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## THE SESSION OF CONGRESS

The Pilot does not look on the present session of Congress as the insignificant affair that some folks are disposed to regard it. Here are gathered men of the highest standing in their states and districts, for the purpose of considering the affairs of the nation, and never was the situation one that more seriously called for the counsel and action of the best men we can muster. The Congress of the United States is the board of directors of the greatest popular organization in the world, charged with the greatest responsibility that any body of people lays on the shoulders of any group of men. The present problems are so enormous that these representatives have the task of their lives confronting them.

It is childish to say that they should listen to what the President has to say, and to confirm his views and go home. On the contrary they should bear in mind the purposes for which Congress was created and they should go into the problems that confront the people and do the job with a thoroughness that will give them a perfect understanding of the situation, and then they should offer such suggestions as will help to remedy the plight we are in. Congress is the legislative and creative arm of the government, and if that arm does not function it is not only a failure but it is unfair to the people who have chosen the members who compose the body. If Congress is not competent to consider public office and to pass on public difficulties we have either been a foolish people in electing the present body of men, which nobody will confess, or we have reached a point where the legislative branch of the government is no longer effective in our public system, which is too alarming as well as too absurd to consider.

The country was never in a position where it more sorely needed the ablest and most comprehensive consideration and counsel the Congress can give, and never was there a time when it is more desirable for a Congress to be active and thorough and conclusive than now. This nation needs the best work of every one of the 96 senators and the 435 members of the House, and The Pilot expects every North Carolina member of either house to be on hand in most energetic manner to do the best he can in every step that is to be taken.

## OWNERSHIP OF HOMES

The University News Letter of Chapel Hill has been making a study of the ownership of homes in North Carolina, and finds that less than half the families of the state have homes of their own. In Moore county 58.7 per cent of the white families and 47.5 per cent of the negro families live in houses they own, which is much above the average for the state, Moore ranking thirtieth among the hundred counties. In Green county only about one in five families own their homes, in Durham count less than a third, Robeson and Mecklenburg make a showing slightly better, Wake and Forsyth report two out of five families as home owners, Cumberland is just a little better, and the other counties with big cities, Guilford, Buncombe and New Hanover, are materially below the fifty per cent ratio. In the country over 57 per cent

of the families own their homes, while in the towns and cities the proportion is less than 42 per cent.

Much has been said from either side about the wisdom of owning the home, and the matter whittles down to location as a forceful factor in determining whether to own or rent. The rural home-owner has in his home the elements of a livelihood, so his home is more than a home. It is a dependable subsistence and a permanent employment. The town home is merely an abiding place, and when occupation changes the home may be a de-batable asset, for the owner can not move it if the scene of his employment shifts to another location. The industrial conditions that are changing in this country are changing the tenure of home occupation and making us a shifty people. Whether it is a wholesome situation or not it is one that seems to offer little prospect of changing, for the town man unless his prospects of continued employment are good hesitates to tie himself to a home that may not serve when he changes his place of work.

Whether this shift of home life is desirable or not the fact remains that it is the prevalent practice and that more complete industrialization points to a less stable home establishment. The tendency is to make of the American people a nation of decreasing permanency of community habit and interest, which is undoubtedly having its influence in the waning of community interest which is always greater where ownership is a factor. The home owner has the pride of possession and community rights of home and neighborhood and town improvement, for he may move tomorrow. The owner of his home will drive a nail and fix the garden fence. The renter says what's the use? That is the pathetic tragedy of the town with more tenements than homes.

## THE PERIL OF FARM DEBT

At the present time a survey of farm homes is on foot in the state, and with the survey is one phase that should be studied seriously by the people of the farms before they get their feet in the tar barrel through its intended kindness. After filling out three or four pages which tell of the condition of the farm home comes a cracker which asks the owner if he had \$500 or \$250 or \$100 what he would do with it, and the improvements which might be made by the owner are listed in the questionnaire as follows:

Foundation, exterior walls, roof, chimneys, doors, windows, screens, porches, interior walls, ceilings, floors, additional room, water system, sanitary facilities, lighting system, heating system, bathroom equipment, laundry facilities, cooking facilities, landscaping, electricity, (home plan or power lines), built in equipment and furnishings.

