

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 #3, 1941.

Go On! God Speed!

All the fine writing about unity strikes us as foolishness. Of course everybody loves North Carolina; of course everybody hopes and prays that its future will continue on the course of progress and above all, of peaceful progress. But it seems a little silly to go all out for all the folks, on either side, who were lambasting each other with what we imagined to be at least halfway honest feelings of pride and loyalty on the one hand and exasperation and a self-pledge of "fight-to-the-finish" on the other.

To read the editorials of the past week coming up to the present is to get a funny feeling. Moore, who was "a bitter enemy of progress," controlled by the insidious Dr. L. whose ideas were anathema, is now, "the honorable leader of the great majority, the man suited to the role of governor, behind whom we must etc. etc." Preyer is now the gallant opponent who took defeat with a smile and who will now throw all his strength and ability behind his noble foe.

Obviously all good Tar Heels must and will pull with a will to carry on in the best tradition of citizen responsibility. But that is not to say that all these people have changed their minds and all agree. For the so-called Sanford Machine, we now have the so-called Old Guard Machine (among whom are numbered most of our so-called representatives in Washington.) But we do not forget the liberal planks inserted through Preyer's

efforts into the Party's platform; or the new factor which has entered the picture.

In Robert Scott, the candidate chosen by the people for the office of lieutenant-governor, we have a piece of the so-called Kerr Scott Machine, and by every sign a very big piece of it. He conducted a quiet yet tough campaign and the fact that he could win against the combined forces that opposed him and such a good man as Moore County's Cliff Blue is ample evidence of the young Scott's political ability, strength of character and the courage that only loyalty to high principles can give.

Perhaps, as you look at this pretty complete mix-up of so-called machines, and wonder how it will be possible to go all out for unity behind them, it might help as a first step to lay off the language of back-room politics: the talk about machines, blocs, patronage and all the rest of it, and concentrate utterly on what is needed in our state, and especially on the deep and dangerous problems—one above all—that stare us in the face. This is a time for study and for work together as much as possible, but also for work and study on the part of each individual on how to help in the great effort demanded to bring our state and our people through the crises that the immediate future holds.

As they will help and lead in this task, to the men whom we watched in victory and in defeat last Saturday we say: "Go on! God speed!"

July Fourth — Then, Now and Beyond

The Fourth of July! What memories it brings! What pictures! What bangs and booms and crashes and whoops! What bedlam amid the patriotic propriety of the Great Day!

Sounds of firecrackers popping, little girls screaming, bands playing, the stentorian voice of the local orator intoning: "When in the course of human events . . ."

The sun pours down on the pretty summer dresses, everybody, hot, tries to edge into the shade; children are hauled back and shushed. Then the sudden, terrific crash, like all Fort Bragg going off at once, of the local guard unit, nobly repeating the shot heard round the world—no longer, then, King George's world but General Washington's . . . and Mr. Long-fellow's.

And there's the drumming of a horse's hoofs as a little boy recites, slurring the words in his terror: how they hoisted the lanterns on the Old North Church and the silversmith's son got ready to ride:

One, if by land, and two, if by sea!
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village
and farm,
For the country folk to be up and
to arm.

Those were exciting times and in the long retrospect of history they seem like much simpler times than we live in now.

Public Understanding Essential

By early this week, no reply had been sent back, from the Southern Pines and Pinehurst boards of education, to the invitation issued last week by the Aberdeen-West End Joint School Committee. That invitation solicited the participation of the two independent school districts (Southern Pines and Pinehurst) with Aberdeen and West End in a single high school consolidation program, within the county school system.

The advantages of such a consolidation were presented clearly, concisely and convincingly in the letter of invitation which was printed in full in last week's Pilot.

A comparison of the proposal to consolidate the four schools and of the plan strongly favored by the Southern Pines and Pinehurst school boards—to merge those two districts only in a new, inde-

pendent "city" unit—can now be made. Advantages of the independent Southern Pines-Pinehurst merger, as outlined by school officials of the two districts, were listed in The Pilot of the previous week (June 18). We are told, too, that the two independent school boards will be scheduling public meetings, to further explain their plan, later this year.

The momentous decision on what's to be done about the future of these four schools must be made only after there is full public understanding and wide public acceptance of the course to be taken. Never have the people of this southern part of Moore County had before them a more pressing public matter—a decision fraught with significance not only in the various aspects of education but in taxation and the use of public funds.

