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THE NEED FOR BRIDGES

The need for a bridge over Coatan Sound is growing more acute every month. In fact there has been no period during the past 18 years the bridge hasn't been needed. The inconvenience to which our people are subjected, the cost to them because of a circumscribed commercial and industrial life, the loss to the state in development that would have transpired, has already cost North Carolina several times an investment in bridges over both Croatan Sound and Alligator River.

Moreover, the State Highway Commission is pursuing the stubborn and blind policy of spending enough each year on the maintenance of an inadequate ferry system to more than amortize the cost to North Carolina of construction of the bridges. And it must be remembered that ten years ago, the bridges might have been built for half today's costs.

Where is the business sense of a body of men who will persist in continuing a system of this kind? Where is the moral sense of any group of men who will permit the continued penalizing of a great part of North Carolina?

The need for both bridges, but particularly the need for one bridge is so apparent, that we wonder what all any man who aspires for office, who hasn't sufficient sense of right and justice to stand up on his two feet and declare he will at least do everything possible to at least bridge Croatan Sound?

IMPORTANCE OF WIDENING U. S. 264.

Too much cannot be said about the need for effort to get U. S. 264 widened, particularly from Swan Quarter west, where traffic grows heavier and dangers increase. On this narrow road, built for the traffic of a quarter century ago, serious and fatal wrecks are a week occurrence and sometimes more often. The loss of life, the personal injury, the damage of property, because of the failure of the State to recognize its duty it needless. There should be more effort on the part of the citizens whose economic life is bounded by the limitations of this road, and these include in particular the people of Belhaven, Pantego, Washington and Swan Quarter. The continued present condition of this road is costly in the extreme to these communities. It is summed up by the observation of a filling station operator on this road, who said of a recent wreck which resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars, that the state of North Carolina is alone to blame for the circumstances and should pay for the damage. But part of the blame must fall upon the people who need to raise a more vigorous outcry and demand that the proper officials awaken and take action to correct this danger. U. S. 264 should be widened and straightened.

LET US HAVE SOME FESTIVALS TOO.

There comes to the editor's desk elaborate publicity about Virginia's Shenandoah Apple Blossom festival at Winchester May 1 and 2. There will be quite a ceremony, a queen will be crowned, and more than 100,000 persons are expected to visit the beautiful valley.

Now that reminds us that here in the Walter Raleigh Coastland of North Carolina are lots of opportunities for festivals. In Kitty Hawk, Roanoke Island and Cape Hatteras the dogwoods are spectacular enough to put on a mighty big event. What would be more appropriate than a Corn festival in Hyde County, the land of tall corn; or the Tulip Festival in Beaufort County?

A little investment in the promotion of festivals would mean a great deal in dollars and cents profits from the tourist business. In the final analysis, the profit motive prompts all these festivals. Why should we let other sections have all of them?

WHAT MADE AMERICA STRONG?

All Americans agree that the United States is the world's strongest nation—and that our economic might is the main bulwark of the Free World in the fight against communist aggression.

Many Americans, however, have no clear idea of what made America strong. Some accept the theory that we are powerful merely because our land is rich in natural resources. This belief obscures the fundamental truth that Americans built a strong, productive country because they were free to utilize those resources under a private enterprise system that was not hamstrung by bureaucratic restrictions on energy and ambition.

For example, a tiny oil business, christened The Texas Company, was launched half a century ago by a handful of employes and 113 stockholders. If this young company had been caught up in the governmental interference that harasses all business today, would it now be a world-wide enterprise with millions of customers, 40,000 employes and more than 113,000 stockholders—or would the infant company have strangled in its crib on a mass of red tape thrown at it by the bureaucrats?

The answer is obvious. Because Texaco's founders, like all American businessmen in the past, were free to spend their time developing the business—instead of battling government restrictions—they were able to transform rich natural resources into products that are vital to the nation in both peace and war. Today, the American petroleum industry produces 51 per cent of the world's oil—oil that helps strengthen America but could not fuel a single car, battleship, or defense plant if men were not free to take it out of the ground, and refine and market it.

All of us must learn that free enterprise made our country strong and use this knowledge in the domestic battle against creeping socialism. If we do not win this fight at home, our resources, productivity, and strength will, under encroaching bureaucracy, degenerate into stagnation and poverty here—and the Free World's defenses against tyranny and enslavement will be fatally weakened.

In the confusion, she murmured, "I know I had two when I came in."

"I shouldn't be offering you wine, should I? You are the head of the Temperance League, aren't you?" remarked the hostess to her male guest.

"Oh, no. I am the head of the Anti-Vice League?"

Well, I knew there was something I shouldn't offer you."

BUXTON PERSONALS

S.F.C. Roy Fulcher, U. S. Army, has returned to Ft. Benning, Ga., after spending Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fulcher. They also had their son, Corp. Walton Fulcher, of Indian Town, Gay, Penn., home for a day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whidbee of Norfolk spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Jennette. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Muriel Fulcher, who will receive treatment at the Marine Hospital.

