

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 treat everybody alike." — James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

College Trustees: A Grave Responsibility

Among friends of education, jubilation at the recent overwhelming vote of approval given to a \$1 million bond issue for a two-year community college in Moore County is being replaced by the sober realization that grave responsibilities face the county in the next steps to be taken in connection with the college.

Outstanding among these responsibilities is the appointment of a board of trustees for the institution. The board will be in charge of developments from now on, including the centrally important choice of the college president, as well as employment of an architect for the buildings and other decisions vitally essential to the future success of the venture.

Moore County residents will be responsible for appointment of two-thirds of the 12 trustee board members who by law are named in this manner: four by Governor Sanford, four by the board of county commissioners and four by the boards of education involved which, in Moore County, are the county board of education and the boards in the two separate administrative districts, Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

It was somewhat surprising to learn

last week, only a day or two after the bond election, that individuals were already actively seeking on behalf of others, or were campaigning on behalf of others, as key political figures in the county, as well as members of the boards, no will do the appointing.

There was also a suggestion going the rounds that the trustees should be named in accordance with geographical considerations, so that various areas of the county would be represented on the board.

We can't think of two worse ways to approach the problem of naming the trustees than to go at it politically or geographically.

There should be only one consideration when the county commissioners and the three boards of education sit down to choose their eight trustees: to put on that board persons who really know and really care about education. Partisan politics or, indeed, politics of any kind, should have nothing to do with the choices. Certainly, the trusteeships must not be parceled out by political leaders as a reward for past services.

An assured and knowledgeable devotion to education should be the only test.

Dr. Silver And The Free Mind

It is a matter of great interest and, for many Sandhills residents, considerable pride, that Dr. James Wesley Silver—the University of Mississippi professor who last week denounced the totalitarian society that exists in Mississippi—is a former resident of Southern Pines, a graduate of the high school here and a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Silver's scathing analysis of the ways in which the "closed society" in Mississippi "imposes on all its people acceptance of an obedience to an official orthodoxy almost identical with the proslavery philosophy" drew an ovation from members of the Southern Historical Association before whom he was speaking at Asheville.

And rightly. Here is a man who, believing in academic freedom, has for many years of teaching in Mississippi spoken the hard truth as he saw it with such courage that he has earned at least a measure of respect from those whom he has denounced—at least enough so that, up to now, he has not been fired from his job, though he and his family have, according to the New York Times, "suffered slander, harassment and threats."

While Dr. Silver's speech made amply clear the debased status of the Negro in Mississippi and the pressures of the power structure that keep it debased, he tellingly pointed out that the white

man has also been hurt:

"In spite of the closed society, the Negro has made some gains since his emancipation a century ago. In the same period the white man, determined to defend his way of life at all costs, has compromised his old virtues, his integrity, his once unassailable character. He has so corrupted the language itself that he says one thing while meaning another. He no longer has freedom of choice in the realm of ideas because they must first be harmonized with the orthodoxy. In spite of what he claims, the white Mississippian is not even conservative; he is merely negative..."

We hope that the complete speech, most of which appeared in the New York Times last Friday, will be reprinted and widely circulated, because its message is not only for Mississippi but for the closed mind anywhere—an aspect of human folly that is not lacking elsewhere in the nation, and not only in the South.

We like to think, too, that we are justified in tracing the roots of Dr. Silver's clarity, compassion and courage at least in part to his Tar Heel educational heritage—to the University where freedom to think and to speak has long been honored; and to that golden age of Southern Pines High School in the 1920's where the late Professor Allen somehow managed to communicate to class after class of students an almost holy regard for the human intellect and its potentialities.

May There Be No More Mistakes

Last week a Pilot editorial called attention to the misleading lack of full coverage in an AP release on the halting of the U. S. convoy as it started to cross East Germany to Berlin. The omission of pertinent details resulted in a picture over-dramatic and basically inaccurate.

In an article carried elsewhere on this page the noted Christian Science Monitor's Joseph C. Harsch presents further information on this incident, information which, again, has not to our knowledge been carried in dispatches to the U. S.

Hail To The Carousel!

