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NO NEED FOR SECOND PRIMARY

One of the unsatisfactory fea-
 tures of the primary law is that
 burden of a second primary that
 frequently is encouraged to the
 cost and bother of another elec-
 tion. It seems to be the senti-
 ment of the people and the can-
 didates in this county at the
 present that a second primary is
 useless. Of course the second
 primary might change condi-
 tions, but it would probably
 cinch things that the first one
 indicates, and it is a decided
 question as to whether the cost
 is justified by the results.

The Pilot has made rather ex-
 tended inquiry over the county
 as to the sentiment concerning
 a second primary and the an-
 swers that come in are positive
 enough and numerous enough
 to make it apparent that the
 agencies that might call for a
 second primary will merely call
 for a storm about their heads.
 Past experience has not proved
 second primaries very profit-
 able to contenders. Undoubtedly
 there are a large number of dis-
 appointed voters as the minority
 lists indicate, but that does not
 say that another vote would
 bring any balm to anyone, and
 the cost would be wholly out of
 proportion to any gains that
 would follow. The decision to
 waive a second primary is a wise
 one.

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

This is a good old Scotch
 Presbyterian community, which
 through its religious affiliations
 agrees with Pope who tells us
 that "whatever is right,"
 which is merely the layman's
 way of accepting the Calvinist
 doctrine of foreordination. But
 Persiflage out of the question
 we have to accept the decision of
 the people if we are adherers to
 the doctrine of democratic forms
 of government.

The nomination of the county
 ticket in Moore is rather equiv-
 axlent to election in the fall cam-
 paign. The personnel of the dem-
 ocratic ticket is such that little
 opposition can be raised against
 it from any source, for while the
 republican vote will stand by
 its own candidates that is not in
 any way a questioning attitude
 toward the democratic ticket
 collectively or as individuals,
 but practically a party move-
 ment, and not threatening.

The candidates who were de-
 feated in the Saturday election
 need have no concern over the
 outcome, for it merely says that
 of the various men offered for
 the voter's choice a selection had
 to be made, and that the defeat-
 ed candidates were given a cred-
 itable vote is a substantial cred-
 ential to every one of them of
 the confidence in which they are
 held by a large number of peo-
 ple in a competition of men who
 are brought out as the substan-
 tial representatives of the coun-
 ty.

It was a clean and friendly
 campaign, such as all campaigns
 should be, and few political dead
 are left to bury. That is one of
 the best signs of the whole cam-
 paign. We seem to be getting
 away from the old-time cus-
 toms of assuming it a crime for
 a man to be a candidate and of
 classing him as a blatherskite
 and outlaw if he does not hap-
 pen to be with our crowd in the
 campaign. And now that the
 matter is decided the really es-
 sential thing is to stand man-
 fashion by the men who are to
 be our government for the next
 administrative period and help
 them to give us the best that
 they are capable of. Even an of-
 fice holder is entitled to some
 cordial neighborliness and back-
 ing if he is to be kept in a
 cheerful and efficient mood.

THE HUMOR OF KILLING PEOPLE

Prof. Harry Tucker, of State
 College, has been trying to in-
 terest people in an effort to stop
 killing and injuring people on
 the highways. He makes out a
 good case, or rather the case
 makes itself, and he shows that
 war is a piker compared with
 the automobile in as far as kill-
 ing and injuring people is con-
 cerned. But in spite of all that
 is said about not raising the
 boys to be soldiers, we are won-
 dering when the next war is
 coming, and ignoring the fact
 that the automobile slaughter
 right now is far exceeding any-
 thing this country has ever ex-
 periened in the destruction of
 wars. But who cares? As a na-
 tion we have become wholly in-
 different to the thousands of au-
 tomobile killings yearly and the
 hundreds of thousands of injur-
 ies and the millions of dollars' worth
 of property destruction, for the
 whole thing has become a mat-
 ter of common expectation.

We have reached a curious
 point in our relation to laws and
 to society. We are massing un-
 der the codes and deluding our-
 selves in the nation of mass ac-
 tion, but every day we become
 definitely more individualized,
 and that is the trouble with our
 complete disregard for laws, for
 road traffic, for our relations and
 responsibilities toward each
 other, and it is the difficult
 phase that confronts all efforts
 to make the roads safe for trav-
 elers.

