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MODERN DEMOCRACY TO WHAT IT TENDS

Opposition to Saddling State With Biggest Per Capita Debt Known

To The Pilot:—It's heartening, to say the least, that men in the Democratic party have convictions like those of Judge G. H. Brown, as recently appeared in this paper. His opinions, as to how our State ought to be governed, and where the Supreme authority ought to rest, are just as sound, as just, and as equitable as were the legal opinions he enunciated, while a member of the State's highest Judicial Court. The strange thing about this whole business of creating shipping ports and sea-going vessels is, that any legislature should desire any such responsibility. And the wonder grows, when such action carries with it a bond issue of eight and a half million dollars, to be added to the present State debt of one hundred million dollars. I wonder if the promoters of this new and highly doubtful experiment realize this would increase the per capita indebtedness of the citizens of our State one hundred per cent greater than that of the richest and most populous State in the union. With no intention of being critical of the acts of public officers,—for I am trying, in a feeble and imperfect way, to "fear God and honor the King,"—but every man, of even moderate intelligence, must conclude that this special session of the legislature has been assembled on Midlin Scant provocation. The Governor "stands under," and says let the people vote—so say we all. It's the most sane step taken from the initial conception of the ship and port scheme, to the present time. This action of the Governor will strengthen him in any future aspirations he may have, and will prevent the act being labeled "Morrison's Folly." It's difficult to understand the zealous efforts of the commission, appointed by the Governor, to go out, at a cost of \$25,000 to the taxpayers, to spy out the possibilities of putting over the enterprise. Now that the Commission has had a summer outing, a number of the members are busy trying to convince the voters of the State, that they—the voters—have nothing to do with this matter of placing a debt of eight and a half million dollars on their property, except to pay it off, principal and interest, when the New England bond-buyers say so. Here are the only two reasons, so far as I have seen, why the voters of the State should be denied what was supposed to be their natural privilege, guaranteed by the constitution: (1) "The people if permitted to vote on this bond issue would kill it." (2) "The people would have no time, not sufficient opportunity, to study this new and novel departure, in the political activities in State legislation." I submit that such reasoning is not very compelling—although it seems to have commanded the attention of the Senator, and by a statement in the papers he seems to have transferred his former faith and confidence in his State Constituency, to a legislative oligarchy, as the best method of securing safe and sane law making for the State. I conclude with some brief observations as to what this sort of thing is tending. I make bold to say, that a worse thing can happen to a State than to be burdened with high and useless taxation—this can be cured. Worse things than a useless multiplication of offices and office holders—this can be corrected.

There may be worse things than paternal and class-legislation, now taking root in our own State, these will be at least modified, as our people shall distinguish good law makers from poor ones. All the ills that appear on the surface now, will be cured, when the true principles of democracy, shall guide the actions of public servants. The real menace to the peace and prosperity of the State will appear, when comparatively few men shall attempt to abridge the natural

rights and the guaranteed privileges of the common people. Seventy-five years ago Lord Macaulay, the eminent English historian made this gloomy forecast concerning the American government: "I have long been convinced," said the distinguished writer, "that the American government will, in the 20th century, be destroyed, just as the Roman civilization was, in the 5th century, with this difference," he added: "the destroyers of the Roman government came from without, while those of America will come from within." America may not have been very much exercised by the predictions of this master of the English tongue. But in the light of present tendencies it might be well to honestly determine whether these cold and deliberate predictions are being vindicated in the conduct of our own State administrations. When even a minority of a special legislation threatens to grab up, and get off with the clearly defined rights of the voters of the State. When this can happen, we may be sure the "dry rot" has set in, which will surely confirm the most gloomy picture made by the English historian.

J. C. CADDELL.

Wake Forest, N. C.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

The Pilot has received the following announcement:

Henry Burke, Certified Public Accountant (La.), with whom will be associated D. N. Blue, Irma T. Smith and W. E. Easterling, all late of the firm of S. G. Gardner and Company, Certified Public Accountants, will continue in the practice of Accountancy. The policy and the service of the new organization will be the same as of old. Odd Fellows Building Raleigh, N. C.

