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**THE PILOT, POLITICS AND MR. BREWER**

When the Pilot was established the last thing in the world that was considered was any contact whatever with politics. But man runs a narrow round in the treadmill of life, and we have little idea today of what we will do tomorrow. Recently Mr. Brewer, the owner of The Pilot was invited to become the manager in Moore county for Mr. McLean in the campaign for governor. His first impression in the surprise of the suggestion was to decline and to take the attitude of an outsider. Consultation with advisers whose judgment he values led him to decide that he would undertake the work, but with certain understandings. Mr. Brewer does not believe a lot of things that are said about politics. He does not believe half as much in the alleged rottenness of politics as in the indifference of politics. He does not believe that the nation, or the state, or the county are badly governed, but that we all manifest entirely too much indifference to government, and that we are all entirely too much given to gratuitous yammering about government and government officials, and far too little interested and honest knowledge of government and governing officials.

With that in view he determined to try to help in Moore county in the election of Mr. McLean. Personally he has not known Mr. McLean until within the last few days. Nor does he know Mr. Bailey. He regards both of them as eminent men in public affairs and as successful men in private affairs, both of them men of wealth and standing, and looks upon success as creditable. But that is merely an incident in the campaign. The primal fact is not that they are Wilton McLean or Josiah Bailey, for either of these men is highly capable, dependable, and probably each would make an acceptable governor, for after all is said and done the governor is merely the executive of laws that are made for the government of the state and for himself as well, and long established custom governs the governor as well as the people. Mr. Bailey is more eccentric in his utterances than Mr. McLean, but Mr. Bailey as governor would do but little more as governor than Mr. McLean for the hedge that is put about a governor is one that neither can climb over.

Were this all there is to the campaign Mr. Brewer and The Pilot would have none of it, for the presumption would be that either man would fill the office, sign the vouchers, make the required occasional speeches about the great state of North Carolina and the other functions that go with the situation. But beyond living at the house in Raleigh they call the mansion, and holding the first place of political prominence in the state is something that to The Pilot seems of much greater importance to the state and the people. Always is breeding in social and political circles certain doctrines that are delusive and that tend to maintain a breach between the social and industrial leaders and those whose efforts have been less successful. It takes various forms, and is fanned under various names and movements, kindling antagonisms, distorting the vision of the people, misinterpreting economic facts and muddling social conditions instead of trying to straighten them out. This campaign indicates a pronounced tendency that way.

Now The Pilot does not think such things are helpful. All the

time mankind has enough that is new to perplex us, but the way to solve the problems is to honestly and openly inquire into troubling conditions, discussing the different phases candidly with each other, for in all things we are all alike equally interested. The appeal to class antagonism The Pilot heartily despises. No one class can ever succeed in this country at the expense of any other class. This may seem a right broad statement, but if you doubt it think it over before you fly up to dispute it. And that is what The Pilot wants to do all through this campaign—think it over, prove all things by diligent research and inquiry and hold fast to that which is good.

Mr. Brewer expects to do what he can for Mr. McLean, believing that in doing it is not for McLean but for the people of the county and state, and that McLean is a secondary consideration in this thing. He hopes to show that some of the fallacies too generally nursed are delusions that are harmful rather than beneficial, and that the advocate of industry and business is more to be approved than the man whose effort is all the time to sound the fire alarm whether there is any fire or not. In the campaign The Pilot will probably enter to some extent into the discussion of affairs, dispassionately, as honestly as it knows how, never cocksure that its ideas are always the only right ideas, for that is the vain assumption of the conceited, but always anxious to be as nearly logical as it knows how, and always trying to advance the cause of the multitude, not because of any mushy political sentiment, but because in the welfare of the multitude is the welfare of each of us. The man who will make the best governor is the man we all want, even though we delude ourselves into the belief that we do not want some particular man, or the man of some particular party. If either Bailey or McLean, or for that matter, Mr. Meekins, or the republicans, is the superior man, every one of us will profit just as much as the other, in the election of that man. It is not wise to look on this situation as one of personal preference, or our personal liking for any one man, but rather as a choice between the men who offer, where we will act sensibly only if we choose the one best qualified for actual helpful intelligent handling of the public affairs of the state. We all profit alike by the selection of the best man, and all suffer alike by the choice of the wrong one, and because he has a paper that may discuss the situation and with firm determination to make this a research campaign rather than the campaign of a prejudiced advocate, Mr. Brewer has undertaken the job that has been assigned him. He thinks he is justified in asking the people of Moore county to stand by him, as far as his work is in the open, logical and in behalf of the whole county and the whole state. Should it at any point fall from that basis he asks nothing. There is his policy, his reason, and his promise. He would like to see a clean, harmonious, and earnest campaign to secure the best possible results, and is glad at any time to have candid and honest suggestions from any source.

**PINEHURST AS A CONVENTION POINT**

Last week Pinehurst had a big convention of insurance men from all over the United States. This week it is estimated that something like a thousand members of the Rotary clubs are there. The regular winter season is drawing to a close in the Moore county winter resorts, but Pinehurst reaches out at this time and brings in the visitors in enormous numbers. Last week the doctors held their annual gathering at Raleigh. They voted there to hold their next one at Pinehurst. Raleigh has just finished one of the fine big new hotels of the state. The doctors were there. But they decide to hold their next meeting at Pinehurst, where they can have a fine big hotel. But besides the big hotel at Pinehurst

they have also another thing they do not have any other place in the state, and that is room. In Raleigh the hotel was the only place the doctors could congregate. Outside of the house they were on the street in the midst of crowds, hurrying foot passengers, automobiles contesting for the streets, trolley cars, noise and confusion. At Pinehurst the doctors and any other gathering have ample room in the hotels, and ample room outside the hotels. The roads are open for traffic of all kinds. The golf courses are there for the pleasure of the visitors. Nobody is crowded any place. If the stranger is to drift out along the country highways, into the orchards, into the dogwoods, to the barns or the dairies, to the polo games, to any of the current amusement, he is free to move, and nothing is in his way.

