

"In taking over The Pilot no changes are contemplated. We will try to keep this a good paper. We will try to make a little money for all concerned. Where there seems to be an occasion to use our influence for the public good we will try to do it. And we will treat everybody alike."-James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

Confusion And Injustice

During these last few months it had seemed that President Eisenhower was getting into the stride of his office. It looked as if, while becoming closer to his stated presidential ideal, "to be the president of all the people," he was also more nearly approximating what the people expect of a president. But, during these last weeks, there have been disturbing indications of the same lack of comprehension of issues at stake, the same fumbling and inept action. which has marked so much of his term in of-

Take the President's handling of two recent matters: the Ladejinsky case and the military

To newspaper men, the President said that he thought Benson was right in firing Ladejinsky and also that he thought Stassen was right in hiring him. Here are two complete contradictions. A man works for a comparatively "non-sensitive" organization like the Department of Agriculture and is fired by the head of it, for security reasons; that head, Secretary Benson, later saying that if the public knew all, they would feel the justice of his act. Then the same man, within a matter of days, is given a position in the Foreign Operations Administration, where security enters the picture in

The impression given the public is that Ladejinsky is a loyal public servant and that Secretary Benson made some kind of foolish mistake in his handling of him. But this impression lasts only two or three days. Then at his press conference, the President launches into his explanation in which the word "sensitive" figures so prominently. He says that the agricultural agent, fired by Benson, is a safe man for employment in the F. O. A. as long as Mr. Stassen, soon.

the head of it, does not put him in "too sensitive" a position. In other words, Ladejinsky is not cleared at all. Things are right where they started except that now Stassen is made to look a fool, as the President returns the smear to Ladejinsky's name. The only word for such a tangle seems to be the old army one, "snafu", raised to the nth degree.

Whether the nth degree is caused by the President's own tangle of so-called security laws or by his lack of comprehension and information is something else again. Probably the two working together. It makes a pretty silly story, and a pretty objectionable one.

As for the situation centering around the military cuts announced by President Eisenhower last week, here again the public is utterly at a loss to know what the truth is. Are the cuts being made for the reasons given by Secretary Dulles or Secretary Wilson or the President himself? Each of these reasons is quite different from the other. What we do know, however, is that the President's statement is at variance, not only with these two members of this cabinet but also with that of the chiefs-of-staff. It looks as if the President had made his decision to cut military manpower entirely on his own.

The nation places great reliance in Eisenhower's military judgment but there is something about the suddenness of his announcement, differing as it does so strikingly from previous administration statements, that is having

a profoundly disturbing effect. For the sake of national unity and security. the people should be told why the military cuts are recommended. For the sake of justice, the case of Ladejinsky must be fully explored and explained. It is to be hoped that answers to both these questions will be forthcoming, and

Person County Did It: Why Can't Moore?

More than a year ago it was noted in these columns, while pondering the town-wide and county-wide dog problem (their depredations, their threat to health via rabies and the sad sight of starving puppies abandoned and left to fend for themselves), that Person County had started a dog warden-county pound system.

Now comes a report that, in its first year of operation, the dog population of Person county has decreased by more than 2,000-all stray animals or ones about whom their owners cared so little that they did not redeem them from the pound where they were kept for several days before they were humanely destroyed.

Also: during the year over 3,000 dogs were vaccinated for rabies. And, just as we said we thought would happen if a similar system were instituted in Moore County, over 1,000 dogs were listed for taxes that had not before been on the rolls.

Building the county dog pound cost \$2,000not much more than would be taken in by the extra dog taxes collected-not to mention the tax on dogs customarily listed theretofore.

While Person county had been having two to six cases of rabies in previous years, not a single case was reported during the first year of the dog warden's operations.

This success story from Person County reaffirms our contention that Moore County should institute such a program. It occurs to us that all Moore towns would be more than willing to help share expenses with the county, as dogs in towns are a constant problem for local officials and police officers.

Humanitarians can take notice that such a vstem would eliminate the barbarous methods of shooting down stray dogs wholesale which most towns are now forced to use simply to stay even with the stray dog population. At last week's town council meeting, City Manager Tom Cunningham revealed that the only way town hall can respond to stray dog complaints coming in from citizens is to send out armed policemen with a truck and "fill it full" of stray dogs in a kind of municipal hunting expedition.

This sort of thing will have to continue unless the people of the county demand from their town and county governments some intelligent and humane answer to the problem. No one town-and perhaps not even the countycan alone swing the proposal. With cooperation among all towns and the county, we think it would be entirely possible.

Now is the time to make plans. The beginning of fiscal year 1955-'56 would be the time to get

"The Town Does Not Remove . . ."

good citizen's heart is to be found in the Jan. the town crew to take two or three big trees 15 issue of the town's little Citizen's Digest. It out of the row along the parkway; no more

the parkways EXCEPT dead trees and those which endanger the public safety. In cases where it is absolutely necessary, authorization may be given to a property owner to remove trees in order to open private driveways."

