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## THE PASSING OF WADE H. HARRIS

The Sandhills has had no better friend than Wade H. Harris. The late editor of The Charlotte Observer watched the growth of this section with as much interest as though it were a development of his own. He editorialized our glories, our climate, our sports, and no move for the seeming betterment or advancement of this community ever escaped his thoughtful pen.

Bion Butler and Wade Harris were close friends and great admirers of one another. They had in common their rise in the ranks of journalism, from printers' devils to editors. And they had in common an abounding love for and abiding faith in North Carolina. The passing of these two within the year removes from the newspaper profession two men who, in their quiet, unassuming way, have done as much to spread the gospel of the State's attractions as any paid press agents could have done, and so much more worthily.

In an editorial in The Pilot at the time of Wade Harris' completion of fifty years of service with The Observer, Mr. Butler wrote:

A recent issue of The Charlotte Observer made mention of half a century of service given by Col. Wade H. Harris, the editor. Fortunately for the people of North Carolina Wade Harris has been a broad and upright man, for in the capacity of editor of a great newspaper, a man who lacks in those traits could do a lot of harm. But Wade Harris has been a leader of the most valued type, for he is a man of perception, of courage, and of integrity. With these qualities he has had for his field a large part of North Carolina along with the outside regions into which more or less of the circulation of the Observer goes, and he has been a power for good throughout his whole life.

Jo Caldwell had set the Observer on a high plane when his death put Wade Harris into domination of the paper's policy, and Harris followed closely along Caldwell's course, for Caldwell was another broad and courageous editor. In that way the Observer has held for a long time a prominence in Southern newspaper circles, and no man can conceive of the worth of such an institution. The church and the school house would have a limited field were it not that the newspapers extend that field with the help of the printed page which goes to a far wider circle than any other institution for the spread of information. Wade Harris has always lived up to his opportunities, and in his work he has been able to see to the deeper levels of most subjects and broad enough to put into intelligent print what he has seen. He has been a backer of his state and community, standing for the things that count in the struggle of men for a clearer civilization and a greater measure of happiness and wholesome life. One of his most fortunate gifts is that in all his newspaper career, as long as The Pilot can recall, he has never sacrificed intelligent argument for the tricks of the demagog. Wade Harris has held mighty close to evident truths, or at least where he has varied at any time or degree it has been because what he said was what he saw. And as none of us has a monopoly on wisdom it is likely that once in a while he has shinned on the wrong side. But not with rancor, or the tricks of the mountebank, but with the sincerity of the man who believes and who is honest.

North Carolina owes this man a great debt, probably more than will ever be paid, but doubtless that does not worry him, for he has made in his lifetime a boundless army of friends.

The Pilot, in its recent loss of Mr. Butler, speaks feebly in extending to The Charlotte Observer its deep sympathy.

## DISCOURAGING TOBACCO PRICES

Though pretty discouraged at opening prices throughout the Middle Belt, farmers have been carrying much tobacco to the Aberdeen market this first week of the season and appear pleased with their reception and treatment at the hands of the local warehousemen. The slump in prices over last year is general and not confined to this belt or this market, which even those growers who turn their tickets in refusal of offers must realize in spite of their discouragement. They must also realize that the crop is greater than last year, and contains much "sorry" tobacco.

Efforts are being made to bring AAA aid to the growers. Farmers have been registering their protests in mass meetings and in telegrams and letters to agricultural leaders, their Congressmen and others. Something may come of the general discontent, though that old law of supply and demand determines prices in the long run, whatever Uncle Sam may do temporarily to remedy grief. It is to be hoped, of course, that prices will jump up. The more the farmer can make the more money he puts into local circulation. But if artificial stimulus is the sole remedy, all of us, including the farmer, will pay the ultimate bill, for only taxation can fill up the gap where supply and demand fail to meet.

## CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY

"Share our wealth" was one of the slogans which the late Huey Long used to allure followers. It sounds like a Christian ideal, for the Church in its best moments has always proclaimed brotherhood as its goal. But there is this difference: Communists propose to take from the rich and equalize wealth by force. To "soak the rich" and penalize thrift by taxation is not "sharing our wealth;" it is taking wealth by force. It is a Christian ideal to share our wealth. When Christianity becomes truly Christian, those who have will share with those who need. So says C. Rexford Raymond in a contributed editorial.

Political communism and all the "share-the-wealth" programs of the Huey Long type have this in common. They rule by a bureaucracy which destroys liberty. Control by a dictator or a majority released from control by a constitution is essential for the proposed revolution. Denial of free speech and a free press for the minority is always the program of those who propose to produce equality by law. A constitution like ours is the only defense for minorities. If the minority has no rights which the majority must respect, then the rapacity of an inflamed majority has no limits. The ruthless violence in Russia is the natural fruit of an unrestrained majority. Sherwood Eddy says that over a million persons perished in the man-made famine of 1922-23 in the Ukraine and the Caucasus. A planned economy in production and distribution may easily become absolute tyranny.

Christian democracy will not arrive by control from the top by dictator or despot. The progress of social justice must go forward by the orderly processes of intelligent good will. Under constitutional safeguards we can legislate for social security only as fast as we are convinced of the divine reason for brotherhood. Education is a slow process; but law that runs ahead of enlightened public opinion will fail. Just as slavery has vanished and free public schools have been opened for all, so child-labor will be abolished, a living wage will be established, the perils of unemployment and old age will be averted, and the madness of war will be destroyed, not by legislation which robs a helpless minority but by the conviction that men are brothers. If one class suffers, all classes suffer. If one nation suffers, all nations suffer. Christianity is not a mere sentiment and visionary wishful thinking. It is really only intelligent good will applied to human society. God being the Father of all men, then all men must work together with Him for the common wealth of our common humanity.

