Barnes become the owner of the unharvested crop?

No. In the absence of a clearly stated provision in the will to the contrary, the unharvested crop belongs to the executor or administrator of the estate of Sam Taylor as a part of the personal assets of the decedent's estate.

There is a statute in North Carolina expressly so providing. In most of the other states there is no such statute, and in these states Mary Barnes would become the owner of not only the farm but also the unharvested crop.

If Sam Taylor had not left a will and Mary Barnes had inherited the farm as an heir, the same principle would apply. The unharvested crop would belong to the executor or administrator of the estate of Sam Taylor.

Under 21

Girl Decides Going Steady Isn't Much Fun After All

By DAN HALLIGAN

Dear Dan: I've always been against going steady because a girl is tied down to one boy, but even so, I agreed to go steady two months ago with a boy I had been dating.

It's worked out fine so far because I haven't been around too many of my other friends but now that school has started, I don't know what to do. I don't want to hurt this boy because I still like him very much.

I always used to hang around with other kids at school but now I can't because I'm going steady. My boy friend knows I'm worrying about this but we haven't talked about it. I like him but I like to have fun with other boys too. What do you think I should do?—Nancy.

Dear Nancy: The trouble with you is that your guilty conscience is kicking up. You admit you don't like to go steady because it's too confining but yet you turn around and do just that and now that it's no longer convenient for you to date in this manner, you want me to help you bow gracefully out of the situation.

As long as you don't want to go steady and your heart wouldn't be in that type of dating any longer, the best thing to do is tell the boy. He'll survive and before long, you'll both be having more fun than at the present time.

Dear Dan: I attend a small private school in a college town. Every fall the juniors and seniors in our school are invited to rush parties at the college to give the new freshmen a chance to meet the local girls. These parties last only two months and after that, the girls must be personally invited to attend.

I'm a junior and my father (president of his fraternity in college) thinks I'm too young. We

both would appreciate your opinion, along with many girls in our town with the same problem.—Junior.

Dear Junior: Actually the answer would have to depend on the individual feelings of the parents of each girl concerned. My personal opinion is that high school junior girls have no business attending these college parties but that it's okay for seniors.

I realize this answer won't make a hit with you or with the other junior girls but the blame for this situation, if blame must be leveled on anyone or anything, goes right back to the college which encourages junior girls to attend the parties.

Understand, there's nothing wrong with girls of your class attending these parties but my personal opinion is that for another year at least, you should concentrate on high school boys.

Dear Dan: This girl I'm dating has really swell parents and more than once her father has offered to let me use his car for a date. I've never accepted the offer because I don't want to take that much responsibility but I won't be able to afford a car of my own until spring and having one for dating would sure make the evening a lot more fun.

Do you think I should use the car every so often?—Darrel.

Dear Darrel: How good a driver are you? In using this car you would be taking on quite a responsibility and if you understand that, there probably wouldn't be any harm in riding once in a while. However, don't make a habit of it.

THE MAIL BAG—

Sherry: The boy showed you what type he was when he wouldn't let you out of the car and if you date him again, don't come crying to me.

F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22 and 23, 1922

John T. Willis left Monday for northern cities where he will buy his stock of shoes for the new shoe store which will be opened by him within the next few weeks. The new store will be located in the building just east of the Paragon Company, formerly occupied by Wade's Bakery.

The death of Mrs. Bonnie Guthrie occurred on Wednesday after a lingering illness. Mr. Guthrie died about six months ago. She was the daughter of Tobe Guthrie. Miss Josie Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy and Norman Larkey of Wilson were married Monday evening.

Forty members, of whom three were charter members, were present last Friday night at the celebration of the 16th anniversary of Atlantic Camp No. 188 Woodmen of the World of this city.

In spite of rainy and dreary weather the city schools opened Wednesday with an enrollment of 700. The new superintendent, H. L. Joslyn, summed up the aims of the school for the year.

The resignation of J. B. Morton as president of the Bank of Morehead City has been accepted by the directors and L. L. Leary was appointed to succeed Mr. Morton.

H. S. Gibbs, formerly with the National Bank of New Bern this week assumed his duties as assistant cashier of the Bank of Morehead City succeeding Jasper Phillips, who resigned.

More than 100,000 pounds of mullets were caught Monday by one of the fishing boats belonging to W. B. Blades. A few catches of 2,000 and 5,000 pounds were recorded on the same day.

The death of Michael C. Willis occurred Monday at the family home as he was sitting on the porch shelling beans which he had picked from his garden.

