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**GOVERNOR McLEAN'S
 BUSINESS POLICIES**

When A. W. McLean was a candidate in the primaries for governor *The Pilot* stood by his cause because he was an outspoken advocate of business policies in the government of the state. Good business management is a far more important factor in local, state or national government than politics, for good public business is the only lawful purpose or legitimate excuse for politics or for party organization.

McLean was elected on a business platform, and by such a majority that the election of last fall emphasized the importance of good business methods in government. The example was infectious and all over the state, in this county as well, better business practices have been introduced. One of the first things the new governor insisted on was attention to the cost of operation, and making the income match up with the expenses. The fight over that matter need not be referred to. The final outcome was a fixed budget, with definite amounts appropriated to specific purposes, and a tax laid to meet the expenses. The state was warned that it would have to pay certain amounts in taxation, and that it must not attempt to spend any more money than it paid in taxes.

In our old indifferent way we went forward on the presumption that law is law and that actual practice consists in evading or ignoring the law wherever it is desirable to do either. The amount of tax to be laid was understood in the legislature. That defines the amount of income the state is to have, and it can get no more. But many people and many members of the legislature thought to appropriate more money than the state income from taxes would amount to and trust to luck for the excess which would be an excess of debt. Gov. McLean emphatically put his foot on this foolish policy, and notified the departments that they must not exceed the sums allotted them, for he does not propose to go any further into debt. He argues most sensibly that what we cannot pay for from this year's income we do not care to try to pay for from another year's income when the other year has its own burdens. He has planned to have a clean slate at the end of the year. That is business. We will live within our income.

It is fine to go on broadening out in our public affairs, spending money for one thing or another, but Gov. McLean's intelligent business plan says broaden as far as we can pay, and then have sense enough to stop. If we can't find the money to pay when we are levying the taxes it is useless to say we will find it a little later when we have to face the bill collector. It sounds nice to say we should do so and so and spend more money for desirable things. But the main thing to remember is that when we run out of money it is dishonest to incur debts that we know will be as hard to pay in the future as to pay now. Before we consider spending another dollar the only course is to find where another dollar is to come from. And as the legislature went to the limit in laying taxes last January we must realize that unless we want to pile up more taxes no more dollars can come. The better course is to inaugurate an energetic economy in all state affairs, and that is what Gov. McLean is doing. The people who pay the taxes want lots of things they

cannot get. The state must be conducted on the same basis. It must get along with what it can pay for, and realize that it can't have money to pay for everything because the income of the state is limited.

Gov. McLean has introduced a new idea into government and he is standing by it, and *The Pilot* is confident he has the nerve to stand by to the finish. And on the success of his administration on that basis will rest the future of the state for a long time, for if once established on a sound financial principle the people will keep North Carolina on that sound basis.

**A TOUCH OF
 THE HUMANITIES**

Over along the Midland road, just above the Mid-Pines club at Knollwood village is a pleasant modern cottage, and above the house is a greenhouse filled with flowers of various kinds. Man lives there who came down from Pittsburg a few years ago and made himself a home there. Nice wife, pleasant surroundings, jimmy pipe, seems to stand in well enough with the bankers to have a Buick or a Packard or something like that, but rides about in his truck considerable. Sizeable bald spot, pretty well put up, apparently free from many blemishes, fairly good hand at a smile and having been for years a judge of a Pittsburg court he has acquired the fashion of drawing down his eyebrows when he talks as if he was serious.

Over at a hospital the other day two visitors had dropped in to talk a minute with two young women who are hanging round there waiting for the time to come when they can be sent back home again with recovered health. On their tables was a stack of posies, some of them of rare varieties, and all of them of exceptional vigor and type. Women somehow take to bouquets, and when they happen to be sick, and have to stay in the hospital, and visitors are in only occasionally, and the hours drag by with heavy feet, a bunch of posies looks about as friendly as any time in the world. Naturally these girls had a word to say about the bouquets. Anybody would feel a bit proud over such a display. When you have arrived at the point in the hospital where the world begins to take on a brighter hue, and you have passed the apprehensive stages, and the sun has been able to attract attention once more, it is not so hard to appreciate a big bouquet of choice greenhouse offerings.

So they talked about the contribution. And it seems that from that greenhouse flowers go out many a time in many a direction. It seems to be a bit of common gossip here and there that the old codger who lives in that house above the Mid-Pines club has a fashion of cutting posies and shedding them around among people he never saw or heard of. Just has that way about him. Pittsburg folks who know him say the old tyke was always that way.

And listen, brothers. Don't think stunts like that get by without the Recording Angel making a jot on his big book once in a while alongside of that baldheaded geezer's name.

