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LOAN SHARKS WORST FOE OF SMALL FARMER

Legislation Will Only Benefit
High-Salaried Officials,
Says Mr. Johnson

WARNS AGAINST VAMPIRES

By J. McN. Johnson

After reading that splendid address of Honorable R. N. Page at the Kiwanis dinner last Wednesday, the farming population of our County will have small inclination to drop down to the mediocre dribble from my blunt pen. It is like eating a biscuit, then falling back to corn-bread; but I wish to commend every word he said, and then add something in my own rude style.

It is as true as Gospel, as Mr. Page has so forcibly said, our farmers need expect no assistance from the McNary-Haugen Bill, nor from any other legislating measure designed for their benefit as a class. They will find that all such measures eventually become a real tax on the farmers for the benefit of the salaries of a flock of vampires whose real interest in the farmers is the collection of their exorbitant salaries, which must be paid directly or indirectly by the farmers themselves.

Really, all the farmer requires from the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of North Carolina is simple justice and protection from loan sharks, and from worthless fertilizers. Give him these, and he will do the rest himself.

But it is the small farmer I wish to speak a word for, and I will begin by defining the small farmer—and for the sake of perspicuity I will say my idea of the small farmer is a man or woman who owns and resides upon his or her own tract of land consisting of not over 100 acres and not less than 40 acres, and these figures are arbitrarily adopted for convenience, and who neither owns nor claims any other land on the face of the earth, and also who makes the major part of his or her living by farming this little home farm.

Best People on Earth

Now you have my idea of the small farmer. It is the same idea that Goldsmith fondly refers to as "A Bold Peasantry," the pride, strength and mainstay of any country. These form the best and happiest people in the world. It is that class which more nearly fulfills the duties imposed on all mankind by the Divine Creator. That class whose lives are "More sweet than that of painted pomp."

Much is being said just now, and said by my own friends and political compatriots about relieving lands from taxation that are not cultivated lands held in the wild for the purpose of growing timber. While this scheme is attractive from one angle, I am convinced that it is a mistaken

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Sarg's Puppets Need 9,236 Feet of String

Miniature Performers Coming
to Pinehurst Theatre
January 15th

Even statisticians will find something to meditate about in Tony Sarg's Marionette production, "The Adventure of Christopher Columbus," to be seen at the Caroline Theatre, Pinehurst, on Tuesday January 15th. There are 52 puppets in the cast, each manipulated by an average of sixteen almost invisible strings. The strings are each about eight feet long. Mathematically expressed, this means that 9,236 feet of string are required to give the Marionette performance enough string to go up and down New York's 38-story Paramount building ten times.

During the past six years literally thousands of audiences from coast to coast have laughed at the clever antics of Mr. Sarg's little two-foot actors disporting themselves in "Treasure Island," Rip Van Winkle, and other plays, and have wondered just how these tiny figures are made to perform in such life-like manner. From the moment the curtains part and reveal the tiny stage, the spec-

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DEFENDS SMALL FARMER



Hon. J. McN. Johnson

QUARTER BILLION PAID BY STATE IN U. S. TAXES

Twenty Millions Income Taxes
and Over 200 Millions
Miscellaneous
IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner of Internal Revenue David H. Blair has submitted the following figures and information through Congressman William C. Hammer of this Congressional district in reply to a request from The Pilot as to how many days the Government could run on the taxes paid annually, or last year for example by the industries of North Carolina. Mr. Blair's letter follows:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter in which you ask how many days the Government could run on the taxes paid annually (or last year for example) by the industries of North Carolina; also the amount of taxes paid by corporations and individuals of North Carolina to the Federal Government.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, the amount of Internal Revenue collected in the State of North Carolina was as follows:

Income Taxes	
Corporation	\$ 15,707,250.31
Individual	4,644,247.37
	20,351,497.68
Miscellaneous Taxes	
Estates, transfers or estates of decedents	316,120.20
Tobacco and tobacco manufacture	204,473,504.55
Stamp taxes, documentary, etc.	33,423.83
Admissions to theatres, club dues, etc.	85,434.58
Other miscellaneous taxes	55,302.69
	204,963,805.85
Total	225,315,303.53

In reply to the question as to how many days the Government could run on the taxes paid annually by the industries of North Carolina, you are advised that in the interest of accuracy, care must be observed in the use of data representing Internal Revenue collections in a particular State, as such collections do not necessarily correspond with the amounts which the people of the State ultimately pay toward the expense of the Government.

