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## THE PENALTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

For the second time in a brief period Southern Pines sees a public officer killed by an offender against the law. B. H. Beasley, head of the Southern Pines police force, some time ago apprehended Everett McLean, a West Southern Pines Negro, for throwing his wife from a bridge to kill her. At the time of the murder Tuesday night, Beasley was with McLean in a car near Durham. Possibly the accurate details of the murder may not be obtainable, but the fact seems to be that the Negro shot the officer from behind and under conditions of surprise.

But however the details may be debated the one thing remains clear—that the officer of the law as law is interpreted and administered these days is taking a long chance when he interposes himself between crime and the people. Chief Beasley may have missed a prudent step when he allowed any opening for a man of this sort to get the drop on him, but the general opinion was that the officer was a canny tactician and overlooked few chances of personal danger. But no officer can overlook everything, and the criminal found his advantage and used it.

Two policemen killed in less than three years is a striking sensation for a town no larger than Southern Pines, for although the second murder was not in the village it was at the hand of a member of the community and of an officer of the town force.

The unfortunate situation is that this bloody illustration of prevailing conditions will appeal only to the limited territory in which it is a major matter because the victim is known and prominent. The rest of the country has its own problems and excitements and affairs. Even in Chicago a famous gangster thumbs his nose at the United States authorities and arranges for a winter in Florida while it is determined whether he submits to the decision of the court and goes to prison for a long period or goes free. Crime is a spirited game in all this country, a game established on its high position of safety to all concerned except the officer who tries to lessen it, established on that basis because public indifference does not protest with sufficient vigor.

What is the remedy? Possibly there may be a remedy, but if that be the case the first step is to have public interest give the matter a little consideration and decide whether crime is to be dismissed as it is committed as a momentary bit of excited sport, or lessened by the honest and determined effort of the people in their resolute backing of the officers.

The law is man made and man enforced. It will always be as effective as men make it, or as chaotic as they allow it to be, for the criminal is not actuated by any indifference or emotional sympathy with the other fellow.

## AT SOME OF THE CHURCHES

When a newspaper man can be induced to drift within the shadow of the churches three times in one day it is evidence some leavening is working. But those who were out Sunday are aware of the fact. At Bethesda Church Sunday afternoon Judge Shaw made two points that are ample payment for the time spent in getting there. As a lawyer and judge he has full knowledge of the prevalence and the quality of crime. He says it is but a small proportion of the people that come before his tribunal ac-

cused of offending. If he is rightly interpreted this world is nothing like so bad as some folks have feared. And one reason he offers as the occasion for much indifference to law as he finds it is the failure of home training. The judge did a good job at Bethesda.

At Frank Buchan's Bible class in Southern Pines Judge Windham argued that it should not be hard to be a Christian—that all the incentive ought to be an encouragement and a pleasure rather than a task and a difficulty. He seemed to think that a righteous life need not be a dreary one, and he could find nothing in the requirements of Christian rules that ought to bring other than enjoyable experiences to the man who follows the teachings of the master who says "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." That Sunday morning group ought to have a much bigger attendance, for it is a highly interesting session.

Then in the evening at the Baptist church Mr. Stimson read some scriptural citations to show that the Kingdom of Heaven is within man, that it is here around about us, and that much of it consists of doing unto others as we want them to do to us, which means a consideration for mankind. His idea of service was illustrated by the humility and kindly consideration of the Messiah who as one of his last acts washed the feet of the disciples. There is another place that is presenting a high quality of instruction and wholesome counsel, and which is worth giving up the hour that it occupies. Next Sunday night Mr. Stimson will further pursue the simplification of the interpretation of the kingdom of heaven, and possibly there are others than newspaper men who might get an idea by sitting at his feet. Of course the other churches were digging in the vineyard Sunday, but after a man has been around to three places in the one day he is not expected to extend his research. Even the old-timers do not beat that record much.

## THIS WEEK DE FACTO, NEXT WEEK DE JURE

With the unofficial opening of the winter season with the Kiwanis convention at the Carolina is presented the prelude of the official season which begins next Monday when the big hotel is started on its winter run. Not long ago a wise man remarked that he who is an optimist this winter is a fool. In spite of the soundness of that statement it is safe to go further and say that without optimism the Carolina would not open, that nothing of consequence would ever be achieved, and that life without hope, which is optimism, would be dreary and a final failure. So it is wise to fortify yourself with optimism, but not be a fool in an extreme of illusion.

In our measures of progress and success we look to preceding years to find a basis. Possibly it is a human attribute to insist that today surpasses yesterday. Possibly that can be kept up indefinitely, but in most of life and philosophy the stars in their courses and the tides in their restlessness swing one way and then the other. When you go down you go up, for existence is a law of averages and it is as far from west to east as it is from east to west. So if each year is not bigger than the year before that is not surprising. Probably no time in the history of the Sandhills appeared more satisfying than ten years ago or twenty years ago, or thirty years ago, for while far below the present in the size of the yard stick used as a measure, those days were ahead of the days preceding, and as all things are relative the comparisons of long ago were as satisfactory as the comparisons of two or three years ago. The truth is that the Sandhills have made a wonderful advance, that even with the present depression they are in excellent position, that the future is going up hill some more, and that if we do not go much farther this year than last year we are still moving onward, and proceeding cautiously for a time we will find that we are shaping up for the future, and building here that desirable winter community that will always be attractive to visitors and to permanent residents.

No doubt a man is a fool who is optimistic enough to think that he will find a pot of gold at

the end of the rainbow without digging to get it, but he is to be pitied if he has not enough optimism to hold out a hope that if he saws wood with persistent energy he will have fuel to keep him warm when cold weather comes as it always does. This may or may not be as good a winter as some of the years that have gone, but it will be a better one than some of the others. It is wise, as the old Scotchman suggested, to send for the doctor as well as to pray when you wake up in the night with pneumonia.

