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SPEECH

Readers of The Pilot are aware that the paper extends to everybody freedom of expression through its column. But one thing must be made plain. Freedom of speech does not include freedom to malign anybody or to impugn the motives or intelligence or honesty of another, nor to resort to any sort of personalities. A tendency has been growing up of late to deal in that type of language that gets away from decent argument and into a billingsgate that is of no benefit in any way to anybody, and The Pilot does not propose to be the instrument which shall give vent to any such stuff.

Men have honest differences of opinion, and are to be respected and esteemed for those differences and to be encouraged in their views. But to criticize opinions does not require a lot of gutter language that refers to others as fools, liars, grafters, crooks, fiends, or anything of the sort, nor which fails to give to others the same credit for intelligence, integrity, sincerity and others character as the writer may claim for himself.

The Pilot believes in its people, in their fairness, no matter what attitude they may take on any local, any political, any religious or other question, and will neither deny them the right of honorable expression, nor permit them to be the object of that type of nasty berating that never carries any conviction or does any good. Truth does not need bombast for its establishment, nor personal abuse to give it character. Truth is so powerful that its clear exposition, leaving the personal wholly out of the question, is all that it can possibly need. Therefore any one who desires to enter into any discussion of any subject in The Pilot must bear this in mind. Personalities and discourtesies and hatred can have no place in manly discussion of any pertinent topic. The Pilot does not propose to be the mouthpiece of verbal nastiness and community rancor, no matter what the theme, nor who the writer. Honest search for truth never requires such a policy, and freedom of speech never asks for freedom to go to such an inexcusable limit.

THE SOUTHERN  
PINES ELECTION

The election last week at Southern Pines is of more than ordinary significance to this whole section, for it emphasizes the wisdom of progress. It is not merely a Southern Pines affair, nor a personal matter with the men who have been chosen to direct public welfare in our neighbor village, for it is the expression of the course that village is to follow in the coming year, and what Southern Pines does is reflected in every other community in the Sandhills. The truth is that Southern Pines has become practically the leader and the central influence, and we all stand or fall more or less with the fate of that town. Therefore a responsible and broad administration there is of vital concern to every resident of Moore county.

Sam Richardson has been the most aggressive and progressive leader that Southern Pines ever had. He had the nerve to back up what seemed tremendous advances in town improvement and his council stood by him. They worked together, and they have made Southern Pines a model rural village in many respects. They paved the streets, built one of the most modern water and

sewage plants, secured the various paraphernalia that makes a community keep step with progress, and when the bunch announced that its task was accomplished and it was ready to turn over the administration to others the people said no.

That was one of the interesting things about this campaign. Richardson declined to be a candidate, and the people nominated him at the caucus and permitted no other name to come before it. Then they named the old board of commissioners, and while two or three other names crept in the old timers were held on the ticket, and it was elected without opposition at the election Tuesday. The election was not an election. It was a ratification meeting of what everybody appeared to approve.

The vote at the election was small, and that was a compliment to the ticket, for it was concession to the fact that Sam Richardson and his council had no opposition, and it was approximately a case of where the secretary is instructed to cast the vote of the meeting for the candidate. The bunch deserved this unanimous vote, for it has been a great pioneering influence in making Southern Pines, and in that way making the Sandhills.

ORDERLY MARKETING  
AND PRODUCTION

Several things are working together to bring to the surface the efforts of farmers to improve the marketing condition of their products. Congress is considering a subsidy, under another name, the farmers are trying to make co-operative marketing work, and various specifics are offered to help turn the trick. But with all of the remedies proposed the farmer overlooks the one big difficulty in that he continues to plant a big crop regardless of the desire of the buyer to have as much as is produced. No plans in the world can ever be devised that will hold up the selling prices if the crop is to be continually increasing or bigger than the demands of the buyer call for. For high prices stimulate increasing crops and increased production offers so much more that producers compete with each other for the market and that reduces prices.

That is so clearly understood that it is curious the farmers go on figuring all the time in maintaining prices but overlooking the absolute destruction of high prices if production is too great. At a high price buyers will take less and at a low price they will take more. A high price narrows the market and a low price broadens it. We are all agents in bringing about this condition. Every one of us will buy more at low prices than at high prices, and as the market is the mass of population each of us by his buying contributes to fixing the market price. There are no ifs about these things. We buy more freely when the price suits us than when it is too high, and that makes products move more freely when prices are down.

The farm problem is one of the most difficult industrial problems in the world for farms are so many and the relations between one farm and another are so indefinite that farmers cannot well arrange to produce a crop that will fit the demand. Then weather conditions enter to such an extent that no plans could be worked out. So the farmer plants his crop and takes the chances like any other good gambler. No other plan seems possible. But the farmer faces one difficulty that is not fair, and that is the tariff system which makes the things he buys artificially high as compared with what he sells. He cannot have a tariff on what he makes as his competitor is his neighbor, not a foreigner. It is the competition of farmer against farmer for the market that makes farm prices lower than prices of other commodities, and the artificial stimulus given other things by tariff that make what the farmer buys higher than what he sells. He sells in

an open market, and buys in a restricted market, and he gets the short end of the stick in this manner.