Alvah L. Hamilton of Atlantic recently arrived in the city to open up law offices here. He will be located over the Marine Bank next door to the office of Luther Hamilton.

L. T. Porter of Boykins, Va., has accepted a position with Walter Huffham, druggist, coming here from Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Thursday night about 1 o'clock Dr. S. W. Thompson's Ford coupe was stolen from in front of the Willis Inn and all efforts have failed of recovering the car.

Marion S. Webb of this city and Mrs. John Casey of New Bern, formerly Miss Viola Willis of this city, were married Tuesday in New Bern. Mr. Webb is a member of the firm of T. D. Webb and Brothers.

Nineteen thousand pounds of spots were caught Tuesday night by Capt. Jim Hancock and his crew, the entire catch being sold to the Star Fish Company of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Peterson of Salisbury have moved here to make their home and have purchased the home of Walter Freeman on east Bridges street.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Wade and son, Sept. 21. To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mason, a son, Sept. 25.

Marriages: Charles F. Gorham, Elizabeth City, and Grace Atkinson, Beaufort. Ivey Taylor and Magnolia Cheek, both of Harlowe.

Smile a While

Jake, the town loafer, looked ragged and hungry as he loitered in front of a store.

"I can give you a job digging potatoes," offered a farmer.

Jake scratched his head thoughtfully and then said, "Well, I'll tell you. Why don't you get the man that planted them? He knows where he hid the blasted things."

The Readers Write

NO COMMUNICATIONS?

September 23, 1960

To the Editor:

In reference to communications in the county during and after Hurricane Donna. It seems there is a difference in opinion about the communications during the storm. The following article appeared in the Carteret News-Times September 16, quote "Lack of communications facilities throughout the county after the storm hit was termed the biggest problem by county Red Cross officials," end of quote.

Sunday night, Sept. 11, there was a CAP mobile unit at Atlantic Beach, which stayed on the air all night with communications to the outside. On Monday morning we set up a Civil Defense RACES station in the Town Hall at Atlantic Beach and were in direct contact with State Civil Defense in Raleigh.

This station operated around the clock from Monday morning until Tuesday afternoon. We handled incoming and out-going traffic for the Red Cross, REA and local and state officials. Other facilities at the beach included the State Highway Patrol Emergency Radio station, from which they were in constant contact with all the highway patrolmen and the sheriff's department in the county. We also had a CAP Emergency Radio Unit from Raleigh, N. C.

It seems to me that the Red Cross did not know about all of these facilities, even though we handled traffic to and from them. I was at the beach almost constantly from Sunday night until Tuesday afternoon and as yet, I have not seen a Red Cross worker or official.

The following radio amateur operators took part in this emergency at Atlantic Beach: Lester Turnage, Clyde Burr, George (Butch) James, Tom Kincaid, and Harry G. Williams.

I think with all of these radio facilities the county was well covered with communication.

Yours truly,
Harry G. Williams
Civil Defense Radio Officer
for Atlantic Beach

NEW HOSPITAL?

Sept. 27, 1960

To the Editor:

The voters of Carteret county were wise to defeat the school bond proposal and the same reasons apply to defeat the hospital bond proposals to be held Nov. 8, 1960. There are several statements being made about this in Morehead City that should not go unchallenged. Some of these are:

1. Morehead City is paying for charity cases of the county and the county should operate the hospital and absorb these losses rather than having the expense on Morehead City taxpayers.
2. The present hospital is not any good and is under threat of the Medical Care Commission to close it.
3. A new hospital can be operated at no increase in cost over that of the present hospital.
4. The hospital must be built with borrowed money.
5. The federal and state governments are giving over \$1,000,000 of the cost free.
6. This hospital can be built and operated without increasing the tax rate.

The political strategy is to get the Morehead City voters to vote for the bond issue to get the hospital expense off the back of the Morehead City taxpayers. The Beaufort voters will be encouraged to favor it, since a new hospital could be built in Beaufort. It is a foregone conclusion the voters in the eastern part of the county will vote against. The Newport voters and those in the western part of the county will balance off, so the decisive votes are in Morehead City and Beaufort. These are some answers to the first question raised by the statements referred to above by number:

1. The audit of the Morehead City Hospital for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1959, shows under expense:

Total approved charity cases	\$21,001.10
Information furnished on breakdown of income for the same period for charity cases is:	
(a) Welfare payments	\$14,151.69
(b) Duke Endowment grants	5,061.00
(c) Payments made by charity cases	3,055.89
	\$22,268.58

This means the hospital received in income \$1,267.48 more than it charged as expense for charity cases.

