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"My rule, in which I have always found satisfaction, is never to turn aside in public affairs through views of private interest but to go straight forward in doing what appears to be right at the time, leaving the consequences with Providence."—Benjamin Franklin.

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BEACH INTERESTS SHOULD HAVE FAIR TREATMENT.

With half the property valuation and half the population of Dare County situated in Nags Head township which includes all of Roanoke Island, and the entire beach resort area between the town of Kill Devil Hills, and Oregon Inlet, it would seem that some sort of representation in keeping with the proportions should be arranged on the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education in Dare County.

Unfortunately, the situation has grown to the stage where this half of the county is practically voiceless in county affairs. It is at the mercy of the whims of representatives from other areas, some of whom take the viewpoint that they are required only to ignore the half of the county that pays the bills, and drag everything away to their own areas. This situation could not exist if an equitable method of electing officials were set up, one which more nearly honored the situation on the basis of population and contribution to the county treasury.

The law ought to be changed pronto, back to the former method whereby the five candidates receiving greatest number of votes were declared the proper persons to serve the county. Under the present system, the candidate from a district with more votes than a competitor in the same district becomes a member of a Board. This has resulted in grave injustices to some areas of the county. Two evils in particular accompany this plan:

1. If there is insufficient public spirit in any one district to bring out a worthy candidate, it means the whole county is punished by having its affairs in the hands of some one who for numerous reasons may be completely lacking in qualifications or abilities, or is lacking in a sense of obligation to his county. Too often he is a person, who without regard to justice or consequences, seeks to strip other areas of their rights, merely to satisfy personal greed and to divert the just benefits of government to his own area. If he can keep the greedy happy at home they will discourage opposing candidates, whereby he can continue to stay in office by default—without opposition he stands elected, regardless of whether any appreciable number of people of the county desire him, or consider him worthy.

2. The second great evil from this system is that it enables three members of the Board to combine and divide all the county's resources among themselves so to speak. Without regard to their oath and their duty to represent the county as a whole, and give fair and impartial consideration to all citizens alike, there have been instances where three members, unite solidly in dividing all the county's benefits, leaving the other two members helpless to serve their people. Three unscrupulous men on a board can deny the majority of citizens and taxpayers, who pay the bills an equitable share in the rights and benefits that are justly theirs. Three unscrupulous men can appoint and hire their friends and political buddies as they please, and practically perpetuate themselves in office. The system opens the way for demagogues to thrive, for denying justice, for corruption of local courts, and for numerous other evils. The system ought to be changed, whereby those five men whom most voters consider best qualified to serve the county, will stand nominated in the primaries.

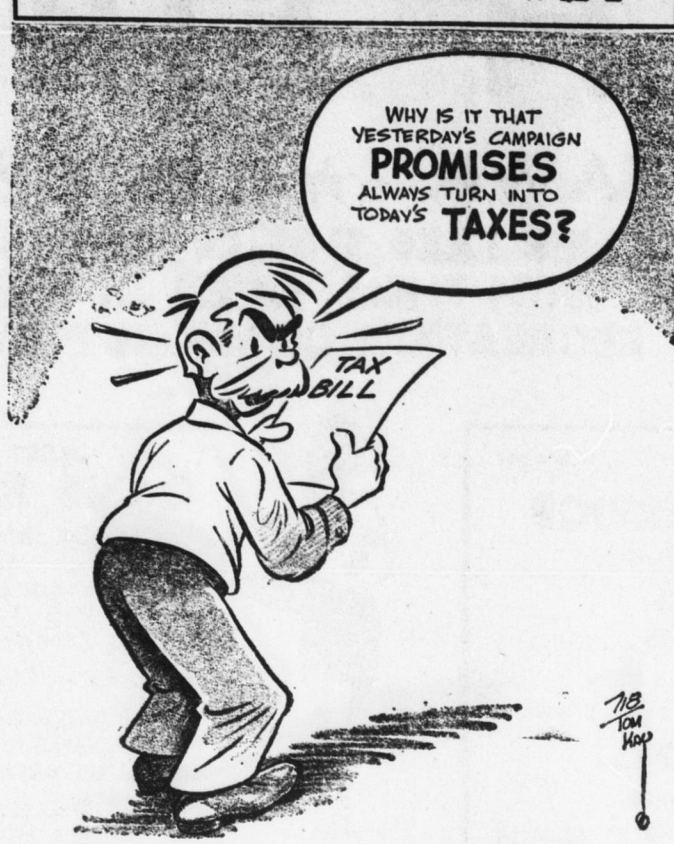
No man should assume his particular area has more rights than another. No man is fit to hold office who would take away from any other area in the face of honesty, justice and duty. It is clearly a situation that the legislature should resolve, and the legislator who makes this possible will have rendered an outstanding public service to all citizens. Failure to work for this just measure can add nothing to one's political rating at home or abroad.