The Pilot welcomes the many visiting golfers here for the 10th annual Southern Pines Golf Carousel, sponsored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, opening today and running through Sunday.

At this 10th milestone of the Carousel, the Jaycees deserve a special bow for their sponsorship which not only brings scores of visitors to Southern Pines but makes financially possible such civic projects as the Jaycees' continuing program of adding new playground equipment at the town park.

That golfers love the Carousel is attested by the fact that many come back year after year, taking advantage of the "package" plan that lets them play several rounds on two of the outstanding courses in the Sandhills and take part in two scheduled social events, while also allowing them to stay and eat where they choose and circulate around to enjoy other attractions.

May the sun shine this weekend, may all drives be straight, all approach shots hit the green and all putts roll right to the cup!

In short, hail to the Golf Carousel!

THE GERMAN AUTOBAHN INCIDENT

3 Nations Coordinate In Crisis

By JOSEPH C. HARSCH
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London

The important thing about the latest episode on the road to Berlin was the speed and completeness of coordination in the Western answer to Soviet action.

The achievement was more remarkable than appeared on the surface.

For example, the French maintain a small garrison in Berlin and normally supply it by rail. One of the reasons they don't use motor vehicle convoys on the Helmstedt-Berlin autobahn is precisely to avoid getting entangled in rows over dismounting and opening tail gates.

The French had no standby convoy ready to send through on short notice. They had to improvise one—which is not easy for a military organization which used the railways rather than motor vehicles. Further, the move had to be approved at the highest level in Paris.

Improvised

But the French did improvise a convoy and had it on the road from West Berlin headed for Marienborn exactly 31½ hours after the American convoy had been stopped.

Getting the British convoy organized was physically easier but politically more difficult. Physically, the British were organizing a convoy scheduled to go through two days later. The vehicles, the men, and the cargo were all there with a fixed assignment. Physically, all that was necessary was to advance the timetable.

Politically, the British maneuver involved getting clearance

from a Prime Minister campaigning about farm prices in the highland glens of Scotland and also taking a firmer position than in any similar recent incident.

The British convoy rolled out through the West Berlin checkpoint a half hour behind the French convoy.

During the afternoon hours of Tuesday, while the British garrison was getting the convoy loaded and ready in Berlin, the British Government in London was doing what it so noticeably and dangerously failed to do during the Cuban crisis of a year ago. It "got the message over" from Downing Street to Fleet Street.

Solid and Agreed

"Getting the message over" consisted of first achieving a solid and agreed position within the Cabinet and then conveying that position along with convincing reasons for it to the newspaper offices in Fleet Street.

This involved making the government position so clear and compelling that the press would accept it. It did not, of course, indicate Britain's press is controlled in any sense.

The contrast between the results this time and over Cuba are striking. In the Cuban crisis only one of the great British national daily newspapers supported the American stand consistently and solidly from the opening day—the Daily Express. The Daily Mail and Mirror gave support on the second day. Others questioned the validity of the American position until Moscow confirmed it. The dominant mood in Fleet Street during the Cuban crisis week was neutralism. This time the Communist Daily

Worker was the only London newspaper which supported the Soviet position. All the great national dailies, either spoke out firmly for British solidarity with the United States or reported the official view that the Western position on the autobahn had to be defended.

The solid effectiveness of the Downing Street "educational campaign" of the afternoon hours of Tuesday of this week is sufficient evidence that it can be done when the government is willing and able to speak with one voice.

During the Cuban crisis the Soviets were not wasting their time cultivating people in London like Stephen Ward and his friends in high places. Staggering real opportunities existed then for driving a wedge between Britain and the United States. Except for the Express, Mail, and Mirror, Fleet Street did go neutralist.

Steadiness

But the Soviet wedge did not quite break through during the Cuban crisis. A major reason was the steadiness of then Lord Home and his professionals at the Foreign Office.

The man who did the Horatius at the Bridge act during the Cuban crisis was Prime Minister when this week the Soviets stopped the American convoy.

We do not know why the Soviets blocked that convoy but they learned out of it that Western co-ordination is suddenly and remarkably improved. In fact, this was the most perfectly executed exercise in Western co-ordination to date.

