

# THE PILOT

Southern Pines North Carolina

"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.

## No Time To Sit Back

This newspaper has been watching anxiously for signs that further action will be taken in the case of Emmett Till. The refusal of the Mississippi grand jury to indict Milam and Bryant for the kidnapping shows what the state of Mississippi is going to do, or not do, if there had been any doubt of it after the conduct of the murder trial. That there will be no further action on the part of a nation which has been roused to horrified indignation by this brutal tragedy and callous indifference to law seems inconceivable.

In Mississippi, we may now be certain, the case is supposed to be a closed book. But is that to be the case everywhere? Is the nation that speaks for justice and decency, that claims as its motto: "In God We Trust," is this nation to rest satisfied, to take, sitting down, this crime against one of her citizens, this insult to her principles and her law?

For this slighting of a brutal murder is an insult to the law of the land. It is an insult to everything the nation stands for and hopes for, an insult, indeed, to the world of free peoples with whom this nation hopes to walk the road to greater freedom and justice for all. If this blot on the scutcheon of the United States is not removed it will act as a block on that road, that could retard by many years the march of spiritual progress.

Must this be tolerated?  
This is no time for sitting back. And not only because a great wrong has been done, though

that is the biggest reason, and by far. There is this reason, too: A case such as this offers rich ground for exploitation by subversive groups, quick to seize the chance to stir up racial feeling. They will see this tragedy as grist for their mill. They will make a fine pretense of demanding "justice", but it will be their kind of justice, playing up the case as a "martyrdom of innocence" by "white capitalistic decadence." They will not be interested in the slain Emmett Till or in bringing his murderers to justice. In fact, that would spoil the story for their purposes. They will use the case to blazon to the world, and especially to the East, the failure of American justice.

It is to be earnestly hoped that this case will not be allowed to drop, that it will not go by default to the Communists or other trouble-makers. Immediate action, on the part of those working for civil liberties and the promotion of justice in the courts, is needed to forestall entrance onto the scene of those whose motives and whose actions would lead to the obstruction of justice and not to its advancement.

This nation must not sit back under the blow dealt her by Mississippi. American justice has been denied, the spirit of law in the land arrogantly flouted. It is up to the nation to demand that this case shall not be dropped, that the tragedy of Emmett Till shall be followed up until everything possible has been done to bring to justice those responsible for the crime.

## More Than A Personal Matter

Endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Clubs at Southern Pines and Aberdeen and by the county-wide Sandhills Kiwanis Club, the proposal for "extended area" or toll-free telephone service between Southern Pines and Pinehurst was to be presented to the State Utilities Commission this week.

We are gratified that the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas is submitting its request and tentative rate schedule to the Commission. We see the change to toll-free service as inevitable. As in so many "bound-to-come" changes, the sooner work on it begins, the better.

While rates will be set by the Utilities Commission, the estimated rate schedule prepared by the company shows a maximum increase of \$2.50 monthly for one-party business phone, ranging down to 50 cents per month increase for multi-party residence phones. This does not seem prohibitive.

Management of the Sandhill Telephone Company at Aberdeen favors joining the toll-free

Sandhills network and provision for this change is being considered in new equipment being installed by the company. We feel that it will not be long before some plan for three-town extended area service is worked out.

There are many persons, no doubt, who do not now use toll calls to and from Pinehurst in such a quantity that extended area service, at a higher rate, would mean a financial saving to them. We urge those persons to try to look at the larger picture before they object, formally or informally, to the proposed change. The essence of the matter is not that some people will "save" money and some people will "lose" money with extended area service. The real question is whether this area will go ahead now with a change that will be of tremendous value to its development, in and around all the towns involved, or whether, at much more technical difficulty, the change is made later when the toll-call confusion in a consolidated three-town area becomes so great that there will be nothing else to do.

## The Wehrmacht Lives Again

Coincidences are peculiar things. Sometimes they send a shudder down the spine. This was the case in the coincidence that placed the official recognition of the rearming of West Germany on the day following November 11th, the Armistice Day of World War I.