A proposal to finance the plan would be to have the government create another credit corporation which, it is claimed, could make improvement loans to farmers, thus bettering living conditions and at the same time stimulating industry. But the farmer should think a long time before tying up his farm on further loans. Several years ago when the movement was begun to finance farmers in this state with money from the relief banks and associations Col. Young, of Raleigh, who was associated with the operation of the movement told the editor that he could see in it only a project to tie a mill stone about the neck of the borrower. The grave disaster that has overtaken so many farmers through that move should be a decided warning to them not to burn their fingers with any more debt. It sounds pleasing to be told that money can be borrowed to fix up the home. But the fierce pains that come when the mortgage is foreclosed tell another story. It is desirable to have a home as pleasant as possible, but debt is a horror that should be avoided until the certainty of not losing the home is assured before borrowing is considered. A plain home without debt beats all to pieces a pretentious one that has among its other trimmings and conveniences a mortgage that will ultimately destroy the whole thing. The farmer will be wise who is content with the old house

until he sees his way clear to pay for the improvements he would put on it without risking the home and the rest of the farm.

Poor Richard says he that goes borrowing goes sorrowing and he has many witnesses who tell the truth of his statement. If North Carolina had not signed farm mortgages in the past few years this would be a different state today.

Don't mortgage the home.

## WILL WE HAVE ANOTHER WAR

The papers are discussing another war, and some folks depreciate the possibility that it may come. And perhaps we may have no more winters, and may be the lion and the lamb shall lie down together without the lamb getting inside the lion, and possibly the creeks will run up hill some day, and the pigs sing, and Nature change its habit in many ways.

But while all of life is competitive and all of life exists by preying on other life we will have war. We may as well recognize that fact.

What makes war? The desire of one individual to dominate over another, and primarily the desire to eat him or to secure his possessions. The war with Germany came from the German determination to sink American ships. For a time it was feared our war would be with Great Britain. We could not well see a big war on the ocean and not offend or be offended by one or the other of the contestants. We have strikes and picket the mills and kill the men who want to work. The farmers have milk strikes and kill men who want to sell or buy milk. We are all the time ready to fight over politics, religion, girls, the price of tobacco, or any thing wherein two men differ. Men have burned each other because they objected to different views of getting to heaven. We boycott folks not meet the approval of the crowd. The man who has an original opinion gains fame by martyrdom.

Mothers sing the song about not raising boys to be soldiers. But if they raise their boys to work in the shipyards and in the mines for ten dollars a day while the soldiers go to the front for thirty dollars a month it is the same thing except for the matter of safety and wages. Ships and coal are war in war days, although just now a decided movement is on foot to put all names on the draft list and draft all boys alike instead of selecting some to go to the trenches in peace times. And we may have war over that scheme if it is pushed too far in Congress, just as we may have war over any scheme to prepare for war. Isaiah was a bold old prophet, yet it is some thousand years since he wrote that the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them; and the lion shall eat straw like an ox. But the lion wants some meat with his straw or he raises a row, and the kid still finds it hard sledding to have the leopard in the same bed.

The man who thinks the war to end war has accomplished the job may recall that Isaiah lived a long time ago, and that we can pull off as pretty a war in these modern days as he ever heard of in the good old days of Jerusalem. The little child has not yet learned to work the young lion and the calf and the fatling in the same harness.

## ANOTHER GOOD SALE

The sale of the Tiers house on Weymouth Heights by Frank Welsh is another encouraging sign of the improving situation in the Sandhills. This is one of the striking houses of the community. Its purchase by a buyer who is interested in making it once more an outstanding home of the community tells that the inclination in this direction for a winter home is setting positively again as the depression begins to lift. With the purchase of this house and the similar transfers of fine houses on Knollwood and at Pinehurst the evidences are that the movement toward securing Sandhill homes is not an isolated one but a general start toward recovery and the further appreciation of this section by more people who want a good winter location.