Amen, Hurrah, Attaboy, Stet and Double-stet. Thus does the Council reaffirm in unmistakable language, a principal long held by most of the people of this beauty-conscious town but too

An item to bring joy to the tree-lover's and want sycamores near his new house and get will a lady who planted her garden in a shady "The Town does not remove any trees from spot decide she made a mistake and get the town to cut the shade-tree down. No longer will beautiful magnolias be slaughtered because the man whose lot they border says "they bring dogs and dirt." We can think of dozens more not-by-any-means rhetorical questions that tell To which this newspaper adds a fervent the sad story of the big stumps that used to be big trees shading our town streets during the hot weather and lending their dignity of towering branches during the winter days.

It is good to realize, once more, that we have often set aside by those in authority during past a Council awake to the value to the town of its years. No more will a man decide he doesn't natural beauty and determined to protect it.

Schweitzer: Reverence For Life

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, one of the supremely great men of our time, was 80 last week.

The most important thing about Dr. Schweitzer is not that he is a man of splendid intellect and varied attainments, though he is all of that. He is philosopher, theologian, scholar, critic, musician, writer and physician. He holds doctorates in theology, philosophy, music and medicine. He is the foremost authority on Goethe and Bach, while his theological studies, The Quest of the Historical Jesus and a Psychiatric Study of Jesus are works of unsurpassed scholarship and insight. He is not only a fine organist but a builder of organs. Add to this his work ours does. in medicine and you have a man comparable to the most versatile geniuses of all time, such as Leonardo da Vinci and Goethe.

Even so, that is not the most important thing about Dr. Schweitzer for us of his time. The

Christian, that is to say, a saint. His withdrawal from the world, in the role of a physician, to devote his time and talents to the sick and needy of Lambarene, Africa, is the measure of his goodness. And this goodness springs from his philosophy. The central concept of that philosophy is "reverence for life," or "the ethic of Love, widened into universality."

Ours is an age of pilots strafing towns, as if on joy rides, and of atomic bombs capable of wiping out life in cities today and probably continents tomorrow. Never was there an age which needed "reverence for life" as much as

Ours is an age of great men-witness Churchhill, Einstein, Toynbee and Schweitzer-but Schweitzer alone seems to combine the qualities of philosopher, scientist, artist and saint as a sort of cosmic fore-shadowing of what man most important thing is that he is a practicing can be and should be.—Greensboro Daily News

Grains of Sand

Rare Fault: Too Modest

Foolish Question No. 1 on the part of this columnist: 'What's become of that League

of Women Voters pamphlet you all got out as a survey made of the Southern Pines town government? Did you get rid of a few copies?"

Lockie Parker, one of the editors of this project, along with Miss Merta Underhill, Miss Norma Shiring and Mrs. Harry Pethick: "Oh. Well. Yes. It's gone quite well. A good many people got them, and still are."

"Hear any comments from the state league about your project?" "Yeah. And good. As a matter of fact, they got out a state survey, too. They told us they considered it the second best thing the state league had done this year. They said the first best was the Souhtern Pines survey. We were pleased."

We'll say. And this town may well be pleased. This sort of thing is not only of great use, as bringing valuable information to the citizens, but it creates more useful citizens. Not to mention being a good advertisement for our

Crazy Cardinal

A cardinal residing in our bushes near the house spends most of every day batting his head against a window pane. And he's been doing it pretty steadily for almost two months. We hang something against the pane and he just moves on to another one.

Bird Clubbers, any suggestions? Pilot Birdman, where are you hiding these days? Can't you tell us something to do. He's about to drive us as crazy as he certainly is himself.

Unconcerned Owl

Cliff Story, right of way inspector for the Carolina Power and Light Co., who lives at the Park View Hotel, reports that he and Mrs. Story recently spotted a barred owl—which is generally considered a rather shy and retiring bird—sitting in a chinaberry tree near the hotel. The owl was about 20 feet off the ground and people were passing in and out of the building beneath the tree, but the owl seemed unconcerned.

When a delivery man, whose truck was parked nearby whistled at the owl, it flew away, Cliff said, in the direction of Dr. Milliken's, across the park. Has anybody else seen this bird in the heart of town?

When The Pilot recently pub- To The Editor: lished a photo of Alton Scott with Story became interested and attempted to identify it from a textbook in forest pathology he had kept from his college days. He believes he has gotten it tagged properly as a "hedgehog fungus" -so called from the many hair- The North Carolina like protuberances which are Highway Commission growing all over it. When found, Raleigh, N. C. it was pure white, but it began Gentlemen: to turn yellow and brown after it was separated from the tree. The the proposed new route of U. S. only a Pennsylvania Ave. crossing the Supreme Court's decision will

'Very Important Person'

Col. C. H. Burkhead, veteran us the other day that he was talkon the Presidential airplane, the "Columbine."