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THOMPSON-AUMAN

Marriage of W. F. Thompson, of The Pilot Force, and Lydia Auman, Took Place Sat.

Unpretentious in display, and a surprise to their friends, was the quiet wedding of Mr. William F. Thompson and Miss Lydia Auman, which event took place Saturday evening at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Euclid McWhorter, in Aberdeen. Mr. Thompson, or "Bill," as he is more popularly known here, has been with The Pilot Printing Company since its founding in 1920, and in his capacity as printer, linotype operator and all-round man, has played a significant part in the past growth and development of The Pilot from its infancy on through the stage where in 1923 it was awarded the Savory Cup for the best all-round weekly in North Carolina. "Bill," in the three and a half years of his residence here, has been something more than "just a printer." The wide circle of friends which he has won and held by his genial nature; the merited confidence which has been placed in him by the business men of the town; the consistent good will which the people as a whole have evidenced toward him in every business and social activity—all go to link the name of "Bill Thompson" with the finest attributes to be found in the nature of wholly likeable young man.

Although having been in Vass for some time less than a year, since September, 1923, when her father, Mr. A. Auman, assumed the management of Hotel Vass, Miss Auman has during her residence here been identified with many social and religious activities, and has won a wide circle of friends by her friendly nature and charm of personality. She was the re-organizer

and the present leader of the Epworth League of the local Methodist Church. Since their return to Hotel Vass, where they will reside in the future, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been recipients of many expressions of congratulations and good wishes, tendered by their many friends here, in addition to those from other places.

FARM LIFE CAMP

Thirty-five boys and girls of Moore county are enjoying a four-day outing at Farm Life School this week, under the direction of Miss Bryan, Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Flora MacDonald, of Carthage, Home Economics teacher at the Farm Life School, and R. G. Hutcheson, superintendent of Farm Life School.

The girls are learning to can, sew, cook and make pine needle baskets, while the boys are being taught the difference in grasses and legumes, their value as farm crops, the value of pure bred live stock, and how to judge live stock. The boys are also learning the sources of fertilizing materials and home mixing.

On Tuesday morning a trip was made to the Pinehurst Dairy and pigery; and on Tuesday evening, thru the courtesy of Mr. Picquet and Mr. Tufts, trucks were sent over to convey the campers to the moving picture show at Southern Pines.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. H. F. Seawell and daughter, Miss Ella Meade Seawell, of Carthage, will entertain the children with a story-hour, from 8 to 9 p. m. On Thursday afternoon the children will have a picnic supper at Crystal Lake Park, Lakeview.

Camp will break on Friday morning. No personal canvass was made for members, and since the camp was worked up entirely through the local papers, gratification is felt at the suc-

DR. C. B. McNAIRY TALKS ON HEREDITY

Tells the Kiwanis Club That Crime is Mental Defect- iveness



The Kiwanis Club held its weekly dinner at the Farm Life School, and the event proved unusually interesting as it gave an exhibition of the work a number of the children are doing. The girls of the school sang a succession of songs, and the club replied with others, and a community of good feeling was aroused. Some of the visitors got new ideas of the work the school is doing, and came away more enthusiastic friends than they had been before.

Harry Lewis, of Southern Pines, was what they call the goat on the occasion, and he told a unique story of starting in life an orphan with a jack knife that his sister had given him as a Christmas present, and trading it and getting a little boat, and trading here and there and working at odd jobs until he grew up to be a dozen years old, and then he began to get into real work and have real experience, and finally he found himself at twenty-one a merchant, and later a merchant in Southern Pines, and after eleven years in this section he is the head of a business that had total sales last year of almost a quarter of a million dollars. His was one of the best of the personal stories told so far, and that means it was one of a lot of good ones. Claud Hayes is to tell what he knows about himself next week. He knows a lot more than he will tell.

