

The Road Back

The buzz of saw, bang of the hammer, and slap of mortar against block fills the air at Atlantic Beach these days as Operation Rebuilding gets well under way.

New pilings are going down under piers, battered signs are coming down and things are beginning to look like pre-Donna days, even better.

There are still some places with roofs off or walls tumbled down, but in general the area is a-buzz with activity, just as though it were spring and the big summer season ahead.

How the buildings are being put back is the big question. Will they be slapped together as some of them were before Donna, or are they going up with roof lashed to walls and tied to concrete floor?

It has been suggested that the county planning commission investigate the possibility of establishing a building code that would require construction of wind-proof buildings. It's a pretty sure thing that few people are going to put up storm-proof structures unless

they are required to.

Maybe higher insurance rates on slap-dash buildings would force better construction. Too many folks put up a summer cottage as cheaply as they can and then when storms come the well-constructed homes nearby stand, but are damaged by debris, either afloat or blown, from the "shacks."

Utility companies estimate that a sizable fraction of their damage is not due to lines' giving way, but due to debris from flimsy buildings being blown against the lines or wrapped around poles.

Highway crews are still doing finish-up work on roads on Bogue banks damaged by the storm. Bull-dozers are pushing back dunes where the ocean washed through and as long as there are bright autumn days, the reconstruction work will move ahead.

It's a good sign. All we can hope for is that the people doing the building are taking every precaution to build so that high winds and tides will "stay" way from their door.

Women with Purpose

When there's a job to be done, people frequently say, "Find a busy person to do it," because those who have nothing to do have gotten into such a rut they never get started at doing something. Usually the busy person is a woman — and this is National Business Women's Week. The theme is Symbol of the Sixties — More Women at Work.

Over the nation, millions of women are at work in offices, schools, factories and on the farm. The Business and Professional Women's club, sponsor of National Business Women's Week, doesn't ignore the fact that millions of women are also at work in the home, cradle of the nation's future.

Married women make up, however, almost three-fourths of the total number of women at work. Older women, 40 years and more, comprise a large portion of the work force. They are finding absorbing and necessary careers for their senior years.

Education plays an important part in women's role in the business world. Women interested in advancing in their career take courses at nearby colleges, adult courses at their local high school. They explore new fields and gain the knowledge that gives birth to new ideas.

Nowhere in the world, perhaps, have women attained, in the business world, the stature that they have in America. But the Business and Professional Women's club does not confine its program for working women only to this country. It is an international organization, inspiring women's interest in government, health, career advancement and an orderly world.

All women — young and the more mature — have the same aims, to improve their communities, their state and nation. They are alert to the necessity of preserving civilization and freedom.

To elevate the standards for women in business and in the professions is one of the major objectives of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs. Other aims are embodied in a program of action that attracts in North Carolina alone 3,257 members in 75 clubs.

When the Carteret Business and Professional Women's club was organized in 1948, it was the only civic organization in the county that broadened its horizons to membership on a county-wide basis.

Other clubs sometimes carried out projects that went beyond town limits, but joining the talents of many under one banner, regardless of place of residence, had never been successfully achieved.

Rather than promoting consciousness of differences, business and professional women realize, as do many other women's organizations, that in the big things, they are as one.

Kindred spirit overcomes many obstacles and gives strength for hard work, culminating in achievement. In bettering conditions where they are — each club in its own community — Business and Professional Women are improving the world.

That's Going Some!

One of the thrills of childhood, that persists to this day is to see a hummingbird in the yard, darting from flower to flower. Do you know that the hummingbird's brain is larger in relation to its body than that of man? This little bird has a brain one-twelfth the size of its body, while that of man is one thirty-fifth the size of the human body.