Now we see what has come about. Vitality essential to the livelihood of Dare County is the continued good will of those who have invested their money here, who live here during vacation seasons, yet have no voice at the ballot box. The little that has been given our beach residents who pay most of our school taxes, our welfare taxes, and the vast sum of money wasted by officials in supporting incompetent job-holders, and trying out schemes born of adolescent minds, and time wasted by wishy-washy, empty-heads. Periodically, they raise the taxes to unreasonable sums which these hopeless people have to pay, to support a wasteful and extravagant regime against which they are helpless to defend themselves. While they support our schools and welfare, they get no benefits in return. For many years now, a token benefit has been given them in the form of garbage removal, on the beaches. The summer resident has no area on which to dump his trash; its accumulation would become a health hazard, and unsightliness would destroy the attractiveness of our beaches, whereby we hope to bring more visitors and more investors.

A meeting has been proposed for Monday morning at the courthouse in Manteo, whereby the general commotion may be promoted, and confusion confounded, under the threat that the country will have to cease picking up the garbage on the beaches. Those who do not know, may be surprised to learn that this is some of the so-called strategy cooked up by county officials, as the outgrowth of a movement that has been going on for some two or three years on the part of town officials of Manteo with the objective of also unloading the cost of their city garbage collection service on the county taxpayers. Failing to remember that the business interests of Manteo thrive on trade from the beaches, this situation has been developed in the usual bottom-up manner that prevails in a courthouse operated under a system of confusion and coffee-breaks.

It is folly to even threaten the beach residents with denying them garbage removal. Subject as these people are to the continued vandalism and robbery that prevails through the season they are away; without the county using its money to provide adequate police protection, or making an effort to apprehend the offenders, it is adding insult to injury to offer this threat to our benefactors. There is a simple solution to the whole matter. Let all pay for garbage service and extend it to every community. Since so many people have ignored that fact that cleanliness is next to godliness, and since so many manifest lack of civic spirit and also lack of community pride, as witness the trash and other eyesores that meet the view of the visitor, it now becomes an official responsibility to clean up the whole county for

THE AMERICAN WAY



Sad, But Oh So True!

SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULES — 1961 —

ALLIGATOR RIVER	
Lv. Sandy Point	Lv. East Lake
5:30 A.M.	5:30 A.M.
6:15 A.M.	5:30 A.M.
7:00 A.M.	6:15 A.M.
7:45 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	7:45 A.M.
9:15 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.
12:15 P.M.	11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.
1:45 P.M.	1:00 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	1:45 P.M.
3:15 P.M.	2:30 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.
4:45 P.M.	4:00 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.
6:15 P.M.	5:30 P.M.
7:00 P.M.	6:15 P.M.
7:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M.

OREGON INLET	
Ferries operate every hour on the hour from each shore beginning at 5:00 A.M.; last trip 8:00 P.M.	
HATTERAS INLET	
Lv. Hatteras	Lv. Ocracoke
4:00 A.M.	5:00 A.M.
6:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
12:00 Noon	1:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.

ATLANTIC-OCRACOKE TOLL FERRY	
Lv. Atlantic 8 A.M.—Ar. Ocracoke 11:45 A.M.	Lv. Ocracoke 2 P.M.—Ar. Atlantic 5:45 P.M.

On April 6, 1909 Commander Robert E. Peary hoisted the Stars and Stripes at the North Pole and took possession of the region in the name of the President of the United States.



FIGHT CANCER WITH A CHECKUP AND A CHECK AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

HATTERAS PERSONALS

The Rev. Mr. Van Cash christened infants during the eleven o'clock services Sunday at Hatteras Methodist Church. The babies were Gaston Lewis Foster, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Foster and Stanley Ellsworth Ballance son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ballance both of Hatteras.

Gaston L. Foster B.M.2 of the U. S. Navy spent the week end with his wife and two children at Hatteras. He was injured last Sept. 14, aboard the "U. S. S. Canisteo" during a N. A. T. O. cruise in the North Atlantic He was hospitalized in London, England with both legs broken later he was transferred to Portsmouth, Va., and is still a patient in the Naval Hospital there.

WANCHESE PERSONALS

Mrs. Glenn Dough of Marguerita, Canal Zone, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ryan Midgett.

PHONES (Continued from Page One)

New Bern; Washington Manager B. S. Oliver; Public Relations Manager P. J. Long, Tarboro; and Supervisor of Information and Advertising Harold N. Simpson, Tarboro. A silver plate, identifying the 200,000th telephone, was placed on the instrument, a color set of the latest design, by J. C. Moore who installed the telephone.

