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## THE UNITY OF THE SANDHILLS

Last week at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Richard Tufts talked about the value of harmony of sentiment and action among the various units of the Sandhills community. Nothing more timely could have been chosen as the theme for one of these instructive Kiwanis talks, and no speaker could have been more suitable, for Richard Tufts is not only thoroughly familiar with the subject from all view points, but he is one of the most analytical and accurately observing members of the club. Moreover his interests are so mixed with the entire interest of the territory embraced in the Sandhills that his incentives are with his observations.

It is apparent to any one who is but even slightly acquainted with Moore county that not only we of the Sandhills must work in the broadest harmony for the best results, but it is becoming equally apparent that the whole county is bound together by certain influences and responsibilities that must make us a follower of a common cause. The complexity of community and county developments, and our county development has been tremendous since county wide influence began to operate, compels county mutuality and interchanges ability of effort and result. Each community has its individual tasks and resources and responsibilities, but they shade quickly into the joint burdens and opportunities of the whole county, and Pinehurst, as Mr. Tufts said, must depend more or less on Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and the rest of the surrounding neighborhood, just as they must depend on Pinehurst, and while each community has its own jobs to look after we have the joint tasks, and we have also that task that some of us have not suspected, of not only helping in the general scheme, but of not encroaching on the individuality and burdens of each other. More clearly, perhaps, than it has ever been publicly stated before, Mr. Tufts declared the importance of Southern Pines as the central factor in the general dream of progress. But without Pinehurst and Knollwood Southern Pines would drag her sled on as thin ice as Pinehurst would without Southern Pines and the facilities she offers the community. A one-legged man is at a disadvantage, and by mixing metaphors for a minute, it is permissible to say, even if the one-legged man is Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Knollwood or any other member of the Sandhills community.

Richard Tufts has preached us all a sermon that is worth studying carefully in the solitude of our own minds and frequently and thoroughly. Individualism is a great incentive and ambition, but it is always true and always has been, as Franklin stated it in the early days, that we must all hang together or hang separately. Men and nations and governments can not live singly. Mankind is mass play material, and can operate successfully only by team work.

## THE ONLY POSSIBLE FARM RELIEF

For a long time The Pilot has entertained the notion that farm relief is a matter much deeper seated than taxation, or co-operative marketing, or in fact that any of the superficial propositions that have been made to bring prosperity to the farm, and has at times predicted that before we get relief we will have to dig down to some levels that will stir up the whole nation, and which will be as wide as the wide world. It has asserted that what the farmer wants is prices for what he buys that are pro-

portionate to what he gets for the things he sells and that when that happy state is reached he will pay his taxes and pay no attention to them, for he gets results from his taxes, hard as it is to pay them.

Last week Dr. D. F. Brown, of the State College, in an address before a welfare conference at Clayton, stated that not overproduction, but unfair distribution of the wealth produced, is at the bottom of the troubles of the farmer, and practically of everybody else around the world. "We are now on a rampage of production control and price fixing. The day of competition as a price fixing method is fast disappearing. Not reduction of the amount of goods we produce should be our goal, but more and cheaper goods for everybody," Dr. Brown said.

The Pilot has been of this notion for a long while. It has never believed in overproduction, for the basis from which it reasons is that no cow was ever harmed by too much blue grass and clover in the pasture, no house was ever burdened by too much wood on the pile, nobody ever suffered by having plenty in the larder. If too much could be harmful think of the tremendous suffering that would come from so much oxygen in the air that we can not breathe any insignificant amount of it, and from too much light on a sunny day, so that all we can use of it is so small that no figures are little enough to determine the proportion of light we utilize.

As Dr. Brown says in the distribution of the things produced is where we fall down. And it is not the distribution as between the ordinary run of us on one side and Andrew Mellon and the bankers and the manufacturers on the other, but as between all of us, man to man and woman to woman of all the nearly two billions of people on the globe. The most striking example is not shown by the difference between the farmer and the wealthy man of New York, for there are so few of the wealthy folks that they get but mighty little in the big division as compared with what the vast number of poorer folks get, and the rich men put their wealth into action as soon as they get it by multiplying factories and other industries. The unfair distribution is between the millions who get higher incomes than the farmer and for services comparable to the work the farmer does for smaller reward.

It is not taxes that make the trouble, for taxes are too small a sum in proportion to what the farmer should have. It is what he has to pay for much of what he buys of everything as compared with what he sells, but he pays too much for everything he has to buy, and when we get into the causes of his plight this is one of the big things we will have to face.