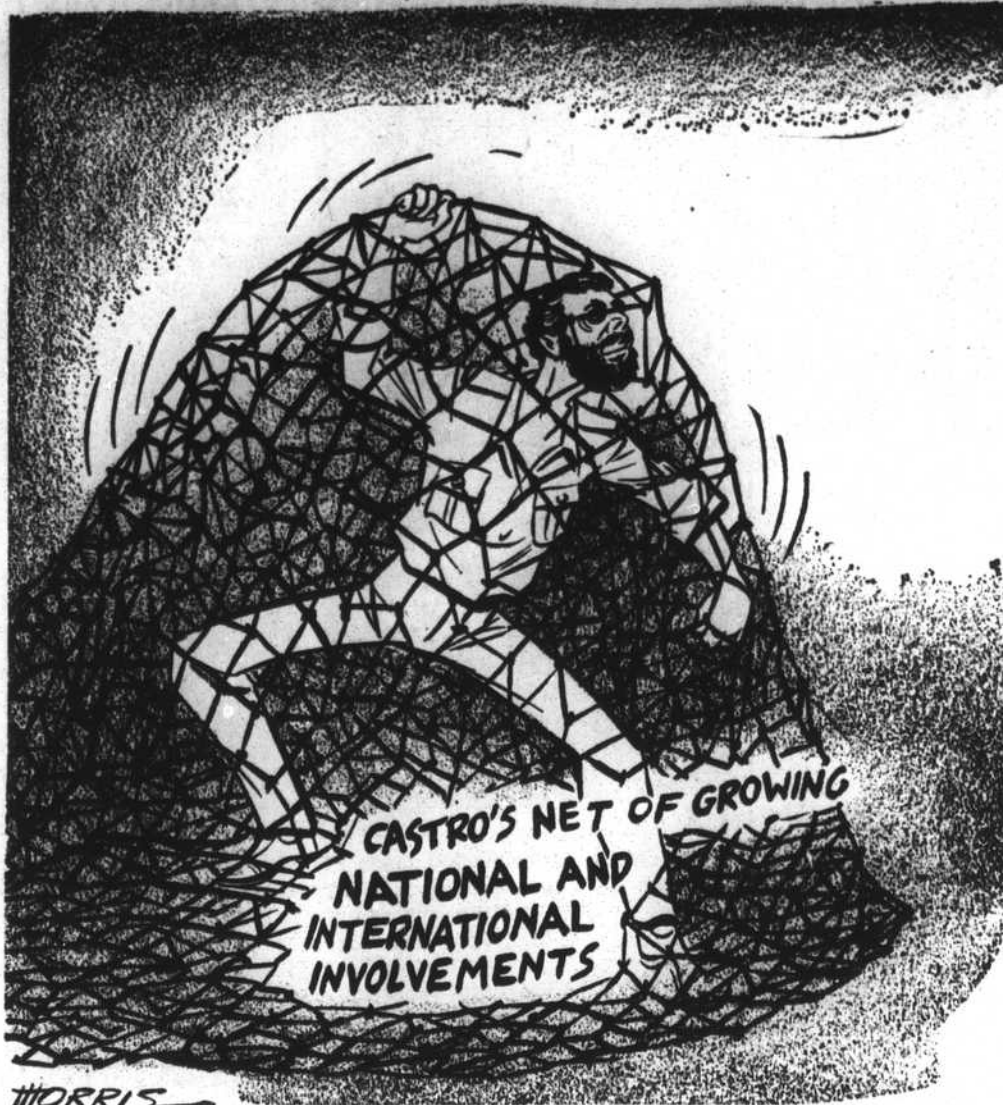
If you lived on the other side of the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, you would never see a hummingbird, for they live nowhere else except in the Americas.

The hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world. It cannot walk, and is the only bird with the ability to fly backwards. It is so light and feathery that you would have to catch about ninety of them in order to have enough to weigh one pound. They cannot live in captivity, and usually die within a few hours if caught.

The ruby-throated hummingbird, the one you see most often, makes two non-stop flights every year — from Bermuda to the United States in the spring, and from the United States to Bermuda in the fall — a distance of over 600 miles. It can fly sixty miles an hour.

— Sunshine Magazine

THE MORE HE THRASHES AROUND-



F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 6, 1922

At the time of the fire which destroyed the home of Laura T. Jones and Hopie Street, Will Ball of this city saved a young infant from the Jones house when it was enveloped in flames. At the risk of his own life he dashed into the burning building and a few seconds later stumbled out with the Jones child. Mr. Ball was badly burned about the face and arms.

George J. Nelson is having a new store built near the city dock which will be used by him in conducting a marine hardware and boat fitting business. The building will be 25x50 feet.

An Athletic Association has been formed among the student body of the city school with Percy Howland, president; Marshall Helms, vice-president and Zylphia Webb, secretary and treasurer.

