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A CRY FROM MACEDONIA

A serious situation faces the chief industry of Moore county, the silk mills at Hemp, where the proposition to relieve the textile situation is in a sort of back gear likely to cut down the number of hands rather than to extend employment to more people. The Pinehurst Mills at Hemp are working about six hundred people in three shifts of 48 hours each. The plan before the Industrial committee of the government proposes to put the textile industry on two shifts of 40 hours each, which applied to the Hemp mill would reduce the number of hands employed to two-thirds the present number. Next week this mill will voluntarily go on 40-hour shifts and the rate of wages will remain as at present for 48 hours, but to be obliged to cut down a third of the force is not regarded favorably in this section.

The company operating at Hemp has a group of about 16 silk mills in North Carolina employing some 12,000 hands. These mills have been running pretty steadily throughout the dull periods, and have a good prospect ahead, but neither the hands nor the mill management regard the reduction of the force with favor. It is a curious situation. At the present time the demand for rayon weaves is good, and the mills are in position to maintain the employment of the hands now at work. As the purpose of the industrial project which Mr. Roosevelt has set on foot is to increase the number of people at work the folks at Hemp do not see the wisdom of reducing the force and they are protesting the scheme that will cut off a third of the total number.

This mill is the biggest industry in the county, materially affecting the prosperity of the whole section, and naturally the Hemp community is restless under the danger that threatens. They are calling on their neighbors throughout the county to put in a word with our representatives in Washington, Congressman Lambeth and Senators Bailey and Reynolds, asking that quick intervention may be undertaken to persuade the Industrial committee from taking such a drastic step as lopping off a third of the hands of the mill under the presumption that labor is benefitted by reducing the number of hands employed. Such a course would reduce the income of Moore county by several hundred dollars every working day of the month, and to no purpose. The county is willing now to take a good output of rayon cloth and the mill is there doing the business and paying the hands. The people affected are asking Moore county to come to their rescue by immediate and decisive appeal to Senators and Representatives in Washington, and they expect a quick response to their appeal and a flood of letters to Mr. Lambeth and the Senators that the mistake may be stopped before it does the harm it threatens. Moore county cannot look with pleasure on such a danger without doing something to stop it.

PICKING A LEGISLATURE

A reader of the recent editorial on our habit of lawmaking asks why the paper does not suggest a plan whereby the people of the county can secure a legislative delegation that will help to overcome some of the funny things mentioned in the article cited. He says a reason

for the multiplicity and incongruity of a lot of our lawmaking is that we don't elect men of high experience in business or in the handling of big affairs, and we turn over to them the biggest thing in the state, a business running away into the millions, and then we go to sleep and forget the whole matter unless we happen to want to get our fingers in the State pocket, which is a common occurrence.

This reader suggests that if the people would write to the paper expressing an opinion of some man who might be called to consider the offices of senate or legislature the folks in the county might have a voice in the suggestion of candidates, and while men would be mentioned who would decline the proposition, some might be brought into the light who might be accepted as candidates to the people. Also that might show objectionable men that they would be in danger of substantial opposition and thus perhaps weed out those who should not offer.

It is difficult to get the best men in the county in any public office, for the outstanding men are busy with their own affairs. They do not like to take on the disagreeable features of a campaign which is a fight all the way through; they do not care to take the risk of defeat after all the work necessary, and to make matters worse the financial cost is a deterrent.

This proposition to the people to submit names of men they think would be good material for the legislature is passed along with the invitation to send in some good names, with honest reasons why the men named should be considered, and if anybody cares to submit a name without signing his name to the suggestion his name will be omitted. The quicker this is done the sooner some big men can be named and the less desirable possible candidates may stay out of the field, especially if the people will show some interest in really picking capability for the work that is in hand. The man who proposes this scheme says we do not have a competent legislature because too many of the members elected are elected merely as a compliment or a political favor, the aspirant using his election chiefly as a stepping stone to some political advantage later on, and thus the purpose of a State government is lost sight of in private ambition to profit by the introduction to political favor that election gives.

This whole thing is with the people. They can pick strong, qualified men, or they can allow the matter to go by default and see ordinary men chosen, with the results that follow. It is the people's case and the people must decide it. They are asked to send in suggestions and logical reasons with the name of a proposed candidate. And what is done must be done soon, or an army of candidates will be in the field, some of whom will muddy the water if they do not spoil the fishing entirely.

MUDDYING THE WATERS

It is unfortunate that the project seeking a paper mill in the eastern part of the state is reaching the stage where argument and criticisms has entered, for that never helps anything very far along. Paper mill men are fully aware of the progress that has been made in the use of pine wood for pulp stock. It would not be surprising if the paper mill men had financed and encouraged the particular research that has developed what seems to be the feature on which the enthusiasm for a mill in this state has been based. Without a doubt the laboratories at Canton and at Rosemary have spent much money in research along the same lines, and with a full knowledge of the chemical and financial possibilities of pine pulp for many things. Both these mills use enormous quantities of pine wood, and certainly they are both thoroughly familiar with the pine woods of Moore county, as they have men in this field from time to time.

