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THE RENT QUESTION

Rents in Southern Pines must be kept within bounds. The alternative will be the ruling "out of bounds" by the Army those houses or apartments for which their owners ask too high a price. The Pilot understands this has already been done in one or two cases.

The Army seeks only fair play. It must be met half way if we are to retain here the fine officers and their families who have come in as welcome neighbors. Increased rents are expected, and justified, up to a limit. Property owners here have been underpaid for their houses, cottages and apartments for many years. Suddenly the demand exceeds the supply, and as in all things, prices go up. If they do not reach the point which might come under the head of profiteering do not go beyond the rate which an officer can fairly pay, we shall continue to have our new neighbors. Otherwise, authorities at Fort Bragg will call a halt.

A LETTER TO SENATOR BAILEY

In reply to telegrams sent him urging further aid to Britain even at the risk of war, United States Senator Bailey wrote local residents that his inclination was "to depend in matters of strategy upon the advices of the Chiefs of Staff of the Army and Navy and the Commander-in-Chief."

"We are not at war," he said, "but we are in a state of most urgent preparation of our defense against armed force. I stand ready to support and am supporting the duly constituted authorities in the interest of national unity and the common defense. For me to advocate one course or oppose another would be to divide council at a time when unity is indispensable."

One resident of Southern Pines does not wholly agree with the distinguished Senator in the matter and has written him a thoughtful letter which The Pilot is privileged to publish. He says:

First, I believe firmly that those in Washington to whom has been delegated the responsibility of determining and carrying out our major policies should be governed in their decisions by their own judgment, aided by the special sources of information available to them. They must not follow the shifting waves of public opinion, but must maintain their course unchanged by these frequent and fickle whims of their constituents, and rely for their vindication at the polls upon their consistent record of positive leadership.

I am happy to be able to applaud your own record in this respect, but I am deeply concerned to feel that the ultimate Head-of-State and Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces is at this critical period tragically failing to rally the country behind the policy of more rapid and more vigorous aid to Britain in which he, himself, apparently believes. Under these circumstances, it is of especial importance that the positive leadership and political courage strangely lacking in the President at this time should be all the more displayed upon the floor and in the committee rooms of the Senate.

It is certainly true that the judgment of competent professional soldiers and sailors must be relied upon in military and naval matters. I think, however, it would be unwise for even civilians to put their trust blindly, as France did in Gamelin, in an organization whose failure even to prepare proper plans for its own expansion is apparent to all. An army and navy must be responsible for tactics and

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

INDUSTRIAL SPEED FOR DEFENSE - TIME NECESSARY TO BUILD NEW DESTROYERS HAS BEEN CUT FROM MORE THAN 20 MONTHS TO 10 MONTHS

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Grains of Sand

To put it in a nutshell, Germany is in a Meil of a Hess.

From the standpoint of civic organizations, Southern Pines could not have a more representative governing body than that just elected to office. Of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, the representation on the board is as follows:

Chamber of Commerce, two, Stevens and Betterley; Junior Chamber of Commerce, two, Tarlton and Grantham; Kiwanis Club, two, Stevens and Tarlton; Rotary Club, two, Matthews and Grantham; American Legion, two, O'Callaghan and Betterley.

You are also pretty well taken care of by the above if you want to buy and build a house. You can get your lot from a real estate man, Stevens; have the title searched by a lawyer, Matthews; hire a contractor, Tarlton; get your lumber from a warehouseman, Betterley, your plumbing from O'Callaghan and your lighting from Grantham.

What more could you ask of any town board?

Twelve grades of school is all right, but we're glad they didn't have 'em in our day.

A. M. Cameron handed a folded half-sheet of stationery to The Pilot's Vass correspondent Tuesday morning, and upon opening the slightly age-yellowed paper, she was astounded to find that it was the marriage license issued to her maternal grandparents 91 years ago.

Mr. Cameron had found it among papers which belonged to his grandfather, Allen J. Cameron, who, according to information gained from Mrs. Sue Bynum Cameron, officiated at the wedding. Mrs. Cameron is the oldest living daughter of the couple.

The paper is worded as follows:

"North Carolina
Cumberland County
To any Justice of the Peace in and for Cumberland County or any Minister of the Gospel having the care of souls

You or any of you are hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize & celebrate the rights of matrimony between Joseph H. M. Bynum and Mip Mary Ann Stewart and join them together as man & wife
Witness John McLaurin Clerk of Cumberland County Court at office this 19th day of January 1850—J. McLaurin, Clerk"

Where a single "s" occurs, it is written as such, but when "ss" is in order, a "p" is used. There is no punctuation.