The Public Speaking

Let's Be Sure We Spend School Bond Money Wisely

To the Editor:
Our bond issue has passed and I am proud to be a citizen of Moore County where people think enough of their future citizens to vote the expenditure of their money for education. But let us spend it wisely.

I personally feel our local school plans to spend at least \$300,000 without adequate consultation. Their plans are already announced and many feel as I, that the expenditure of large sums, where any controversy exists, should be done only after thorough public discussion and adequate, expert consultation.

This our school board has not accomplished. Educational experts have not publicly compared for us, the taxpayers, the relative merits of maintaining a separate high school or consolidating with our neighbors.

Are we to arrive at a point a few years hence when Aberdeen, Pinehurst and West End have a fine consolidated high school, with a good comprehensive curriculum while we still have a high school without enough students to provide an optimum curriculum and teachers who can teach in their specialty?

If we can have something better, I would like to find out more about it before spending any large sum of money.

I feel our school board should present both sides of the consolidation controversy publicly. How can the public or the school board know what is best for our children without expert comparison?

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Southern Pines

Overseas Visitors Bring \$400 Million To U.S.A.

To the Editor:
Your editorial of October 10 was a wonderful breath of fresh air. Thank you for your look at the United States Travel Service program and your conclusions.

Through all the political haze of Washington the fact that shines bright and clear is that 49.9% more visitors to the United States have come from overseas points in 1963 than came here in the same period of 1961, before we began our operation.

Overseas visitors will bring more than \$400 million to the United States in 1963, and we believe that is what counts in considering our "VISIT USA" efforts abroad.

VOIT GILMORE
Director, U. S. Travel Service
Washington, D. C.

'Right and Responsibility Of the People to Know'

To the Editor:
The traditional open forum on our college campuses has been greatly inhibited by the recent passage of the North Carolina "speaker ban" law. The students of this campus and, we are certain, of the State appreciate your

editorial stand on this unnecessary law.

We notice that you make it your policy to print all letters on the subject, even though you disagree with some. We are reminded of the Statement of Principle adopted unanimously by the North Carolina Press Association in January of 1955, which reads in part as follows:

The right of the people to know cannot be denied or diminished without endangering democracy itself. It is the obligation of the press to provide accurate, timely and complete information about all developments which affect the people's political, economic or social well-being. Given the facts, the people usually will reach wise decisions."

This statement embodies not only the principles of responsible journalism, but those high ideals and democratic principles which are our nation's heritage as well.

There is a basic similarity between the goals of the responsible press and those of the state's educational institutions. Both recognize the right and the responsibility of the people to know. Both strive to fulfill this recognition by presenting an open forum.

Selective education and enforced ignorance are contrary to the very founding principles of this

EVIDENCE OF SANFORD INFLUENCE?

Governor Russell Keeping Peace

The following editorial appearing recently in the Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette was written by Robert Bruce Lewis, a former Southern Pines resident who is an editor of that newspaper. A graduate (1939) of Southern Pines High School and of the University of North Carolina's Journalism School, Mr. Lewis was with the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer for five years before going to Charleston. He is the son of Mrs. Bruce H. Lewis, 310 N. Bennett St., and late Mr. Lewis, an attorney who practiced here.

What the Governor of North Carolina said to me when he visited South Carolina has been: "It's time for moderation."

North Carolina is a land of humility between the mountains of conceit—Virginia and South Carolina, long known for thought of itself as the most progressive state and schools it considered its university has a reputation for liberalism.

Therefore it was not surprising that the Tar Heel Supreme Court's recent decision on the segregation of any race and any

nation. Again, we wish to thank you for your efforts to maintain the freedom of expression and inquiry so vital to our educational communities.

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Dreaded Moment Is Here: South Vietnam Going Red

To the Editor:

You wanted a boo for Madame Nhu—

Well, you got it and much more, too.

She's under duress from the liberal press;

Her husband's dead and laid to rest.

The CIA has had its day;

Her brother-in-law n'er more will pray
To God Almighty to bless his land,
To save it from enemies on every hand.

