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NOW TO TALK TURKEY

The election is over. We have got off our chests the innumerable flood of talk that always goes with the selection of government officials. Now that the oratory and the bund are done it is time to think about something that is found on sense, and that pertains to the case.

We are in a financial depression. It is not the first time although it is the first serious case of its kind that the younger folks have encountered. But that makes no difference. When the next one comes, as it will, those who are seeing this one for the first will remember it.

We have mouthed over this situation from all hysterical and absurd angles, principally blaming the difficulty on somebody easy to accuse, and looking to some one in the clouds for relief. We have overlooked the one essential factor in both the trouble and the remedy, and that is ourselves. We have been vehement in asking or demanding relief from some one else, but not very active in insisting that we shall do anything for ourselves.

It is wise to get it into our heads that all this monkey play is over now. Government is as helpless to bring us relief as it is to stop the sun in its course, for which we should all thank heaven most fervidly, for if men could shape the destiny, or even many of the trifling details, of existence we would have been a beautiful and complete wreck far before the beginning of any history of which we have knowledge.

It is now time for each man to begin to do something logical and tangible for himself. The world has more wealth today than ever in its history. By this it does not mean more cash, which is valueless as far as wealth goes, nor gold, which is as valueless as cash in any other form, nor bank balances, which are only figures on the ledger page, but all of those actual things which are the sole wealth of mankind. Crops grow as bountifully as ever. Mines and forests are contributing of their product and Nature is as generous as far more than man's needs will ever require. But Nature is a wise old mother. She demands that we do something for ourselves. She compels us to work. We have fallen down in our theory that to work we must depend on some one other than ourselves, so armies of men have left the farms where they could employ themselves to go to factories to find employment at the hands of others. The factory has a limit. It stops when its product piles up. The difference on the farm is that the worker can eat what he makes on the farm. He can't eat furniture, or automobiles or calico, or radio outfits. Far too many men have left the farm where they could make a living to go to the factory where they make tires and automatic refrigerators and other things they cannot eat, and which have no value until they can be traded for something they can eat. We have come to depend too much on others for our daily bread.

The farmer does not fly as high in his standards of living as the man who has gone to town, but hard times do not influence

the potato patch or the corn field. We have all strayed too far from our real base of supplies and looked to some one else to slice the bread and dole out the pork and the molasses. But the man who is coming through is the one who can depend on himself, and who does not require an intermediary to provide his rations. Nature is generous to the man who will work for himself, but niggardly to those who look to others for the daily bread.

KIWANIS HOMECOMING

The fraternal event of the week in the Sandhills was the homecoming of the Kiwanis Club. The oldtimers were invited in to talk over things and awaken some interests on a wider horizon. They talked of things that have been done in the Sandhills, of community effort instead of individual effort, of the broader relation between the local points, and of general betterment on a substantial basis.

It is doubtful if the members of the Kiwanis Club have ever fully realized the value of the work these earnest-minded men have been accomplishing, but they have been a power in the years they have wrought. Anything that has been for the common benefit and uplift has been legitimate occupation for them, and they have given of time, of thoughts and of their means to work out the problems. With the separate neighborhoods joining together to make the one Kiwanis community the source from which to attract membership has been a more fertile field than is available to most Kiwanis clubs, and one reason because that separate field or origins makes a more coherent unit when joined than when little areas are arrayed against each other. More team work in the Sandhills and less petty rivalry among restricted little groups has resulted in broader helpfulness. In this direction the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, which is Aberdeen only by way of Aberdeen and several miles out into the country, has been uncommonly fortunate in its ties of common ground. Through its efforts people are better acquainted with each other; they work together to better advantage; they accomplish more, and a broader human contact is established. Probably more men of the district should be in the club than are there. The work that can be done is big enough for more hands. The rewards are big enough to share among more substantial and wholesome fellows. The things that have been accomplished are evidence of the wisdom of the organization and its undertakings. Its homecoming checking up was a certification that it has saved the wood, which signifies the job is worth continuing. The big blue K is no bluff.

A QUESTION OF WHO PAYS

The Pilot does not enjoy a discussion that might be interpreted as a criticism of Dr. McBrayer, for he has been too long one of the helpful and sagacious workers and counselors of this state and section to question his attitude on any subject without due care as to what is said. Yet it still appears to this somewhat modest publication that the argument offered for a new road between Aberdeen and Southern Pines is somewhat spacious. It would not be a double road, but a new single road with traffic each way and with all the danger of a two-way traffic on a one-way track, which a real double road avoids by routing traffic in but one direction on each track.