It would be ridiculous to advocate a policy contrary to sound technical advice, but in matters such as the above the armed forces must take their lead primarily from the Congress and secondarily from the Executive, carrying out the Congressional mandate. When competent technical opinion is divided, the political leaders of the nation must show the way.

A country tends to become more and more united under strong leadership, but for a democracy to exercise its customarily beneficial but inefficient prerogative of vacillation in the face of war is fatal.

It is with the above in mind that I take the liberty of communicating with you once more to urge your most active support of immediate and more vigorous aid to our vital military outpost, Great Britain.

Dr. J. I. Neal
VETERINARIAN
Southern Pines, N. C.

Pinehurst Paragraphs

Mrs. John Ehler is visiting relatives in Waco, Tex., while Col. Ehler is at Fort Benning, Ga.

Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Cheatham are visiting S. B. Chapin at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Adams departed Sunday for their home in Somerville, N. J.

Tommie Currie has accepted a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company in Black Mountain.

Little Cynthia Fletcher was honor guest at a party Thursday afternoon, when her mother, Mrs. G. E. Fletcher entertained in honor of her seventh birthday. There were about 25 guests.

Mrs. Willard L. Dunlop and daughter Betty spent the week-end in Statesville.

Mrs. Alma Taylor is visiting relatives in Columbia, S. C.

Eric Nelson has returned home from the Moore County Hospital.

Two patrols of the local Boy Scout troop and the assistant leader, M. P. Wilson, attended the Camporee in Sanford. Scouts going were Bob Viall, Bobby Smith, Bevins Cameron, Dickie Johnson, Colin McKenzie, Jr., Jimmy McGouldrick, Edgar Currie, Bill Dunlop, Bobby Dupont, Edwin Gilliland, Boyd Myers, and James Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Neal of Charlotte, former residents here, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sally.

David Lyon and Fred Fields are patients in the Moore County Hospital, having undergone appendectomies this week.

Mrs. Meredith Herndon has returned to her home after having her tonsils removed at the hospital.

Mrs. A. J. McKelway is a patient in the Moore County Hospital.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. J. McKelway and family moved last week to Whispering Pines cottage for the Summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hildreth of Wadesboro announce the birth of a son, Stanley Gerald, on April 30th. Mrs. Hildreth is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Smith.

George Veno, Cary McDonald and Henry Frye attended a Fireman's School held in Burlington.

Miss Margaret McKenzie was home for the week-end from Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs. She brought as her guests two classmates, Miss June Wells of Hamlet and Miss Gwendolyn Eastridge of Charlotte.

Mrs. E. C. Cunningham and son Bert of Zebulon are guests of Mrs. Ethel Journey.

Miss Mary Ward entertained at Watson's Lake Saturday evening with a picnic supper for about 50 friends.

Miss Ellen Bruton entertained for her niece, Miss Mary Ruth Bruton, at the Nurses' Home Saturday afternoon with a bridge party. Guests were Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr., of Fayetteville, Miss Alice Lambeth of Sanford, Miss etty Dennison of Raleigh, Mrs. Charles Sinclair of Carthage, Miss Camilla Johnson and Miss Margaret Cook of Pinehurst. Prizes were awarded Miss Cook and Miss Dennison, and Miss Bruton presented the honor guest a lithograph from her great-great grandmother Bruton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hudson have gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Hudson.

Mrs. E. G. Fitzgerald has returned to Camden, S. C., after a short stay here with Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald. Miss Belle Fitzgerald will go to Camden to attend the graduation of Misses Eva Fitzgerald and Dolores Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hulon Cole, recently married in Washington, D. C., left Tuesday for Washington after being guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Cole. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Cole and Miss Helen Ruth Cole gave a tea in honor of the bride in the rose garden at the home of Mrs. Rattie E. Wicker.

Mrs. E. F. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Partridge and son left Thursday to spend the Summer in Belgrade Lakes, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thompson and Mrs. Gordon M. Cameron entertained at dinner at the Camer-

on home Saturday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swearingen, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sally, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harbison, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. DuPont and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Fownes, Jr., have departed for their home in Oakmont, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. DuPont had as dinner guests Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scheipers Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Tate.

Miss Sara Stewart of Charlotte and Miss Katherine Sledge of Woman's College, Greensboro spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Sledge.

Mrs. Rattie Wicker attended the May Day Festival at Campbell College on Saturday. Her son Jimmie returned home with her for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Sharkey and son William of Trenton, N. J., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barr at Silver Nidus in Pinehurst. Mr. and Mrs. Barr left on Tuesday for New Britain, Conn., and Boston, Mass., for the Summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Fuller left Sunday for their Summer home in Waterville, Me.

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