

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. Wherever there seems to be an occasion to use our influence for the public good we will try to do it. And we will rest everybody alike."—James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

Willing to Run Forward

The Pilot welcomes the candidacy of John P. Kennedy for the Democratic nomination for 8th District Congressman.

After meeting him at Monday night's press conference here, when his candidacy was formally announced, and after hearing him outline his "positive and forward-looking" attitude toward government, we are convinced that Mr. Kennedy is the man not only to unseat the 8th District's Democratic incumbent, Rep. A. Paul Kitchin, but also the man who can beat the Republican candidate, Charles R. Jonas, in November.

Recently, in these columns, we noted that the forthcoming Congressional campaign, in both its primary and general election stages, offers real issues—issues which have been created for the most part by the generally negative approach of Rep. Kitchin as well as Rep. Jonas to both domestic and foreign affairs legislation.

Democrats of the 8th District may well be thankful that Mr. Kennedy has chosen to challenge the incumbent's record and to give voters an opportunity to nominate a leader who has more than a one-third loyalty to the majority position of his party.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out in his talk to the press Monday night that, in the 1961

session of Congress, Rep. Kitchin voted against the majority position of the Democratic party 67 per cent of the time, while "not another Democrat in our delegation, in the House or Senate, voted against the majority position of his party even as much as half the time."

Moreover, Mr. Kennedy pointed out, in the last two years of the Eisenhower administration, in the field of foreign policy where Mr. Eisenhower generally received bi-partisan support, Rep. Kitchin supported the foreign policy only 15 per cent of the time.

"The basic consideration," Mr. Kennedy said, "is an attitude toward government and the world."

What does Mr. Kennedy mean by a "basic attitude?" Here's a quotation from his speech Monday night:

"If the free world is to survive and prevail, if the South is to move out into the forefront of America, if the Eighth District is to build up its industry and agriculture, then we must plan for the future and run forward to meet the future, not shrink from it and look longingly back toward the 19th century."

That is good talk, setting a tone and pace that will, we believe, inspire increasing response from Democrats of the district as the campaign progresses.

Hang on to the Bird in Hand

We sympathize with the bemused citizen in Bill Sanders's cartoon on this page, who seems in something of a quandary about the Cape Fear Basin water resources project—whether to accept the bird in hand (the proposed New Hope dam on the Cape Fear which will flood 9,400 acres and cost over \$25½ million) or to wait for the birds in the tree—the series of smaller dams as recommended by the Soil Conservation Service.

Congressman Cooley, whose Fourth District includes Chatham County in which most of the flooding would take place, is for the SCS proposal, the smaller dams. Senator Jordan, Governor Sanford and the Army Corps of Engineers who planned it are for the big dam project.

There are good arguments on both sides of the controversy, it seems to us after reading the engineers' report, the speeches of the big wheels involved and

accounts of the Congressional hearing and other meetings held in Chatham County. If we were one of the 112 homeowners whose land and dwelling would be taken over for the big dam's lake, we expect we'd be objecting. On the other hand, everybody who thinks objectively in terms of the safeguarding from flooding, the development of industry and recreation and improving water supplies for the entire Cape Fear Basin (in which one-third of the population of North Carolina lives) is for the big dam project.

It would admittedly be years before the SCS plan could be perfected and authorized. The Engineers' plan is ready to go, once it gets Congressional approval.

We think maybe the puzzled little man had better hang on to the bird he has. Rounding up and coordinating all that crowd in the tree looks like a risky, uncertain and frustrating task.

Was This Death Necessary?

The suicide of a 15-year-old boy in a jail cell at Fayetteville last week renews public concern about such deaths that occur too frequently around the state to permit complacency.

According to news stories, the boy was being held as a federal prisoner on charges of parole violation. A check was said to have been made on his cell at 2:30 p.m. and at 3:20 a cook passing the cell saw the boy hanging by a bedsheet. He was dead.

This account reveals no apparent official negligence. Yet, as always in these cases, there are questions.

Should a boy of 15 ever be confined in jail for several days (he died Thursday and had been in jail since Tuesday)? Shouldn't there be some other facility to

accommodate such cases?

A crucial point, of course, is whether the boy showed signs of emotional disturbance. If so, shouldn't extra care, such as removing potentially lethal tools like bed sheets, have been exercised? For that matter, can't it be assumed that any boy of 15 in trouble with the law is emotionally disturbed?

Judgment is difficult without all the facts—and seldom do news stories probe beneath the surface.

Yet we cannot help but see the death of the boy in Fayetteville, or the deaths of other disturbed persons that have occurred in North Carolina jails, as a blot on our system of justice and a warning that the system could be improved.

Disciplinary Grits

There must have been considerable hollow laughter heard at breakfast tables over the state a few days ago as veterans of World War II, especially those who had served in the enlisted grades, opened their morning papers to read that one of five New Hampshire National Guardsmen arrested in Wake County for a series of break-ins at grocery stores told officers that he was forced to steal "to make ends meet with the \$72 per month he gets from the Army."