Figures Incomplete
The miscellaneous tax collections in large measure do not represent the contribution of the State in which they are collected, nor can the income tax collections be geographically distributed, as there is no way of ascertaining either for individuals or corporations the amount of income originating in States or the amount of tax paid on that basis.

A corporation pays its income tax in the State in which its principal place of business or its principal office or agency is situated, excepting closely affiliated concerns filing a consolidated return, in which case the consolidated return includes the income of the subsidiaries and is frequently filed in a State other than the States in which the subsidiaries are located. Moreover, the residence of their officers and stockholders may be scattered over the entire country.

U. L. SPENCE TAKES SEAT IN LEGISLATURE

Many Important Measures to
Come Before Present
Session

IS WELL QUALIFIED

Hon. U. L. Spence of Carthage was sworn in as a member of the State Legislature at Raleigh at the opening session the forepart of this week, and was assigned to Seat No. 5, in the front row before the Speaker's table. As this is not Mr. Spence's first trip to the Legislature, he is not a stranger among the members of the House. He has long been prominent in Democratic affairs and councils in the State.

Mr. Spence is the sole representative of Moore county, chosen by a large majority at the November elections. He goes back to the Legislature well qualified by years of experience as a lawyer as well as by former service, to look after the affairs of the county.

The major legislation which will come before the present session and on which the new representative of the county will be called upon to act is the following:

Election Laws—The Australian ballot, demanded by numerous leaders in both parties, the league of women voters, and endorsed by Governor-elect Gardner; repeal of absentee voters law and bill to make willful violation of election laws a felony are advocated by S. Carter Williams, Yadkinville, senator-elect from 24th district.

The Eight-Month School Term—representatives of both parties are divided over feasibility: Governor McLean has declared he believes it can be accomplished through increasing the equalization fund; embodied in legislative recommendations of North Carolina Education association with suggestion that needed revenue be derived through indirect taxation.

Taxation—Many representatives, both Republican and Democratic, have declared taxes on farm lands must be reduced. Taxes on so-called luxuries, tobacco products, candies, chewing gum and natural resources, hydro-electric power and mineral products, have been suggested as sources of revenue that will make possible reduction of ad valorem taxes. Increase in gasoline tax suggested.

Judicial System Laws—Recommendations for a complete change in the jury system through a jury commission, struck jury and power for Superior court judges to appoint an acting foreman with full powers in the absence of the foreman of the grand jury were adopted by the judicial conference. It also recommended the divorce of solicitor and judicial districts, and power for Superior court judges to place in sentence of non-capital felons recommendations to the governor as to the minimum time prisoner should serve before parole, and conditions under which parole should be granted.

State dog muzzling law—Recommended by Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, state health officer.

Notice of intention to marry—State board of charities and public welfare has indorsed bill to require publication of intention to marry prior to granting of marriage license.

Workman's compensation law—Asked by Piedmont Union council; favored by chambers of commerce of numerous cities; recommended by Frank Grist, commissioner of labor and printing.

State ighway patrol—Embodied in legislation demanded by Carolina Motor club.

Asexualization of feebleminded—H. L. Miller, of Morganton, Republican, senator-elect from the 28th district, has declared his intention of introducing a bill to legalize sterilization of the feebleminded and habitual criminals.

Municipal airports—L. L. Gravely, Rocky Mount, Democrat, senator-elect from sixth district, has said he will introduce a bill to authorize issuance of bonds by cities to provide funds for municipal airports.

Garnishee law—High Point citizens, headed by Bruce Carraway, have prepared a petition to the general assembly asking for a garnishee law.

