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matter.

## WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE LAW?

A singular statement is reported to have come from the strike at Laurinburg, where it is said the strikers carry arms and justify the act by the claim that they must protect themselves. A question is justified there, which is why if strikers or anybody else are in need of protection that requires arms the law is not there to protect them. That question includes the wonder as to where the County or State protective power is that the individual has to arm himself in order to be safe—taking, of course, the statement that it is necessary to be armed for his protection.

Thinking men realize that to bring up a proposition of this sort at this time is something like playing with fire, but the reason it is a ticklish subject is not because of its bringing up, but rather because of the conditions that give rise to the statement that the strikers must be armed for their protection. It would seem that there is a challenge as to the efficiency of our law machinery. It is rather surprising that in any place in this country the individual must in considerable numbers mass together and arm for protection. Such a situation induces considerable thought. Possibly it is a climax to our widely extended disregard for law, which shows itself in all quarters. If that be the case the next step is not a confession by the law that it is incapable, but the general opinion on the part of the people that law is impotent and that each must act on his own defensive, which is, of course, the basis of anarchy, and of a dangerous type of anarchy.

The responsibility must be with the people as a whole, although as the people by habit and instinct follow their leaders it is the leaders who must improve conditions if we are to have improvement. A difficulty is that many people follow leaders only when corn is tolled along the road, and leaders can lead only as far as the people will follow. The solution is not easy. Like other grave questions the probability is that we will drift until a crisis compels a violent solution and then it will come. Public indifference invites most of the disasters that overtake us.

## AMERICA HAS CHOSEN

The most remarkable step this country has ever taken is that which placed in the hands of the President last week the power to negotiate tariff treaties with other countries of the world without the power of Congress to offer a word in any direction. This grave proposition was thoroughly debated for many weeks, or for that matter it has been a subject of disagreement for some years. But the decision was reached last week to give the President absolute power, and today his authority is absolute, as complete as that of the most absolute monarchy in the world. This is not mentioned as a protest or a criticism, for the time for all of that terminated last week. It is merely brought up in an incidental way to say that we have started on an interesting experiment, possibly as wise as it is new and audacious, and possibly as dangerous as a volcanic eruption in our economic policies. All that is to be done now is to wait and see which of the prophets are able to interpret the signs of the times.

In all probability no man has correctly guessed the significance of this movement for it so radical in its principles that we are not wise enough yet in our human experiences to grasp the effects that are to follow.

According to the law of general averages it is probable we will find some good in the project and some bad, and that we will swallow the bad with a wry twist of the mouth and utilize the good, and come out of the problem as we do out of all the others we encounter, for the resources of the American mind are extensive, and like a cat, our country usually lands on its feet, in spite of the great activity that is required to attain that end. We are a comparatively young nation yet, and virile and lively, and we will try many a thing before we go the way of Greece and Rome and Babylon and Carthage. So it is logical to figure that we will make a satisfactory play in some manner, and also that we will bump our knuckles somewhat in doing it. Dynamite is a good agent in the hands of those who know how to use it, but dangerous in the hands of those who do not. Modern life is pretty full of dynamite.

## A TRIBUTE TO PUBLIC SERVICE

The primary election in retiring Evander Matheson from the next Board of Commissioners terminates a long and valued public service, for the old warrior has served his county longer than probably any other man now in harness in the county work. His last few years have been years of grave responsibility, for the commissioners' office has been the business factor of the county, with its manipulation of vast sums of money annually, and for services on that board the members of the board are paid something like a dollar a week. That is what Mr. Matheson has been receiving. The work he has done would command in any productive business a salary of some thousands a year at least. But public service expects its hired hands to work for nothing, board at home and clothe themselves.

The man who enters public life for the income from it finds out before he goes very far that he is fortunate if his earnings there bring enough money to pay the election expenses. As far as the honor goes no men are as much abused publicly as the men who carry on the affairs of the nation. Any other man than one in public life is granted the reputation of being no worse than a horse-thief, but the minute a man aspires to public position a fair proportion of the people begin to hunt up his record for ammunition to fire against him, and often if enough cannot be found a supply is manufactured. Mr. Matheson has served his county long and well, and possibly he has been more in line with what many people clamor for—the guarding of the public treasury—than almost any other man in county employ for a long time, for he was recognized as a hard man to get past where appropriations were not necessary. But he is the one member who goes down finally under the insistence of vox populi.

Not that any real antagonism is intended, nor any personal feeling toward the efficient servitor. It is the common fate of the man who does not grant to everybody everything demanded, who can not saw a ten-pound roast of beef into a dozen parts of ten pounds each to give out to the faithful and keep an equal amount for the county, and for others who may happen along.

Mr. Matheson was a good commissioner. He did his work, like the rest of them have done for years, got nothing for it, as the rest of them get, and now that he is dropped The Pilot wants to drop a bouquet at his feet, and to include with him all the rest of the many who have carried the burden of local government in the last hundred years and done it for the common good of the county and community. It is these old self-sacrificing patriots who have built this county and state and nation, and if at times they have taken the wrong step in some things, they have at least earned all they have been paid, and an occasional wrong policy is not open to criticism at the price.

