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**AS TO THE MATTER
OF POLITICS**

It seems that in some quarters politics is regarded as a thing to be spoken of lightly, a sort of fetish that must be approached only under a guard, and then with restrictions lest some one's preserves are trampled, or an opinion entertained that is not to be offered courageously or plainly because some one else may have a different notion of things. *The Pilot* does not worship any such god as this, and that it has had little to say of politics is not because it has looked upon political themes as of a nature too sacred, but simply because little has presented itself in the life time of this paper that appeared to call for much discussion.

But we are approaching a political campaign that appears to have been scheduled for more or less bitterness and personality. Should that be the case it is hard to tell who may be drawn into such a fracas. Where every spectator is hitting a head the enthusiasm often becomes contagious, and the most dispassionate philosopher finds himself with a club in his hands.

But with the coming campaign it is evident that some things are approaching a climax. One of these is taxation, and it will be right certain that we shall hear more or less discussion of taxation, which is wise. With that will arise other views as to the changes the state and county are experiencing in their public functions and relations, for it is no longer possible to make the old raiment fit the growing state. Life is a steadily shifting practice and custom. New requirements call for new attitudes on all subjects. Doctrine of yesterday does not fit tomorrow. The roads of fifteen years ago would not fit next year. We are growing more toward centralization, and throttling individualism more. Presently we are going to realize that North Carolina requires a new constitution to fit in with its exuberance of modern laws, and antiquated things will give way to more progressive habits. This will bring discussion and some of it acrimony, which is useless. Discussion is wise. Recrimination is stupid, and gets us nowhere. But a time is not far off when men will have to meet candidly and intelligently the disposition of many new projects that will have to do with public affairs. No doubt the campaign ahead will bring up some of these things. Honest men will face them honestly, looking for the right. Selfish men will be moved by hope of personal gain. If *The Pilot* has occasion to express an opinion it will be expressed, for there is never anything gained by running away from facts.

**TUBERCULOSIS
IN CATTLE**

The county commissioners at the coming meeting will be asked to provide a fund of \$3,000 to engage a competent veterinarian under the supervision of the state and general governments to test every animal of the cow family in the county with the object of discovering all animals affected with tuberculosis that the diseased animals may be slaughtered and the disease eradicated. So far North Carolina has not had a great deal of cattle tuberculosis, but that does not say that we should put off this timely measure on that account. Some years ago some of the states of the north had no more tuberculosis in the herds than we have now in this state but the neglect of the war against the malady resulted in the extension of the infection,

and in some instances entire herds of northern cattle have been found infected, and the state average has run up to nearly half of all cattle in some of the states.

Tuberculosis in cattle is conveyed to man and to hogs. A diseased cow is a grave danger to the community if she happens to be in a dairy, or to a family if she is a family cow. Tuberculosis is the most destructive disease that at the present time afflicts the human race. Much of it comes from using the products of infected cattle. The way to cut out that proportion of disease is to discover the cattle that are ailing, and to get rid of them.

The commissioners are importuned almost to death by the many missionaries who ask for funds to carry on various commendable and some unimportant tasks, and they are limited by the funds that the people pay in taxes for the common welfare of the county. But it would seem better to deal less liberally with some of the other claimants and to give the cattle question the benefit of as big a fund as may be required. Nothing is so expensive as sickness and death, and nothing so unsatisfactory in any of its results. It would be better for the people to let up on some of the other public expenses that have been regarded as the vital ones and take up this proposition of getting rid of infected cattle, rather than to allow an idea of economy of money to hold up such a vital project.

**THE KNOLLWOOD
LOT SALE**

The sale of lots in the tract that connects Knollwood Village with Southern Pines, which took place on Tuesday morning of last week, is one of the remarkable evidences of how the development of the Sandhills is gauged by the buyers. About seventy lots were sold there on that cold morning, and to men who had but recently come to know that here was a desirable section of the community. The road that connects the two villages is so new that it is just about in shape to travel, for it was unbroken black-jack forest just before Christmas. But the road is open now, the territory is accessible, people have gone in and looked it over, and enough lots to cover nearly fifteen acres go on the first offer. This was done with three or four days' announcement that they would be offered, and without any particular fuss, and wholly because people are satisfied that a Sandhill investment or a Sandhills home is worth the money and going to be worth much more money.

The price put on the property in that new section is \$800 an acre, and nothing is a better indication of the confidence of people in this part of the world than the swift and tremendous advance in values there. The sale was conducted by S. B. Richardson for the Knollwood corporation. Two or three years ago Mr. Richardson was offering lots of his own not far from the land sold last week, and his price was not above fifty dollars and possibly less. He could not have secured at that time more than a hundred or a hundred and fifty dollars for an acre of what last week sold at \$150 or better for a single lot. Yet some seventy lots found a market at the sale in a few hours.

