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Industry For County: A Good Goal

For a long time it has been a prevalent idea among many who have Southern Pines' interests at heart that an appropriate industry located close by would be a beneficial thing.

For at least a decade The Pilot has had editorials from time to time favoring the location of industry nearby. The town board and Chamber of Commerce have several times through the years registered their active interest. Committees have been appointed to study the matter, yet somehow that is as far as it has gone.

While the current move of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce in this direction is nothing new, the realistic manner in which they are going about it, and their evident resolution may be just what is needed. They have taken the right step in placing the matter before interested persons in a position to help, and they are girding for a long hard pull.

We feel that President Fullenwider and his co-workers can have the wholehearted support of the entire community, with the idea that it is a move of loyalty to the resort as well as the business interests of Southern Pines.

Southern Pines is definitely at a crossroads but it is not one where a choice must be made between these two important interests. They are not conflicting. They are the same. This town started off well 70 years ago, has progressed well and is still progressing. It has in it the dynamic force of growth which even in the past two years has made of it a bigger and a better town. The crossroads at which it finds itself today is the choice as to whether or not it will nurture this life force.

The day is passing when a town can live on the proceeds of two or three months' work. The tourist business has undergone many changes. While many more people are tourists today than ever were before, they represent far more of a cross-section of the American people than they did. Most of them are tourists in a hurry, and on a budget.

All that has been built up in the past to make Southern Pines an attractive playground and capital of winter sport stands to her credit today, not to be voluntarily altered except for its expansion and improvement along lines set for it by foresighted men long ago. Yet it cannot be expected to provide practically the only source of support; or maintain alone the standards which have been set.

A suitable industry within easy reach of the place can only enhance these desirable features, by bringing more people to enjoy what we have here, all year round instead of for just a few weeks or months.

Through no intelligent view can it be concluded that an industry will want to locate within the town itself. The city limits are narrow, space is at a premium and industry has never been in favor of paying town taxes when it could help it—and it usually can. The tendency today is for industry to be outside of a town, with the town as its center for shopping, social life, recreation and sports.

There are many new tendencies in industry today. Higher pay, shorter hours, improved working conditions are attracting an entirely different type of worker from those of the old days. Management has not only a new conception of responsibility toward its employees, but toward the community as a whole, as has been well exemplified in civic projects undertaken by such industries as the Burlington Mills and Moore county's own Robbins mills, supplementing those of the citizens in line with their own desires and needs.

We were interested in learning that Aiken, S. C., has a textile industry with some 4,500 employees, and proudly displays the picture of the handsome main building in its advertising folder along with the pictures of golf, riding and polo. If this has harmed Aiken as a resort we haven't heard of it.

It is not easy to secure such industry in these days of rugged competition. In undertaking the task, the Chamber of Commerce knows it has a long hard row to hoe. Success is problematical at best, even with all the good things we have to offer. But one thing is certain, it will not come at all unless it has singleminded community support.

Senator Graham "On A Spot"?

Senator Frank P. Graham is supposedly facing a dilemma in the forthcoming Senate vote on the denatured FEPC bill, which, it is said, is going to put him "on a spot."

It is alleged that he cannot afford not to vote for the bill, as it fits what he has said he believes, yet for a southern Senator to vote for any FEPC bill, no matter how diluted the form, will mean political death.

Our guess is that it is not going to be so easy to put Senator Graham on a spot, and in fact that he cannot be put on one, as he is a man whose course is cut clear by his conscience. His friends and foes alike (for what the latter can make of it) can be sure he is not going to be detoured from what he believes is right by political considerations—something which can be said of mighty few men in our national governing body.

We are not at all convinced that the present

FEPC bill will fit his conscience, as he has repeatedly said he believes the handling of racial matters, including the improvement of Negro opportunity, should be left in the hands of the states. He has never held at all with federal interference, even when it is obvious that some states are far less well-intentioned than others, on the grounds that overall legislation is harmful rather than helpful when the people are not ready for it.

The fact that the FEPC bill as passed by the House is a "recommender," rather than an enforcer, of equal employment opportunity does not guarantee that it will fit Senator Graham's specifications. He may see it as better than nothing, and leaving the states free to operate as they please just as they are doing now. He may see it, on the other hand, as a halfway measure worse than no measure at all, a sop thrown in lieu of bread, and postponing indefinitely legislation for overall improvement of the Negro's lot.

Whatever he decides to do, his enemies will make capital of it. His friends will see in it action dictated by one of the best minds and clearest consciences any state is privileged to have working for it today.

An Opportunity For Great Service

We congratulate the State Board of Hospitals Control and Dr. David A. Young, its general superintendent, on securing an executive director to set up the State's new alcoholic rehabilitation program, and put it into operation.

S. K. Proctor, who has been selected for the task from among a group of highly recommended men, seems to be well qualified, and should do a splendid job. Thanks to good spadework which has already been done, he will have an opportunity to do an outstanding one, and render an unparalleled service to this State.

