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"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 '63, 1961.

The Wonderful Weekend That Was

Looking back on a weekend crowded with varied events of interest in this area, we are struck with a mixture, a pattern that symbolizes the growth and progress of the Sandhills: a kind of summary of what living in this particular corner of the world is like.

Recalled chronologically, there was the annual Ladies Night meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Friday night—minus the usual Builders Cup award, but bringing to attention again this county-wide civic organization that has a 40-year-long record of community and area service to its credit.

That same night a group of visiting travel writers came in, to spend a long week-end, with Southern Pines, Pinehurst and the State as hosts, circulating among the various resort attractions—riding, golf, shooting and the like.

Here also on Saturday and Sunday, for a business meeting and banquet, were many of the prominent North Carolinians and others who founded or joined the fabulous Country Club of North Carolina, a recreation and residential development that is only beginning to make its impact felt hereabouts.

Seldom does any area find itself dedicating a church and a school on the same day, as was the case Sunday, when the first services were held at the new Our

Saviour Lutheran Church here and when ceremonies were held at the big new Union Pines consolidated high school between Carthage and Vass.

Vying for attention with the school dedication, Sunday afternoon, was an event (praised in another editorial on this page) attracting hundreds of persons: the presentation of the sacred oratorio, "The Messiah" by the Sandhills Community Chorus at Pinehurst.

At Whispering Pine Motor Lodge and Restaurant last weekend—typical of the groups that come here regularly for meetings and conventions—were antique car owners who chugged in with their old vehicles for a district dinner and meeting.

Looking back over this weekend that was filled with these many events, both lively and solemn—involving the religious, educational, musical, recreational and other interests of the area—the observer cannot help but be impressed by the vigor, enthusiasm, determination and plain hard work they represent.

Taken all in all, many hundreds of people were concerned, involved, interested—and thousands of others, in greater or lesser degree, share in the pride that the area can justifiably feel in these various accomplishments that turn eyes toward the future with confidence.

The Kennedy Stone At Runnymede

It is something to touch the hearts of all Americans to hear that the British are erecting a memorial to the late President Kennedy. It will, in fact, be two memorials for part of the funds raised throughout the British Isles will be devoted to scholarships.

The memorial itself is to be erected on what is perhaps the most sacred land in Britain. This is Runnymede, the place where King John signed the Magna Charta which designated and established, once and for all, the rights of the barons and the people against the dictatorial powers of the King.

Runnymede Island, where the document was signed, is situated in the Thames River valley about 20 miles west of London. It is lush and beautiful country and the site chosen for the Kennedy memorial lies on the south bank of the stream on the slopes of the hill overlooking the island. Here three acres of untouched meadowland have been made over to the United States. Approached through adjoining woods belonging to the National Trust (British society for the preservation of historic sites and monuments), the memorial will comprise a stone with inscription, a paved terrace looking down on the island below, and two "contemplation" seats for the thoughtful, the grateful, those whose spirits crave renewed hope.

Two-thirds of the sum needed to complete the memorial have been raised and the remainder is in sight as the British

government itself, with the full unanimous support of the Opposition, is supplying matching funds. The Kennedy Memorial is expected to be completed by spring and will be dedicated on the 750th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Charta.

So once more the interweaving history of the English-speaking nations comes alive, in this act of solemn dedication. There can be no surprise in this latest sign of the closeness of the two. King John and the Barons and Runnymede are as much a part of the history of Americans as they are of the British themselves. The great Magna Charta is, in spirit at least, a forerunner of the American Bill of Rights. After all, four hundred and some years of Britain's history rolled by before Sir Walter Raleigh boarded his caravel and set his sails for the western course.

The signing of the charter at Runnymede took place in June, 1215. It is probable that among the barons and the knights and burghers and the townspeople and lesser gentry, who either signed or stood solid behind the signers, were the forebears of many an American.