So South Vietnam is going Red;
The moment has come that we've lived in dread.
She tried to warn us but we couldn't hear;

Her just criticisms we seemed to fear
So, Madame Nhu, a fond adieu,
And, PILOT dear, I still love you.
PAT VAN CAMP

Southern Pines

desegregation to the schools of its major cities.

But South Carolina, the tinder box of the Civil War and long addicted to interference in politics, might have been expected to erupt with all the violence of an Alabama or a Mississippi. That the first court-ordered integration of schools in South Carolina could have come about with such peace and, as pictures show, even smiles, is notable.

Gov. Terry Sanford of North Carolina is making a name for himself as one of those rarest of birds, a liberal Southern politician. It would be nice to think he is having an effect on his brother Dixie governors.

At any rate, we shudder to think of what could have happened in South Carolina had its governor been a Wallace or a Barnett. It's certainly a negative method of estimating a politician's worth, but the fact that things have been as peaceful as they have in South Carolina must be attributed to the credit of Gov. Terry S. Russell.

WING CREATURES

It is not right to treat living creatures like shoes or household objects which when worn are thrown away.

—PLUTARCH

Grains of Sand

ODYSSEY OF THE SPANISH PIGS

Did you know that besides being the descendants of English, Scotch, Irish, French and German stock, certain North Carolinians have Spanish blood in their veins? It's a fact—to wit: the pigs. The lean, tough, razor-backed pine-rooters of the deep swamps, where a few terrifying old buccaners are still said to exist, are the descendants of the pigs that General Hernando DeSoto brought over with him from Spain when he came to explore this continent.

He brought 13 fine porcine conquistadores destined as food for his soldiers; destined also to set a goal of heroic exploration never to be again achieved in the history of Porkdom.

The Odyssey of the Spanish pigs is of epic proportions. The gloomy swine of Ulysses played a niggardly role compared to the amazing performance of DeSoto's porkers.

Until we came across a fascinating book, "The Eyes of Discovery" by John Bakeless, full of excerpts from the actual journals of the great explorers, we did not realize that DeSoto and his troop of Spanish cavalry—armor, swords, lances and all—had come through this state, let alone brought pigs with them.

It was in 1591 that they set foot on the shores of Florida and started the trek that led them on the 1,000-mile loop up through Georgia and South Carolina, through the edge of this state and on to the Mississippi and Texas.

They came into North Carolina along its western border: "We passed through a high range with rough and lofty ridges and came finally to the Indian town of Xualla," in Swain County, the author thinks. It took them two weeks to make that swing: rough country, indeed, no trails, and, of course, always the pigs. Anyone who has ever tried to lead, guide, force, or bribe a pig to go anywhere he doesn't want to go will understand the heroic proportions of this enterprise, proportions that multiplied fast. There were thirteen pigs to start with; by the time they reached North Carolina there were 300. Substitute swineherds were being sent into the line at every mile.

Besides the pigs, the party included lines of Indian prisoners in chains and an enormous gay company of Indian damsels. These ladies were among the gifts made the explorers by the Indians to speed them on their way. They also loaded them with food: corn, berries, rabbits, (dead, luckily), wild turkeys—700 from one desperate Cherokee chieftain. Another tribe gave them 300 "dogs," probably possums—anything to get rid of them and the havoc caused by their grunting, rooting pigs, wallowing in the drinking water, barging into tepees, fighting with everyone in sight.

Eventually the Spaniards reached the Mississippi where DeSoto took sick and died. And no wonder. The band turned back with their numbers gravely reduced but the pigs had increased to more than 8,000, according to the official count. Probably by that time they were seeing pigs doubled and tripled, behind every bush. Anyway, when the Spaniards started home they left the pigs behind, to populate our Okefenokee swamps and generally raise hell till the long hunters and their sharp-shooting descendants pretty well cleaned them out.

Two questions remain to haunt our dreams: 1, clearly the sows were having families in reckless succession: how did the little pigs keep up? And (2), how, or HOW did the herders keep the pigs going, let alone keep them going in the right direction?

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