We congratulate also John S. Ruggles, of Southern Pines, who, as head of the Board's alcoholic rehabilitation committee, has since his appointment last July performed a back-breaking labor of research into, and correlation of, existing patterns, for development of the master plan by which the program will be set up. And we are going to do some self-congratulation also, for The Pilot from the beginning was able to give help in publicity and other ways, so that we can now feel a proprietary interest and pride.

Starting with a bill introduced in the last General Assembly by Moore's Rep. H. Clifton Blue and others, the project is today developing fast toward reality, as one of the finest things any State has done toward the true service of her people.

We congratulate Mr. Proctor, and wish him well in his labors ahead.

Our Forests: A Proud Record

There are some things The Pilot stands for, has always stood for, will always stand for. When these things come up, no matter what the issue is, those who have followed The Pilot for any length of time will know which side it will be on. They don't have to have hunted for any of the indications, either, for they "stick out all over" us like a rich case of measles on a 10-year-old.

One of these things is forest conservation and development. And this is one on which, we are proud to say, we have never had to enter into any sort of battle, for as far as we have been able to find out, the folks in Moore county and Southern Pines are with us all the way. Or we are with them, which is the same thing.

We are proud of our county government for appropriating the maximum amount for forest conservation and protection. We are proud of the taxpayers for never once protesting that in so doing we are far and beyond many much larger, richer counties of North Carolina. We are proud of the excellent N. C. Forest Service fire control system which has been developed here over a 20-year period, with its three towers, its up-to-date equipment and its strong fire fighting crews. We are proud of the record they have made in keeping forest destruction to a minimum.

We are proud of the reforestation program which has been under way for some time in Moore county, at the hands of civic organizations, notably the Sandhills Kiwanis club, and of private owners; and of its enthusiastic continuance right now by Boy Scouts. In a marathon of planting in one month these boys ran out of their first 25,000 seedlings, and are now well along on their second 25,000, truly a wonderful accomplishment of reclamation of otherwise-useless land and its dedication to the growth of new forests.

We are proud of the fact that, of 54 Tree Farm awards made in North Carolina in the past 10 years, two have come to Moore county, to the Colin G. Spencer tree farm at Carthage some years ago and last week to Weymouth Estate.

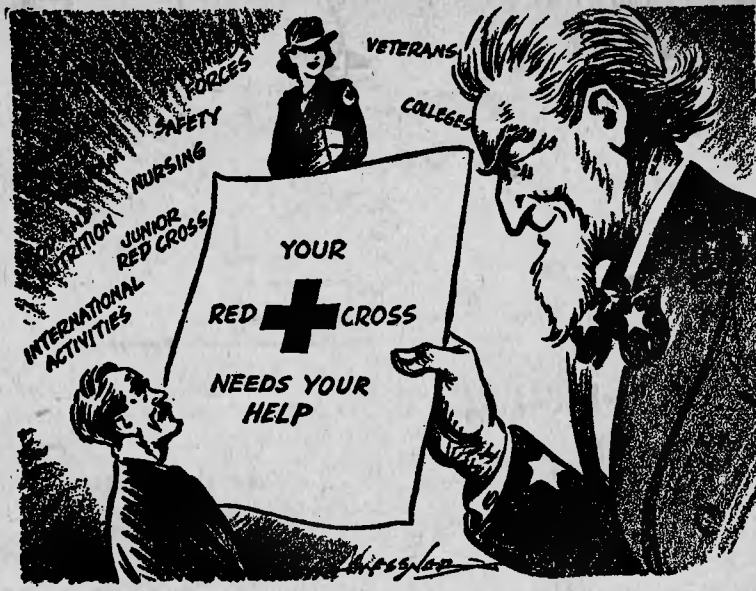
High Cost of Negligence

Almost as certain as the seasons is the outbreak of forest fires each year in Eastern North Carolina. Hundreds of acres of valuable timberland has been charred in recent weeks, and in one seven-county area farmers have been banned from starting brush fires.

With more than two-fifths of our land in timber, and with that timber ranking high among the State's most important resources, these fires have been especially expensive, because forests cannot be replenished except over a long period of years.

In 99 per cent of the cases, fire wardens have ascribed these fires to carelessness. Everyone who starts a fire should be careful to keep it under control at all times, so the high cost of negligence in the State can be reduced.

—Raleigh News and Observer



Grains of Sand

We enjoyed our first visit to the Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill the other day. . . . It lived up to everything wonderful that has been said of it, only nobody warned us what a place it is to go to sleep. . . . We were attending the Press Institute, and hadn't had too much sleep anyway, when we went to see "The Calendar Story". . . . The perfect peace of the place, the impermeable twilight deepening to darkness wrapped us soothingly about. . . . Soon the lulling voice of the narrator with interludes of soft music as stars glowed above began taking irresistible effect. . . . An old gentleman near us started gently snoring, and soon we found ourselves dropping off too.