## FRANK BUCHAN'S BIBLE FORUM

When Frank Buchan founded the Bible Forum in Southern Pines he did a much bigger job in the educational line than he anticipated. Some days the attendance is not as big as it might be and some days it is right satisfactory. But all the time the instructor, Rev. J. Fred Stimson, tackles his work with an enthusiasm that is good to see, and he interests his bunch with the things he brings out, and which invite discussion from every one present and without restrictions. At the present time the study of the Bible has reached the transition stage from the priests and the judges to the prophets and the kings of Israel, and Mr. Stimson has led his forum to the discovery that science is the basis of the Biblical narrative and religion, and that Moses was one of the greatest of scientific men. The climax of the study so far is the clear conception of Moses of the one God, and the impression of that discovery on a people who had gods innumerable, of all types and character, and the realization by many of his people in the breadth and power and influence of that basic authority that created heaven and earth and laid the entire foundations for human existence, progress and civilization. Mr. Stimson figures that the discovery that one head and one authority for this gigantic industry and business of existence is the first really great discovery that men have made, and that the discovery of the fundamental principles of law,

and that the violation of fundamental principles brings its own penalty, was another vital proposition that Moses, the great scientist, laid before men in a way that they could comprehend.

The Bible Forum is going after some of these old-fashioned things in a way that is new, but none the less impressive, for a zest has been awakened that has prompted discussion and investigation and study in a manner that is not altogether as common as it might be with these things. The Forum should have many more attendants. Not that it is concerned in numbers, but because a lot more men could find interesting suggestions and information in taking part in what goes on there. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock sharp in the basement of the Baptist church are the time and place, but the Forum is not sectarian, and confines itself to the Bible study and nothing else.

## THE IRON AND STEEL MEN

The convention this week of the iron and steel men at Pinehurst is one of the important events of the winter, for here are assembled the foremost captains of the foremost industry of the world, for reference to statistics from the Federal census shows that iron and steel manufacturers directly or indirectly account for nearly twenty per cent of the industry and business of the United States. But, at that, in a more indirect way, they are the basis of practically all industry of the country, for without the product of the furnace and the rolling mill no other industry could carry on. Iron is the king of manufacturing, and the absolute and general supply house for every line, for not only the raw material for all advanced manufacture depends on iron and steel for its

basic utilities, but for the machinery that shapes the finished product, distributes it and utilizes it.

It is doubtful if North Carolina had ever before within its gates a body of men who go so nearly to the bottom of the requirements of modern progress and prosperity, or that have so much to do with the advance of civilization from the crudeness of the cave man to the present high position of mankind in their domination of nature. Modern discovery and modern scientific advancement are starting in their accomplishment, but always the step that is taken is with the advancing foot on a muck bar or a piece of pig iron.

These men who are here this week are the leaders of iron development and production, some of them captains of the industrial movement, some of them those marvelous geniuses who are just as steadily today digging down into the secrets of irons and steel chemistry as they have been doing for ages, and nowhere are the pioneers of knowledge working more industriously and with more effect than in iron at the present time.

It is flattering to have a convention of men like this in the Sandhills. They are men of the broadest vision, of the soundest judgment and the keenest observation, and it is to be presumed they will go away with an interested memory of what they have found here, and a kindly recollection of the values of Nature's heritage which they have encountered. More of them will in due time be joining the effort to make of the Sandhills a pleasant place to live, and more of them will be coming back again to share in the pleasures of the place as it is expanding. It was a good day when they came here.

owes to another of a different political faith or affiliation.

Another matter which should be frowned upon by every good citizen of the county is the fact that our schools are being used for the dissemination of political advertising. This evil has perhaps been limited, but I am informed that it has been practiced to some extent in our schools at Aberdeen, whether with the knowledge of the authorities I cannot say. Recently a political meeting (Democratic, of course) was announced in the grammar school at Aberdeen, and the little children were instructed to carry the information to their parents. On the very face of it this is an odious thing, and by all means should be nipped in the bud, for it can have but one effect if allowed to continue, namely, to undermine and destroy the very principles upon which our public school system was founded and the ultimate failure of our efforts toward true education.

Thank God, this country is yet a democracy, let us all be charitable enough to accord the other fellow the right to his own views and be courteous about it. The Republicans of Moore County and of North Carolina want only a fair deal and they are willing that all others, regardless of their political views, be treated likewise, but as a citizen I resent the unfair attack of Mr. Graham, and the apparent advantage being taken in our public schools as cited in the paragraph next above.

—J. F. DEATON.  
Aberdeen, N. C.,  
October 30, 1930.

## INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS

We are now approaching a very important election and a crucial point in the history of North Carolina. The people of this state are to decide next Tuesday whether or not they are to continue their freedom of choice at the polls without being hampered by party or prejudice. In 1928 the people of North Carolina demonstrated their determination to exercise the freedom of their own personal judgment at the polls regardless of the vile threats of party bosses and political bosses and political whips around the ballot boxes.