These sales are tangible and positive. In addition there are

also encouraging signs through inquiries and negotiations for other pieces of property with the possibility of some new buildings of character in the near future. The financial restriction of the past two years has had the effect of defining the value that people put on these piney, sandy knobs, and the appraisal is decidedly gratifying. Probably the outlook is better today than it has ever been, for while changes of owners have not been many the improvement in every quarter has been great. While new buildings have been few in the last two years the other development has been distinctive. Owners have been adding to the charm of their homes, while the landscape work and shrubbery have been growing regardless of the value of the dollar. That with the village improvement impetus in the whole area has made a new place of the combined group of villages that make the Sandhills. Never was the united territory so attractive, in spite of the somewhat sorrowful heart that has been hanging over. That is one of the reasons why new residents come, and why more will come in the future. Probably as the sky clears it will be seen that this section has not suffered materially in any way. The gains will likely offset the losses.

## Grains of Sand

North Carolina continues second among the 48 states in federal internal revenue taxes paid. With but 2.57 percent of the population of the country Tarheelia paid 13.18 percent of the taxes the last fiscal year. New York alone leads her, paying 23 percent of Uncle Sam's requirements.

The national income from internal taxes was up \$62,000,000 this year over last.

That good 75-year old Presbyterian school, Peace Junior College at Raleigh, has a petition before its board of trustees. The girls want to smoke in the dormitories. Smoking is now prohibited and students violating the rule lose their privileges on first offence, face expulsion if caught again.

A Washington news bureau reports that gossip there has it that Ambassador Daniels is growing discouraged and may soon resign his post and come home.

Due to some incident in his navy regime, Daniels' appointment as Ambassador was opposed by certain factions in Mexico. When two Mexican aviators fell into the Gulf of Mexico, Ambassador Daniels saw a chance to ingratiate himself to the Mexican people, and he asked that an American plane be sent to fly over the scene as a gesture of sympathy.

The State Department did not act on the suggestion.

A record number of automobile owners have already procured their N. C. license plates for 1934—300,000, the State has funds in hand it would otherwise have had to borrow this month.

That's the best answer to Governor Ehringhaus' stubbornness in not interfering with law enforcement.

## SOUTHERN PINES TOURIST ASS'N. PLANS WEEKLY PARTIES

The members of the Southern Pines Tourist Association are sponsoring a card party to be held each Friday night from now until the end of the season. On the night of the regular monthly entertainment of the Association these card parties will be omitted.

Any kind of cards may be played at these events. A trial party was held last Friday night and tables of bridge, 500 and pinochle were in progress.

Jack's Grill is the place. The time is 8 sharp on Friday evening. Twenty-five cents per person is charged to cover the expenses of prizes, refreshments, etc. Please make reservations through Mr. Jackman, Mr. Schwartz or Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Turner. These should be made by tables and a member of the committee must be notified by noon on Friday.

## THISTLE CLUB CHANGES BRIDGE TEAS TO WEDNESDAY

The Thistle Club has changed its day from Saturday to Wednesday of each week, with cards at 2:30 to 4:30, tea at 4:30, followed by a putting match. The afternoon bridge-teas are open to hotel guests and are held at the Southern Pines Country Club.

The Thistle Club golf tournaments are played every Wednesday and schedules are posted in the club house. On January 17th the match will be best six out of nine holes, selected score event.

## Forum of the Arts Postpones Opening Date to February First

### Will Present Lectures and Music Each Thursday Evening at Mid-Pines Club

A new and interesting feature of life in Pinehurst, Knollwood and Southern Pines this season is the Forum of the Arts which will present lectures and music on each Thursday evening at Mid-Pines Club beginning on Feb. 1st.

It was at first planned to begin the entertainments in January, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that it is best to delay for two weeks to meet the tide of "turners."