But that is not the question. Making paper is a highly technical chemical and mechanical occupation, and takes men of the highest skill, a large investment of capital, advantages that enable holding a place in a field that is intensely competitive,

and a market that can be secured and held against other manufacturers. North Carolina has ample pulp wood to supply mills for a long time, and to probably renew the wood to a fairly generous extent for a long period because pine wood reproduces here rapidly. But the supply is not inexhaustible, and it is not a question of whether new processes can make paper of our rapidly growing pine, but whether they can make enough of the new types of paper at low enough cost for investment and operation and with long enough supply of wood and of market demand to justify the investment of the millions that would be required. And millions it would be, for a paper mill must look a long way ahead of the day in which it is built. For that reason it is highly likely that when North Carolina pulp wood is used more extensively than at the present, as it is very certain it will be, the men who use it will be men who are now making paper on a big scale either in this state or in some other section where paper is an established industry, in the hands of men thoroughly familiar with it, and who know all the disadvantages of more mills, or of small mills, or any other kind of mills in a field that is occupied by gigantic mills with enormous capital and in locations where all the facilities of production are most favorable. North Carolina will make use of more pulp wood in the future, but it will be on a big scale, and in the hands of men who know the game and have the money and know where to find a market.

A SENTIMENT FOR SPENCE

The talk about suggesting candidates for public office has brought the name of U. L. Spence to the front for both judge and the legislature. The Pilot has not asked Mr. Spence's opinion as to either phase of the question, for he would probably not respond to an inquiry that has not crystallized sufficiently to show the extent of public interest. But there is little doubt that if he could be prevailed on to be a candidate for legislature he is qualified beyond any question. He has had the experience and what is more he has had a long business experience that is one of the first qualifications.

Mr. Spence is a lawyer, which in the eyes of some folks would disqualify him, but without any reason for a lawyer through his many contacts with business in every field becomes a business man of wide understanding and sound acquaintance with all phases of industry, business and government. He has to be a business man of judgment, observation, information and successful experience to gain and hold a legal practice, which Spence has acquired. Little of public consequence goes on in this state that he is not aware of and he has long ago learned to dismiss illusions and cut out impossible dreams and phantasies. Years of the hard grind of the courts and business contacts have made of him a weigher of values—whether of material things or philosophies or people; he is an analytical chemist of human affairs.

If ever North Carolina needed its best men in responsible places this is the time, and with all due regard for any man who may offer himself for the legislature this is no time to break colts if experienced and capable men are to be had. It is not a time when complimentary votes are to be looked on with favor, for the job is a man's job, and the best is certain to find a task that will call for all his powers of every kind. Because a man is a good fellow, or wants something, or represents some particular doctrine or some aspiring group is not a recommendation while serious things are facing the state. Men of constructive ability, of courage, of experience and of integrity are needed, and imperatively. A cipher will make 1000 if tacked on to 100, but that is about all it is good for. What we need now is the figure one that stands in front and gives value to the number.

Mr. Spence can be dragged out if the people will call for him, for he is not the kind that falls down when public tasks are to be done. Of course should he have in mind to offer for the

From the State Press

DRESS UP U. S. NO. 1

Right now a project is in infancy that would, if developed to the extent it should be, prove itself the best advertisement North Carolina, and especially those localities situated along U. S. Highway 1, could possibly arrange.

We refer to the matter Struthers Burt, of Southern Pines, put to the Kiwanis club last Friday night. He said Moore county has arranged to plant long leaf pine and dogwood along every inch of U. S. 1 that passes through its bounds. His idea is that every other county affected by that route see that its territory contain such plants.

Such beautification, to our way of thinking, would put to shade the apple blossoms of Virginia, and the apple blossom route each year attracts thousands of Northern tourists, people with money they don't mind spending.

We are in a logical position to attract tourists, if only the tourists could see it. Mile after mile of long leaf pine and dogwood would take care of that matter. "When the plants become mature, all those on their way to Florida would decide they had gone far enough when they hit North Carolina," Mayor Banks Wilkins said the other day. The Mayor shouldn't be far wrong.

If the plan cannot be carried through as a CWA project, we favor a county appropriation that will take care of Lee's share. This chance is too good to pass up. —Sanford Herald.

LAKEVIEW

J. A. Gunter of Durham enroute to West Palm Beach, Florida spent Friday night with his son T. K. Gunter on Saturday. Alonzo Gunter's daughter came to accompany him to their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Holland and son of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with Mrs. Holland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gardner.

Mrs. Garland Thompson and daughter of Durham spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blue.

Miss Marjorie Coore spent a few days with relatives in the Vass-Cypress community.

Melvin Gardner, who has been visiting in Winston-Salem, returned home Friday.

Mrs. J. O. Blue and daughter, Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Blue and son spent the day in Durham Sunday.

Mrs. Daniel Pace and children of Lillington are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morrison.