It is fitting and deeply gratifying to know that the name of John F. Kennedy, a name so hallowed among Americans today, is to be among the great names that shine upon the shrines of British history.

"From Harmony, From Heavenly Harmony"

Mr. Composer Handel did his part, and a wonderful and mighty part it was. His music of the great "Messiah" soared up, last Sunday in the dimly lit chapel, as it has year after year in churches and halls throughout the Christian countries at this advent time, bringing inexplicable joy and gratitude to musicians everywhere and to those not musicians, or even musically inclined, bringing solace and hope through the words of the scripture set to the great composer's heavenly harmonies.

The Messiah soared as ever in this Sandhills, Sunday, warming the hearts and minds of the people of this section who filled the large Village Chapel at Pinehurst and overflowed into the aisles, until there was room for standees only, and not much for them. The soloists sang their best, and it was a very fine best, the chorus performed to perfection under the skillful direction of W. A. McAdams, the whole performance undergirded and enhanced immeasurably by the fine play-

ing of Organist William Stokes.

This was an entirely local project and, as such, the music spoke with a special message of immediacy and tenderness to the local audience. Some had doubted the ability of local talent to cope with the difficult score—and in a few cases the doubt was to a certain extent justified, but only temporarily and always in the singing there was that special message, that joint participation between performers and audience that is the essence of the arts, whether they be music, drama, writing, painting or any other great creative effort.

Sunday, at the performance of the "Messiah," there was such a give-and-take and when the audience rose to its feet at the opening bars of the Hallelujah Chorus, in the final outpouring of joy and worship, it seemed as if the very roof must fly off and the spirit of hope, and the goodwill that it engendered, soar up into the evening stars and on across the weary world.

Adult Courses: Opportunity and Challenge

The broad range of service that Sandhills Community College can be expected to bring to this area is already apparent, with this week's announcement that the college in January will begin classes in Basic Education for Adults, for those persons who have less than an eighth grade education and are 18 years of age or older.

Details of the project are given in a news story elsewhere in today's Pilot, along with an invitation to qualified persons—who need have only a bachelor's degree—to apply for posts as part-time teachers of the Basic Education courses. Here is a golden opportunity for retired

persons, inactive teachers and business people to render a valuable service, while at the same time drawing what appears to be an attractive rate of pay for their work.

We hope that all persons interested in education and in the progress of the community (the new courses will be given in five counties) will support this new program by spreading the news about it, by urging adults with limited education to take the courses they need and also by helping to recruit the teachers who will be, as in any such endeavor, the key to the program's success.

In Black and White



A BRITISH VIEWPOINT ON THE CONGO

Stanleyville And The United Nations

For some of the hostages who were held by Congo rebels in Stanleyville the agony is over. They are either safe or dead. Many were still unaccounted for on Tuesday night. Whether justified or not by abstract political criteria, the rescue had to be attempted. As M. Spaak told the Belgian Parliament on Tuesday, the dilemma lay between arriving too late to be of use and starting a massacre by the act of arriving at all.

Lonely Decision

It was one of those lonely decisions which statesmen have to take by themselves. The operation cost the lives of perhaps thirty hostages. Delay might have cost 1,000 lives or none. But the barbaric threats which have been issuing daily from Stanleyville could not be ignored. Congo troops, on the Government as well as the rebel side, have been guilty of extreme cruelty almost as a matter of routine. M. Ganao, Foreign Minister of the neighboring (ex-French) Congo, refused to help in the airlift on the ground that American and Belgian help had been given to M. Tshombe's Government in the exercise of terror. M. Ganao has a point. It would be well, however, not to stray too far from a first principle: when lives are at stake there is a duty to save them.

Agreement will not be reached on whether or not the operation was justified. The British Government, in our view, was right to put no handicap in its way and to help by allowing Belgian troops the use of Ascension Island. African States may take a different view. The rescue for all its humanitarian object, was a reminder that when they judge it necessary the ex-colonial Powers can return quickly and in force. The best that can be hoped is that the Belgians will withdraw, their mission accomplished, as quickly as they arrived and that the humane necessity of the operation will be evident when its political overtones have died away.