On November 12, the new Wehrmacht was called to the colors. The first recruits, 101 men of the first 500,000-strong force, took part in the ceremony inaugurating the new German Army.

The news raises once more the big question-mark; is this a safe thing to do; is it a good plan once more to arm Germany? With the vital matter of the reunification of their nation certainly uppermost in their minds, how will these soldiers act? To put it bleakly, if trouble starts, can they be counted on to fight for the West, or would they not fight for Germany first? In the present division of the world, would they not choose to fight on whichever side seemed most likely to win? Would not their choice be unpredictable to the point of desperate danger to the peace of the world?

The assembly at Bonn in which the new Wehrmacht was launched was reassuringly simple. There was an absence of fanfare that promised well and the words of the officials were in tune with Western hopes.

One word of the Defense Minister struck a sour note. He appealed to the nations of the West to "trust the new military and not to drive it into dangerous isolationism."

Though the sentiment expressed is understandable, there seems to be almost a threat in the phraseology. Do the Germans still look up on the military as the ones to call the tune? Is it they who must be trusted, or is it the government which is supposed to control them?

Germany started two world wars in this century. In both of those the military took command; the governments either wanted it that way or were too weak to prevent it. Let us hope that there does not come a time when the anniversary of Armistice Day will be greeted with a shudder as the time when Germany, whose defeat in 1918 the day commemorates, launched this newest army into the world.

## Negroes Respond To Extension Program

When it was announced at last week's meeting of the board of county commissioners that Mrs. Freda McNeill, Negro Home Demonstration agent for Moore County is resigning, members of the board were generous in their praise for the work she has done in the county.

For a good many years, it was the opinion of the board that a Negro Home Demonstration agent was not needed in the agricultural extension program for Moore. All requests for Negro extension personnel—whether home agent or farm agent—were turned down. Then, as we recall it, rural Negro leaders were told that the budget would permit only one Negro extension worker in the county and they were given a choice as to whether that person should be a farm agent or a home agent. They were reported to have chosen the latter—although, it should be noted, they did not abandon the hope of having a farm agent, too, and have petitioned for such at least once since Mrs. McNeill began her work about two years ago.

The enthusiastic response to Mrs. McNeill's program, in which hundreds of Negro women and boys and girls are taking part through Home Demonstration and 4-H Clubs, shows that there was a real need for her services. She has done a good job and has been recognized for

her achievements by the commissioners. As she leaves the county's service this week, The Pilot adds its commendation and goes along with the commissioners in the belief that only a first-rate home agent should be hired to replace her, even though this means, as it apparently will mean, a few weeks when the program will be functioning without an agent in Carthage.

Looking a little further, we are wondering if there might not be a response to a Negro farm agent as gratifying as was that accorded the home agent who for so many years was termed unnecessary by the county commissioners. It has always been hard to believe that the white farm agent and his staff could adequately assist Negro farmers as well as the vast number of white farmers—a point that becomes even more cogent now that the white farm agent has been permanently deprived of one of his two assistants.

One thing we do know: among no group of people are the knowledge, the techniques, the interest which are spread by farm and home agents more sorely needed than among the Negro rural population. And response to the home agent's work has now shown that rural Negro residents want to and will cooperate to improve their communities, their homes and themselves.



Sign of the Times

## SIGNIFICANCE OF FAMILY RECOGNIZED

### Welfare Program In 25th Year

(Mrs. Walter B. Cole of Carthage, Moore County superintendent of public welfare, spoke to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club last week about operations of the welfare department, noting that the department is in its 25th year in Moore County and is operating for the 20th year in cooperation with the Federal Social Security system. Following are portions of Mrs. Cole's address.)

No other legislation in the last two decades has been more effective than Social Security in promoting the well being and happiness of American people.