Dr. S. W. Thompson's Ford coupe, stolen last Thursday night was recovered Saturday when it was discovered near Vanceboro. It was stolen by young boys under 16 years of age, one of them being

about eight years of age.

Boomer & Arthur have opened a store next to the city hall with a general line of heavy and fancy groceries. Also a full line of stock feed.

Births: Born Wednesday, Oct. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Wade, a son. Born Tuesday, Oct. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Moore, a daughter.

Marriage invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Davis for the marriage of their daughter Ruth to William G. Oglesby, and by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wade for the marriage of their daughter, Fannie Burns, to Gordon C. Willis.

Marriage licenses issued: To Norwood L. Mathews, Raleigh, and Lela Chadwick, Gloucester. Cornie Gould, Newport, and Estelle Hill, Morehead City.

The most outrageous abuse of power when former officer of public welfare, the Rev. A. H. Outlaw, was turned out of office in this county and another, less qualified by training and experiences, was given the job, is reacting against the present board of commissioners.

Captain Henry

Sou'easter

During hurricane Donna, water in the basement of Morehead City hospital (where the kitchen, dining room for employees, Negro ward and emergency room are located) was 4 to 5 inches deep.

People were shoving it out with everything they could and as fast as they shoved, it came back in— in spite of the fact that the front of the hospital along the ground had been sand-bagged and windows boarded.

They tell me the dietitian, Miss Propst, kept coffee going all night long and not only fed people fighting the storm at the hospital but sent food and coffee over to the municipal building for refugees and those on duty there.

Miss Propst tries her best to keep patients happy. I heard that during the winter when it snows, some of the patients beg for snow cream, so she makes it for them, if their doctors say they may have it.

Perhaps one of the biggest party-boat fatalities during hurricane Donna was the loss of the Bunny Too, Capt. Arthur Lewis's boat that tried unsuccessfully to ride out the storm in the cut at Atlantic Beach.

Fishermen don't have much room for complaint lately. I saw folks lugging big king mackerel home with them over the weekend. And aren't those spots some kind of good? Makes my mouth water just thinking about them.

The new part of the courthouse, where the clerk of superior court office will be located, is going up. Looks OK. It's a wonder that the very tall chimney on the courthouse furnace building stayed up through Donna. Some of the bricks look as though all the mortar between them has dissolved over the period of years.

If there were a donkey and elephant race, which would you bet on?

Infant Teacher

From the infant whom God has entrusted to me, I have discovered my helplessness, My dependence upon Divine request.

My child is hungry except I provide. Mankind would cease to be, but God Throws forth the sun each dawn, and unlocks The clouds that grain burst forth in gold.

My hover shields from winter's breath. Her shelter is my spirit's abode. I would dwell in the secret place of God,

In the shadow of the Almighty Door; In His presence and protection rest.

The babe must be clothed in gentlest down; Yet serenity's peace, and comfort's repose.

Security's love in maternal arms. But the mother's basque of mind and soul Is Agape's beatitude, A pool of effervescent joy.

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Smile a While

I hear you've been having a hard time with that new car of yours. What's wrong?" asked a friend.

"Well, it has a carburetor that saves 30 per cent on gas, a timer that saves 50 per cent on gas, and spark plugs that save 30 per cent on gas. After I drove ten miles, the gas tank overflowed!"

Louis Spivey

Words of Inspiration

SOME THINGS WE SHOULD FORGET

The mean things others have said about you, The wrong any person has done you, The mistakes you have made in the past . . . Except as they may warn you in the future. The kindness you have tried to do others, The promises other people have made you, The ill-natured gossip you have heard concerning others. The worry that hinders your happiness. The drawbacks that seem to stand in the way of your success.

BAIT AND BAIT AND BAIT AGAIN

Supposin' fish don't bite at first, What are you goin' to do? Throw down your pole, chuck out your bait, And say your fishin's through? You bet you ain't, you're goin' to fish, An' fish, an' fish, an' wait, Until you've ketch'd a bucketful Or used up all your bait. Suppose success don't come at first, What are you goin' to do? Throw up the sponge and kick yourself, And growl, and fret, and stew? You bet you ain't, you're goin' to fish, An' bait, an' bait, ag'in, Until success will bite your hook, For grit is sure to win.

