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THE PILOT'S 19TH BIRTHDAY

This issue of The Pilot is Volume 19, No. 1. Which means the start of our 19th year of continuous publication as a weekly newspaper in Moore county.

It has been a pleasure during these 18 years to record the happenings in our field of endeavor. And if we have succeeded in aiding in "the Upbuilding of the Sandhill Territory of North Carolina," to which The Pilot dedicated itself in its first issue in 1920 and has strived to adhere to, we are particularly happy on this, our 19th birthday.

A WAR WE CAN WIN

The Christmas Seal Sale is now on throughout the county. No more worthy cause appeals to the generosity and charity of our people than this, for the funds donated are used in a fight which is being won. Not many years ago tuberculosis was regarded as an unconquerable disease. Medical science has advanced, and the malady today is curable when discovered in its early stages.

The work of the Moore County Tuberculosis Committee is devoted to discovery and prompt treatment of positive cases. How many lives have been saved no one knows. We do know that tuberculosis has been completely stamped out in many localities, that each year finds reductions in numbers of the afflicted, that in time, with constant and vigilant surveillance, Moore county will be free.

Christmas Seals, which cost a penny apiece, pay for this wonderful work. Let us all do our part.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERLATIVES

One of North Carolina's superlative writers, R. C. Lawrence, submitted a list of "North Carolina Superlatives" to Carl Goerch for his November 26th The State magazine, and invites reader suggestions where ideas differ. The first thing that struck us about the list was the absence of the name of Walter Hines Page. However, Mr. Lawrence listed no "Greatest Diplomat" and undoubtedly would have there listed Mr. Page had this classification been included. Here are his other choices:

Greatest Statesman, Zebulon B. Vance of Buncombe county; Greatest Governor, Charles B. Aycock of Wayne; Greatest Congressman, Claude Kitchen of Halifax; Greatest State Legislator, R. A. Doughton of Alleghany; Greatest Preacher, George W. Truett of Clay; Greatest Educator, Charles D. McIver of Guilford; Greatest Judge, Chief Justice Richmond M. Pearson of Buncombe; Greatest Lawyer, William P. Bynam of Guilford; Greatest Doctor, Hubert A. Royster of Wake; Philanthropist, James B. Duke of Durham; Merchant, David Pender of Edgecomb; Manufacturer, Richard J. Reynolds, Forsyth; Soldier, Maj. Gen. Robert F. Hoke of Lincoln; Editor, Josiah Turner of Orange, Joseph P. Caldwell of Mecklenburg or Josephus Daniels of Wake; Railroad Executive, Alexander B. Andrews of Wake; Author, Thomas Dixon of Cleveland; Playwright, Paul Green of Sampson; Musician, Lamar Stringfield of Wake; Poet, John Charles McNeill; Greatest Builder of the State, Governor John M. Morehead of Guilford.

COMIC HEROES IN EXILE

American youngsters must have been rudely surprised the other day, to learn that two heroes of the comic strips and

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS



GRAINS OF SAND

A special cachet is to be sponsored by the Seaboard Railway commemorating its introduction of the first all electric rail service between New York and Florida on December 15 on the line's famed limited, the East Coast Orange Blossom Special.

Stamp collectors throughout the United States and Canada should send their self-addressed and stamped letters to the Seaboard Railway's New York office, 12 West 51st Street where they will be rubber stamped with the following description:

"First all-electric service between New York and Florida. Seaboard Railway's East Coast Orange Blossom Special leaving New York City Thursday, December 15, 1:25 p. m. for Miami, Florida."

The cachet will bear a drawing of this de luxe train showing the giant 6,000-horsepower and 210 feet long diesel-electric locomotive, the most powerful and longest in the world. The Post Office Department will officially cancel all envelopes with the starting time of the East Coast Orange Blossom Special and mail the cachets to the people who send them in for rubber stamping by the Seaboard Railway.

Tobacco warehouses in North Carolina had sold 429,424,948 pounds of producers' tobacco at an average of \$23.36 per hundred pounds by November 1, according to the warehouse sales report released this month by the State Department of Agriculture. Last year 440,670,029 pounds had been sold by November 1 at an average of \$15.43 per hundred pounds. The prices received this year by producers are shown to be \$2.07 per hundred less than the average received to November 1 last year.

A spectacular increase in loan activity by the building, Savings and Loan Associations during the month of October as compared with September was noted in the report issued this week by the North Carolina Building and Loan League. John B. Craven, Lexington, president of the league, announced that more than \$2,000,000 in home loans were made

animated cartoons had been barred from a European dictator country. What, they must have asked, could be objectionable about Mickey Mouse and Popeye the Sailor?—the two comic characters exiled by a dictator's decree.

To these awed young Americans, the answer offered to their question must have sounded equally unreasonable. That answer, by the Fascist Dictator, was that his country must think of the future in such a way that the children of today will become the fighters of tomorrow; that children should be trained in the principles of "sleeping with the head on a knapsack."

But, young Americans may counter, what better fighting spirit could any man want than that characterized in Mickey Mouse and Popeye?

There, youngsters, is perhaps the answer. Our comic heroes are fighters for what is morally right and just, and that doesn't fit in very well with the objectives of foreign isms.

during October representing an increase of \$200,000 over the previous month. This was also the largest amount loaned during any month in 1938.

Mrs. Edna Thomas Gilchrist, Har-net county's oldest citizen, rounded out a century of life November 18th. Her friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Sion Knight, only living daughter of Mrs. Gilchrist, with whom she lives for a birthday party. The Knight home is located seven miles from Broadway, about three miles from Mrs. Gilchrist's birthplace.