As a result we have in Moore County a system of:

1. Old Age and Survivor's Insurance.
2. Unemployment Insurance.
3. Federal grants in aid for the needy aged, needy dependent children, the needy totally and permanently disabled, maternal and child health, crippled children and child welfare services.

Over the years the Social Security program has given increasing recognition to the significance of the family as a unit and the importance of family welfare.

The public assistance provisions in the original law affirmed the importance of family life by limiting the use of federal funds for needy aged or blind persons to those who were not inmates of public institutions and funds for needy children to those who were living in family homes in the care of one of a number of specialized relatives.

Moreover, the Act affirmed the dignity and responsibility of recipients by specifying that aid was to be given in the form of money, which the receiver was free to spend as he or she deemed best, rather than as aid in kind, such as an order for groceries or fuel, which too often reflected on the family's self respect.

#### The Human Meaning

As a result of the Social Security program in countless homes, insurance or assistance payments mean:

That an old couple can live out their remaining years together in a familiar setting, near their relatives and friends and with their cherished possessions.

That children in families broken by death or separation or impoverished by the breadwinner's disability can continue to receive their mother's care instead of being parceled out among relatives or left without supervision while the mother takes outside work.

#### Financial Services

The November 1 report of the Moore County Welfare Department, covering operations of the previous month, shows the following numbers of cases and the total money payments made to them, in the various categories of assistance:

- Old Age Assistance, 412 cases, \$13,468.40 paid.
- Aid to Dependent Children, 141 cases, \$8,335.80 paid.
- Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled, 112 cases, \$3,920.48 paid.
- General Assistance, 27 cases, \$518.40 paid.
- Aid to the Blind, 65 cases, \$3,200.00 paid.
- Hospitalization and Medical Care, 30 cases, \$1,804.95 paid.

This monthly report also shows 186 non-financial services rendered in such fields as these:

Adult parole supervision, investigation of prisoners, family adjustment service, educational and training service, vocational rehabilitation, adult mental problem service, medical and health care service, services to individual children, old age and survivors' insurance service, non-support of children, service to adoptive home, service to foster home, service to boarding home for adults, placement of State Hospital patient, out-of-town injury, referral to other agencies and issuance of Child labor certificates.

Dollars paid out under this program of public welfare established under the Social Security Act can be added, and so can the number of persons—old, young, and in the working ages—to whom payments have gone. What cannot be computed is the self-respect and peace of mind made possible by these programs in homes into which pay envelopes no longer come, the strain and worry and humiliation averted from parents and from children whose lives otherwise might have been scarred by the anxieties of their elders or by separation from home and parents.

#### Important Trends

Two important trends are evident in our public assistance programs: caseloads in Old Age Assistance are declining but increasing in Aid to Dependent Children. Why?—Broken homes through divorce, desertion, prison terms, or crime, physically or mentally incapacitated parents or death of one or both parents, showing the need for skilled services of many types which may alleviate suffering, restore partial or full economic independence, and in many other ways contribute to a more useful and satisfying life.

State and local public welfare agencies in recent years have been broadening and strengthening the social services they provide to children, to families, to aged persons and the disabled. There is every indication that as Social Security insurance meets a larger proportion of the cases of economic need, a larger proportion of the cases of assistance rolls will require specialized services.

#### Inadequate Staff

There is need for at least two additional workers. This is evi-

denced by the services rendered during the month of October: 816 interviews made during that time—216 per worker; and 125 interviews are considered the proper maximum for one worker.

Skilled services might have prevented and still may solve many of these problems, opening the way to a more satisfactory life for both the children and adults concerned and lightening burdens on tax payers.

#### Problem For All

In conclusion: What we know about social needs and what we do about it, is of great concern to all. The community participation—through better health, recreation and welfare for all citizens—is of the utmost importance. The citizen's interest that adequate skilled personnel be had in our agencies to carry out this program of service is of great importance toward prevention of dependency and toward rehabilitation of others already dependent.

## The Public Speaking

Service Plaque Smeared To The Editor:

A year ago, I, a newcomer, was startled to see the service plaque (servicemen's honor roll display board between library and post office) smeared for Halloween.