Nor should we forget that what we do now, what we stand for, is still, like the shots fired at Lexington, heard—but with vastly more immediacy and significance—around the world.

Time For Strong Support

The Pilot has long taken a special interest in the Moore County Blood Program, believing that this service is of tremendous value to the county's people—value reckoned in time, money, peace of mind and life-saving, immediate availability of blood of all types from the Red Cross center at Charlotte.

We were pleased and grateful, therefore, when it was announced last week that for the fiscal year ending in June, the county had met its annual quota of blood donations for the first time in a good many years. The whole county can be proud that Moore has finally not had

to depend on the generosity of donors elsewhere to meet the needs of its own sick and injured persons in the county's two hospitals.

We hope that this good news encourages Southern Pines residents to turn out tomorrow (Friday) when a bloodmobile will be making a collection here at St. Anthony's Catholic School auditorium from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Now, at the beginning of a new Blood Program year, whose quota has been increased because of increasing use of blood at the hospitals, is a good time for this community to give the program the fine new start it deserves.

Fire Extinguisher



CITES STATE LAW 'WITH TEETH IN IT'

Governor Sounds Warning To KKK

Following is the complete statement made last week by Gov. Terry Sanford about the Ku Klux Klan, following cross burnings and other evidences of Klan activity around North Carolina:

Because there is a growing concern across the State, I think it is necessary to remind the people involved that the Ku Klux Klan is not going to take over North Carolina.

Taking the law into their hands, running people away, burning crosses, making threats, wearing hoods, are all illegal practices and are not going to be permitted.

In 1953 the General Assembly, following the conviction of a number of members of the Ku Klux Klan, passed a law with teeth in it.

It was designed primarily by Clifton L. Moore, then the solicitor who prosecuted the Klan members, and who now is Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

What Is Provided

Here are the teeth, here is what is provided, here is what is against the law:

1. It is against the law to belong to certain kinds of organizations: "It shall be unlawful for any person to join . . . solicit members for . . . or assist in any way any secret political society . . ." G. S. 14-12.3.

A secret society "shall mean any two or more persons . . . combined or united for any common purpose whatsoever, who shall use among themselves any certain grips, signs or passwords, or who shall use for the advancement of any of their purposes or as a part of their ritual any disguise of the person, face or voice or any disguise whatsoever." G. S. 14-12.1.

"The term 'secret political society' shall mean any secret society, as hereinbefore defined, which shall at any time have for a purpose the hindering or aiding the success of any candidate for public office, or the hindering or aiding the success of any political party or organization or violating any lawfully declared policy of the government of the State or any of the laws and constitutional provisions of the State." G. S. 14-12.1.

"The term 'secret military so-

ciety' shall mean any secret society . . . when members are illegally armed, or . . . have for a purpose the engaging in any venture by members thereof which shall require the illegal armed force . . ." G. S. 14-12.1.

Disguises Illegal

2. It is against the law to use "any signs, grips, passwords, disguise of the face, person or voice, or any disguise whatsoever in the furtherance of any illegal secret political purpose . . ." G. S. 14-12.4.

3. It is against the law to permit such a secret society to meet. G. S. 14-12.5.

4. It is required that the regular meeting places be marked. It is against the law to meet elsewhere unless newspaper notice is given two days in advance. It is required that the membership lists be available. G. S. 14-12.6.

5. It is against the law for a person over 16 years old to wear a mask, hood or device whereby

the person, face or voice is disguised to be in a public place or demand entrance or go into someone else's residence. G. S. 14-12.8, 12.9.

6. It is against the law to burn a cross on the property of another without first getting written permission. G. S. 14-12.12.

SBI Investigating

The SBI has been asked to keep a running investigation. The State Highway Patrol is being instructed to watch for violations.

Local law enforcement officers should also watch for violations. Superior Court solicitors have the responsibility for bringing the indictments, and I am sure they will do so where they uncover violations.

Let the KKK get this clear. I am not going to tolerate their illegal actions and the people of North Carolina are not going to put up with it.

I repeat, the KKK is not going to take over North Carolina.

MESSAGE IS DRIVEL, PURPOSE IS NOT

Just Dial Your Party Line

Interesting, to say the least, is the editorial article printed below from a recent issue of The New Republic. There is little doubt that the person in Boulder, Colo., who will not reveal his identity is in one of the all-too-rapidly growing hate groups of the country, masquerading as usual under the banner of patriotism.