It is apparent that one of the important functions of Pinehurst is to be the care of big gatherings more and more frequently for it is evident to the visitors who attend such meetings that Pinehurst is not equalled for an occasion of this sort, and it would not surprise any one familiar with conditions if the spring season at Pinehurst should extend well into May and June before many years. And it may also be the case that early fall conventions will require the opening of Pinehurst in September instead of October before very long. Pinehurst is becoming better acquainted every day, and with marked results.

**THE JOYOUS WISDOM OF IGNORANCE**

The Pilot has received from the Department of Agriculture at Washington a circular on the agricultural outlook for 1924, which is a forecast of the crop situation as far as it can be outlined from present available statistics gathered by the large corps of crop reporters who report to the department every month from all sections. Regarding cotton the bulletin says no report has been compiled because of pending national legislation specifically prohibiting reports of intentions to plant cotton. The emotional nonsense that has been hanging over the cotton market has finally climaxed in this attitude of congress. The theory is that to tell what is the probable acreage of the new crop will help the speculator, that dread bugaboo of the cotton belt.

In any other industry the peo-

ple concerned try to have all the information possible that will enable them to forecast the future and help them to determine on the safe production for the days ahead. But the cotton men have appeared to think that knowledge of their condition is dangerous, and therefore congress has been urged to discontinue reports on the outlook. What the philosophy is The Pilot does not presume to intimate. But if ever men profited by keeping themselves in ignorance that event has never been known to this journal. If the cotton farmer needs anything in connection with his work it is the fullest possible information about it, and the government is the only disinterested agency that can gather and supply the facts for the farmer in a shape that he can secure. If the foolish notion that other interested parties will be shut off from getting information is back of this scheme to shut off information from everybody that notion might as well be abandoned at once, for the milling interests have their own agencies for gathering information, and they always know more about the crop than the farmer does. Congress in ordering the crop reports stopped is stopping the farmer's one source of information, and putting him in absolute ignorance of the conditions that affect his crop. It this absurd thing becomes a law the farmer will be in as good shape to market his crop as a blind man in a dark night is to sit through a movie show. When we get to where we are afraid to gather

information about our own business affairs it is time to send the man from the foolish house to gather us all in. The Pilot would be glad to see Mr. Hammer step on this kind of feeble-mindedness in Congress.

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- No. 3—7:28 p. m., for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville
- No. 5—5:52 a. m., for Monroe, Atlanta and Birmingham.
- No. 11—6:33 p. m., for Hamlet, Monroe and Atlanta.
- No. 41—11:22 a. m., for Hamlet, Charlotte and Wilmington.

**NORTHBOUND**

- No. 2—9:53 p. m., for Richmond, Washington and New York.
- No. 4—9:35 a. m., for Richmond, Washington and New York.
- No. 302—7:07 p. m., for Washington, Philadelphia and New York.
- No. 12—8:50 a. m., for Raleigh, Henderson and Norfolk.
- No. 44—2:02 p. m., for Raleigh-Weldon.

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Mr. George is spending the Easter holiday in Thomasville. Misses Ver, Hartzell, of Tuesday.

Mr. G. H. Miss Madeline visit to relative Mr. and Mrs. and children, Sunday.

Rev. and M little grandda land, of Aberc program a Sunday evening Miss Georg night with a Mr. Tannie ville, Va., vi Cameron last Mr. Turner from Cummo Mr. and M Miss Margare and Mr. Can mington, visit McLean Satur Mrs. W. F. Graham were day.

Miss Anna and Mr. T. F route one, w Miss Egerton ter.

Mrs. A. M. ford Saturday Mrs. T. B. of Aberdeen, Sunday morn Dr. M. L. Poindexter, o here Monday. Mr. Alvin I hurst Tuesda Dubbs.

Miss Lizzie Beasley Moto from a visit to Miss Jewel to Guilford C Easter holiday Mr. W. H. Sunday at the A. J. Keith, The Keith fa day, all of th except one.

Mrs. O. M. her home in S to her parents wards.

Mr. V. L. V one day last Mr. and Mrs. Messrs. J. Thomas, of I with home fo Miss Lydia Star.

Messrs. W Smith and M Clyde Fisher Pines Mond Little Miss ton, the mos Hotel Vass, day afternoo parents, Mr. ton.

Mr. and M Mr. and Mrs. ford, Sunday. Messrs. Da Eugene Keit McGill and F the Carolina-ham Saturda Miss Marg McDougald a Margaret Mc T. of Ca Tuesday.

Mr. and M and Miss E spent Friday P. W. Joyner Mr. Jim C near Sanfor D. A. Camer H. Oldham S Mr. Brown Company, sp Salem.

Miss Ossie spent the h here.

Mr. Arthur ness trip to Mr. Wade visited friend Miss Clyde came Sunday Keith. Miss Smith accom ford on her Mr. McQu veyor, was week, surve which is to be Mr. and M in Raeford v tending Pres

Mr. and M to Aberdeen Little Miss Cameron, wa Mrs. A. K. T. Mr. and M children, of Auman, at H noon.

Several Va Life School s the baccalaun the Rev. Geo The sermon music by the enjoyed.

We congra man, Arthur in the declar thage Friday he has won once in the county, who is striv things in lif community attainments.