Prof. Tucker should have the
 backing of everybody, for we
 are all threatened alike by the
 dangers of the automobile. But
 while he gets a nod of the head
 from a fairly large proportion
 of the people we all mentally re-
 serve the right to drive as we
 like, for we all know that each
 of us individually can drive any-
 thing any place at any speed
 and under any conditions and be
 perfectly safe. That is the griz-
 zly humor of the whole matter.
 We are agreed that the drunk-
 en driver should be kept off of
 the road, but who is going to
 say that if one of us has not
 taken more than eight or ten
 slugs of red eye he can not
 drive as well as the soberest
 parson. Am I my brother's
 keeper? Brother says not, and
 what's the use to argue about
 it? We all are perfectly willing
 to restrict the other fellow from
 endangering the roads, but as
 for ourselves, everybody knows
 that we are not careless drivers
 even though we hit up to eighty
 miles an hour, or cut in one the
 curves or pass on the hill tops
 or do other gymnastic stunts
 that we know we can pull off
 with the ease of an acrobat.
 Public indifference is the first
 great feature in our road
 slaughter. Conceit of the indi-
 vidual driver is another, along
 with complete disregard for the
 laws, and the persistence in the
 belief on the part of each driver
 that he is supreme in his in-
 terpretation of laws and justi-
 fied in disregard of any that do
 not meet his complete pleasure.

No doubt we will have some
 laws concerning driving when
 the legislature convenes again,
 and no doubt most of the laws
 proposed will be opposed in the
 legislative discussions. Human-
 ity is a race of kickers. But we
 will never make the roads as
 safe even as war is until we come
 to the point where we recognize
 the authority of laws after we
 make them by the hundred.
 Prof. Tucker is on the right.
 But men have been crucified for
 being right. His weak spot is
 that the general sentiment is
 that no great harm is done in
 killing a neighbor on the high-
 way provided you are not the
 neighbor. The daily automobile
 casualty lists do not excite com-
 ment any more. They are not
 sensational enough to be longer
 of interest.

The one thing we have to
 learn before anything else is of
 any use is that laws made for
 the common good of all people
 must be obeyed if we are to
 have the benefits of civilization
 and civilized society, and that
 means we must have regard for
 the common opinions, and not be
 so wrapped up in our own de-
 termination to do as we feel in-
 clined.

THE QUESTION OF MOUNTING TAXES

With the primary elections
 concluded and freedom to con-
 sider things without the com-
 plication of emotionalism that
 attends political bias and excite-
 ment, we may have time and

quiet enough to weigh serious-
 ly some of the grave affairs that
 confront us. One of them is our
 mounting taxation, which shows
 no signs of logical limitation.
 We have not been as noisy in
 this county over taxation as in
 some sections, but we have our
 share of the loads to bear in
 county, state and nation as well
 as other sections do, and the
 crisis that is ahead is shaping
 for us along with the rest. Much
 talk has been spent over the
 sales tax, but it is merely a re-
 lative manifestation. The real
 fact is that we have piled up
 debts and we have them either
 to pay or repudiate, and it is not
 altogether certain which that
 will be. Some clear thinkers and
 close observers doubt whether
 we will ever pay off all the debts
 hanging over us, in spite of the
 frequent assertion that our
 country will never default in its
 obligations. Its very cool dispo-
 sition of its gold bonds gives
 some color to their argument.

It is useless to protest the
 sales tax, or any other tax for
 the present, for if we cut out
 one form of taxation we will be
 obliged to resort to another un-
 til the times comes that we flat-
 ly announce our inability to pay
 the levees laid against us, which
 possibly may not be so far in
 the future as many people think.
 The fact that property sales are
 piling up, or rather property of-
 fers, for sales are not consum-
 mated when the county offers
 lands for sale, is an evident sign
 that whether the county can
 really collect its levied taxes is
 a matter of doubt. Not because
 of any law in the case, but be-
 cause law is not the power we
 have been assuming. Law can do
 only what the people are able to
 accomplish. Law has never yet
 been able to collect taxes where
 people are unable to pay, and
 there is the blind alley into
 which our whole scheme seems
 to be leading us. Moreover the
 default of one group of prop-
 erty owners gives to other tax-
 payers the cue that it is easy to
 evade paying the taxes, and
 these matters are infectious.
 Presently those who pay will
 protest against paying while oth-
 ers are allowed to run for half
 a dozen years without paying.
 It is not a matter of the ethics
 of the thing, but the human atti-
 tude that prompts one man to
 dodge if others dodge and get
 away with it.