This sale establishes some facts concerning the Sandhills community. One is that \$800 is no longer regarded as a high value to put on acreage that is located well into either Southern Pines, Knollwood or Pinehurst, and that the location does not have to be in the heart of any already defined section, but rather at some point that is in the line of development. Another is that the confidence in the early development of all the neighborhood of Southern Pines and Knollwood Village, and in the intent of the men back of these projects to carry out their schemes, is unbounded. Last week's sale shows that the people are cleverly believers in the future of the Sandhills. No more significant and positive demonstration of this has taken place in a long time. The em-

phatic conviction is that the man who has not bought his cheap land will buy no more at the old figures. Too many are ready to pay more.

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION OUT
FROM ABERDEEN**

Aberdeen is the center of unusual activity in road construction, and incidentally of inconvenience. Work has started on the highway to Southern Pines compelling a detour by way of Bethesda church, and as that old road has been in bad shap for the last two or three years the rains of last week did it no good. Travelers found it hard to negotiate. Those who undertook to improve on the prospects by going by way of Pinehurst encountered another construction force in the link of the new Greensboro road between Pinehurst and Aberdeen, and there the rains made things uncomfortable. But some fair weather and efforts on the part of the contractors should make things more satisfactory, and the final result will be a hard road from Aberdeen to Southern Pines and a fine highway from Aberdeen to Candor and Greensboro on the other the industrial and business activity in Aberdeen and also in Southern Pines.

VASS BASKET BALL TEAM DEFEATS CARTHAGE TEAM

The Vass High School quintet, showing up in good form Wednesday, walloped the Carthage Knockouts to the tune of 28 to 11. The line-up follows:

Vass		Carthage
Byrd	rf.	Cagle
Leslie	lf.	Muse
Simpson	c.	Swaringer
Thompson	rg.	Fields
Laubscher	lg.	Wright

Scoring—Byrd, 13; Leslie, 7; Simpson, 8. Carthage—Cagle, 2; Muse, 1; Swaringer, 4; Fields, 1; Wright, 3. Referee: Page.

JURY FOR FEBRUARY COURT

The following citizens of our county were drawn to serve as jurors for the February Civil Term of Court:

Carthage:—Eugene Vanderush, O. B. Flinchum, E. C. Frye, A. F. Boyette, C. L. Gulleddge, J. D. Hammon, N. F. Gilmore.

Bensalem:—B. H. Brown, A. T. Cockman, C. G. Cox.

Shefields:—W. C. Brown, J. C. Caviness.

Ritters:—G. M. Upchurch, C. H. Powers, C. E. Scott, Frank Brogan.

Deep River:—J. H. Matthews.

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Greenwood:—C. S. Reynolds, W. J. Vick, J. W. Rogers.

McNeills:—R. S. Blue, Neill M. McKeithen.

Mineral Springs:—Alex Black.

Poultry Club members in North Carolina entered eleven birds at the Madison Square Garden poultry show in New York City last week.

Tom Tarheel says that North Carolina seems destined to be a great poultry producing State. Everywhere he goes now folks are talking about pure bred eggs, incubators and poultry marketing associations.

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FOR SALE—I have for sale a good number of S. C. Rhode Island Red pullets and cockerels. Some of these are laying; they are nice birds, and the prices are right. \$1.00 to \$2.00 each. N. A. McKeithen, Carthage, N. C. (9*tf.)

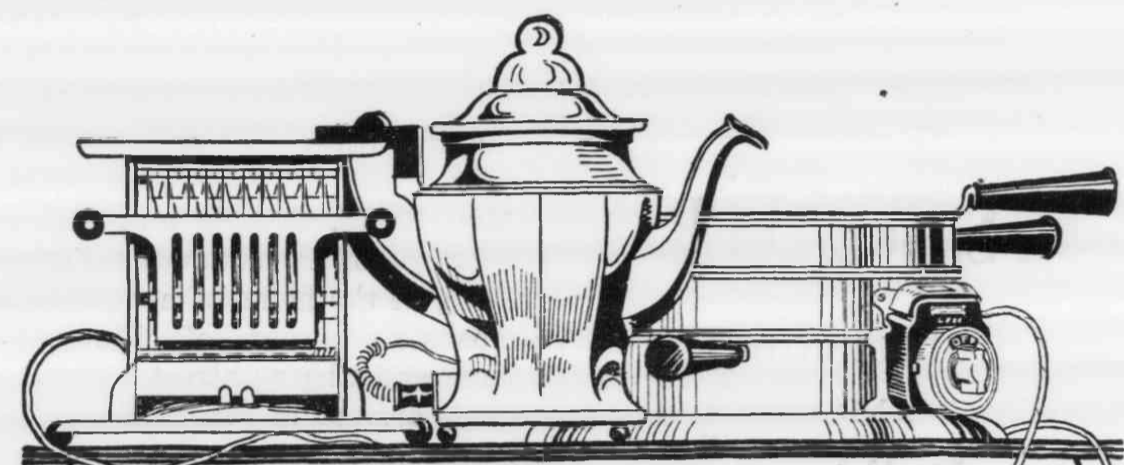
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