Get your grass seed planted this month. Pinehurst Warehouses.

## Grains of Sand

Dr. Julian S. Miller, successor to the late Wade H. Harris as editor of The Charlotte Observer, is well known and much admired in the Sandhills. He has been a frequent visitor here, and a few years ago was the graduation speaker at the Southern Pines High School commencement. The Observer is to be congratulated.

There was a reason for that big bright full moon the other night. It seems the moon was not only full, but in its perigee at the same time, making it 20 to 25 per cent brighter than usual. The moon is in its perigee each month when it is nearest to the earth, and in the September perigee it is closer than in any other month. This month for the first time in something like 50 years, it was both full and in its perigee at the same time.

S. R. Jellison, down from Bethlehem, N. H., for a few days, reports that the White Mountains resorts have been having an excellent summer business. He predicts a fine season for the Sandhills.

Only 105 communities in North Carolina have local ordinances to enforce sanitary rules governing milk supply. In this country Pinehurst and Southern Pines are the only ones listed by the State Board of Health.

North Carolinians are becoming "historical spot minded" and are finding and giving notice of numerous spots having historical interest for marking in the program which is expected to result in placing markers at 200 or 300 within a year. Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the N. C. Historical Commission and the marker group, has a letter suggesting an old oak tree, probably 150 years old, which saved the life of General Matt Ransom of the Confederate Army, who was the first ambassador to Mexico. Northern soldiers spotted him and started shooting, but he jumped behind this tree, thus saving his life. The writer thinks the tree, now often visited, should be marked. Many others of all kinds are coming in.

## HISTORICAL SURVEY OF NORTH CAROLINA PROPOSED

A project calling for an archival and historical survey of North Carolina under direction of Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the N. C. Historical Commission has been submitted to Director George W. Coan, Jr., of the State WPPA. If approved the project will employ 270 people, largely of the "white collar" type for two months. The group would check up and list records in county and State offices, list historical manuscripts in various collections, Index about 300,000 original marriage bonds prior to 1868, now held by the Historical Commission, and record all tombstone records in city and rural graveyards, prior to 1909 in cities and 1914 in rural areas. After those dates vital statistics were kept. Most of the counties would have one unskilled and one intermediate worker at these tasks, and pay a minimum of \$92 for the two months. Larger counties would have more workers.

## \$88,000,000 IN PROJECTS APPROVED BY STATE WPA

About 1900 projects costing about \$88,000,000 have been approved for North Carolina under the WPA program and sent into Washington for final action by George W. Coan, Jr., State WPA director. The projects got in before the deadline and many of them are expected to be approved. Governor Ehringhaus, Senator Bailey and Congressman R. L. Doughton called on Washington officials last week to protest against apparent discrimination in approval of projects for North Carolina. They were assured this State would get all consideration possible with no discrimination. The trouble seems to have been jealousy between two agencies,

Director Harry Hopkins and Secretary Ickes. That was straightened out by President Roosevelt last week and work is expected to get started soon. North Carolina has several projects which may get started this week.

## EUREKA

Fred Underwood, Mesdames Lizzie and Katie Underwood and Mrs. Flora Anne Wadsworth of near Eufronia visited Mrs. Nannie McCaskill Sunday afternoon.

Misses Myrtle and Bessie McCaskill spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Johnson of Asheville.

Misses Mable and Mary Ruth Fisher of White Hill visited their aunt, Mrs. R. S. Bogar during the week-end.

Mrs. F. W. Von Canon and children and Miss Louise Sinclair of West End were guests of Mrs. Nannie McCaskill Sunday afternoon.

J. B. McLeod have left for State College and R. A. Bagon for Chapel Hill.

Will Thomas and Clarence Harrington

ton of Sanford Route 5, were guests of Mrs. Nannie McCaskill Saturday. Miss Lucille McLeod left Sunday to take up her work as teacher in West End School and Miss Mary Kelly left Tuesday to teach in Star. Miss Carolina Rankin of Greensboro is visiting her sister, Mrs. Z. V. Blue.

## MISS PIERSON MOVES

Miss Catherine Pierson has moved her interior decorating headquarters from the Welch Arcade Building on West Broad street to the offices in the Citizens Bank & Trust Company Building recently vacated by E. W. Reinecke.

## CORRECTION

In the announcement of the wedding of Mrs. Lillian Miller in The Pilot last week it was stated that Mrs. Miller owned the house next door to her residence on Vermont avenue. This was incorrect, Mrs. Miller having sold the property some years ago to O. E. Williams, its present occupant.

"Camels don't get your Wind" ATHLETES SAY

THERE'S A CERTAIN DELICACY OF FLAVOR IN CAMELS THAT APPEALS TO WOMEN. CAMELS ARE SO MILD THAT THEY DO NOT AFFECT MY WIND.

I SMOKE THE SAME CIGARETTE THE CHAMPIONS DO - CAMELS. THEY NEVER INTERFERE WITH HEALTHY NERVES, AND THEIR FLAVOR IS MARVELOUS.

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