Owing to a death in his family, Dr. McNairy, of Caswell school, was not able to be present, but his manuscript was forwarded on the morning mail. Following is the substance of his article:

The proper recognition and correct handling of the mental defective is the basis of all social, religious, and economic betterment. Normal people correctly informed and properly approached want to and will do right ninety-nine times out of a hundred. A normal or intelligent person will function in the environment in which he is forced to live to the end that he will feed and clothe himself and his own and keep himself from being a monkey wrench in the wheels of progress. Intellect is progressive adaptability, says Dr. Portiers. Webster defines heredity as transmission of physical characters of parents to their offsprings.

Science has done much with species, but it has never created any new species. Burbank did much with the potato, but he did not make an apple or a cucumber out of it. You people in the Sandhills have done wonders with the peach: increased its size, etc., yet it is still a peach. We have done much with the fowl. The chicken, for instance; we have developed the size the qualities of the meat and the egg productive powers, yet they are still chickens just the same. The same has been done with animals. The cow: we have developed the species and made various types—the beef type, the milk producer, the special butter fat type; but they are still cows, and so on.

Like produces like. If it were not so then when we wanted milk cows we would breed donkeys; when we wanted bird dogs we would breed grey hounds; when we wanted cabbage we would sow tomato seeds; when we wanted sweet corn we would sow celery seed. No two mental defectives or feeble-minded persons have ever produced a normal person. Why question the privilege of the individual criminal to produce his kind when ninety per cent are criminals or repeaters? Why not say three times and out?

We repeat that like produces like. Nature's laws are very nearly correct; that is, only the supernormal and mentally strong survive—in other words "the survival of the fittest," all the weaklings physically and mentally fall prey and furnish food for the others. We must prevent the reproduction of certain types. Those we know are insane, those we know are feeble-minded, those we know are immoral, dishonest, the criminals, the anti-social and the general disturbers must be segregated, sterilized and be forbidden to reproduce their kind. That we can think that we are (Continued on page eight)

W. J. HARRINGTON

ANYBODY who has traveled the road between Carthage and Glendon has probably noted the big white house standing in the forks of the road where the Horseshoe trail leaves the road for Glendon, for at that point W. J. Harrington has made one of the attractive places of Moore county. His land embraces many hundreds of acres, and includes some of the best farming and grazing soils in this part of the State. There the fortunate possessor has raised many a big crop of various staples, hay and forage being conspicuous in the list.