FREE WHEELING

By BILL CROWELL
Ever give a thought to just why success in traffic safety promotion comes so slowly and grudgingly. Largely I suspect because it is so easy to find and blame a scapegoat for all society's ills whatever. On one side, for example, you have the hurry, hurry driver who complains bitterly that it's the "slow driver" who's at the bottom of most accidents; the drawler who ties up traffic, who pokes along, irritating those following for miles behind. His argument is just as often countered by the conservative type driver who points to speed and speed alone as the principal accident culprit.

If you are a teetotaler, you're convinced that most if not all our traffic troubles comes in bottles, cans and glasses. But the one-or-two-cock-tails-before supper type is morally certain his imbibing has no part in his later driving and that accidents spring from some entirely different source.

This summer I wonder just how many lives might be spared if the drinking driver, the speeder, the overly timid driver, the encroacher, the tailgater and so on would somehow miraculously become convinced that each respectively—drinking, speeding, slow poking, crowding and following too closely—is the deadly sin.

It was said thousands of years ago: "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye?" Instead, why not let's take a reflective, sober, honest, open-eyed look at the habits that prevent us from being North Carolina's answer, even in part, to the traffic accident problem.

SUDDEN THAWT . . . If you don't read traffic signs you have no advantage over the driver who can't read period. **UNLUCKY 7 . . .** The Journal of the International College of Surgeons lists these seven basic injuries to driver-victims of automobile smash-ups:

1. Cut or fractures of the head from slamming against the windshield.
2. Injuries to the spine from bouncing back after the impact.
3. Crushed chest and broken ribs from being "compressed" into the steering column.
4. A hole in the diaphragm

CRANK'S SHOE SHOP

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SHOE REPAIRING

FOOD

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bles for side dishes. The Rotarians were pleased and assuming that their meal was a sample of what one could expect there will be 26 persons of different business or professional men in the area ready to recommend a "good place to eat" when the question arises during coming months.

The Dareolina story is given as only one example. There are many other places which have made improvements in their eating facilities for the 1961 season. The always popular restaurant, The Seafare Dinner House, of Dewey and Phoeby Hayman on Nags Head, is this year enlarged and has opened for the season.

The rebuilt Oasis of Mrs. Violet through which the intestines are forced into the chest cavity.

5. Ruptured spleen, liver and or kidney from the steering column.
6. Injuries to the kneecaps from smashing into the instrument panel.
7. Sprained thumbs from gripping the steering wheel at the time of the collision.

Kellam, practically destroyed by Hurricane Donna last fall has been rebuilt and so has The Reef, directly across the highway on the Nags Head-Roanoke Island Causeway. Owens' Restaurant on Nags Head—a family type sort of place during recent years. The Sea Ranch, Croatan, Kitty Hawk, Wilbur Wright, Carolinian, Nags Head and other hotels have each improved their dining rooms, promising food that people will go home and talk about as being good places for good food.

Other than the natural publicity sources, the two people who probably have done more to start an improvement in good eating here on the Dare Coast are a Mr. and Mrs. Spencer who operate "Spencers' Cafe", in a building near the old ferry dock in Manns Harbor. Their simple service and excellent food has made them famous—so famous that nearby places like Polly's Kitchen, the restaurants in Manteo and on the Dare Beaches and so far south as Hatteras are following their lead and are hoping to make 1961 a new era for good food on the Dare Coast.

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the good of all. It were a waste of the people's money to spend \$20,000 a year to operate a tourist bureau to tell people to come here only to be met on their arrival by such unsightliness, and if tempted to invest money in order to enjoy our seashore, to be raided constantly through higher taxes to satisfy the greed of stupid and selfish county officials in whose selection they have no voice. We have constantly offered admonition against those among us who stupidly kill the goose that lays the golden egg, or who wish to pluck all the fowl's feathers at one time. This we will always oppose as being against the best interest of all of us. It is time for a change. It is time to give consideration, not only equally to everyone on a county-wide basis, but to those especially who pay the freight.

WHO IS THERE QUALIFIED TO SAY,
It is preposterous to suppose that the people of one generation can lay down the best and only rules of government for those who are to come after them, and under unforeseen contingencies. At the time of the framing of the Constitution the only physical forces that had been subdued and made to serve man and do his labor, were the currents in the streams and the air we breathe. Rude machinery, propelled by water power, had been invented; sails to propel ships upon the waters had been set to catch the passing breeze—but the application of steam to propel vessels against both wind and current, and machinery to do all manner of work had not been thought of. The instantaneous transmission of messages around the world by means of electricity would probably at that day have been attributed to witchcraft or a league with the Devil. — U. S. Grant, Personal Memoirs, 1885.

MAN'S PLACE IN NATURE AND THE UNIVERSE.
The question of questions for mankind—the problem which underlies all others and is more deeply interesting than any other—is the ascertainment of the place which man occupies in nature and of his relations to the universe of things. Whence our race has come; what are the limits of our power over nature and of nature's power over us; to what goal we are tending; are the problems which present themselves anew and with undiminished interest to every man born into the world. — Thomas Huxley.