



"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.

It's Going To Take Money — Lots of It

News stories reprinted elsewhere on this page show that several more towns have leaped into the competition for the proposed consolidated Presbyterian college, making their bids in no uncertain terms and implementing wishes with action. This is a competition Southern Pines entered some time ago, with what we believe is the most unified public support we have ever seen accorded a local project. There is no question but that all of Southern Pines earnestly desires this college. The question is, how badly do we want it? Having a beautiful site to offer, a lovely and friendly town, a variety of advantages, is not going to be enough. Money must be contributed—lots of it. The site offered by Mrs. James Boyd, we truly believe, cannot be bettered anywhere, both in beauty and convenience of location. Without it we could not even compete; but it is apparent that that is just the first step. Little Red Springs—which now has Flora Macdonald college, and is proving its desirability, if such a thing were necessary, by its evident eager desire to retain it—is offering a site, and \$100,000. Rocky Mount and Lumberton, both much larger and richer towns, are certainly going to top that. At Lumberton it was estimated that "at least a half million will be needed" and Fayetteville, we learn, is aiming for a million. Others in the running are Goldsboro and Kinston, both sizeable and wealthy Eastern Carolina towns, also the smaller Kenansville and Laurinburg. The Sanford Herald last week called on its citizenry to produce a leader and get moving, and there undoubtedly will be others. While any or all of these may be ruled out for other considerations, certain it is that the trustees of the proposed four-year co-education-

al institution will look on all offers with a coldly practical eye. They have to. It takes money, and lots of it, to build and operate a good college—the kind we know the Synod has in mind; the kind every one of these communities, including Southern Pines, wants it to be. Besides money, they must also consider the day-student potential, which reportedly must be sufficient to form a basic student body large enough to keep the college going. Our local committee will have to consider the matter of financial pledges very soon. If we are going to be in the running at all, the committee must ask that community-minded citizens open their purses as widely as possible—wider, perhaps, than they think possible at this time. What they give will be in the purest sense an investment in the future, not only for our community but for youth here and everywhere. We suggest the committee set definite goals—a certain number of \$10,000 donations; others of \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and start a pledge campaign at the earliest possible time. We have citizens who could give well over \$10,000, and do give more than that to worthy causes every year, without greatly affecting their standard of living. Do they feel the community needs and wishes, have the community interests at heart, strongly enough to hearken to this appeal? While every possible small donation will certainly be needed, it is in our potential of large donors that our chance for the college rests. Individuals and organizations all over the county should also consider the matter of establishing scholarships for all deserving boys and girls, to be awarded at high school commencements in recognition of achievements in many specified fields, to assure a basic home-student representation of the most valuable type.

Horseless Carriage Club, We Want You Back!