Miss Moverene Crissman of Vass spent Wednesday with Mrs. Evelyn Gibson.

Ralph Wallace of West End spent the week-end here.

Misses Alma McInnis and Mildred Gunter were dinner guests of Mrs. O. D. Causey Friday night.

Clarence Wall and Paul Wilson of Ashley Heights were in town on Saturday.

Misses Ruth and Lillian McInnis and Mildred Gunter visited Mrs. Minnie Oldham in Pinehurst Saturday evening.

Miss Ruth and Lillian McInnis were shopping in Sanford Saturday.

Mrs. Dave Morrison was called to Mamas Saturday on account of the serious illness of her sister.

judgeship that is another story, but in case he is not figuring in that quarter, where his qualifications are equally as good, he should be urged to be a candidate for legislature unless some one else can produce a man equally as capable.

Political Announcement

FOR SOLICITOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for Solicitor of the Thirteenth Judicial District of North Carolina, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held on June 2, 1934.

I earnestly solicit the active support of my friends throughout the District, and assure them of my keen appreciation of anything they may do in the furtherance of my candidacy. If nominated and elected, I pledge myself to co-operate with all the officials in the District, giving whatever time may be necessary to discharge efficiently the duties of the office, and further pledging myself to prosecute the criminal dockets of this District without fear or favor, and to the very best of my ability, based on more than twenty years of active practice of my profession.

ROWLAND S. PRUETTE,
Wadesboro, N. C.,
January 29, 1934.

GRAINS OF SAND

"Governor's Day" will be celebrated in Southern Pines February 9th. Mr. Ehringhaus is to address the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce that evening at the Highland Pines Inn. We look for the S. R. O. sign.

Here's the 1934 creed of the Carolina Motor Club, received in the mail this week with an attractive 1934 calendar:

"IN THE YEAR 1934 may you enjoy the pleasure riding over highways made more beautiful through a co-ordinated state-wide effort,

"May you enjoy your car more because of adoption of uniform motor vehicle laws in all communities

"May you not suffer pain or sorrow because of someone's reckless or careless driving.

"And may a way be found to relieve the automobile owner of some of the discriminatory taxes with which he is now so burdened.

"To these ideals and purpose we dedicate ourselves in 1934."

The temptation of a shining Philco radio displayed in the window of Jim some music lovers to overcome, and some music loved to overcome, and probably having in mind the ancient advice of old Thomas Middleton, "the better the day, the better the deed" proceeded to wreck the plate glass window some time Sunday night for the purpose of abstracting the coveted instrument. He immediately left for parts unknown. Jim says he showed nice judgment but that he could have had it on "easier terms." His "term" may come later, Jim.

Northern papers now coming to in Moore county to O. E. Black and North Carolina carry liquor adver-

tisements—that is such papers as carry this line of advertising at all. Congress a few days ago repealed the Reed law forbidding papers containing whiskey advertising from being circulated through the mails into dry states. Of course these advertisements are merely to be read in North Carolina. They may not be acted upon, for it is still unlawful, by Federal and State law, to ship the products advertised into this state. The Northern papers and magazines are merely relieved of the necessity of "making over" editions that go into dry states. No publication issued in North Carolina can accept liquor advertising under State law.

Chuffy, the pet cat of Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Frederic Cole died Wednesday morning at the advanced age of 21 years. He was born in Montclair, N. J. in 1912, and moved with "his family" to Southern Pines in 1919. With the climate of Southern Pines and the care taken of him, he had been in perfect health for the last 14 years, but Time finally told. He was an intelligent animal and the wonder of all who saw him because of his age.

COTTON GINNINGS INCREASE

A total of 1,713 bales of cotton were ginned in Moore county, from the crop of 1933 prior to January 16, 1934, as compared with 1,446 bales ginned to January 16, 1913. W. G. Caldwell reports.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license has been issued in Moore county to O. E. Black and Lucia Yow, both of West End.

Work Pants and Heavy Shoes

The working man we have in mind is the fellow who earns his daily bread in good hard, rough work. For him we have a wide assortment of durable work pants in many colors and patterns—all sizes at **\$1.35 and \$1.65 a pair**

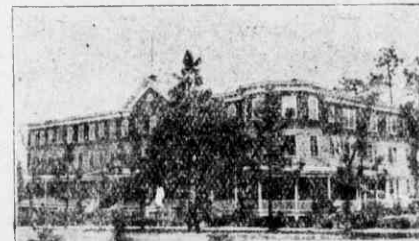
Too, we suggest all-weather, heavy work shoes, strongly built for hard wear. Sizes 6 1-2 to 12, at **\$2.00 a pair**

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Southern Pines

Dog Owners

The Board of County Commissioners is enforcing an order passed in November, 1933 whereby taxes must be paid on all dogs in the county at once. Please call at the office of the tax collector and get tags for your dog. Any dog not wearing a tag is subject to be seized by officers. If you are unable to pay the full amount of your taxes, provision has been made whereby payment may be made covering dog tax only.

By Order Board County Commissioners