It cannot be said with justification that Route One is crowded. Probably ten times as much traffic is carried on many roads of the more populous sections of the North and in the crowded sections still much greater crowding is encountered. Far better open the present road at its congested section, especially in places like the heart of Aberdeen, where a problem exists on both sides of the railroad, no matter how many more roads might be built.

That we will get something for nothing is one of those funny claims that still fool some people, but does not alter the fact that North Carolina will pay through the nose every time she gets any of these doles. If we get the money that it is proposed to apportion to us it is charged

against future appropriations, and later when we may need something more than we do now, we will be told that our cake has been eaten, and that nothing is due us. Even that would not be so bad, but this must never be overlooked. North Carolina is one of the foremost taxpaying states of the Union. Next to New York our contribution of internal revenue to the Federal Government is the biggest of all the states. The money that comes to us from the Federal Government, and more than comes to us, North Carolina pays in. We pay more than we get, or than we probably ever will get, while other states get far more than they pay, owing to the fact that we pay an excess over the others. Every raid on the Federal treasury is a raid on North Carolina to help some other state. And we never get it back and never can. Money that is available might be spent to advantage on widening and improving Route No. 1. It will sooner or later need help, and the wise move would be to get the work done now when funds are available, for it is doubtful if money will flow as freely at any time in the future. Do not neglect the important and needed work now to build something that is wholly unnecessary seems to The Pilot not a prudent move.

THE OPENING OF THE CAROLINA

With the elections ended and people free to make their plans for the winter The Carolina at Pinehurst is again under way. Already the winter visitors have begun to move in this direction. As they come they will see changes to interest them. Perhaps the most striking is the great progress made in planting the roadsides and the lawns with new grass and shrubbery. The double road from Pinehurst to Southern Pines is showing the work that has been done on that park that runs the entire distance. In a few weeks that will be one of the most pleasing bits of out-door embellishment to be seen in the whole state. Household holders are moving along in harmony with this improvement, giving to the whole landscape the trim appearance that is due to determine the final standing of the Sandhills villages. In Southern Pines the same aggressive policy has been followed, and up and down the roads the plans are working.

The improvement of No. 1 golf course, done largely by Mrs. Keating, is another of the marked forward steps. She has begun a work that will be as stimulating as any other new idea that comes to the front in the progress of this community. The possibilities in this field of improvement are without limit. Out the Linden Road Mr. Reed has been carrying out some transformations which produce a paradise. Mr. Beckwith at Knollwood is starting a big project of landscaping about his fine new home that will have an influence in that direction. On the hilltop at Weymouth in Southern Pines two elaborate new homes are underway, with a prospect of further work in that line.

Rentals are encouraging the owners of houses, at lower prices than in the palmy days, but inquiries and actual closing of transactions are all of an encouraging nature. With the noise of the election out of the way it is believed business will get on a firmer footing with a gradual improvement. A hopeful sentiment seems to hold the country now as compared with the air of uncertainty that has prevailed. Taking all things the outlook is not as bad as some would think, and possibly as good as the hopeful are anticipating.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING

The Pomona Grange will meet with Eureka Subordinate on Saturday, Nov. 12. The business session will be held at 11 A. M. The public is cordially invited to join the members at noon time with a well filled basket for a picnic dinner. In the afternoon an open session will be held at which time a mutual exchange and planting of shrubbery will be discussed by able speakers.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Aberdeen-Pinebluff Schools will meet at the Community House in Aberdeen next Wednesday afternoon, November 16th at 3:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Correspondence

IN DEFENSE OF THE VETERAN

Editor, The Pilot:

The writer hasn't the conceit to try to refute the arguments of such men as head the National Economy League, but this letter is a feeble effort on behalf of both the veterans of the A. E. F. and those citizens who, while favoring tax reduction, look askance upon the personnel, the methods and the arguments adopted by that organization.

It is generally admitted that this organization is headed and financially supported by moneyed men—millionaire officials in large corporations—whose income, corporation and inheritance taxes make up a good part of the Federal Government funds, and to which the average citizen contributes little.