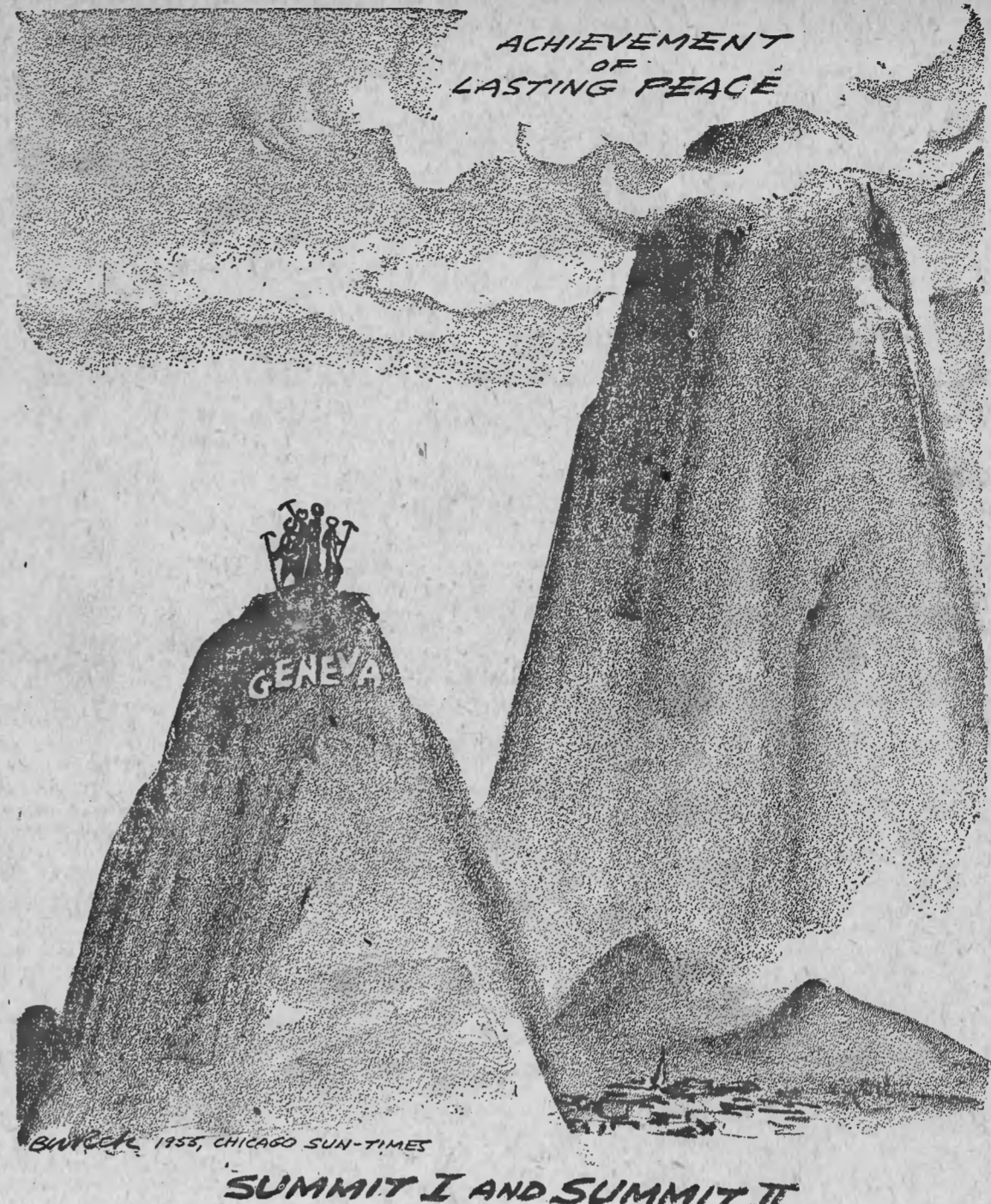
We can't remember anything nicer ever happening to Southern Pines than the visitation of the Horseless Carriage Club last weekend. Our hat is off to the Chamber of Commerce folks who arranged it, and all who cooperated in making the weekend such an all-round happy occasion. The vintage vehicles, in spit-and-polish condition, which chugged into town Friday and departed Sunday, remaining meanwhile parked on the athletic field, provided delight for uncounted hundreds of all ages. For old-timers, they evoked a nostalgic mood of the pleasantest kind. For the youngsters they were endlessly fascinating, both as tangible evidence of a past which had been previously only hearsay, and as mechanical contrivances as startling and appealing today as when brand-new—though in a different way. For everyone, they were an education in automotive development, thus of an extremely important part of our American civilization, over more than half a century. The Horseless Carriage people, as much as their cars, delighted and thrilled us. They turned out to be a wonderful and jolly crowd, all-

out for their hobby, with all the zeal, energy and good humor bred by a healthy hobby, enthusiastically undertaken. It's a highly contagious hobby; they left a number of local citizens, who had never thought of such a thing before, badly infected and already checking likely sources for an old car of their own. It's a many-faceted hobby—something husband and wife, kids too, can enjoy together. It offers an education in mechanics, an outlet for the play-acting instinct, cooperation evolving into lasting friendships. Social and material distinctions vanish, as hard work and ingenuity produce the richest rewards. (Hey, wait—have we got bit by the bug, too? Maybe we have!) At the banquet held Saturday night at the Country Club, Mayor Voit Gilmore in welcoming the crowd urged that they consider Southern Pines as their permanent terminal for their annual summer tour. This we wish to second heartily, feeling that all our fellow-citizens would feel the same. Many different tours, reaching into three states, could be arranged to wind up here. We could look forward to such a uniquely interesting weekend, with increasing pleasure every year. How about it, Horseless Carriage fans?

Piedmont, Take A Chance—Help Us Get PGA!