We were dismayed at our reaction, taking it as a sign of a simple and uneducable mind, until we were told later, "Oh, everyone goes to sleep at the Planetarium!" This must be somewhat disconcerting to the narrator, who, however, glides smoothly along in his discourse filled with wisdom about the skies. The soporific effect is no doubt due largely to the otherworldly dreaminess of the place. . . . There is certainly no other spot so removed from the cares, the hurries and worries of daily living. . . . It lifts you far above them and for some time after your visit you are under the spell of the stars, seeing all earth's muddled schemings as the trivialities they are.

We're all for a law, making everyone go to the Planetarium at least once a month.

We understand that Mr. Dakin's book on Mary Baker Eddy is being restored to the shelves of the Southern Pines library, by the lady who had kept it out overlong. Thank you, ma'am!

At the highly successful Camellia show held at Fayetteville, February 18, a Southern Pines lady, Mrs. Magruder Dent, came away with a second and a third prize. . . . An exciting achievement, in the showing of so many lovely blooms! Mrs. Dent's "Pink Perfection" was awarded a red ribbon in the classification A-3-1, and her "Professor Sargent" won a white ribbon in the classification A-3-4.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hutaff, who are well known here (Mrs. Hutaff is daughter of Col. and Mrs. O. A. Dickinson, sister of Mrs. Hoke Pollock) were winners of the Gold Certificate offered by the American Camellia society for receiving the most blue ribbons in the show. Blue ribbons won by the husband and wife (with the husband having a slight edge) were for Lati-folia, Mrs. Charles Simmons, Ville de Nantes, Helen of Troy, Pink Duchess, Victor Emmanuel, Pearl Harbor, Mrs. Freeman Weiss, Capt. John Smith, Alba Plena, Alba Fimbriata, Glen 40, Rosea Plena, Class 3 Modern, and Class 5 Corsage. . . . They won some red and some white ribbons, too, and their daughter Anne was also in there pitching—and winning, notably in a special class for girls 6-12.

The Public Speaking

To the Pilot:

In the capacity of Assistant Director of the North Carolina Veterans Commission during the past four years I have had the duty and pleasure of working closely with many of the County Veterans Service Officers in this state. Due to her exceptional ability, initiative and enterprise in veterans' service work, Mrs. Louise W. Clarke, Carthage, N. C., has always been outstanding as one of the best service officers in North Carolina. Such a reputation is all the more remarkable when one considers that, in this work, being a "woman" has heretofore been almost an insurmountable handicap.

From my own personal, as well as official, knowledge of Mrs. Clarke, I would like to make the following statements as to her capabilities and accomplishments:

Organizational ability: exceptional. Thorough and complete filing system, reports and records of her office, which she personally initiated and has maintained, are proof of that. Additionally, her training program for her assistant (approved by the North Carolina Veterans Education Committee for on-the-job training) was successfully and effectively carried out.

Mental Capabilities: Mrs. Clarke has an alert and penetrating mind. Her success in veterans' work and its myriads of laws, circulars, technical bulletins and interpretations, speaks for itself.

Public Relations: Excellent. In addition to a pleasing personality, Mrs. Clarke has the brains and ability which make her both respected and liked. The solid backing of the entire county behind her office and its purposes, as well as the effective relations she has established and maintained with the county press and radio, are concrete evidence of her knowledge and ability in this important field.

Character and Reputation: Excellent.

In closing, I consider it a pleasure to recommend Mrs. Clarke for her integrity, initiative, good judgment and ability. Very sincerely yours, JACK C. PAMPLIN, Assistant Director, N. C. Veterans Commission.

Raleigh, N. C.

What They're Saying

MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

The Herald frequently receives appeals from persons who have been tried in Superior or Lee County court to leave their names out of the report that regularly appears on court actions. Without exception, these people are told it is impossible for The Herald to make such a special concession—and no such concession is made. Members of The Herald staff derive no satisfaction from printing facts which are often embarrassing to the person concerned. But, if the courts are to be reported at all in a newspaper, we believe that it is the duty of the paper to use the name of each defendant tried.

If any one will consider this problem, he will see that it is to his advantage as a citizen that The Herald takes this view. He may be in court once or twice in a lifetime, but every day during the rest of his life, he is a citizen who will know, reading this newspaper, that the names of defendants—whether of high or low station in life—are not being withheld. If as a citizen he is interested in knowing that a transgressor of the law has been brought into court—and as a citizen he is—then, if he should become a victim of the law, he cannot logically ask that any other principle apply.

We repeat that it gives The Herald no pleasure to make public any one's misfortune. However, in the clear, good light of common sense, it is apparent that the time for some one to worry about the publicity is before he gets into trouble. Once the law is invoked, the public has a rightful interest in any defendant and how he is treated under the law.

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