**NAIL STRIPPERS—
 A SUGGESTION**

Last week the Pinehurst Warehouses in a small advertisement notified the peach men that a supply of nail strippers had arrived ready for the season's business. A nail stripper may not be well known to the ordinary individual, but it is an important factor in packing peaches, and it is also a suggestion of the difference between modern ways and those of the older time. A nail stripper is simply a contrivance to assemble nails in a strip of metal, heads all up, so that when a crate builder reaches out for nails he can take a dozen or so between thumb and finger the points all down and ready to be hammered into the job. He holds his strip of nails so one is in position for the board he is nailing on the

crate, taps the nail with the hammer to start it to place, and then hits it another crack with his hand removed and the nail is driven home. That operation is repeated at the different places needing nails, and as fast as he can hit two strokes he drives a nail in each place. He can build crates so fast that it is wonderfully interesting to watch the operation.

Peach packing is systematized in that way all through. The packer makes every box of fruit a systematic thing. If he is packing a certain size that size alone is put in the box. Bigger or smaller sizes go in another package. The packer knows at the beginning how many peaches will be needed to fill the package and that many go in to it. Each goes in its place. The peaches are sorted in sizes before they reach him so packing peaches is simply a job of putting so many in each row and so many rows. No time is lost hunting anything to fit out a row, nor to make the proper number of rows. The crates at each particular table in the pack house will have a known number of peaches in each crate, for the crate holds just so many of a certain size, and the table packs that size.

The nail stripper calls up the fact that peach growing is a systematic operation. Ordinarily a man nailing crates would hunt up a nail, hit it three or four times to drive it to place, and fool around hunting another one. The stripper gives him enough nails to nail up his crate at once, and expedites the job. A man with a nail stripper can make two or three crates while a man without it makes one. Peach packing wastes no movements and no time. Could the farms all the way through follow the example of the peach men twice the work would be done, for the farm wastes a lot of motion in every thing that is done. The farmer puts in long hours at low wages, and does a great deal of hard work. If he could hunt up something that would do more like the nail stripper, which cuts out wasted effort, farming would be a more enviable occupation.

The nail stripper is a pretty good thing for folks to watch a little in its time and effort saving work. It is only a small machine, but it is big in its suggestions as to the value of taking a short cut in doing things.

**ACKNOWLEDGING A
 JUST OBLIGATION**

The Pilot has always enjoyed a reputation as a fairly well printed paper. A couple of years ago an advertiser wrote that he would be glad if other papers in which his advertisements appeared would get up the material in the same tasty style *The Pilot* always reached. Commercial printing commanded the approval of patrons, who freely commented on the taste shown in printing of all sorts. Much of the credit of the satisfactory work done at this office is to be laid to the account of George W. Baker, who died last week at Carthage. Baker was an oldtime printer. He had a sincere liking for his work, and no patience with stupid handling of a job, or shiftless or indifferent typography. Every piece of printing that came into his hands was designed in his head or on paper before a letter was set in the type. He figured on the character of the letters to be used, and the proportion of the printed page, and the balance of the lines. He had the ambition and the honesty of an artist, for no matter what a man's work may be it gives ample field for artistic handling if there is one inch of room for creative construction. Baker had the initiative. He had the judgement and intelligence to arrange his types harmoniously, and the enthusiasm to struggle always for the best effects.

Many advertisements that were printed in *The Pilot* and in other papers in the state were set by Baker and proofs from his work sent to the others that his judgement and skill could be followed. In that way he set a good example over a rather wide

range. And so he left a good influence. The old printer was a reader and a philosopher, and always keeping a little ahead of yesterday. He liked to look over what other progressive printers were doing, so that he could gather the new ideas that came up, and he had the faculty of adapting and utilizing the new things. He tried to make good printers of the boys who worked in the office with him. In spite of his impatient disposition the boys profited much by his instruction, his criticism, and some by his somewhat severe notes at times. The boy who passed through Baker's hands gained by it, even though at times the road had some rough spots. He did a good job, and his influence will last a long time in Central North Carolina. An honest, intelligent, industrious printer hangs his work up before the world, and it is seen of many men, and has a powerful effect.

J. VANCE ROWE

Attorney and Counselor at Law
 ABERDEEN, N. C.

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Dr. F. H. Underwood

DENTIST
 Carthage, N. C.
 Office next to Jennings Motor Co.

NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Sam W. Robbards, deceased. This is to give notice that all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned at Pinehurst, N. C., duly itemized and verified on or before the 7th day of April 1926 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Any person indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
 This April 7th 1925.
 J. A. WICKER,
 Administrator of Sam W. Robbards.

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**CEDAR CHESTS
 OLD FURNITURE REFINISHED AND
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Expert Workmen—Best Machinery
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Are you one of the lucky ones?
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 I have just the Car you want and the price and terms are right. No cars driven over three months. Some only thirty days.

Write for Demonstration.

Ralph Caldwell

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 Summer breezes."

Shrewd Men look ahead. They use our Bank Account plan for accumulating for the future. A cordial invitation is extended to you to come in and open an account at this Bank. The services and facilities afforded you make this invitation worthy of your very careful consideration.

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