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**A REVOLUTION
IN TAXATION**

For some time The Pilot has been of the opinion that a peaceful revolution in taxation has been approaching, and the action of the recent session of the legislature confirms that opinion. It commenced some years ago when the state released to the counties and small civil units the privilege of taxing lands and real property, reserving as the field for state income the other assets, such as industries, licenses, etc. The recent legislature emphasized the previous step by including in state financing a more considerable proportion of the school costs and of the road costs, and it now looks as if the movement to release land still farther is in the offing.

Much discussion has been heard over the school law, and it was discussed by the attorney general of the state at the dinner of the Kiwanis Club last week. That discussion made clear some points that were not well understood by a large number of the people, and one is that the state is undertaking to standardize the schools, and to help carry a portion of the burden of their costs from the state exchequer. Having once assumed an organization control of the schools, to greater or less degree as may seem wise, the state will hardly let go again. It will be a matter of public approval, this step that has been taken, as fast as it is fully understood. And the minute the rural population sees that the state is relieving country property from the full load of the schools, country influence, along with city fairness, will stand by the new measures, and likewise by the principle that has been introduced of levying a greater proportion of all taxes on what are left now to the state.

It is a long story, but the farm is in tribulation, and through no fault of its own. Changing conditions have left the farmer with the bag to hold, and he has not succeeded in doing it. The reasons are not necessary just now to debate. The fact is sufficient, for it is the fact that will impel the farm to stand by the greater demand for relief from farm taxes and the greater payment of taxes for state purposes by other forms of wealth and production, especially production, which is a big difference than wealth. And this brings up one subject that has been called to the attention of The Pilot from different sources, and that is the statement that the teachers of the state have been somewhat active in their attitude concerning the new school law. Always a question of price has to deal with the payer and the receiver. While the teachers have the friendly sympathy of the people in the matter of wages, and of the amount of work they are called on to do, the other side, which is the payer of the wages, also has a claim to be heard. If it comes to a matter of sympathy, probably the farmer who pays a fair share of the rural taxes that go to maintain schools, is harder pushed to provide the money to pay high salaries than the teacher is who receives lower salaries. Every salary paid means some source from which to draw the money, and in this particular case the farmer is the least able of all persons to contribute to big salaries for any purpose.

One letter to The Pilot lays stress on the fact that the teachers and the school employes are employes, not lawmakers, and that the people who pay the tax are the payers and have a voice in saying whether they will or not. However, this is a matter that has been disposed of, and it is mentioned only because it is water under the bridge, and also because Mr. Brummitt said at the Kiwanis dinner that more

noise was made about the protest by the teachers than the affair actually justified, and that not much complaint was really heard. But that does not change the situation in regard to the tendency of the taxpayer to insist that more relief shall be given to land property and that more money must come eventually from other sources. The farmer, and that includes all landed property, has been given recognition, and it may be accepted that he will not in the future pay so much money for what he gets in return for his taxation, and that other sources must help him pay what he pays. The forecast is that the basis for taxes is to be broader, and that a larger number of people are to be brought under the jurisdiction of the tax collector, and that by doing it more interest will be felt by all people in the manner of spending tax money collected. It will not be a quick or painless operation, for public affairs move too slowly. But nearly always they move effectively in the long run.

The new school law is adopted. It will work some changes, and from what The Pilot can see they will be for the common good of the whole people of the state. But back of all that is on the surface now the most probable result of this new law is a revolution before long in our whole tax system for a more fair and satisfactory measure. We have not yet reached the point we are heading for.

**A SEASON OF
ADVERTISING**

Those who know say this has been the best season the Sandhills have ever known. Those who watch the papers say that more stuff has been printed in state and local papers about Pinehurst and Southern Pines than ever before and that papers in other sections have had more to say about this community than at any previous time. Never were so many reports of games and tournaments, never so many accounts of social affairs that involved people from the home towns printing the stories, and never so many pictures in so many papers of big and little circulation throughout the country.