The colonel, a retired Army officer who has operated with the amateur call letters W4GTH for many years, said that he did not give his name during the conversation but that the sergeant radio portant person listening to you."

From this, Col. Burkhead assumes the operator meant President Eisenhower. Afterwards, the local man wished he had identified himself by name: he lived across the street from the Eisenhowers at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for 18 months about 1926.

Later Col. Burkhead received a card from Sergeant Ellis, confirm- thoroughly. ing the conversation and noting that the "Columbine" was airborne over North Carolina at the on January 7th, describing a pos- January 7) with regard to the

In November and December Col. Burkhead says, he had con versations daily with the famous Capt. Olsen of the "Flying Enterprise, then at sea in the Pacific. At least once a week he talks with his daughter and son-inlaw, Col. and Mrs. J. T. B. Strode in Porto Rico, where Colonel Strode is in command of an Army council it was stated that the hospital. He makes connections through an Army radio station and from there is plugged in to his daughter's home via a regular telephone connection.

What's That You Said Again?

Spick And Span, the once-over cleaner, kind of turned the tables on itself on our radio recently.

It was talking about the joys the CBSers rushing en masse to that going-over-again feeling.

Governor's Message Quoted in Full

Legislation Would Give Control Of School Segregation To Local Boards

Legislation that would give+ county and city boards of education throughout the State complete authority over enrollment and assignment of children in public schools and on school buses was introduced in the General Assembly at Raleigh last week immediately after Gov. Luther H. Hodges had, in his message to the Assembly, endorsed such a procedure. In his message the Governor quoted recommendations for this step made by the Governor's Special Advisory Committee on Education appointed by the late Gov. William B. Umstead.

Here, in full, is Governor Hodges' statement on the school segregation issue in his message to the General Assembly:

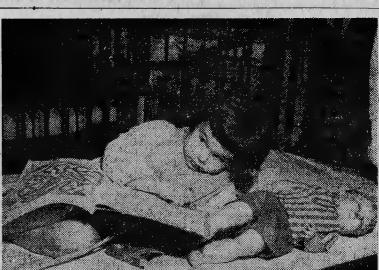
The citizens of North Carolina, and particularly its lawmakers and other elected officials are to be commended for the calmness and wisdom they have shown in connection with the Supreme Court decision of last May.

The late Governor Umstead ap pointed a committee of distinguished citizens of both races to study this problem and to advise mittee, known as the Governor's not be attempted. Special Advisory Committee on and give us a report as soon as and feelings of the people of each that view and, therefore, recompossible.

few days and is a unanimous doc- conformity with community atti- quirements of the Supreme ument of great significance. The tudes. The Committee feels that Court's decision within our pres-Honorable Thomas J. Pearsall the compulsory mixing of the ent school system before considand his distinguished associates races in our schools, on a state- eration is given to abandoning have rendered a great service in wide basis and without regard to or materially altering it. Only formulating this report, signed by local conditions and assignment time will tell whether that is posall members, which gives to this factors other than race, would sible. General Assembly and to all of alienate public support of the "Third: The Committee is of North Carolina a starting point schools to such an extent that the opinion that the enrollment from which the State may go for- they could not be operated suc- and assignment of children in the ward toward a solution of this cessfully.

North Carolina, the Committee and are determined to provide boards could adopt such plans makes the following conclusions education for all children within rules and procedures as their loand recommendations:

opinion that the mixing of the people of North Carolina desire school problems differ widely



IN POLIO WARD-The hours pass slowly for a four-year-old when she's confined to a bed, even with her favorite doll and a coloring book for entertainment. Boisterous, energetic play ended for Donna Lynn Moore last August 12, when she was stricken with polio. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Moore of Route 9, Greensboro, Donna has been a patient at Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro for the past five months. Contributions to the N. C. March of Dimes will provide further treatment to hasten Donna's return to happy days of play and the recovery of many other boys and girls.

"First: the Committee is of the ity. The Committee feels that the Committee finds

races forthwith in the public to solve the problems created by throughout North Carolina and schools throughout the state can- the Supreme Court's decision and there is even a wide variation of The Public Speaking

I am enclosing a copy of a leta large fungus he had found ter I have sent to the State High- owns most of the land, it would units are given complete author growing in the cleft of an oak way Commission about the pro- not amount to much. The long list ity over the matters referred to tree off the Bethesda Road, Mr. posed relocation of Highway 1 of people, printed in The Pilot, above. We, therefore, recommend

> (Enclosure) Southern Pines, N. C January 14, 1955.