This is not meant to imply the hospital does not lose money on patients NOT treated as charity. The current audit is not available since the current year does not end until Sept. 30, 1960. Distortions in collections and expenses can account for differences from year to year.

Accounts receivable were reserved 100 per cent prior to Oct. 1, 1959. This practice caused an understatement of the surplus account. The adjustment of this after charge-offs of uncollectible debts, increased the operating fund balance by \$20,377.10.

Doubtful accounts are now reserved at the rate of 1 per cent, but information is that collections have not been so good in 1959-60, and this may have to be increased. This would indicate the hospital

is operated in line with other hospitals, and whether the estimate is high or low, it indicates bad debts are a small part of the total earnings from patients, shown as \$334,563.29.

The hospital received \$4,358.12 from the town of Morehead City on a tax levy on the Morehead citizens and \$14,077.91 in ABC funds. These items total \$18,436.03 and represent less than 6 per cent of the gross earnings from patients.

The cost per patient day is estimated according to information (not in the audit) at \$17.28. It appears on these figures, an increase of only \$1.00 per day in revenue from each patient would cover the subsidy now allowed by the town of Morehead City.

This raises an interesting question. The total anticipated revenues from all sources for the town of Morehead City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960 through June 30, 1961, are estimated to be \$281,514.61.

The town is technically insolvent and doesn't have enough funds to maintain some of its necessary functions. (A hospital isn't a necessary function of government).

Why should the town appropriate money to the hospital which has no debt, \$34,000 in bonds and has revenues in excess of those of the town?

Information is that 29 per cent of all patients in the hospital, on the average, live outside Morehead City. Why should Morehead City taxpayers be made to subsidize the hospital?

The tax, I presume, was put on to pay for the hospital. It has long since been paid for and the new addition has been fully paid for, due to the good management of the hospital. The book value of the buildings, as shown in the audit, is \$313,416.19 and equipment \$111,077.65 with office equipment valued at \$4,792.92. This is reduced by a depreciation reserve of \$719.05.

It appears to me the charges to users of the hospital should be raised, to cover the money given the hospital by the town that should be used for necessary government functions. Once this is done, the hospital will no longer be a burden on the town or county.

The hospital can increase its revenues and be completely self-sustaining, which is the way it should be anyway.

The hospital had on hand Sept. 30, 1960 series J government bonds valued at \$34,608. Why scrap a hospital 15 years old because a small part on one end is 45 years old?

The hospital should install a sprinkler system which can be done with funds on hand. It needs more space for laboratories, labor rooms, emergency rooms and patients.

The federal government, in its great wisdom, will give \$1,000,000 to build a new hospital, but not 5 cents to expand a good existing building. We can expand the present hospital on a pay-as-you-go basis and come out cheaper than building a new one from scratch. If permitted, I will continue this later, commenting on the other statements by number.

Sincerely,
S. A. Chalk Jr.

Captain Henry

Sou'easter

Seems as though the referees at the Havelock-Beaufort game didn't take too kindly to the razing they got from the Beaufort fan announcing the game over the public address system.

It's probably going to be kept hush-hush, but Beaufort school got a stern letter regarding the incident from a high school athletic association official.

If Beaufort doesn't watch out, it's going to get the reputation a lot of "champions" get. Gracious while winning; soreheads when tying or losing. It would be especially tragic if this downfall would be attributable to an adult, or adults, who are supposed to know better.

Looks as though the B&M is going to be a railroad again, after all. Businesses hard hit by the storm are borrowing low-interest federal money. The man who handles such loans will be in the courthouse again today, but probably not after today, unless he gets so much business he can't handle it all.

The storm has posed a problem. Some boats and very good stuff such as wharves, etc., have washed up on people's property. But people who own the salvageable items aren't, in some cases, making any effort to reclaim their property.

Maybe law already permits the person on whose property the stuff has drifted to get rid of it. But quite a few are afraid to touch it because they know it's not theirs, yet they want to get their places cleaned up.

If there's nothing on the law books now, there ought to be some arrangement to allow a fellow to get stuff he doesn't want off his property, either by selling it or burning it. And it has even been suggested that after a certain period of time, if a lot of the loose lumber and pilings tossed by the storm are not picked up, the law ought to allow anyone to appropriate it for his own use. (That happens anyhow, legal or not).

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