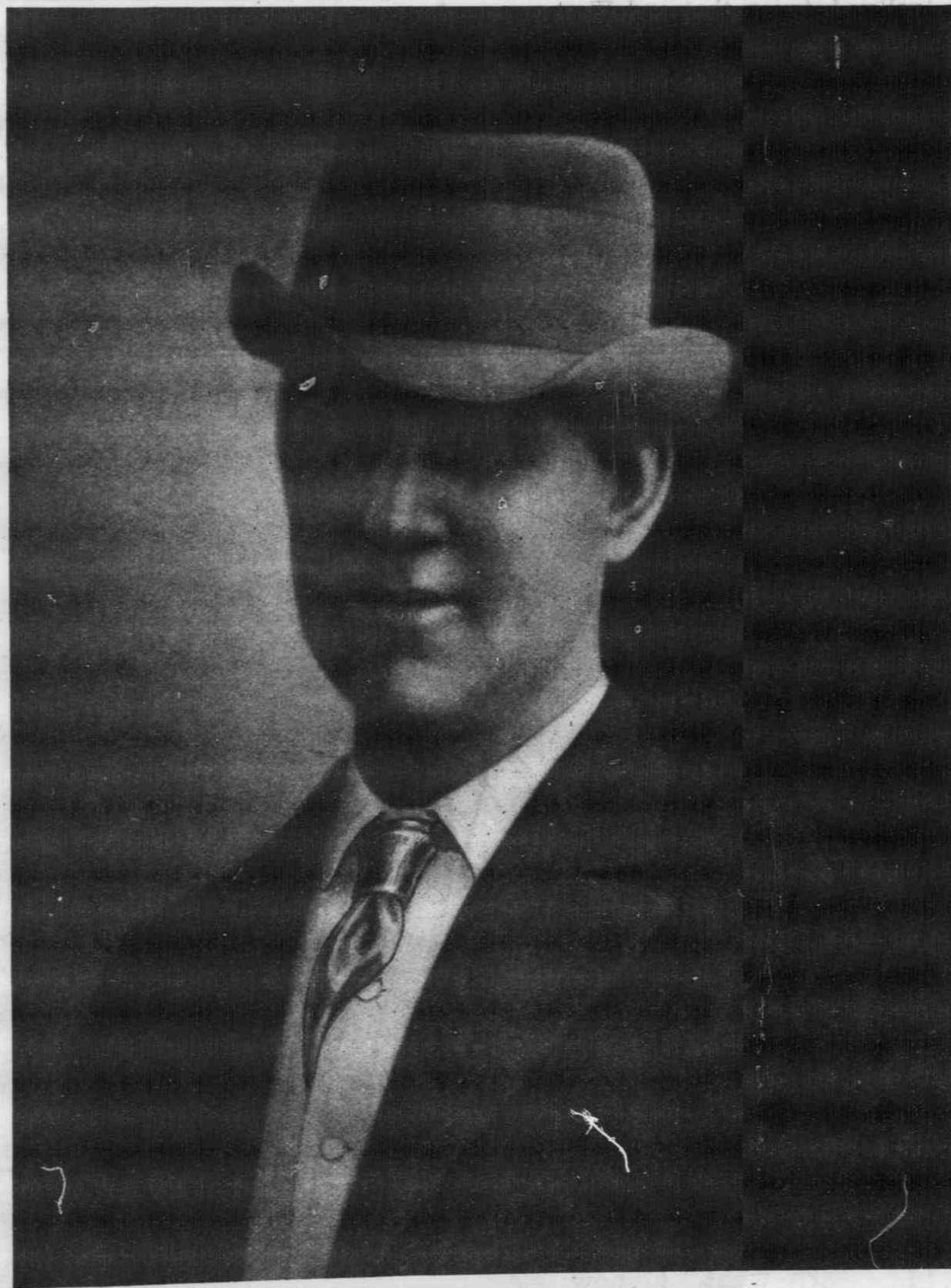
Mr. Harrington has carried on lumber operations on a rather large scale when lumber was more plentiful, and lumbering conditions more attractive, and that with his farming has made him a conspicuous figure in the upper part of the county. Until James Barber bought Lakeview Mr. Harrington carried on the amusement business there during the summer season, and made many friends by his cordiality and his way of handling the enterprises. With his retirement from that occupation he went to the farm and took a little flier in politics, being named as register of deeds by the Moore county democrats.

cess of the camp. From all appearances, the children have not had a dull moment, and are thoroughly enjoying the outing.

CLEAN-UP DAY AT UNION

Wednesday, August 20th is the day set apart for the members, and others who are interested in the Church, to meet at Union Church for the purpose of cleaning up the cemetery.

Howard-Bobbitt Co., Sanford, starts construction of refrigeration plant.



MOORE COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL NOTES

Moore County Summer School ended its six weeks term on Friday, August 8th, bringing to a close what we believe to be the best county summer school we have ever had.

At the closing exercises, Friday morning, Superintendent Cameron expressed himself as being highly pleased with the quality and quantity of work done, and expressed gratification at the large enrollment, and the interest manifested.

Superintendent Cameron also spoke in flattering terms of the teaching force. Mrs. Blankenship, of Charlotte, Miss Carraway, of Wilson, and Miss Clatworthy, of Honea Path, S. C., are all highly successful teachers, and their work in summer school speaks their high type of excellence and talent.

A pleasing feature of the last week of summer school was an interesting talk on "The Department of an Appreciation for Art," by Mrs. H. F. Seawell, of Carthage.