We muddle through in spite of our absurd practices of penalizing the farmer, but it is hard on the farmer, and will be as long as he is the victim of a one-sided game in which he can never hope to share the pickings. In fact on the day when he might share the pickings there would be none, for he is the fellow who is picked, and he could not get very far ahead skinning himself.

THE LENGTHENING  
SEASON

The season at the resorts closes his year with a bang, for the Shriner's meeting is one of the biggest assemblages ever seen in Moore county. Pinehurst is lengthening the season, and in making it longer is increasing the attendance at both ends, spring and fall. The convention idea is an addition to the resources of the Sandhills, for it brings visitors at times when the winter guest has finally pulled out for the colder regions, and when the neighborhood would otherwise be between hay and grass.

The conventions bring to the Sandhills a great many people and extend the business period by affording a market for more of the things that are here to be offered. An example is found in the continuing call for eggs for an illustration, and the farmers have seen the opportunity in this direction brought away into the middle of May, and no lessening of the noisy call. Also other products of the farm and garden are in demand, and at prices that bring money.

This extension of the season,

and the habit of turning to the Sandhills as the place to hold conventions means that gradually the winter resort is expanding its year length that it is not so improbable that hotels and other attractions will in time be able to carry on throughout the entire year, at least in certain numbers if not all of them. Moore county, with its many interesting features and its agreeable natural resources and surroundings is worth while so many days of the year that it is easy to believe that as people know the summer better they will stay for more of the summer and more of the winter residents will stay as all the year residents. This is becoming the practice as northern folks realize that it is more comfortable to locate here permanently and have a summer vacation in the North than to have a continued home in the North and a vacation season in the South. Then the country convenient to Moore county affords all the variation of summer outing that many care for, for the mountains are but a few hours distant from the Sandhills, and the North Carolina mountains are thoroughly up to date in everything now. Gradually we are moving forward.

ROARING GAP FOR  
A SUMMER OUTING

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ard Tufts under the management of Edward Fitzgerald, and a bunch of the other Pinehurst folks, which needs no further detail as to its desirability as a place to put up at. Golf and that sort of thing is there for those who like it, but the great thing to me is that tremendous big mountain, stand-

ing above everything else that can be seen for miles, crowned with the original forest, the dense jungles of rhododendron, the mountain streams and the drives and walks, the big lake of fifty acres that is to be filled with the famous Loch Leven trout, originally from Loch Leven in Scotland, there in the mountains a short day's journey from the ancient golf territory of St. Andrews. Those going up to Roaring Gap before the hotel is open can find accommodation at Elkin a few miles down the mountain at an excellent hotel in one of the most delightful villages of the state. Or possibly "Miss Alice" Smith, who has a homey old farm house on the mountain, will look out for the traveler as she did for me, and her house is much to be favored if she has room for more—a matter that sometimes is not the case. I do not hesitate to recommend the Roaring Gap trip to any one who likes the mountains, for from the time the traveler leaves home in the Sandhills until he returns the whole journey is one of continuing interest. The route is by Asheboro, Winston-Salem, Yadkinville and Elkin, and not a tireless mile on the way. Then with the Pinehurst folks there to tell you the neighborhood gossip it has the atmosphere of home about it. With Eddie Fitzgerald, Gordon Cameron, Pete Pender, Frank Maples and those boys showing up here and there around the mountain you feel as if you belong there.

Cynic: One who suggests that if we grow our own rubber the price would probably still be kept up with a 75-cent protective tariff.—Detroit News.

FOR SALE—At half cost or less, several Poultry feeding hoppers. Various styles and sizes. Further discount on the lot. L. A. Gould, 10 S. May St., Southern Pines. 7-14P

**NOTICE**

FOR

**Listing Taxes**

Notice is hereby given to all persons in this Township that they must list their Property and Poll Taxes during the month of May, as required by law. I can be found at the time and places mentoned below:

- At Vass on the 22, 29, 31 Days of May,
- At Southern Pines on the 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 Days of May
- A Clay Road (Morning) on the 17 Day of May,
- At Lakeview and Eureka on the 18, 21 Days of May,
- At Niagara and Manley on the 19, 20 Days of May.

After above dates the Tax List for this Township will be closed.... Attention is also called to the fact, that

**Failing to List Will Result in  
Your Being Doubled Taxed**

You are required by law to meet the List Taker at the above named places and dates,

**FARM CENSUS—Each farm owner or his agent is to come prepared to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested on his or his tenants' farms this year. Also acres cultivated, lying out, number of bearing fruit trees, and the tons of fertilizer used for all crops.... Prepare your list now.... This Farm Census is required by State law, but is not for taxation purposes.**

Respectfully,  
**W. D. MATTHEWS, List Taker  
For McNEILL TOWNSHIP.**

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