As a result of her independence in thinking and voting, North Carolina has received recently more national recognition than at any other time in her history since the Civil War. Both parties have found out that

North Carolina is at last doubtful in politics; consequently each side is making a desperate effort to win the people's votes. North Carolina has now got the whole world guessing, and it is to be greatly hoped that she continues in this desirable position.

In order to insure good government anywhere, it is first necessary to build up two strong political parties that will serve as a check on each other. The present condition of our county government should cause the people of Moore county to take cognizance of this fact. Before we can ever obtain good government in Moore county, we must keep one party from monopolizing all of the county offices all of the time. We shall never secure relief from our high taxes and unjust discrimination in our county until we vote our common sense instead of our prejudices.

Then, too, we people of Moore county should take advantage of every opportunity to get outside recognition for our county and our fellow-citizens. We now have a most excellent opportunity of securing this necessary outside recognition and help for our county in the candidacy of our able and worthy fellow-citizen, Mr. Colin G. Spencer, for Congress. Most of us are well acquainted with this progressive business man and statesman, and we know that he is a man of the people. Through Mr. Spencer's able representation in Congress, Moore county and all of central North Carolina would be greatly benefited and honored. All of us should forget our little parties and our trivial prejudices and rally behind our youthful leader, and elect Moore county's candidate for Congress.

I have great faith in the people of Moore county, and I know that in their voting next Tuesday, they will again put aside party and prejudice and demonstrate once more their independence in voting which shall provide Moore county, North Carolina, and the United States with a government founded on justice, supported by equity, and nourished by the will of the people.

—JOHN A. LANG,  
Chapel Hill, N. C.,  
October 28, 1930.

RECOMMENDED AS COOK, Ethel Gilmore, Hoffman, N. C., and housemaid, Mary Dell Everett, Route 1, Box 40, Biscoe, N. C., for family of moderate requirements. Mrs. Walter MacNeill, Pinebluff.

# Correspondence

## TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE SANDHILLS AND MOORE COUNTY:

It will be recalled that I was announced as a candidate in the recent Democratic Primary, for County Commissioner, and that on account of my absence from the State I inadvertently overlooked filing my pledge as such and was therefore disqualified to make the race.

For fear that there might be some dissatisfaction by reason of lack of representation from this section on the Board, I am writing to say that, while I regret I neglected to file my pledge, I am perfectly satisfied that the interests of Moore County and of the Sandhills section will be eminently well taken care of by Messrs. Currie, Mattheson and Shaw, the Democratic nominees, and I earnestly hope that every Democratic voter in Moore county will cast his or her vote for these three gentlemen.

May I express my deep appreciation for the many cordial promises of support received by me from every section of Moore County, when my candidacy was announced. From statements made to me by citizens all over the county, I had every reason to believe that I would have received practically the united support of all sections, and a sense of gratitude for the spirit in which my candidacy was received by the sections of the county other than the Sandhills, prompts me to bespeak for these Democratic nominees your wholehearted support.

—G. C. SEYMOUR.

## IS THIS POLITICS?

At a mass meeting in the auditorium of the Aberdeen High School building Tuesday evening, October 27, 1930, for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill vacancies on the local school board, Mr. J. W. Graham, a member of the Moore County Board of Education, presumed to speak with reference to taxes, liquor and Republicans, a talk evidently designed as a political speech. In the course of his remarks, he stated that he had canvassed the entire county in the cause of education, and referred to a visit he had that day made to "a section in the upper part of the county where they make Republicans and liquor by the wholesale." He also mentioned the fact that the schools in that section are inadequately provided for, but no plan of relief was offered.

For many years I have witnessed extreme intolerance on the part of Democrats toward Republicans; I have become accustomed to unjust attacks, but frankly, I am not prepared to be catalogued with the liquor element by anyone, especially a man of Mr. Graham's high calibre. Quite obviously

he considers his party in need of votes and is willing to resort to such tactics to get them, although it is quite unethical for one in his position to engage in political maneuvers, to say nothing of the common courtesy one

# Notice of Bankruptcy Sale

On and by virtue of an order of H. F. Seawell, Jr., United States Referee in Bankruptcy, the undersigned Trustee will on Thursday, November 6th, 1930, at twelve o'clock M. at the old business stand of the Franklin Sales Company, Incorporated, in Aberdeen, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash all the personal property of the said Franklin Sales Company, Incorporated, consisting of automobile parts, mechanics tools, second hand automobiles, office furniture, garage equipment, stock in Charlotte Austin Automobile Company, stock in Lorenson-Harbottle, Incorporated, Aberdeen, North Carolina, and other things and articles of personal property too numerous to mention.

This October 24th, 1930.

J. V. HEALY,  
Trustee in Bankruptcy.