Many of the leaders of this movement have unenviable war records. Most of them profited, directly and indirectly from war industries from 1914 to 1918, and in addition to these excessive profits, demanded and received enormous bonuses from the Government as a "salve for the reputed damage done their industries by the war."

Since that time, and especially within the last year, these industries have accepted from the Federal Government large sums, in the form of "loans"; ostensibly for the purpose of stimulating industry. In most cases it is known that instead of applying these sums to that end, they have used them to repay loans, and to buy in their own bonds at the depreciated prices they now command.

The hope that some of this money would percolate down to the man in the street has proven fallacious, and there is grave doubt that some of them particularly the railroads, will be able to pay even the interest on their loans.

Other corporations, such as the American Merchant Marine, have received and do receive vast sums from a beneficent Government in the form of subsidies, but in spite of these virtual gifts, continue to operate at a loss.

The highly paid heads of such corporations as these, together with some others who have and are receiving Federal money in the form of compensation, or retirement pay, are the men who are now terming the ex-soldier "Treasury Raiders," "Tramps," "Communists" and worse. This class is in a large measure responsible for the disgraceful situation in Washington last summer, when, according to Chief of Police Glassford, the United States Cavalry was especially trained before they were ordered out, with drawn sabers and poison gas, against a handful of hungry men who fourteen years before had faced machine guns and bayonets to make America safe for such men as now head the National Economy League.

The writer is not a rabid bonus advocate. At the one and only opportunity he had to express himself on this question, he voted "nay." Yet, when the leaders of any organization begin to throw around the epithet: "Treasury Raiders," it behooves them to first look at their own dirty linen. Money obtained by big business by private raids on the treasury is today being used to malign the veterans and their sympathizers.

Let these self-appointed leaders put their own house in order. Let them take their expensive lobbies away from Washington; reorganize the government along sensible lines; stop these "loans" to dead and dying corporations, and give the veterans a third of their savings for one year, and they will no longer be dogged by the "Dirty Communists."

Mr. Page, who leads the League in North Carolina, says it is not their purpose to neglect the veteran who can trace his disability to military service. Let me say that this would exclude perhaps seventy-five percent of those deserving compensation, which is probably what the League already knows.

His statement that the soldier came out of the army in better shape than when he went in, is open to question. Possibly it applies to those in domestic training and S. O. S. troops. It certainly does not apply to those who went through the hell and horror of actual combat. I make the positive statement that no one who experienced the days and night of horror of trench warfare; who daily saw what that unforgettable look of dumb agony and surprise in fast glazing eyes, jerk spasmodically and become still—or to behold what was the moment before a normal, rational being, suddenly throw up his hands and go stark, raving mad from the utter horror of his surroundings—shell shock—yet, brain-shock—the incapability of the mind to longer bear what his eyes beheld—I say that none who went through that sort of thing; the filth, the dirt, the hopeless-

ness, the hunger, and the dis-illusionment of hourly facing sudden death, but were as certainly wounded as if struck by a bullet.

Sooner or later the effect of these soul-harrowing experiences will "get" them." It may be months or it may be years, but sometime the day will come when these men will need and deserve the help of their country.

Regardless of the question of bonuses and compensation all the wealth of the members of the League together could not begin to pay one of these men for five minutes spent in that foul, filthy, lousy, gas-infected hell. Call it mercenary if you wish, but remember; these men offered themselves as targets for the enemy, and their blood is on the hands of those whom they served.

Let the National Economy League save if it can and will, even at the expense of the veteran, but let them head their organization with men who have practiced the virtues they advocate for others. Let them remember also that these men were not the treasury raiders in 1917 and 1918, when they were removed from the golden opportunities of civil life, to be sent; rifle in hand, choked with fear; their lungs filled with noxious gases, to crawl on their belly over a slimy stinking parapet into almost certain death.

—RASSIE E. WICKER. Pinehurst, N. C., November 7, 1932.

THE PROPOSED ROAD

Editor, The Pilot:

It is with an element of alarm we view the opposition aroused by the proposal of the State Highway Commission to build a highway from Southern Pines from U. S. Highway No. 1, on the east side of the S. A. L., to N. C. route 241 in Aberdeen. The opponents of this plan claim the non-necessity of such a road, and as such any expenditures towards it would be indefensible extravagance.