Poor old New Hampshire! Did ever a state get such a bad press as it has since its National Guardsmen were called to active duty at Fort Bragg? First there was all the hullabaloo about unsuitable quarters and other complaints and the Governor came rushing down to see what was wrong. Then came the "hunger strike" because nobody would tell them

how long they'd be in uniform—what a laugh that was, too, to ex-C and K ration diners. Then, the classic complaint of the accused robber: "I couldn't make it on my \$72 per month" (plus food, clothing, medical care and so forth).

A retired World War II combat officer, bitterly pondering such antics by the military this week, came up with the perfect solution to bring recalcitrant New Hampshire's back into line. (And The Pilot well knows they are a minority of the Guardsmen from that state.)

"First of all, move 'em out into the field," he growled. "Move 'em out and then"—grinning fiendishly—"feed 'em grits. Grits. Three times a day. Grits. That's probably the one thing they can't stand to eat. That would bring 'em around."

Dangerous Neglect

It is hard to account for the neglect and lethargy shown by large sections of the North Carolina populace in the use of Salk polio vaccine.

Memory must be short. What would not the residents of North Carolina have given for this vaccine in the terrible epidemics of 10 to 15 years ago! In those days, parents noted with dread the daily reports of new polio cases, along with the deaths and the dramatic incidents in rushing victims to special hospitals where physicians and nurses labored around the clock.

Many crippled victims of those years

are with us still—yet as a physician-spokesman for the North Carolina Medical Society notes in an article on this page, we are now so careless about polio protection that an estimated one third of children under school age and a large proportion of young adults have not received the protection of Salk shots.

The matter of "booster" shots is also important, as the physician points out—yet many parents neglect to see that these boosters are given, after children have received the shots necessary, by law, to get them into school.

"Free That One And You Get All Those"



MANY TAR HEELS REMAIN UNPROTECTED

Urgent Advice: Take Polio Shots

By S. F. RAVENEL, M. D.
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The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina views with grave concern the failure of large segments of our population to be protected against poliomyelitis with Salk vaccine. A third of children 0-5 years, and half the women and two-thirds of the men in the age group 20-40 have not had the vaccine (national figures).

A full course (five injections) of Salk vaccine completely prevents paralytic poliomyelitis in well over 90% of cases.

In recent years half the paralytic patients have been 5 years of age and under, but very young adults have been the most seriously paralyzed. In addition, half the deaths, but only one-tenth of the cases, were in persons over 20. Therefore, immunizing children under 5 prevents most of the paralysis; but vaccination of teenagers and adults prevents death (and family dissolution from loss of the bread-winner or homemaker).

Salk vaccine is compulsory by law in North Carolina for children 2 months to 6 years of age. Unfortunately, the teeth in this law usually bite only at the time of school admission. Many children under 5 receive Salk vaccine from private physicians and in health department clinics, but there is no easy way for health authorities to know which children in this age group are not immunized and to see they are. The protection of these children remains the voluntary responsibility of their parents and a primary duty of their physicians.

Booster Shots
 Immunity to poliomyelitis after Salk vaccine declines at a variable rate in different people. However, in most there is an appreciable drop in protection level after two years. In the light of present knowledge, it is considered absolutely necessary for everyone to receive a booster Salk shot at least every two years.

Many private physicians, including myself, prefer to give a booster every year, irrespective of the number of shots previously received. However, this Committee and the State Health Department

go along with the American Academy of Pediatrics in recommending a booster at least every two years.

Oral Vaccine
 No one can afford to defer primary Salk immunization or boosters in the hope that oral live vaccine will soon be here. Its general availability and its immediate role in our poliomyelitis protection efforts are still unanswered questions. It certainly will not be available in sufficient quantity and sufficiently early to be of much help this present poliomyelitis year.

Accordingly, our urgent advice to the people of North Carolina is:

- (1) Every immunized person who did not receive a Salk booster last year should get one now—in the month of March.
- (2) Every citizen under 45 who has not completed the basic immunizing course of three injections should begin that course immediately. A considerable degree of protection may be achieved for this poliomyelitis season.

The Public Speaking

Carthage Man Praises Candidates for Office

To the Editor:
 Upon my return from another sojourn at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, I was delighted to read in our county papers of W. P. Saunders's announcement as a candidate for state senator.

I worked for Bill Saunders at the Robbins plant in the machine shop, under Charlie West and many other fine gentlemen, for three months. Bill Saunders is as fine a gentleman as I have ever known to work with or for.

Moore County Democrats could produce a real ticket by the nomination of W. P. Saunders for the Senate, and our good friend Cliff Blue for the House, with Cliff standing an excellent chance to be the next House Speaker, he having served longer than any man ever elected from Moore County in the General Assembly. Cliff's ability and qualifications are recognized throughout the state.