Pinehurst has become common in the sporting pages of the papers in the smaller cities. One paper that comes from a northern town of about 15,000 inhabitants has carried Pinehurst date lines day after day recently, and on some occasions two or three such date lines. Other papers of smaller places have their share of such material. These smaller papers from all directions as they float into The Pilot indicate the same broadening of interest in Sandhill affairs. Southern Pines is increasing the amount of space captured by the local movement in various lines.

It is only fair to give Pinehurst just credit for much of this work, for Pinehurst pours out money for advertising, and every dollar spent is a dollar that calls attention to the entire community, for no one ever comes to any Moore county resort without seeing more or less of all of the territory. Pinehurst is so situated that it must spend a lot of money for advertising, yet it has reached that stage in acquaintance where a vast amount is done now because the readers of the papers all over the country want to know what is going on in the Pinehurst field of action. Pinehurst probably gets today more advertising over the whole world than any other single community in the United States, for more papers every day print lengthy accounts of every day's proceedings. Some of the big cities print more local sport stuff in their own pages, but all the cities, big and little, every day print piles of stuff from Pinehurst, and the total is amazing. There is one of the assets of this section. The world wants to know what is going on here, and it takes hundreds of pages every day to tell it.

**NEW SHERIFF
ENFORCING LAW**

Gossip around Carthage says Charlie McDonald, the new sheriff, is enforcing the law against moonshining. It is told that he keeps the jail full, and that he is putting the fear of God in the hearts of the lawless. The same reports appear to come from other sections of the county. The general tenor is that less liquor is made, and that

what is cooling the hot gullets of the Sandhill thirsty is brought from some other places. Charlie McDonald seems to have interpreted the law to mean what it says, that infractions shall be prevented as far as preventive action is possible. If he is given the encouragement of the people he will change the status of the illicit production of liquor in the county, and the signs are that he will be encouraged by his people.

Moore county showed last fall that the voters do not favor a free flow of whisky. While the pronounced vote cast against Smith in the county was not entirely because of his stand on whisky that had a lot to do with the pronounced reversal of public action in the election. Moore county is not favorable to the production of whisky. Charlie McDonald takes the attitude that the people are for law enforcement, and he is going about that business in earnest. It is not the easiest thing in the world to enforce law, especially in such a day as this when whisky and the automobile have both made it somewhat fashionable to laugh at law. But with a man like Sheriff McDonald showing a determination to lessen bootlegging, and with the state starting to establish its highway patrol it is reasonable to assume that we as a county and state are heading toward a more vigorous enforcement of the two laws these things suggest, and that if the people will help now in the effort to make the roads safe for the vast bulk of careful drivers, and especially safe from the drunken driver, life will not be as much of a speculation every time the citizen sets off down the pike in his gas buggy. The sheriff is not going to have plain sailing all the way. He will meet with opposition in clamping down the lid, but if the people stand by him he will get the job done, and we will all be the safer for it, for whisky is no respecter of persons. A drunken man is as dangerous as a case of dynamite and not safe to be turned loose where other people are exposed to him.

**Brilliant Record
Made By Farm Life
School During Year**

Overcame Handicap of Burned Dormitory and Operated Without a Loss
PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

A little more than a year ago the largest dormitory at Sandhill Farm Life School was burned. Hope of continuing the boarding department was practically abandoned during the summer. But there was one person who did not give up.

As the opening of school drew near, Mrs. W. McC. Blue did two or three days of intensive investigating and then called a mass meeting of the people of the community. Mrs. Blue stated that room in the hospital building was available, and that enough equipment could be gotten together to care for a number of students, as well as the teachers. She also had a capable woman in view to take charge of the boarding department. The men and women saw that it could be done, and were most enthusiastic. They rented the hospital and equipment. Then they went to work and put the hospital and school building in readiness.

It was decided to have a boarding department and just two weeks before school opened twelve boarding students enrolled. The school has had the usual expenses of pump repairs, light bills, grocery bills, rent and general repair and upkeep bills, but has made no debts this year due to the good business management of Mr. Kiser.