But if the message is drivel, the purpose behind it, and similar hoaxes, is not. Here's the item:

Thanks to an organization called "Let Freedom Ring," it is now possible in Boulder, Colorado, and possibly in other cities as well, to pick up the receiver and dial a political message the way one dials the weather. A young, masculine and unmistakably Southern-uncultured record-voice says that the National Council of Churches exhibit at the World's Fair includes a film portraying Christ as a "clown" and that NCC shares with the Communists the guilt of helping to arm Negroes for bloody revolution.

Mr. Johnson is assailed for

"jumping into the civil rights controversy with both feet," and the recorded voice says acidly: "For our opinion of Mr. Johnson, we refer you to Proverbs 26:17, which reads: 'He that passeth by and meddles with the strife belonging not to him is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.'"

The one - minute recordings have been dialable in Boulder since May 15. According to the Mountain States Telephone Company, which is a subsidiary of the Bell System operating in seven states, the service was rented by a person who made it a condition that his identity not be revealed. The company's attorneys say that the service breaks no law, no profanity is used and no gambling information is given out. The anonymous recorded voice does out various kinds of advice. It says: "We urge our listeners to purchase a rifle or pistol for home defense. We are not promoting insurrection, as does the National Council of Churches. We are merely urging you to exercise your constitutional and God given rights to protect yourself and your loved ones."

THUS BE IT EVER . . .

What better time than the Fourth of July to recall these lines which surely can be counted among the great words of our national heritage?

O! Thus be it ever when freemen shall stand

Between their loved homes and the foe's desolation;

Bless'd with victory and peace, may our Heaven-rescued land

Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, for our cause

it is just—

And this be our motto—"In God is our trust!"

And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Many years, many decades have passed since Francis Scott Key penned The Star-spangled Banner, but now, as then, the place to start, in moving onward, is in the heart, here in our own "Heaven-rescued land."

Grains of Sand

Election Hangover
Culled from Sam Ragan's column in the News and Observer is this fitting verse of that wonderful gal, Phyllis McGinley:

We might as well give up the fiction
That we can argue any view,
For what in me is pure Con-
viction
Is simple Prejudice in you.

Pearson Quotes Symington, Jr.
"The Republican Party has descended from The Great Emancipator to The Great Defoliator."

Oops!
Our friend The Potomac Almanac is a cozy news sheet beloved by its many readers, including The Pilot, who take pleasure in its folksy news, squiggly art work and a certain carefree style unique with this publication. "Let the chips fall!" says the Almanac. Occasionally, however, lest this friendly relationship should falter, the staff decides to make an editorial "Correction"; as happened recently.

The Almanac ran a "Greetings-to - Newcomers" item in their May number and then, this past week, followed it up with a correction, starting with a reprint of the original item (in case anybody might have missed it.) As follows:

"NEW OCCUPANTS of Spring House on Lake Road are Jim Seymour and Erma Brown. Occupation: Public Relations. Children: Tommy, Jane, Mary, Bobby.

CORRECTION: Jim Seymour has a last name and luckily it is Brown. Welcome to Potomac, Mr. and Mrs. James Seymour Brown.

(The Pilot, ever cautious, changed names.)

Surprised
One of the best, most devoted of Tar Heels, now travelling abroad, added a postscript to a letter written following the first primary:

"Do you mean to tell me that ALL of our gubernatorial candidates are against the Civil Rights bill? Good heavens!"

Long, Long Time
A country visitor, wandering around the campus at Chapel Hill in some bewilderment and awe, accosted a member of the faculty.

"Hi!" he said, "This sure is a big place! What does it take to get a great big college like this?"

The professor — whose field happened to be history—gave the visitor a friendly look:

"Well," he said "I'd say it takes at least 700 years."

What A Shock!
Victorious candidate Moore says he is going to spend some time resting and studying. Maybe by the time he becomes governor he will have a chance to find out what the Good Neighbor Councils and the Ku Klux Klan are.

Timely Counsel
"Avoid late and unseasonable Studies, for they murder Wit, and are very prejudicial to Health. The Muses love the Morning, and that is a fit Time for Study. After you have dined, either divert yourself at some Exercise, or take a Walk and discourse merrily, and Study between whiles."

"As for Diet, eat only as much as shall be sufficient to preserve Health, and not as much or more than the Appetite may crave. Before Supper, take a little Walk and do the same after Supper."

"A little before you go to sleep read something exquisite, and worth remembering; and contemplate upon it till you fall asleep, and when you awake in the Morning, call yourself to an Account for it."

Advice From ERASMUS

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