WATER

For the ancients, water was only another word for life. Colorless, scentless, shapeless, so powerful that it could break granite mountains apart, so frail it could trickle through the fingers, assuming whatever shape men desired and reflecting all the colors around it, vanishing into steam when a fire was lit under it, turning into ice on the high mountains, it possessed a mysterious, ghostly presence, aware of its power to destroy and to save, aware of the impenetrable secrets locked in every single globule, the latent power, the lightning in the water drop. Inevitably those who could make water serve the community acquired something of the stature of gods.

—Robert Payne in "The Canal Builders."

HARD TO TAKE

We ought to thank what gods there be
 For nonconformists and dissenters,
 And screwballs (some will say like me)
 And heretics and malcontenters.

Being restless with the status quo,
 They see in it no good whatever.
 In consequence to them we owe
 All inspiration to endeavor.

Admittedly they're hard to take,
 Which makes it hard to be forgiving.
 Without them, life would be an ache,
 And with them, hardly worth the living.
 — Joseph S. Newman

Moore County would indeed be in an ideal position to really do something for Moore County and the State of North Carolina. I sincerely trust Moore County Democrats will rally to the support of these two fine gentlemen.

We already have two of the finest United States Senators in Senator Sam Ervin, Jr., and Senator B. Everett Jordan, and an outstanding congressman in A. Paul Kitchin. These men really put forth efforts for Moore County veterans and for anything worthy of support endorsed by reputable Moore County citizens. We owe a great debt to the Senators and Congressman Paul Kitchin for the many things they have accomplished for Moore County and for the State, they serve so nobly.

JAMES LLOYD MCGRAW
 Carthage

Armor School Graduate In Local Guard Unit

To the Editor:
 We wish to acknowledge our appreciation for your article in last week's Pilot concerning Sergeant Harry Hazelwood, a recent graduate of the U. S. Army Armor School's Track Vehicle Maintenance Course. As a matter of unit pride, we would like to point out that Sergeant Hazelwood is a member of our local National Guard unit.

The Army rightfully reported Sergeant Hazelwood's schooling as an Army item, recognizing that our local Guardsmen are part of the Army team—active and reserve forces which together form an integral part of our nation's first-line defenses.

Our unit is proud of the part we play in defending the nation, and we are proud of Sergeant Hazelwood's accomplishments. JAMES E. HARRINGTON, JR., Captain, Armor, NC ARNG Commanding.

Grains of Sand

Local Boy Almost
 A letter has come telling about the editorial writers' conference to be held in Chapel Hill early in May. It makes the announcement that the speaker for the Saturday dinner session is to be Tom Wickler, Washington correspondent of the New York Times and adds: "You'll remember that he was on the Journal-Sentinel as reporter and editorial writer a few years ago."

We do indeed remember. Also we remember that Tom is the nephew of Miss Gussie and Cliff Cameron and that he worked here in Southern Pines for a year as manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

Believe It Or Not

One of the oddest advertising gimmicks to appear recently had to do with sweatshirts. A good solid commodity, you'd say, unlikely to need fancying up with this or that, in the way of decoration, to make it appealing.

That's what you'd think. Not so the Madison Avenue boys. But it seemed this time, as if the smart guys got a bit mixed up.

As it was in early February, they tried first to capitalize on Valentine's Day with a slogan about "A Sweetheart of a Sweatshirt." But did their sweatshirts have hearts on them or Cupid with his bow and arrows? They did not; they had—guess—but you never could. They had imprints, life-size, of the heads of Beethoven, Brahms, and Bach. One to each shirt. You took your choice.

Each of these gentlemen had his hallowed name printed under his, (so folks wouldn't get him confused with Elvis Presley, for instance.) Each one was looking extremely sour.

As might be guessed. You can picture a baseball kid buying a sweatshirt with Micky Mantle or Yogi Berra on it, or a movie fan wearing Marilyn blissing on his chest, but what musician would subject one of the Great Three to joggling up and down on his front in time to his fiddling?

They should have stuck to the Valentine motif and let the music masters alone. But they could have improved on that Valentine slogan, to our way of thinking. Howabout: "A Sweet Sweatshirt for a Sweaty Sweetheart?"

Thanks, Anyway, C. O.

Not long ago the Charlotte Observer, engaged in making a brief study of the newly-mapped Eighth District, spoke of this area as a country club.

"If Mecklenburg County is the department store of the Eighth District," it said, "then Moore County is its country club."

Illustrated with photographs of H. Clifton Blue, Sandhill Citizen publisher, and our representative in the legislature and A&R president Forrest Locke, the article had a good word to say for various facets of this section. But it left out a couple of the most important. It told about the golf and the peaches and the Republicans, but it said never a word of the pine trees or the Moore County Hounds.

Oh well: if you tried to list all the good points of the Sandhills, you'd never get through.

Pop On TV

More couch-thoughts. The psychos have been testing children for their reactions to words and symbols: father, mother, for instance. They state that the majority of children think of their father as "larger, stronger, darker, dirtier, more angular and more dangerous than their mother."

But they do add that most of his attitude is induced by Pop on TV and in the movies. Pop's not REALLY like that. Not QUITE so angular, strong, dirty, dark, for instance.

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