The faculty is as follows: J. P. Kiser, principal; Miss Ola Cowing, Miss Velma Carpenter, Miss Mary Ann Black, Mrs. D. J. Blue, Miss Marion Shields, Miss Mabel Potts and Miss Georgia Wilson. Mrs. Bertie Mae Sugg teaches music. Good and thorough work is being done by this faithful corps of teachers who are cheerfully making the best of everything.

Through the 4-H Clubs, Mrs. Ryals is giving the girls helpful lessons in home economics. They are studying clothing this year.

The enthusiasm manifested at the mass meeting just before school opened has not waned. Early in the fall a Parent-Teacher Association was formed that has helped to rebuild the school. Along with other worthwhile things it has replaced the piano that was burned.

A Women's Club was organized in December. Besides the valuable help

that the members get from Mrs. Ryals, the club has done much to back up recent needs of the school. The library requirements have been met, helped by the club, and this determined group of women stands ready to help the school in every way possible. There is every assurance that Farm Life School will have a large number of boarding students next year. Our men are handy with the saw and hammer and generous with their time, so when school opens next fall, the boys' dormitory, which is not being used this year, will be in good shape for the boys. All the hospital dormitory space will be used for the girls and teachers. The necessary equipment will be there, too.

Another fact may be mentioned. Mrs. Mamie Bailey is expected to return. The students have had excellent meals at fifteen dollars a month. Only a few people can serve good meals at that price.

HOOVER TO CONSERVE OIL

President Hoover has stated that there will be complete conservation of oil in his administration and that unless a mandatory act is passed by Congress, no additional permits for oil prospecting on public lands will be issued. In cases where permits have already been issued the administration will, if oil is discovered, carry out the provisions of the general leasing act of 1920 which requires that the department of the interior shall call for bids on lands adjacent to those on which the oil has been found.

This is unquestionably the greatest constructive step yet made toward solving the problem of oil waste. Responsible producers, through the American Petroleum Institute and other organizations, have been making intensive efforts to curtail over-production and effect co-operative development of pools. They have made slow progress because of uncontrolled competition.

Now, with official action, it would seem as if we were on the verge of a solution at last. Production has exceeded consumption for many years; a vast amount of surplus oil has either been placed in storage or wasted to the detriment of both the industry and the public. President Hoover's effort to correct this condition should have far-reaching benefits.

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**DR. McBRAYER ADDRESSES
STATE MEDICAL MEETING**

Dr. L. B. McBrayer of Southern Pines addressed the delegates and guests at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society at Greensboro on Monday last on the subject of "Making the School Child Healthy." Dr. McBrayer is secretary

and treasurer of the society. Dr. McBrayer declared that the problem of the undernourished child is the big thing in North Carolina, and made valuable suggestions for the improvement of conditions throughout the state.

Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the State Sanatorium near Aberdeen was among other speakers at the meeting.

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With summer in sight the Pinehurst Warehouses have introduced some interesting novelties in

PORCH AND LAWN FURNITURE

These include the Troy Sunshades and Sunshade Chairs, Rockers, etc., in many attractive designs and fanciful colorings.

The Huttig Cypress Lawn, Porch and Outdoor Chairs, Swings, Settees, etc. A comfortable and durable novelty, in natural wood and in colors.

Deauville Spring Chairs—a surprise in their comfort and in their substantial make.

Big Sunshades and Umbrellas, hand-painted, catching and artistic.

A summer necessity is the—
PYROFAX GAS RANGE AND GAS SYSTEM

This section has passed along from the pine knot stage to hard wood and to coal, and steam and to oil heating, but the perfection of heat is found in gas, the fuel that is clean, easily conveyed, always ready, simply open the valve and turn on the light.

Pyrofax Ranges and Stoves are now to be had at the Pinehurst Warehouses, and Pyrofax gas to supply the range comes in drums that merely need to be coupled to the pipe, the task of a minute. Pyrofax is a derivative of the natural gas of the oil country, with all its desirable qualities, and comes in drums of 5,000 feet, ready for immediate use.

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