## FISH OR CUT-BAIT

The problem that faces the county, not only the Board of Commissioners, but the tax-payer, the individual, the local communities, every man who has a neighbor, is one that the commissioners will tackle at their next meeting when they take up Chairman Currie's report of his attendance at the meeting in Raleigh called by the Governor to devise methods of helping the needy in the counties. Unfortunately the matter is not one that can be disposed of in any flippancy manner, for it is a case of necessity that the needy be extended a reasonable hand, while many of those who are likely to be asked to help are themselves on their uppers. The work cannot be long postponed, which means that the plans must be made at the earliest possible moment, and be broad enough to reach to every corner of the county. Winter will soon be on us, and many people will be in need.

It is useless to magnify the situation, and equally useless to try to minimize it. The actual facts must be faced, and not with theory, but with action that will afford relief. This is not time to go to the commissioners, and in the condition the treasury finds itself, to ask for money. Rather it is necessary for everybody to lend a hand to take as much possible of the burden from the shoulders of the commissioners. It is up to each community to be ready to carry out any plan the commissioners may propose, and in carrying out to depend to the limit of local resources, for the public treasury, if it has to bear the load, can only do so by going to the local communities, which means the people, in the final collection.

It is probable that each neighborhood will have to roll up its sleeves and undertake to depend much on its own efforts, for there is no other place for relief to come from. The task will not be too big for any community if two or three thinking leaders get a movement started and then urge everybody to help to the extent of their ability and the extent of the needs. Money is not the sole requisite. Many things that can be spared by one household can be used in another, and it is things that can be used that are necessary. All that money can do is to buy things. The situation must be given earnest and swift thought, so that after the commissioners have held their meeting any plan they may propose can be put into action promptly and decidedly. It would not be a bad idea for a few men and women in each community to hold preliminary meetings and canvas the neighborhoods and get some definite knowledge of the needs of their localities and then plans could be made to fit. Right now is the time to get things in motion. And the success of the work will depend on the support given by the people in each community.

## AN EXCELLENT HOSPITAL

The announcement by the American College of Surgeons of the standard awarded the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst is a bit of information that should impress the people of this part of the state with the fact that this institution is of a high type. The rating is that of an institution fully approved in personnel, management and equipment to meet the high standard required by the College of Surgeons for the care of the sick. About a score of other hospitals are in this class in North Carolina, those in the hundred miles reach of Aberdeen being at Fayetteville, High Point, Greensboro, Durham and Winston-Salem. It is seen that the Moore County Hospital is in rigidly classified society, all the other hospitals given the approved rating being

in places much larger than Pinehurst and in more populous sections, chiefly the cities.

The Moore County Hospital was planned to be an efficient establishment, and built according to the intention and designs. It has been properly outfitted from the start, manned in capable fashion, and its results have demonstrated efficiency and capable management. It suffers the one difficulty of being in a territory that is not endowed with great wealth, which results in narrow financial leeway at times. But many friends have given financial aid, and the needs of the hospital have not been allowed to prohibit a broad helpfulness that ranks with the other advanced ratings.

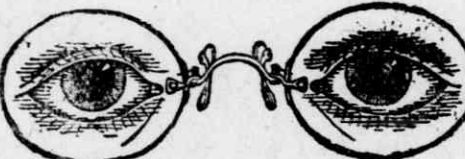
Being in a territory of limited area and financial strength the Moore County Hospital will require all the help that can be secured in holding up its efficient name, and because it is doing a work that is worth while and beyond the ambition of most hospitals of its surroundings and resources it must from time to time appeal to those who appreciate what it is doing to come to the rescue. The case that comes to the hospital is cared for. Costs are considered after a cure is effected, and many cases are unable to bear the expense of their treatment. Only one recourse remains. The hospital has no means of earning money except through its work, and when the work is not paid for a deficit must follow except where expenses are deferred by private contribution. So good friends are carrying a fair portion of the charity account. But others can always find an available place for an odd dollar there.

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DR. E. D. HARBOUR  
OPTOMETRIST  
will be at Tarlton's Jewelry Store, Aberdeen, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 1 to 4 p. m.

## GRAINS OF SAND

There's a big papier mache dog in front of Hayes' book store in Southern Pines this week, calling attention to the big sale inside. A puppy wandered along Broad street, came suddenly upon the big make-believe. He jumped back, barked, scampered about, barked some more and took to his heels.

Incidentally, there is a police tag hanging on a string around the advertising dog's neck with "Parking Longer Than 15 Minutes in 15-Minute Zone" checked and the dog cited to appear before Mayor Stutz.

Struthers Burt got back from the west just in time to run into a big billboard argument at his first Chamber of Commerce meeting in Southern Pines.

The Pilot erred typographically last week in referring to this year's tax rate as 72 cents. It should have read

73 cents. Of course we were only trying to save you another penny.

The Hemp fair's over, the County fair's over, the State fair's over, but the fair weather continues with us.

The Red Cross will have its 50th anniversary roll call from November 11th to 26th this year. The Moore County chapter is active in arranging its drive for funds, but if there is any institution which should not have to "drive" for funds it is the Red Cross. It is a 100 per cent investment in humanity, and an investment in humanity tops any other kind of investment. Don't wait to be called on by Red Cross workers. Send your dollar, or more if you can afford it, to Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield, Pinebluff, county chairman.

Tobacco's selling better, and it's surprising what a different look it puts on the faces of these farmers that come to town with their crop.

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Oysters, select, qt. ....65c  
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