It is probable that we are at-
 tempting to collect more taxes
 than the people can pay, and
 there is only one way out of that
 scheme, and that is failure. It is
 seriously to be doubted as to
 whether the people of this coun-
 try can pay the county, state
 and national taxes that are now
 asked for, and if we continue
 to pile up taxes it takes a bright-
 visioned man to see how we are
 going to meet the tax collector's
 demands. Once the people begin
 to show a lack of interest in
 paying their taxes a serious sit-
 uation will confront the coun-
 ty, for property of any kind
 has a value only because some-
 body is willing to buy and pay
 for it. When the times comes
 that a topheavy tax proposition
 threatens anything a man may
 buy, he will hesitate very long
 about buying anything in an in-
 vestment way.

These things are not deter-
 mined by legislative or congress-
 sional enactment. The more land
 that is dumped on the market
 in tax sales the less value land
 of any kind will have, and it is so
 with anything that can be sold
 for taxes. The mere threat of a
 tax sale lowers values on every-
 thing. Nation, state or county
 can offer a man's property for
 sales, but it cannot compel any-
 body to pay more money and
 buy such offering, and money is
 the only thing that has any val-
 ue to the tax collector. There is
 no shadow of doubt that we are
 certainly killing the goose that
 lays the golden egg. Taxes can
 come only from profits from the
 operation of property, and to de-
 stroy property values is plainly
 the destruction of any possible
 sources of taxation. We may be
 a long way from the climax of
 this thing, or we may be pretty
 close to it. But this is positive.
 The farther we go toward the
 crisis the more desperate it be-
 comes. Also the sooner we reach
 the crisis the sooner we will
 meet it, get our licking and be
 ready to climb up out of the
 ashes.

But this is easy to realize.
 Whether we are compelled to
 pay as a sales tax, a property
 tax or any other tax, the whole
 thing whittles down to the fact

that it is not how we pay but
 that we are whipped along to try
 to pay more than we possibly
 can pay that is undermining the
 whole industrial and financial
 structure. There is no use to
 blind ourselves to the fact that
 we have already gone too far,
 and a bitter dose awaits us if
 we do not soon clamp on the
 brakes in this fanatical financial
 illusion that we can borrow and
 tax ourselves back to prosperity.
 Prosperity comes only from in-
 dustry and economy, two things
 we are still to become better ac-
 quainted with if we are to get
 on the sound road, and until we
 get there we are making things
 worse every day. We must re-
 duce our taxes or they will re-
 duce themselves, and the only
 way to reduce taxes is to reduce
 expenses.

There is the thing we are to
 chew on for the next few years.
 spending public money is what
 makes taxes. That must be stop-
 ped if we want to stop taxes or
 we will repudiate our public
 debts through the necessity of
 being unable to pay. The taxpay-
 er is no everlasting pool of un-
 limited money.

Grains of Sand

That was a warlike battle between
 Matheson and McCrimmon. Result
 Matheson—1776; McCrimmon—1812.

Sales of new automobiles and
 trucks in North Carolina in May to-
 talled 4,761, compared with 2,657 in
 May 1933 and for the first five
 months of this year sales were more
 than twice as many in the same pe-
 riod last year, the State Motor Vehi-
 cle bureau reports.

There were 3,890 new cars and
 871 trucks sold last month in the
 state to make the total of 4,761 ve-
 hicles.

Open season for all kinds of fish-
 ing in the state will start next Mon-
 day, June 11, when probably a large
 part of the some 300,000 anglers in
 the state will begin their activities.
 A resident may fish in his home
 county without a license, except in
 20-odd counties, where a local license
 is required, costing \$1.10 for the
 season, the regular fee, or 50 cents a
 day. The State-wide licenses for
 state residents are \$2.10, and li-
 censes cost non-residents \$5.10 for
 the season, or 60 cents a day.

Moore has no county license so if
 you have your State permit go to it.

Cameron Morrison must have
 squirmed a little in his chair when
 they read him the citation accom-
 panying the degree of Doctor of Laws
 conferred upon him at Syracuse Uni-
 versity on Monday. It said: "Through
 two terms Governor of the State of
 North Carolina."