## THE OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

There is no longer any doubt that business is picking up, and it is probable that we are setting in for a greater industrial expansion than we have ever

seen in this or any other country. Not necessarily that it is to be all plain sailing and definitely anticipated recovery without any hitches, for with the emotionalism of mass action we may expect to put our feet in the tar barrel many times before we get out of the woods. Likewise many little boys like to stick chewing gum in the hair of a neighbor thinking it is smart, and many others in their own conceit are inclined to introduce super follies in the belief that their wisdom is profound when it is no more than impossible folly.

But the point is that here we have a hundred and twenty-five million people, enough to carry on intelligently and to tie and tame the cranks who do not want to go with the majority and with the intelligent leaders. We have washed out a lot of the punk that we thought for a time meant a necessity of the return to industrial intelligence, and we are going to scrap some more of the illogical schemes that have been proposed. Always where you have half a dozen cooks you have some funny things in the dish. But the folks who come to dinner soon indicate what is worth keeping on the bill of fare.

Some new views on price fixing are rising to the surface, and in the course of time we will realize that if the man who sells and the man who buys can agree on a price the price will be fixed, and that if they do not the price is fixed only as long as compulsion prevails, and that is not long in this country. Price fixing will be fixed when men are willing to produce for the price they can realize and when men who buy are satisfied to pay what is asked. Price fixing will always involve these two things, if it is to be really fixed, and all the sophistry will not do anything else.

Another thing that has come out of the kettle is that the trades unions are not given such one-sided privileges they can demand exclusive opportunity for employment. When the President and Mr. Johnson were called on to interpret that situation they did not hesitate to say that the rights guaranteed the workers includes all workers, not solely members of the unions. That means a big difference. Also some things are being better understood concerning the farms. Different interpretations are put on many of the new doctrines, and with the outlook that the prospect will be materially influenced. The indications are that some of the ultra-radical who have thought to crowd the hand of the President have over-dreamed themselves, and that more conservatism is to be encountered in the White House than some of the advance men had suspected.

A watch of Congress disclosed a serious group of men in the two branches, doing a vast amount of serious work, possibly as much as any gathering of its kind in the country ever attempted before and on as broad a basis. Taking things all around the outcome looks good, and while we still have a big pile of chips to pick up, it seems that beyond doubt things are on the mend and with better promise steadily drawing nearer. And this applies locally as well as all over the country.

## TO SELL \$10,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES HERE

Sealed bids are to be received by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh on June 27th for \$15,000 in Revenue Anticipation Notes of the Town of Southern Pines. There will be one note of \$10,000 and one of \$5,000, at a 6 percent interest rate. The notes to be awarded at the highest price submitted. The larger note will be due January 22, 1935, the smaller denomination on February 22, 1935.

The proceeds of the notes are to be used for current town expenses in anticipation of tax payments.

## BURKER HERE TO ENGAGE IN MARKETING PEACH CROP

Albert Burkner, representing A. Burkner & Co., commission merchants, has arrived in the Sandhills and opened his headquarters for the peach season in the west wing of the Pinehurst Warehouse building. Mr. Burkner has been an active buyer of Sandhills peaches for several years, operating from Aberdeen for several seasons and last year from Pinehurst. He has affiliated with him this season S. B. Richardson, of Southern Pines, one of the pioneer peach growers of the Sandhills.

## Grains of Sand

John A. Shields, who left Southern Pines 56 years ago, was in town again the other day. He found little that looked familiar, very few familiar faces. He helped build the Seaboard railroad through here and at that time the tracks went only a little south of Hamlet. Mr. Shields is a brother of Dr. Shields of Carthage. Since leaving here he has resided in Alabama and Texas and is now making his home in Memphis, Tenn.

North Carolina tobacco growers have received \$6,000,000 to date under acreage reduction contracts. That represents a lot of tobacco at from 15 to 20 cents a pound.

It's hard for us who feel we are underpaid for doing something to see our neighbors get so much for not doing something.

We hope the shutting down of the Country Club's golf courses here for the summer isn't going to mean the passing up by the Seaboard officials of their annual excursion to Southern Pines.

That new Hemp baseball park is attracting a lot of people from this part of the county to its Sunday ball games. The rayon mills have a fine layout for their ball games, and a real team.

A lot of Sandhillians have been fishing since the season opened but the stories haven't gotten back yet.

The First Lady was a guest in Raleigh on Monday. Before 6,000 persons in the Memorial Auditorium Mrs. Roosevelt pictured a future for America unclouded by want and suffering.

"Welcome to Avery County, Inc." is the corporate name of a new organization at Newland.

Incidentally Southern Pines has a new enterprise, called the Swimming Pool Construction Company. Unlike most concerns, it works from the ground down. And has no overhead.

A new bridge and road improvement for Hamlet totaling \$20,000 were approved by the State Highway Department this week. Of interest here is the fact that it will offer the tourist a shorter distance headed north or south a shorter distance through town.