HORSES FILL SO. PINES FOR HUNT SEASON

Stables Taxed to Capacity as
Sportsmen Gather for
Chase

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

With every stable crowded to capacity and private owners and livery men looking everywhere for more stalls, the riding and hunting season is on in the Sandhills in full cry. Never before in the history of this section have so many horses been shipped here for use during January, February and March, the three big hunting months. Freight and express cars were being unloaded at the Southern Pines siding almost every day this week.

Among the new shipments were fifteen horses, all hunters, from Chicago, the property of William Teter, prominent Chicago banker, Donald McPherson, Chicago attorney and Charles Steele, also a banker. These three sportsmen have been coming to Southern Pines with their families for several seasons and hunting with the Moore County Hounds. Mr. Teter and Mr. Steele will stop at the Mid-Pines Club when they arrive in a few days, while Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson always make their residence here at the Highland Pines Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Robinson of Toronto, Can., have shipped their four hunters in anticipation of their arrival in Southern Pines next week. The horses are being cared for at the Laing Stables, where the Teter, Steele and MacPherson mounts are also quartered. The Laing stables are already full, and Mr. Laing has leased the auxiliary stable belonging to the Boyds on the Reservation road, where he will quarter as many as he can of the thirty hunters which he is shipping here from Millbrook, N. Y. and his farm in Virginia. These hunters are for the use of hotel and cottage guests during the hunting season.

Peter Jay, former Minister to the Argentine and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Jackson Boyd, has sent down four horses which are being cared for by the Laing stables. Mr. Jay has leased a house in Southern Pines for the hunting period.

New Tompkins Stables

To provide stalls for his own mounts and those of a few friends who are making up his annual party. B. A. Tompkins, vice-president of the Bankers Trust Company of New York is having the dairy barn on his property adjoining the Southern Pines Country Club development remodeled. Mr. Perkinson has the contract for constructing the stables, which will provide box stalls for sixteen horses and quarters for grooms. Mr. Tompkins purchased three years ago the Yeomans, Maples and Hamlin farms, some 140 acres stretching from the ridge road leading to the Kahler and Butler farms down to Dan Leman's property. Among those who will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins this season are Mr. and Mrs. William P. Willetts, Mrs. Landon K. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. William Everts and Mrs. William A. Phillips, all of New York, and Mrs. Franklin King, of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Knapp, of Syracuse, N. Y. arrive February 1st with four hunters, for which Mr. Knapp has arranged stabling in the Tompkins stables. Mr. Knapp spent several weeks in Southern Pines recently and is considering a winter home here. He is a writer of fiction and friend of Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt. The Knapps have taken rooms in the Highland Pines Inn for February and March.

Big New York Party

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Danforth of New York are shipping some six horses to Southern Pine for February hunting with the Boyd pack. Mr. and Mrs. James Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Worrall Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Butler, all of New York and vicinity, come the latter part of January for several weeks, bringing six horses with them. All but the Hydes have been here for several seasons. Worrall Hyde hunts his own pack of hounds near Greenwich, Conn. and has been attracted to Southern Pines for winter hunt-

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Golden Opportunity for Sandhills to Become Big Aviation Center of South

As Railroads Wrought a Revolution, Flying
Fields Furnish Food For Thought,
Says Mr. Newcomb

SUPPORT OF THREE TOWNS NEEDED

By Arthur S. Newcomb
Last week's local papers carried an announcement which may mean more for Southern Pines than a casual personal of the article would suggest.

The establishment of bus lines from New York and Pittsburgh to Florida with daily stops in the Sandhills metropolis may be the forerunner of numerous other such transportation lines with similar schedules and it is well within the pale of reasonable vision to imagine Southern Pines a bus center with through bus routes converging there from all directions. Should this occur, there is no telling what the effect would be on the growth of the village.

Many of the great inland cities of the country owe their very existence to like convergence of railways. During the era of railroad construction, geophaphy and topography combined to invite and in many instances to compel the locations of numerous lines so that they converged at certain points, and as a result many communities theretofore without any especial "raison d'etre" found themselves suddenly developing, beyond the fondest dreams of the most enthusiastic optimist. Worcester, Mass. is such a city and many others will suggest themselves to the thoughtful reader.