Mrs. Gilchrist's family Bible shows that she was born in Moore, now Lee county on November 18, 1838. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fillman Thomas and is the last surviving member of a family of twelve. She is the widow of Charles Gilchrist and is a great aunt of Mrs. Lura Thomas McNair of Jonesboro, well-known writer.

The day was spent in reminiscing and the renewing of family ties. At the noon hour dinner was served from a long table which had for its centerpiece a beautiful birthday cake. Mrs. Gilchrist received many gifts.

Rotarians Entertain at Inter-City Meeting

President and Mrs. Phillips of Southern Pines Club Presented 1,000 Pieces of Glassware

More than one hundred Rotarians enjoyed a turkey dinner Tuesday night at the Southern Pines Country Club where the local Rotary played host to an inter-city group meeting of Rotary clubs from Laurinburg, Wadesboro and Troy.

A musical program furnished excellent entertainment during the dinner. Miss Kathryn Buchan and W. P. Whitlock of Southern Pines sang duets, "My Rosary" and "Sylvia." Miss Marian Burgess, soprano soloist of Laurinburg sang "The World Is Mine," and Harold Gibson of Laurinburg, former member of the Duke University band, played a saxophone solo. Mrs. Carl Thompson provided piano accompaniment for the Baritone songs.

Paul Hardin of Wadesboro rocked his audience with laughter in a talk which stressed the importance of getting to know the other fellow.

President June Phillips of the local Rotary club, and Mrs. Phillips were made the butt of a farcical ceremony when they were called to the platform by Gene Reynolds, president of Troy's Rotary club, to receive a gift in recognition of their meritorious work in Rotary. J. E. Hodges of Troy gingerly carried the gift—a tray of a dozen glass goblets—the whole length of the dining hall. He mounted the platform and stood holding the tray while Frank Richardson, also of the Troy Club, made a touching speech of presentation. He fumbled his hold in a feigned nervous gesture, as he turned to take the tray from Hodges, which resulted in the dozen goblets crashing to the floor and breaking into a thousand pieces.

President Hawley Cobb of Wadesboro's Rotary, Otis Moore of Laurinburg, and E. T. Reynolds of Troy,

Peach Men Organize To Aid Merchandising

Eighty-Five Growers Gather at Meeting at West End To Map Future

By F. H. Jeter

Faced with increased plantings of trees in North Carolina and in the adjacent states of South Carolina and Georgia, peach growers of this section meeting Monday at West End took positive steps toward the organization of the North Carolina Co-operative Peach Growers' Society and will cooperate with similar organizations in other states.

A committee of ten growers known as the "Incorporating Committee" was appointed after the assembled growers had heard from R. B. Etheredge of the State Department of Agriculture and Professor M. E. Gardner, head of the Horticultural department at State College. T. H. Cribb of Spartanburg, S. C., described the type of organization being set up by the growers of his state and said the members were ready to complete their work and begin a campaign to promote the interests of the peach growers in the Southeast as soon as similar organizations were set up in North Carolina and Georgia. The Georgia growers are to discuss the question, he said, at a meeting in Macon tomorrow.

The North Carolina committee selected to begin the work of organizing peach growers in this State is composed of M. G. McDonald of West End, T. Ashley Haywood of Rockingham, Edwin Pate of Laurel Hill, Howard Harrison of Eagle Springs, D. M. Buchanan of Rockingham, J. Hawley Poole of West End, Walter L. Currie of Candor, C. D. Matthews of Hamlet and Raleigh, N. P. Gilchrist of Laurinburg and Fred B. Mills of Wadesboro. These men were selected to do the ground work looking to the formation of the new cooperative.

85 Growers Attend

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the West End High School with about 85 growers representing the principal acreage in the Sandhills. Growers from other parts of the state also were represented.

C. D. Matthews was elected chairman of the meeting and J. Claude Epting of Hamlet, secretary. Mr. Matthews described the history of a movement by the industry committee of the growers to secure better prices for North Carolina peaches and then outlined the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Etheredge described the benefits of organization and told something of the results secured by the growers of early Irish potatoes.

M. E. Gardner pointed out the need for scientific research to promote the peach industry and stated that an organization is needed not only to promote the peach industry but to work with other groups of farmers in the State to promote the upbuilding of agriculture. He gave figures showing the decline in State support for research and compared this with the more liberal support by other states in their research program.

Following a turkey dinner served in the community building by the ladies of the West End Presbyterian Church the group met under the chairmanship of Fred P. Abbott to hear talks from Moses Richter, a commission merchant handling Sandhill peaches; Earl R. French, national promotional director; T. H. Cribb, manager of the South Carolina Peach Growers Cooperative; W. H. Stallworth, county agent of Spartanburg County, S. C.; Porter R. Taylor of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and Hon. W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HERE TONIGHT

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held in the Southern Pines public school this evening, Friday. James E. Steere of Charlotte, Scout Executive of the Central North Carolina Council, will attend. John N. Howarth, newly elected chairman of the Court of Honor to succeed the late Dr. E. L. Prizer, will preside. This Court of Honor will be for the six troops of the county; Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinehurst, West End and the two troops of Southern Pines. A large number of Scouts are expected to come up for awards at this time and a special program of entertainment is to be provided by one of the troops.

headed their respective delegations. The members present from Laurinburg far outnumbered those from the other three clubs.

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