Mrs. Utah Jennette of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Wallace Jennette of Raleigh spent the week end here.

Wallace Gray, Curtis Gray and Ranny Jennette spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Jennette.

Mr. and Mrs. Urias Williams and daughter Barbara of Morehead City and Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne of Coinjock, spent Easter with Mrs. Santie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Gaskill have returned to their home in Ocracoke after spending the week end with Mrs. Cora Lee Casey.

Loran Midgett has returned home from the Marine Hospital in Norfolk after ten days treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Austin spent Easter in Dunn, N. C., with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner have returned home from their two weeks vacation with their son, J. S. Turner, Sr., and family in Baltimore.

Mrs. Pearl Midgett left Monday with Roy Fulcher for Atlanta, Ga., to spend her vacation with her son, Chesley Midgett.

Mrs. Belton Rallinson spent Easter in Wilson with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fulcher of Wheyleyville, Va., spent several days here last week with Mrs. Fannie Fulcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wahab of Ocracoke spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Midgett.

An Easter egg hunt was given Friday on the school grounds by parents and teachers for the grade children. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Loretta O'Neal has returned home from Norfolk where she visited her aunt, Mrs. Rosa Goodwin.

C. P. Midgett, Loran Midgett, and Mrs. Linda Midgett made a trip to Norfolk to visit Edmond Midgett in the Marine Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Quildley went to Norfolk Friday to visit his brother John, who is a patient in the Marine Hospital.

Leroy Abbott and his grandmother left Monday for Norfolk to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hooper and son spent Easter in Raleigh with Mr. and Mrs. Powers.

An Easter Sunrise Service was held at the Assembly of God church Sunday by the pastor, R. L. Rayle, and a program at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church.

Edmond Midgett, U. S. C. G., underwent an appendectomy Monday night at the Cape Hatteras Health Center and was taken by sea plane to the Marine Hospital Thursday for further treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnett and granddaughter, Joan Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans and children and Walter Barnett of Norfolk spent Easter here.

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airpilot friends will be asked to fly to Manteo for the occasion. Also government officials with whom he was identified in his work.

Mrs. Driskill, who made her home in Phoebus, Va., after his death, died several months ago. His father, M. F. Driskill, lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

MEETING

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home economics department of East Carolina College, was speaker, her topic being Family Relations. Music was rendered by club choruses from Chown, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

DUCK PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Coronet and son, of Norfolk, were week end guests of Mrs. Coronet's and Mrs. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Tate.

Ronnie Beals of Portlock spent the Easter holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Beals.

Mrs. Flora Smith and daughters Nancy and Judy, and Mrs. Alpeen Scarborough, Bently King, Carrie Whitson and son Elmo, were in Manteo Thursday.

Mrs. Maggie Twiford spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Rogers of Norfolk.

Mrs. Carrie Whitson, local Red Cross representative for Duck, collected a total of \$17.00.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rogers visited Mr. Roger's sister, Mrs. Jennie Waterfield of Aydtlett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beals and children spent Friday with Mr. Beals' mother, Mrs. Carrie Beals.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tillett and daughter Ola, of Wanchese visited Mrs. Tillett's sister, Mrs. S. B. Whitson and family Sunday.

Many Lives Being Saved by Cancer Detection Centers in This State

By ROBERT W. MADRY

Many lives are being saved by the cancer detection center program in North Carolina, but reports show that more universal use of the clinics would result in a drastic reduction of the annual death toll from this dread disease.

Cancer strikes one person in five, one in every two families. In 1950 there were 3,163 deaths from cancer in North Carolina.

Although the clinics are playing an increasingly important part in reducing deaths, too many people in this state are dying of cancer unnecessarily.

Figures show consistently that three to four per cent of all persons coming to detection and diagnostic centers in the state are found to have cancer.

Such is the report of Mrs. George E. Marshall of Mount Airy, State Commander and executive vice-president of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society, which throughout the month of April is conducting its annual campaign for funds for its three-point, program—direct service, research, and professional education.

More and more people are going to the clinics at the time they suspect symptoms or even before.

Encouraging Report

In 1948, for instance, only 43.9 per cent of the cases of cancer discovered at the New Hanover Detection-Diagnostic Center, Wilmington, were found to be early. In 1949, the early cancers totalled 67 per cent; 1950, 76 per cent; by 1951, 89 per cent of the cancers detected were in the early stage.

These facts are highly encouraging because in a high percentage of cases early cancers can be cured through surgery, radium or X-ray, Mrs. Marshall points out.

The Division of Cancer Control, State Board of Health, reports that a total of 1,043 cancer cases have been detected during the four-year period of the clinic's operation, 1948-51.

Last year nearly 10,000 persons were examined in the free detection and diagnostic centers in the State. A break-down by counties of those attending shows that 99 out of 100 counties were represented by from one to 639 persons. County with the largest representation was Buncombe, with 639; followed by Guilford, 577; New Hanover, 548; Nash, 477; Columbus, 499; Durham, 441; and Wake, 424.