And now what has all this to do with a flying field? Well, if the concentration of railway lines has been the direct cause of such cities as Worcester and scores of others, and it is reasonable to expect that bus lines will add to the prosperity of communities fortunate enough to lie in their paths, it seems logical to expect aerial traffic to have a like beneficial effect on those communities equipped to invite and induce flying machines to make regular landings in or near them.

Fortunately, Leonard Tufts has realized this for many years and at

his own expense has maintained a landing field at Pinehurst. But it is now evident to him and the other officials of Pinehurst, Incorporated that this is a matter that is vital to the Sandhills section and concerns Southern Pines and Aberdeen as much as it does Pinehurst, and so, during the past summer Pinehurst, Incorporated has laid the foundation for and begun the construction of a flying field near Knollwood that may easily be made the equal of any such landing place in the country. And now Southern Pines and Aberdeen are offered the opportunity to become directly associated with this important undertaking and thus to acquire their share of the benefits that are bound to result.

Towns Must Cooperate

This is opportunity knocking at the door with a vengeance, and all the citizens of Southern Pines have to do to acquire their just proportion of these benefits is to get behind the proposition with their time, money and energy and help to push it through to completion. Doubtless Pinehurst will maintain a flying field without the aid of adjacent villages, if necessary, but to make this the equal of the best is more than any one town can hope to do alone, and unless this field is considerably better than the average it will not of itself attract aerial transportation companies, and the opportunity to make this an air lane center will be lost.

There is no U. S. Route No. 1 through the air. Flyers are independent of established routes and are free to seek out the best landing places anywhere, and therefore if for no other reason than sordid selfishness it is very important for Southern Pines and Aberdeen to cooperate to the utmost of their ability to make the Sandhill flying field known the country over as one of the best.

Dental Clinic is Added to Plans for New Hospital Here

Spontaneous Gift of \$2500 Makes
New Room to Hospital
Possible.

Through the generosity of a resident of the Sandhills, made anonymously so far as public announcement is permitted, and spontaneously at a recent meeting, a completely equipped dental clinic is to be provided for the new Moore County Hospital, now under construction near Pinehurst on the Carthage road.

The need of such a room in the hospital was broached at the last meeting of the trustees, Dr. Henderson, formerly of the staff of the leading hospital in Raleigh stating the importance of dental examination of patients before anaesthetization. It was announced that the cost of providing the room equipped for a dental clinic would approximate \$2,500, and the amount was immediately pledged by one of those present who requests that his name be withheld.

More baths were also decided upon at this meeting. Favorable progress on the general contract was reported, the contractors, Jewell-Riddle of Sanford, having the construction well along.

Plans for the laying of the cornerstone with fitting ceremonies are now being made, and announcement of the date of the celebration will be made as soon as possible, it is said.

SMALL FIRE IN SO. PINES

Slight damage was done to the Donald Herring house in Southern Pines Monday when fire was discovered. The run of the department to the large home near the Country Club caused the usual flurry of excitement and attracted most of the cars in town to the scene, but the loss was negligible.

Football and Golf Champions Meet on Archery Range

Glenna Collett and Bill Roper of
Princeton Find Drawing
Bow no Cinch.

Surrendering to the witchery of archery, Miss Glenna Collett, of Providence, R. I., national women's golf champion, and Bill Roper, Princeton football coach, Saturday lined up side by side as competitors in a tourney on the Pinehurst archery range. Drawing the long bow for the first time, both found it to be one of those accomplishments that are not so easy as they appear. Bill Roper, Jr., who was an interested spectator, did a quiet snicker when his stalwart dad wrestled unsuccessfully to get the maximum "pull," while the arrows pierced the wrong targets. Miss Collett was declared the winner against Mr. Roper, the scores of both being kept a dark secret.

ANNUAL CHAMBER DINNER
AT SO PINES MONDAY

The annual dinner of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Southern Pines Hotel on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Directors for the ensuing year are to be elected at that time, and the program for the year's work mapped out.

A number of entertainment features are also on the bill for the evening, among them a few songs by the Sandhills Sixteen and one or two speeches by prominent citizens. The dinner is open to the public at a nominal charge, and the committee in charge hopes that there will be a general turnout of citizens of Southern Pines to start the year's work off with a vim.

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