A great variety of interest will be found in the attraction so no matter what the individual taste may be, each will find features which appeal. Ranging from "Maya Art and Architecture" by George Oakley Totten, whose research in this subject culminated in the compilation of a beautiful book on "Maya Architecture," to "Some Aspects of America's Position in the Orient," by Dr. Boyd Carpenter, the outstanding authority on questions of the relationships of the Occident and the Orient, the lectures will be from vital thinkers on their particular lines.

Dr. Fderrick Koch, director of the Carolina Playmakers, will talk on "Some Tendencies of American Drama," with readings from Paul Green's early plays.

Grace Thompson Seton, world traveler and writer will come in March to tell of her adventures in the wilds of South America.

There will be a generous representation of music with a concert by Edouard Albion, a joint recital of voice and flute by Elizabeth Marshall Mauney, soprano, and Lamar Stringfield, composer, flutist and director of the North Carolina Symphony.

A lecture combining art and music will be given by Mrs. George Hinman and Miss Cara Hinman of Atlanta. Some other events of popular appeal will be announced later.

Weekly announcements will be made of features and artists.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Fitzgerald, members of the Forum may arrange for dinners at the Club preceding the entertainments.

The Forum of the Arts has been organized by Mrs. Edouard Albion. The membership already includes many of the leading residents of Pinehurst and vicinity. Among them are Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown, Struthers Burt, Mrs. H. M. Dingley, Mrs. Frank T. Easton, Mrs. Eberhard Faber, Mr. W. C. Fownes, Mrs. Herman Gifford, Mrs. H. P. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Walter Hyatt, Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. B. Lloyd, Mrs. Maurice, Mrs. Thomas Morrison, Mrs. H. F. Noyes, S. Y. Ramage, Mrs. J. Potter Stockton, Percy Thomson, Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Dr. E. L. Prizer.

There are two types of membership, one for household and household guests, the other an individual membership which may be supplemented with guest tickets as desired. This is designed to meet the need of small households or individuals and to bring the services of the Forum within reach of the entire community.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the Register of deeds of Moore county:

O. B. Welch and wife and M. G. Boyette and wife to Charles F. Baringer: property in Moore county.

R. T. Fields and wife, Mattie M. Fields, to Ralph McLane: property in Deep River township.

J. W. Childress and Mary Bell Childress to A. E. Childress and Mary Childress, property in Moore county.

Dr. J. W. Dickie and wife, Inez Benthal Dickie, to Pine Crest Manor, Inc., property in Sandhills township.

J. D. Hensley and wife, Annie Hensley, to Farrow Belle Foster, property in Mineral Springs township.

A. P. Maples and wife, Dosha Maples, to John Hemmer, property in Mineral Springs township.

Harry Beardsley and Maude G. Beardsley to The Niagara Water Company, property in McNeill township.

W. M. Blue and Christian Blue to the Niagara Water Company, property in McNeill township.

## VASS SEEKS CWA FUNDS FOR REPAIRS TO STREETS

Vass town authorities have been notified by Miss Elizabeth Head that she has approved a project calling for the rebuilding, repairing and claying of streets in Vass, and that she is sending the project to Raleigh to be passed upon. The program, if carried out, will call for an expenditure of around \$5,050.

## THOMASSON-HOLLOWAY

Ralph W. Thomasson and Miss Ethel Holloway of Durham county were married at 11 o'clock on Christmas Day at the home of the bride's father, J. S. Holloway. The Rev. C. B. Teale of the Baptist Church performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large circle of friends and relatives. The living room was bright in its decorations of red and green, typical of the happy season.

After the ceremony, the young couple were dinner guests of the groom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Ingold. They are now visiting the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomasson on Cameron Route 1. Young Thomasson is a successful farmer, near Morrisville, where they will make their home.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Benjamin Cleaver and Florence Wallace, both of West End Route 1, were the last couple to obtain a marriage license in Moore county in 1933 and A. C. McDuffie and Iola Sanders of Spies were the first white couple to visit the Register of Deeds for a license in 1934.

Others to whom licenses were granted since last week's report were B. Edgar Simpson, Cameron route 1, and Minnie Ruth Marion, Cameron; M. B. Britt and Susie Bunnell, both of Cameron.

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