— Selected

QUOTES

Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified forever: and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children, shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land; for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. — II Chronicles 30:8-9

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow; it only saps today of its strength. — A. J. Cronin

We are to do all we can with our circumstances and then trust God. What mountains God does not level, he will give us the grace to scale. — Selected

Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding. — Albert Einstein

Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you but even with him; forgiving it sets you above him. — Benjamin Franklin

Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store. — II Chronicles 31:10

Under 21

17-Year-Old Girl Finds Fiance Shy of Marriage

By DAN HALLIGAN

Dear Dan: I'm a 17-year-old girl and have been going steady with this certain guy for more than a year. He's 20 years old. We've been planning on marriage for quite some time but I told him some months ago I didn't want to start off our marriage with a stack of bills I knew he had, plus the payments on his car. Anyway, I told him to get the bills paid off and then I would consider marriage.

But instead of buckling down and doing this, it seems now all he concentrates on is his car, job, sleep and other boys. I hardly see him any more. When I once asked him why I don't see him much any more, he said he was always tired and had to get his sleep but I knew he was downtown with his car full of his friends.

I know he loves me as much as I love him but think perhaps he doesn't want to face up to the responsibility of marriage.

I've even dated others recently but that hasn't helped because I find myself always comparing them to him and none has ever measured up to him. I've got a problem but I don't know what the solution is. Do you?—In Love.

Dear In Love: You've got a problem all right but one that time won't take care of. Personally, I don't like to see a girl of 17 or 18 get married and as long as your boy friend is acting as he is, you're better off and should continue dating others.

After all, your beau is only 20 and if he still wants to "live a little," it's better that he get it out of his system now. Relax for a while and let time and nature take care of this. I'm sure everything will work out.

Dear Dan: I'm a young man of nearly 21 who has just completed his first enlistment in the Army. I really liked military service and would like to enlist again and maybe even make a career out of it.

All my friends are laughing at me and my parents, especially my father, say I should have more ambition than to just want to be a soldier. The trouble with Dad is that he thinks all you do is peel potatoes and walk guard duty.

There's also my girl to consider. She says if I join up again, I can forget all about her. With all this pressure I'm under I probably won't make a career of the Army but don't you think a guy should be allowed to choose his own life's work?—Disappointed.

Dear Disappointed: You've only got one life to live and whether you live it for yourself or for your parents and friends is up to you. I don't want to sound disrespectful but your father is all wet. The days of a man running into the military service for room and board only are over. Perhaps your father has forgotten, but the

President of our United States is a former Army career officer.

This is going to have to be your decision entirely and all I can say is remember that it's your life to live.

Dear Dan: I'm a high school senior and clerk in a shoe store on Saturdays. I like the job okay but I don't like the attention the manager is always paying me. He's always calling me into the store-room and having me help him, even when there are a dozen people needing to be waited on.

The first time or two he acted real nice and just asked me personal questions about myself and my family. The last couple of weeks he's been tell me off-color stories and has mentioned more than once that I'm a cute girl. He's a married man and may be just flirting harmlessly but I'm getting worried. What should I do?—A Nice Girl.

Dear Nice Girl: I think the time has come when your boss should be told you came to the store to work and not to be entertained. Be nice about it but if that doesn't impress him, you'd better quit the job.

Dear Dan: When you're dancing with a boy, how do you know whether to leave him or to dance the following dance with him? Does a boy thank a girl for a dance or is nothing said? If he does thank her, what is she expected to say?—A Loyal Reader.

Dear Reader: If you're referring to live music, usually there are several dances in a set and in between dances, the few seconds it takes, you wait on the dance floor with the boy. However, if you're referring to records, you're only committed for one dance and immediately after the record stops playing, the boy should escort you from the floor back to your chair or to wherever you were when he asked you for the dance.

If a boy doesn't know enough to escort a girl from the dance floor, then the girl should start leading the way and even a dumb bunny should at least accompany her and not allow her to walk by herself.

Inasmuch as boys always ask girls for dances, except in ladies' choice, a boy should be expected to thank a girl for a dance and in turn the girl can say "You're welcome" or "I enjoyed the dance too."

I hope boys get as much out of this answer as you do because apparently you've been dancing with boys who just aren't aware of manners.

(Editor's Note: These under 21 who would like to have Dan Halligan's opinion on their problems may write him at Box 66, Killip, Montana. A stamped envelope with your address on it should accompany your question.)

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