Carthage on Dec. 22, 1954.

sary expense to all Taxpayers as West Southern Pines. This should, visory commission for that pur-'ham" radio operator, was telling it involves a 260 food wide strip be a MUST and included in the pose and that the Legislature be through Town with a large part plans. ing recently on the air waves with of the construction in a stream Incidentally, has the Chamber sion. a Sergeant Ellis, radio operator bed, with two clover leaf cross- of Commerce investigated this "The Committee, of course, is ings at Pennsylvania Ave. and route and all its very important aware of the fact that the Su-Midland Road, and also crossing effects on the future growth of preme Court of the United States the Seaboard Railroad.

With only the Pensylvania Ave. operator said: "There's a very im- of fire protection, access to the I think the Chamber of Com- be required immediately after

lem before the thirty days allow- January 22. ed for protests expires. Please at least postpone your final decision until our residents can study this important undertaking more

I am enclosing a letter appear sible alternate route.

Yours very truly, JOHN C. BARRON

Postpone By-Pass Decision To The Editor:

re-location of Highway 1 brings side of the railroad as it does on C. G. Council up some interesting questions. | the East side now.

At a recent meeting of the town

voice that was talking. Said the voice: "Do one square ever. once over. . . do one square once

property for such a purpose without a vote of the people?

I am not familiar with the law, but if the right-of-way is outside the town limits would they still have to pay?

textbook says the fungas usually Highway 1 through Southern available, all dwellers West of the be with us for many years and grows from the heart wood of an Pines, as shown on map posted in Highway are in a sorry plight for will require continuous study, atthe Moore County Courthouse in fire protection, and it will prob- tention, and perhaps legislative ably involve the cost of another action. We, therefore, recommend This route seems an unneces- Fire House and equipment in that the Legislature create an ad-

> the Town? We have just enlarged has not handed down its decree the Town limits to take in Knoll- in the Virginia, South Carolina, crossing in Town we will be bad- wood and all that section South of Delaware and Kansas cases, imly handicapped in developing the the Mid Pines Club but we are plementing its decision of last land West of the proposed High- forever cutting them off from May in those cases, and is aware way, not to mention the difficulty East-West roads to develop it! | that additional legislation might

> merce and any others interested that decree is issued, and from Few people in the Town knew should send a wire to the High- time to time thereafter. We do not what route was chosen until the way Commission at once, asking think, however, that the legislamap was posted, and it is impos- a postponement of their final de- tion herein recommended is presible to fully discuss this prob-cision. The deadline is Saturday,

TOM O'NEIL Southern Pines

No. 1 By-Pass Route To The Editor:

I was much interested in Mr ing in our local paper, The Pilot, John Barron's letter (The Pilot proposed re-routing of No. 1 highway.

I think it far better to have the new road to the West of the cemetery than on this side. In future years, the town may C. Benedict Further study of the proposed extend just as far to the West Dan S. Ray

Southern Pines

of cleaning linoleum, the tiled- give the fellow a jog to send him Michael Valen, Jasper Swearingen effect kind, when something went on. He gave another great hicwrong with that intimate friendly cup and lept ahead into his spiel as smooth and sweet and bland as One Year \$4. 6 mos. \$2; 3 mos. \$1

Come to think of it: it was the over. . . do one square once over day after Christmas. A bit too big . . ." There was a great hiccup- a helping of plum pudding, maypy sound and you could imagine be? It's awfully apt to bring on Member National Editorial Assn.

him on it. I requested this Com- not be accomplished and should provide education for our children within the framework of our "The schools of our state are so present public school system, if Education, to continue its studies intimately related to the customs possible. The Committee shares community that their effective mends that North Carolina try to The report reached me in the last operation is impossible except in finds means of meeting the re-

schools is by its very nature a "Second: The Committee is of local matter and that complete After stating its objectives: (1) the opinion that the people of authority over these matters Preservation of public education North Carolina look upon educa- should be vested in the county in North Carolina, (2)Preserva- tion as the foundation upon which and city boards of education tion of the peace throughout our democratic institutions stand With such authority local school the limits of their financial abil- cal conditions might require. The problems and conditions within counties themselves. As these problems unfold and develop from month to month and from Town must pay one-third the cost | year to year local school adminis of the right-of-way, but the trative units could move to meet Mayor stated that, as the Town each problem as it arises if such JOHN C. BARRON owning property that will be af- that the General Assembly o Southern Pines fected would indicate that this is North Carolina enact the neces just a guess. In any event has the sary legislation to transfer com Town any right to give away plete authority over enrollment and assignment of children in public schools and on school buses to the county and city boards of education throughout

State. "Fourth: I wish to enter a protest against Another thought is that with feels that problems arising from represented on such a commis-

> mature or that it will in any way adversely affect the welfare of the schools of North Carolina, regardess of the terms of the Court's final decree in those

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