We commend Mayor Gilmore and Harold Collins, emissaries from the Town and the Chamber of Commerce, who flew to Detroit at their own expense recently to present our bid, in person, for the PGA national headquarters. Amateur golfers both, they went for no purpose other than civic promotion, to do their best to secure for Southern Pines an establishment which would be of value to our economy, and of great importance publicity-wise. The Professional Golfers Association of America would find here a most appropriate home, also an appreciative one, which would meet practically all its demands. As we are interested in them, so they are in us, and they want to come. However, it appears we may all be defeated because of two facts—items which at first listing seem relatively unimportant, in view of all else we have to offer. But they may whip us. We don't have year-round airplane service. And at Dunedin, Fla., our most formidable rival, the PGA owns a golf course of its own, also a tract of land on which retired pros may build homes. The latter item we can't do anything about—except present our belief that the veteran pros would be happier here! There is plenty of room for them—and with our three golf clubs, and Pinehurst, they would not lack for a golfing home. The year-round airplane service, which we so badly need—not only for the PGA—we may get any year, depending on when Piedmont Airlines sees a profit in regular summer stops.

Can't Piedmont take a chance on us? The PGA in itself would provide some additional summer travel. Also, all summer long, people here are making plane reservations on many lines, taking a train or driving a car or chartering a plane to carry them to Raleigh-Durham Charlotte, Fayetteville or Washington. We believe there is enough of this traffic now so that Piedmont would at least break even on maintaining an office here in summer. The plane flies over twice a day, to stop at Fayetteville. Piedmont could do much to help us build up faster, rather than waiting until we struggle up to the level they wish, no matter how long it takes and how many good things we lose along the way. The providing of transportation on expectation, rather than immediate profit, has been a factor in the development of this country and many of its greatest cities, since the railroads opened up the West. Southern Pines itself was started through promotion efforts of the Seaboard Air Line, creating a profit source rather than waiting for a demand. Without that vision back in 1880, there would be no Southern Pines today. Come on Piedmont—pitch in and help us grow! Then those profits will come sooner—and you will deserve them more. A defendant in Moore County Recorder's Court was charged with "larceny of Vienna sausages." Whatever else can be said about the case, it is obvious that he never served with the armed forces overseas in World War II.



Grains of Sand

Refreshing Change At Carthage, they have a way of making you feel hotter than ever by asking everywhere you go, "Hot enough for you?" This is a question which disciplines the soul, as you resist making the answers which spring to your weak, dry lips. But we met with a refreshing difference when we ran up on Chub Seawell, who without preamble noted, "Pipes froze last night. Just got 'em thawed out. Sure hope they don't freeze again tonight." We gulped, mopped our brow and commented, "Better get out your red flannels." "Got 'em on," came the brisk answer as he went on his way. "Got 'em on!" Temperature However, in case you've been wondering, the mercury didn't touch 100, during the first 20 days of this calorific month. In fact, we note from the town weather report, 97 was the highest—on July 3, and again July 19. On July 13, maximum temperature was down to 80 degrees. The highs on other days ranged between, and on July 3, which we remember as a real scorcher, it was only 92. Also, according to this weather report, the first 20 nights were rather nice. That is, we assume the minimum temperatures recorded were at night, ranging from a delightful 63 to an endurable 76. Precipitation occurred on eight days, ranging from drizzle to shower, totaling 2.10 inches. Costume on Display Martha Aden, of the Aden Studio of Dance, has sent one of her costumes to New York City, on request of Dazian's, Inc., for display at a series of national dance conventions to be held there in August. Martha has been buying her costume materials for several years at Dazian's, famous and world's largest theatrical fabrics house. In showing what types of materials she needs, Martha has frequently sketched off some of the costumes she has in mind, and her original designing has won considerable respect at the New York establishment. She recently received a letter from a Dazian vice-president asking her to select one of her newest to lend them for their annual display for dance teachers from all over the U. S. She chose the one she wore in the Indian Summer number in the June recital—a glorified Indian suit of silver metallic cloth lined with nylon jersey, trimmed with red and white fringe, and with an Indian symbolic design in sequins, beads and tubing on the front. With it went the pert little headdress of red feathers, sequins and fringe. This was quite an honor for a small-town dance teacher, though we yield to none in our admiration for Martha's superb sense of design—in choreography, costumes, lighting and related fields of her chosen profession. Our Loyal Scots A recent Saturday Evening Post contained a story on the contributions made to this country by those of Scottish descent, with a long and impressive list of their notable figures. In every field our Scots have distinguished themselves, and they constitute a large portion of both houses of Congress. They have produced presidents, soldiers, writers, musicians, scientists of renown. They have fought with valor in every war—but here the SEP sticks its neck out, stating that they always fought "on the side of American democracy." Our Scots are born with the spirit of democracy, and their rugged individualism has had its best opportunity in this land of the free—but the SEP should learn about the Scottish oath of fealty, which caused many of those in these parts to fight on the Loyalist side in the Revolution. Their dominant trait, we would say at that time, was loyalty to an oath, no matter how repugnant the circumstances under which it was sworn.