'Diplomatic Fiction'

The Belgians were careful, and wise, to obtain M. Tshombe's consent for the rescue. It cannot now be claimed that sovereignty was infringed. But presumably the rescue would have had to be mounted whether M. Tshombe approved or not. This, indeed, is what differentiates the Congo from any other State—its sovereignty is little more than a diplomatic fiction. For four years the country was kept together by the presence of United Nations troops. They did valuable service, but they left—as the Belgians had done—before their mission was complete. They left, moreover, almost by default. No attempt was made in the Security Council or the General Assembly to weigh the probable consequences of leaving, although the dangers were well known. The "Guardian" wrote six months ago of the three rebellions then in progress:

Whatever their inspiration, they are a sickening sign of what is to come when the

Congolese have no international help to call upon. If the UN is going to pull out, let it do so deliberately and in the knowledge of what will happen afterwards. Either large parts of the Congo will be shut off again into a pre-Belgian isolation from the world or individual countries will try to impose an order of their own.

The UN troops left on June 30 without further discussion, and as late as Monday of this week few delegates could be found to interest themselves in what was happening in Stanleyville. It will become the silent delegates to protest now that Belgium ought to have acted differently.

International Force

One would like to hope that the use of Belgian paratroops at Stanleyville will spur the United Nations into urgent discussion of an international force on permanent stand-by duty. The rescue would almost certainly have been undertaken by UN troops had they still been in the Congo and would have passed off with none of the international outcry that, one suspects, will be heard about the Belgians. Three difficulties have to be overcome before such a force can be effective. The first is finding the men. Canada and the Scandinavian countries

would provide contingents. So, under Mr. Wilson, would Britain, although they might not be wanted. The second is the hostility of the Soviet Union and France to contingents acting in their name but not under their orders. The third is the veto which interested States would wish to apply. The chances are high, for instance, that Africa would be among possible destinations of a UN peace force: could such a force be sent against the combined will of African delegates?

Not Insuperable

The first two difficulties need not be insuperable. A force the size of the Belgian parachute unit could certainly be found. The Soviet Union and France might be talked round or might contract out of the scheme. The third difficulty is perhaps more apparent than real. African States would find the United Nations a preferable interloper to the Belgians or the British. The Belgian airlift was necessary, but it was also a confession of failure in international co-operation. A better means, not dependent on national power or the luck of having an island, should be found before another such exercise is needed.

—Manchester Guardian
(Published last week)

The Public Speaking

Reader Has 'Long Thoughts' On U. N., U. S., Congo, Etc. To the Editor:

Saving space for long thoughts by using short words. One of the 26 million. Proud of it. Give us this one crumb? Thanks.

U. S. & U. N. caused chaos in Congo by pressuring Belgium until she gave up and got out. (They are doing the same thing to Portugal vis-a-vis Angola.)

Explain please. When U. S. lent U. N. forces to be used against Moise Tshombe, our friend, in Elizabethville, you were silent. When U. S. sent troop-carriers for a mercy mission in Stanleyville, you fear for "the American image." When U. N. troops were bombing, strafing, and raping the peaceful citizens of Katanga, you were silent. When Belgium paratroopers mopped up cannibalistic, Communist-controlled rebels, you were shocked. Why the difference?

James Boyd and NY Times wrong on Red China. R. C. not "peace-loving nation," uses "force" and "threats of force." Ergo, ineligible for membership according to U. N. Charter. Admission not "inevitable" because such a serious decision would be vetoable in Security Council.

U. S. must never recognize the illegal government of R. C. Not a mark of "courage" for President Johnson to do so. It would take far greater courage for him to withstand the pressures from the Commies and Libs to take this step which would be a stab in the back of the Captive Nations who look to us as their last hope for eventual freedom and would

render meaningless the deaths of countless men, women, and children by the bloody hands of those who enslave the world.