The class which was graduated
 from Southern Pines High School on
 Monday night claims daughters of
 two former School Board members,
 sons of two present members of the
 board: Miss Katherine Buchan,
 daughter of Postmaster Frank Buch-
 an; Miss Helene Kelley, daughter of
 Thomas A. Kelley; Ralph Chandler,
 Jr., son of the present secretary of
 the board, and Henson Eugene Map-
 les, son of Frank Maples.

Also winning a diploma this year
 was the daughter of a former city
 attorney, Miss Edith Poate.

Moore county was well represented
 in the graduating class at the Wo-
 man's College of the University of
 North Carolina, those winning their
 diplomas being Miss Evelyn Clark
 Holliday of Jackson Springs, Miss
 Frances Pleasants of Aberdeen, Miss
 Anne Elizabeth McDonald of Pine-
 hurst and Miss Laivora Sally of Pine-
 hurst, who took B. A. degrees; and
 Miss Margaret Louise Pleasants of
 Aberdeen, Bachelor of Science in
 Music.

The large vote cast for S. H. Mil-
 ler of Carthage for the State Senate
 would indicate considerable anti-sales
 tax sentiment in Moore county. Mr.
 Miller openly opposed the sales tax
 in his campaign.

The Literary Digest poll continues
 to record strong support of Presi-
 dent's policies throughout the coun-
 try.

JOHN MEDLIN OF CRANES CREEK SECTION PASSES

John Medlin, 76, died Monday morn-
 ing at his home in the Cranes Creek
 section following an extended illness
 of cancer. The funeral service was
 held Tuesday at Piney Grove church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs.
 M. J. McNeill of Vass and Mrs. Sar-
 ah Ann Larrimore of Cameron Route
 1 and three sons, Frank, Ted and
 Alex Medlin, all of Cameron Route 1.

From the State Press

JUDGE STACK'S RETIREMENT

One of the distinct surprises of
 Saturday's primaries in the state was
 retirement of Judge Stack, of Un-
 ion county, in favor of Don Phillips,
 of Richmond county, who carried all
 the counties in his district except the
 home county of Judge Stack.

It brings Mr. Phillips to the front
 as a judicial figure of commanding
 popularity. Judge Stack had reputa-
 tion as a jurist who was never in-
 clined to make compromise with
 crime and while some of the judg-
 ments handed down by him were re-
 garded as severe, the records will
 show, by analysis, that they were in
 the exact line of meeting the re-
 quirements of justice.

It had been the comment in times
 past that the State bench needed
 more judges like Stack. Evil-doers
 had come to fear his court, and his
 influences had been exerted in main-
 tenance of the majesty of the law.
 It is a distinct compliment to his
 successor, Don Phillips, that he was
 able to bring about retirement of
 a judge like Stack.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following transfers of real es-
 tate have been recorded in the of-
 fice of the Register of Deeds of
 Moore county:

Donald J. Ross and wife to Geo. M.
 Howard, property in Pinehurst.

Robert B. Stutts and wife to G.
 E. Phillips, property in Deep River
 township.

MAY WEATHER

The high temperatures and long
 continued drought of the early days
 of May seemed to promise another
 month as hot as that of 1933, but a
 decided change in temperature re-
 duced the averages. For the first 13 days
 of the month we had no rain, which
 with the 11 days ending the month
 of April in which only one quarter of
 an inch of rainfall was measured
 gave us a real dry spell of 24 days.
 Only 2.80 inches of rain fell during the
 entire month, 1.37 inches less than
 normal, and bringing our rain-
 fall for the first five months of the
 year to 1.13 inches less than normal.

Last May's high temperature was
 98 on the 25th, and lowest 50 on the
 4th. This year we registered 95 on
 the 7th, and 40 on the 27th. The low
 temperatures of the latter part of the
 month brought the average to less
 than May, 1933, and one-half degree
 less than long time normal.

Long time	Max.	Min.	Average
Average	82.8	58	70.4
1933	86.9	62.5	74.2
1934	83.2	56.7	69.9

PAYS \$5 FOR DAMAGES TO JAIL IN ABERDEEN

C. B. Black, charged with public
 drunkenness and malicious injury to
 jail property at Aberdeen, pleaded
 guilty in Recorder's Court on Mon-
 day. He was taxed with the cost and
 required to pay \$5 to the jail for re-
 pairs to window sash and radiator.

V. M. McIntosh, white of Eastwood,
 was fined \$50 and the costs for driv-
 ing an automobile while intoxicated,
 and his right to drive was taken
 away for 90 days.

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