We agree that there is no immediate pressing need for such a route. But the money has already been appropriated, and if we don't take it now it is very improbable that we will be able to get it later. Can anyone be such a pessimist as to believe we will never need it? It is either take it now as a gift or pay for it yourself later. The claim that even though the Federal Government does build it, we will eventually have to pay for it, is not without merit. But the "fly in the ointment" is, if we don't accept it now it will go elsewhere and we will have to pay for it just the same. Dr. McBrayer's article in last week's Pilot fully explained this.

Not only will such a road not damage the property over which it runs, but will enhance the value of all property it may touch. It will be a distinct asset to Southern Pines and Aberdeen. Future developments in real estate in this section will be on the east side of the railroad along the old Ray ridge and Paint hill. Nothing will so stimulate activity here as the proposed road.

Unemployment in the Sandhills is a fact that must be faced. We must either give the unemployed a job and let them support themselves, or we must support them without a job. The Federal Government is trying to help us by producing jobs through public improvements. Shall we accept this gift from heaven or let it go elsewhere.

The supposition that money is wasted when used on projects not immediately useful is open to debate. Money is never wasted when it is used as a medium of exchange. Man may waste his time and energy on projects which are no good to himself or others, but not money. Today something like eleven million men are wasting their time and energy walking the roads and streets of the U. S. A. It takes as much to feed and clothe an unemployed person as it does one in useful occupation. Any job or project that will give these men a chance to use their energies, will not only add to their own enjoyment and self respect, but to the wealth of the state. No money is never wasted, but men's energies are.

DR. L. M. DANIELS. Editor, The Pilot: North Carolina has secured two of the Federal money distributing agencies, at Winston-Salem and at Raleigh. This is a tremendous "cash" advertisement for the state, but what (Please turn to page 6)

Grains of Sand

Answering a seventh grade test question in Pinehurst school, "Describe the Boston Tea Party," a girl pupil said: "They didn't play bridge, but I think they canceled. They served ice cream and cake and tea."

Deo volente, a handsome gentleman who talked to a large Sandhills crowd from the back platform of a railroad train a couple of weeks ago will be inaugurated 32d President of the United States on March 4th next.

The Democratic party enjoyed the greatest victory in its history on Tuesday. The voters left no doubt that they wanted a change in government. They gave Roosevelt a Democratic Senate, a Democratic House, to aid him in leading America to recovery. It was a glorious victory of sufficient margin to give reason to look for a united nation in the fight for a return to prosperous days.

There were no upsets locally. Moore county and North Carolina will continue to be guided by Democracy.

The most startling—and promising—thing that happened Tuesday was the casting in New York city of more than 135,000 votes for Joseph V. McKee for mayor of that metropolis, despite the fact that Mr. McKee was not a candidate for the office. This slap in the face for Tammany Hall may mean an ultimate housecleaning of that demagogic institution, a liability of the National Democratic party which it could well dispense with.

We would like to congratulate our esteemed Congressman, Walter Lambert, on the splendid vote he rolled up in this Eighth Congressional district. He won over his fellow townsmen, Ragan, Republican, 27,917 to 11,778.

Kiwanians had a grand time at their reunion Wednesday, and decided to make "Old Home Day" an annual affair. There were many ex-members at the meeting than there were active members. Six of the nine past presidents were on hand.

Moore county's distinguished member of the Federal Board of Tax Appeals was introduced as "Judge Seawell, of the 'late' Republican party," and took it smiling.

Murdock Johnson denied the report that he was the man who voted for Hoover in South Carolina. "It must have been someone else," he said. A good time was had by all.

Let's increase the wealth of our state by putting our unemployed to work. Unless we are going to sow, we can't expect to reap.

Southern Pines and its environs have lost several projects that would have been of inestimable value to these communities, except for thoughtless, misdirected or misinformed opposition. It seems as though every public improvement we have had offered us has created certain antagonisms where there should have been only most favorable reception. We hate to admit it, but we have an element in the Sandhills that is opposed to most any plan for public benefit, which they themselves are not the sponsors of. Their general plea is one of economy. Economy is what has already choked business almost to death.

Many towns throughout the state have already received from the Federal Government their appropriations for new post offices. Southern Pines seems to have been lost in the shuffle.

The Watson development in the triangle fell through simply by near-sighted opposition. And so did several more we could name.

Southern Pines and Aberdeen being near neighbors, they should work together—their interests are almost indissolubly linked.

—DR. L. M. DANIELS.

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