PAT VAN CAMP
Southern Pines

Viewpoint On 'Medicare' Bill Further Explained

To the Editor:
Regarding my letter on "Medicare" which was published in The Pilot, November 19, and The Pilot's comments on that letter: The writer is fully aware of the fact that medical payments to doctors are not included in the Medicare bill. I have read the bill.

However, since I was expressing an opinion on Medicare which indirectly fits in with the medical profession, I wanted to include a plug for the hard-working, conscientious doctor.

After Medicare, the next step will be to include the medical profession, as is done in England. I am not in favor of putting professional people under government control.

HAZEL MACDONALD
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Telephone Line Repair Crew Is Congratulated

To the Editor:
May I be the first to congratulate that marvelous "crew from Hamlet" on doing such a good job in getting the telephone lines repaired when a falling wall broke them just below Aberdeen recently, as reported in The Pilot?

ROCKY BONSAI
Southern Pines

Grains of Sand

Watch It, B-52!

See where out in Ohio a farmer was arrested for shooting at Strategic Air Command jets as they came in for practice landings at near-by Wright Field. The farmer said the planes were disturbing his cattle and he'd be blankety-blank-blanked if he'd let anybody do that.

He'd opened fire on a lot of planes but had only hit five and when the Law got after him he shook his head and said his shooting had fallen off a bit since the manure-spreader turned over on him.

The Law said those five planes cost the taxpayers about \$26 million. The farmer said that was too much for the paint he'd knocked off. He said a cow was a cow and these cows were good milkers and had won a prize at State Fair and anyway cattle hadn't ought to be disturbed.

The Law said: yes but; and the farmer posted bond and said he'd a mind to put up that old target and do some practicing.

The Law said they'd keep an eye on him and the farmer said: O. K. fine and they could come any time and practice, too; he said it was a good idea to keep your eye in.

The Law said thank you and they had to have some facts and how old was he.

And the farmer said: "What's it to you?"

What Do They Say?

Nylon stockings are remarkable creations, no one will deny that. Now the ads are telling us they are super-remarkable. Because "they are fashioned with sound waves."

And what do the sound waves say?

Maybe: "Yoo-who?"

Leaky Roof? Pooh!

According to the recent Grand Jury report a leaky room is just one of those things. That is: in some parts of the county.

Leaky roofs were reported in seven Moore County schools; also in the Reynolds Rest Home. The Rest Home and two of the schools "are getting the repairs made now that were ordered last April," says the G. J. Ho-hum.

Forward . . . March!

Want to march? Who doesn't! The Williams-burgers have hit on a new gimmick to get folks down to—or up to—their beauty spot during the holidays. They are having a huge, fancy torchlight parade and EVERYBODY is invited to march.

The militia in Revolutionary costume will lead the way with their life and drum corps, townspeople and visitors will fall in behind and the whole gang will march down the main street from the college to the Governor's Palace. At the end of the parade local merchants will serve cider and cookies.

Fun? We'll say! Why don't we do it?

The Best Hope

"The most effective policy the United States can adopt is to make the cause of a strong United Nations the fundamental objective of our foreign policy. China's threat to world peace is reduced in direct proportion to the development of the United Nations—not just as an effective peace-keeping mechanism but as a repository of the hopes of people everywhere for a better world."

—N. Cousins

Pass, C.L.U.!

There has been a lot of silly chat about the sentiments of A.D.A., and sometimes the Civil Liberties Union is given the same treatment. So—interesting to see that the latter carries this notice on its publications:

"The Civil Liberties Union needs and welcomes the support of all those—and only those—whose devotion to civil liberties is not qualified by adherence to Communist, Fascist, K.K.K., or other totalitarian doctrine."

Eternal vigilance is still the price of freedom.

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