Carolina Towns Initiating Action To Secure Consolidated College

Red Springs Wants To Retain School answered numerous questions asked him by the group. Last night a group of officers and leaders of the First Presbyterian Church met and agreed to contribute a sum of money for a prospectus to be prepared. Another meeting will be held here Friday night with leaders of the five Presbyterian churches in this city on hand to help push this area for the location of the proposed college. Last night's meeting was called by Archie McLean, local banker and Presbyterian leader. Various Presbyterian leaders here have been busy today seeking support of surrounding communities for locating the college here. The Synod of North Carolina recently voted to consolidate Flora Macdonald, Presbyterian Junior College and Peace into one four-year college in Eastern Carolina. First minutes of the Synod called for the college to be located in the southeast quadrant of East Carolina but this was changed to read "Eastern Carolina." Fayetteville, Kinston, Red Springs, where Flora Macdonald is located, and Southern Pines, in addition to Rocky Mount, are making bids for the college. It will be some time before the site-selecting committee meets and decides on a location. Rocky Mount has been seeking a college for the last decade and business and civic leaders are anxious to land the proposed four-year college. Ray Bandy, president, presided over the special meeting of the chamber board today. The following resolutions were adopted: 1. That the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce approve and actively seek the new Presbyterian college to be located in the vicinity of Rocky Mount and such notice be given to the proper authorities. 2. That a thorough study be made of the proposed proposition and adequate funds be made available for such a study. 3. That all civic groups and other organizations be encouraged to work for this project. 4. That a notice be sent to the officers of the local Presbyterian churches offering the services of the chamber in working with any of their committees toward bringing this college to Rocky Mount. And... 5. That complete information concerning Rocky Mount be sent in support of the official letter to the secretary of the Presbyterian Synod. Lumberton Launches Bid For College LUMBERTON — Directors of Lumberton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture started the ball rolling this week in their bid for the proposed new \$5,000,000 college which the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod will create through merger of three existing colleges. Mayor R. A. Hedgpeth was asked to form a committee to study the possibilities of luring the college to this town and make recommendations on procedure. The Lumberton group left the door open to strengthen Robeson County's efforts to obtain the school. Hector MacLean, president of the chamber and a trustee of Flora Macdonald College, pressed for support of Red Springs as a site if Lumberton is turned down. MacLean is also a trustee of Peace College in Raleigh, which will be merged with Flora Macdonald and Presbyterian Junior College of Maxton to form the new four-year school. Red Springs made its bid by offering a 125-acre tract of land near Flora Macdonald and \$100,000. A rally was held in that town Monday night to begin fund raising. Mayor Hedgpeth, who originated the move to seek the college for Lumberton, told the directors he had been approached by several citizens who would make large contributions. Another director, B. G. French, told the group that the community would have to "think big and bid heavily." He estimated that a half million dollars would be minimum requirements. French, Hedgpeth and MacLean were among several leaders who successfully carried out a campaign recently to retain Caledonia Mills, Lumberton's largest payroll, when the owners announced they would either have to sell or liquidate. Hedgpeth said some citizens have expressed more interest in obtaining the college than industry. PARK ATTENDANCE National Park Service figures show that from January 1 through June the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smokies Park, which meet in Western North Carolina, had a combined total attendance of 1,413,879. The Smokies Park, with 825,218 visitors for the six months, marked up an attendance gain of 19,967 over the corresponding period of 1954. The first half of 1955 showed a total visitation of 1,588,661 for the Parkway, or 63,851 less than that for the first half of 1954. The drop was attributed to cool weather. ROBBINS POSTMASTER Coy G. Lewis, Jr., has received the nomination for postmaster at Robbins, to succeed G. F. Walker, deceased. The nomination was made Monday by President Eisenhower. It must be approved by the Senate Post Office and Civil Service committee before going to the Senate for confirmation.