I called the VFW. Nothing happened. A few more days and I called the Legion commander. No result. The town manager was next and had it cleaned.

This year it is again defaced. Veterans have met, orated and gone home.

Or do none go past the library on foot?

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#### Highway Toll Nears 25,000

To The Editor: Before the end of the year, unless precautionary measures are redoubled, North Carolina will have suffered 25,000 traffic deaths!

Motor Vehicles Department records reveal that from 1930 through 1954, 23,097 persons have been killed in Tar Heel traffic accidents.

With current road deaths skirting the 1,000 mark, it is clear that only by a renewed sense of responsibility in driving and walking can we avoid the tragic figure.

December 1, which is S-D Day, offers one way out. With full public consciousness centered on safe driving and walking from now to S-D Day and afterwards, perhaps we can avoid the shameful record of 25,000 needless dead.

BILL CROWELL  
Public Relations Director  
N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles

## Grains of Sand

### A Noble Animal

The story about the extraordinarily courageous race run by the injured Rhythminhim, steeplechaser owned and trained by Mickey Walsh, gains in remarkable features, as the details become known.

The story, as recounted by sports reporters of the daily newspapers covering the grueling Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase, in which the horse was running, had it that Rhythminhim injured himself over the last fence, when he was leading the field by six lengths. The account said he then started to falter, responded to the whip with one desperate spurt, then lost the race by a nose.

Actually, the tale is more heroic still. As told to The Pilot by Mrs. Walsh, Rhythminhim was injured in the first round. Missing the take-off at the Liverpool, he dropped a hind leg into the stream, but managed to keep his feet and go on. However, the Walshes, anxiously watching his recovery, saw him falter and realized that something was wrong. Despite this, Rhythminhim kept going and actually ran close to a mile, taking all the jumps in his way, until, over the last one, or just beyond it, the pain apparently became too severe for his great heart to overcome. He faded rapidly and was overtaken by the winner just at the finish line.

The account said: "The Walsh family ran a quarter-mile down the track to comfort their brave horse." Actually, the Walsh family was in an agony of hope, apprehension and sympathy during the whole last half of the race.

The horse was removed from the Belmont track by ambulance, on examination, it was found that the injury was to his pelvic bones, a crack or dislocation, it was thought.

Rhythminhim is now in Southern Pines again. He is able to stand and walk and will be given a long rest in the warm sun and pine-scented air of the big paddocks around the Walshes' Stoneybrook Stables out on Young's Road. It seems improbable that he will ever be able to race again, but perhaps even that is not beyond the recuperative powers of Sandhills life.

The story of the brave race horse recalls a picture printed in our First Reader of a fiery steed with flowing mane and arched neck. The caption underneath it read: "The Horse Is A Noble Animal."

### Keep Your Shells On

Up at Cornell, they are claiming that they have developed an egg without a shell. Or, in the repulsive parlance of Scientist Dr. L. B. Darrah, a "naked egg."

We can think of nothing more unpleasant. And there is more to it than that unpleasantness: the egg: There's the covering that's going to be substituted for the shell. It is to be a strong film, or a polyethylene packet. In other words more of that impossible-to-break-scratch-gouge-or-cuss-open cellophane stuff.

The eggs are to be dropped, into compartments, but not by the hen. Or by Dr. Darrah. No. A machine does it and the process incorporates certain electronic devices. Ah! So now we eat 'em for breakfast instead of having 'em fall out on us.

Advantages listed: by putting two in one compartment you get a double yolk. (You could put two in an egg-cup, too, huh? That is, if driven to it.) Also: the cost of eggs might be lowered and they might keep fresh longer.

Nix. We'll have none of it. Look what trying to fix bread up to keep fresh longer did. The bread just gave up and disappeared, leaving a sort of blotting paper sponge. Which most of America feeds on. Knowing no better. It's not too late to start organizing. Who'll join Keep Your Shells On, Inc.?

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