Location of Clinics

Our nearest diagnostic center is Rocky Mount. Our nearest detection center, Elizabeth City, the first Friday each month.

At the detection centers, usually held in the morning, men over 40, women over 35, and people believed to possess suspicious symptoms, are given a preliminary examination of the five spots where cancer is most frequently found; entire skin surface, breasts, oral cavity, genital organs and rectum.

Preceding this examination by a doctor, clerks and aides register the patients and take complete medical histories on them. Any patient found to have a suspicious lesion is referred to the diagnostic center, held in the afternoon. Here a group of specialists sees the person. If special examination is indicated, or laboratory tests seem advisable, the team of specialists handles this. When laboratory reports are in, the doctors confer and make their diagnosis of the case.

Referred to Private Physician No treatment is given. The Diagnostic Center report is referred to the patient's private physician.

All the diagnostic centers are a combination of detection and diagnostic work. The detection centers do only the preliminary or screening. Thus a patient going through the detection center at Elizabeth City is referred back to his private physician or he may go on to Rocky Mount to the detection-diagnostic center for the final

diagnosis. The clinics are operated through the Division of Cancer Control in the State Board of Health. They are manned by doctors of the county medical societies; receptionists, aides, and so on, are volunteers of the county units of the American Cancer Society, North Carolina Division. The educational program, through which the public is advised about the clinic opportunities, is conducted by the Cancer Society.

The first cancer clinic to open was in New Hanover county, April 27, 1948.

The goal originally set for the program was to establish at least 20 centers throughout the state—10 detection-diagnostic centers in cities where specialists and facilities were available and 10 detection centers in smaller communities. The aim is to have the centers so located that no citizen would have to travel more than 50 miles for examination.

Cancer centers are established only on invitation of the local county medical society. Lay citizens may express their desire for a clinic to the medical society. Staffs of the centers are all elected by the local society. The local clinic director must be a diplomate of his speciality board. Local medi-

cal medical societies and the Division of Cancer Control work out plans for the local clinic.

What The Doctors Say The cancer detection center program is, of course, endorsed by the Medical Society of the State and is backed up by the Cancer Committee of the State Medical Society.

The clinic program, however, has not always had easy going. Whenever they have fully understood it, have had opportunity to see it operate, or have worked in it, individual doctors have been convinced of its value.

Doctors who work in the clinics, some of whom had to be "converted" from their original negative stand on them, are enthusiastic in their endorsements.

Inasmuch as the patients receive, through the diagnostic centers, the benefit of opinion from a

group of specialists, a very high type of expert service is rendered the patients.

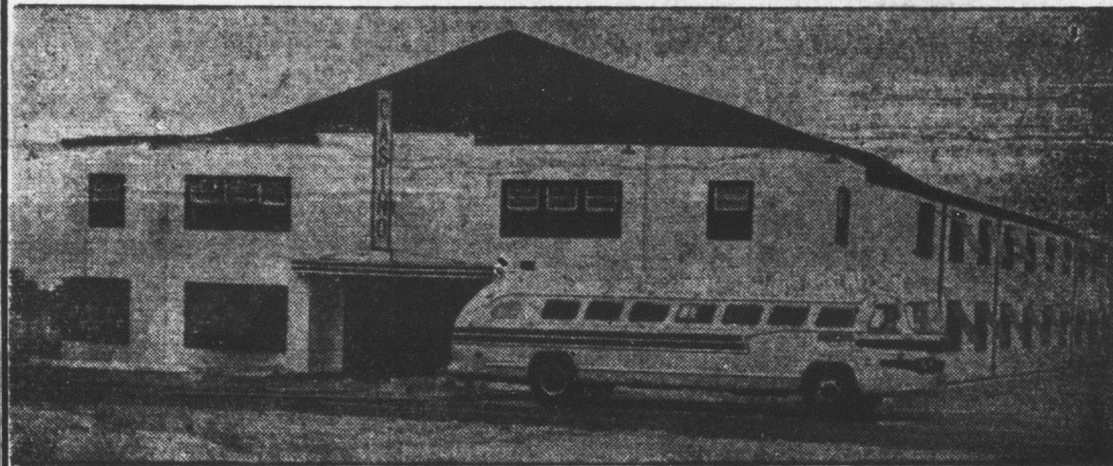
Many attending the clinics have previously had no family doctor and have not been receiving regular physical check-ups. The clinics help to educate these persons to the need for selecting their own doctor and going to him regularly.

Centers are open to all citizens of all races in the cancer age brackets and others who might have cancer symptoms. Many are encouraged to come through educational efforts of local societies or through the recommendations of doctors. Many local Cancer Society units help to arrange transportation for patients. Often clubs come in a group for examination.

Some of the volunteer workers in the clinics have been working since the very beginning of the program in 1948.

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