Judge Stack, after ten years on the bench, plans to hang out his shingle again upon expiration of his present term. He will practice in Monroe.

In the News & Observer's "Twenty-Five Years Ago" column on June 13 appeared this from its 1909 file:

Leonard Tufts is president of the Capital-to-Capital Auto Route. A scout car is to start over the route soon.

Mr. Tufts proposes to build five miles of road between Pinehurst and Aberdeen in four days just to show how quickly good roads can be built.

## 23 PERCENT OF 1932 TAXES IN COUNTY UNCOLLECTED DEC. 31

North Carolina counties had collected only \$20,548,738 of the total 1932 property tax levy of \$26,883,512 up to Dec. 31, 1933, leaving \$6,334,774 uncollected, or a delinquency of 23.5 per cent, a Washington report of Director W. L. Austin of the Division of Real Estate Taxation, Bureau of the Census, who stated that as a rule central Piedmont counties reported delinquency below the state average.

Moore county had a total tax levy of \$306,343 for 1932 and at the end of the year 1933 had failed to collect \$71,036 of that amount, or was delinquent to the extent of 23 per cent of the total levy, his report shows.

Cabarrus, Hertford and Stanly counties lack only 6 per cent making complete collections, while Carteret is on the other end, being 68.5 per cent delinquent. Transylvania 59.5 per cent and Craven 54.5 per cent delinquent. Avery, Buncombe, Clay, Yancey, Pamlico and Tyrrell are also high in delinquency percentages, he shows.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear mother and sister.

—Howard McNeill, Harold McNeill, Lessie McNeill, Mrs. A. E. Fields, Mrs. A. F. Swift and A. A. Ray.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Myra Lee Johnson and children wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses and sympathy shown during the sickness and death of baby, Bette Hurd Johnson.

## Cameron and Community

The Woman's Club held its June meeting in the club room Thursday afternoon, with the Art Department as hostess. The president, Miss Rachael Gilchrist, presided. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Raymond Thomas was secretary pro tem.

The club voted to have an entertainment about the middle of July to replenish its coffers—the time and nature of same to be left to a committee. The president named several important committees, with Mesdames Georgia McFadyen, Loula Muse, Jewell Hemphill and Miss Jackie Muse as chairmen. Mrs. Loula Muse read Mrs. Scott's splendid report of the N. C. Federation meeting which she attended in Asheville. A contest, "Whom Certain Men Should Marry" was presented by Mrs. Jewell Hemphill, in which Mrs. M. D. McIver won the prize. Mrs. L. L. McLean of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., was special guest.

Circle No. 1 of the Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary met with Miss Mamie Arnold at her attractive country home on Route 1 Wednesday afternoon. Devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. G. Parker, who also held a questionnaire, "Around the Clock in Korea." Articles on Korea from a letter of the Rev. L. T. Newland, for many years a missionary in Korea, from the January Survey, were read by Mesdames H. D. Tally, M. McL. McKeithen and James McDonald. Bible study from Mark was splendidly conducted by Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen, who is also chairman of White Cross Work. She reported our quota to that cause (pajamas) had been sent to the secretary. Mrs. J. O. McClelland at Maxton, for shipment to the foreign field. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Loula Muse, after which the hostess served a delightful salad course.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Holmes and children of Goldsboro spent several days

with the Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill this week.

Mrs. R. W. Vincent of Mebane visited her daughter, Mrs. H. O. Averitte one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin McFadyen of Fayetteville, announce the birth of a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth on June 5th.

Mrs. H. D. Tally, secretary of Religious Education and adult advisor of the Y. P. C., attended the conference at Flora Macdonald College Thursday.

Misses Louise, Grace and Agnes Womack attended the wedding of Miss Lois Buffalo and the Rev. Mr. Aplin, both of New York City, on Wednesday, June 6th, at Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. Aplin left immediately for New York City and will sail for Europe to spend their honeymoon.

Miss Buffalo is the only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Buffalo. Mr. Buffalo served the Cameron Methodist Church for five years, and is greatly beloved by all denominations.

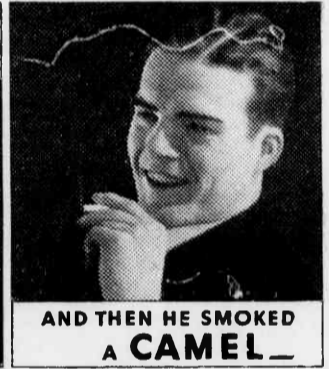
Mrs. H. D. Tally, Miss Margaret McDougald, Russell Thomas and James McDonald attended the Young People's Conference at Flora Macdonald Saturday.

Mrs. Loula Muse left for Henderson Friday, where she will spend a week with her son, Dr. John D. Muse and family.

## OLIN DUTRA WINS U. S. OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Olin Dutra of California, who played in the North and South Open event at Pinehurst in April, was the winner last week of the National Open championship at the Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia. Dutra entered the tournament feeling so ill he doubted if he would be able to finish the 72-hole grind. When he did finish he had a one stroke lead over Gene Sarazen.

## PLAYED OUT!



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