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## THE REAL ISSUE IN THIS STATE

Last week before the Kiwanis Club Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., made some statements that are about as startling as anything that has been said in this county in many a long day.

"Two evils beset the state and nation and are highly dangerous to the advancement and progress of human welfare. They are our overwhelming and increasing public debt, and our apparent loss of sensibility toward honor."

Leaving the second charge for the present, the first one is of such magnitude that it must command attention because it was fortified by such an array of figures as to be of most alarming character. Elsewhere in this issue are extracts from Mr. Seawell's address, and for the common good of this county, state and nation, it is more imperative that these be studied than anything that has been printed in The Pilot in a long time.

The figures Mr. Seawell presents are presumably correct, for he says they are taken from the official sources at Raleigh and no motive could be found in offering misleading figures for they are easily verified or refuted. However, everybody has known that our expenditures, national, state and local have been overwhelming this people, and that we are riding for a disastrous fall unless we take up the slack at once and on a broad scale. Here is the one really big issue that confronts the whole United States today, which, for our own concern reduces itself to the local issue of the affairs of the state and subdivisions, for at the present the voice of the people of the county is not heard loudly in Washington.

With the figures given by Mr. Seawell there is nothing else at this particular time that should attract the attention of the people of North Carolina, for beside this fierce threat of financial revolution nothing else compares in its danger and magnitude. Nero fiddled while Rome burned, but it looks as if we today are playing the entire orchestra while a much greater conflagration than Rome is sweeping our entire industrial, social, and government structures.

Some of us are going to delude ourselves in the belief that this is a cry of "wolf" when there are no wolves in sight, and some will argue that it is the alarmist note of a Republican. But any man who will read these figures can see that it is wholly immaterial whether the admonition comes from Republican, Democrat, Socialist, horse thief or any one else; it is not the man who calls attention to the fact that is the thing to be feared, but the fact itself, and if Seawell is another Paul Revere who is warning us of the grave danger that is on us, so much the more to his credit. But it is not men we need to think of now. It is our state and national life, and it is not the man who rings the bell that is the vital factor, but the man who heeds the alarm. This is a case for common action of all North Carolinians.

## A SANDHILL EXHIBIT

On Sunday at the homecoming at Bethesda church are scheduled two men reared within rifle shot of The Pilot office, who have gone out in the world and attained prominence and an envied place among the people of North Carolina, and who will be honored visitors among the others there. They are the Rev. Angus Shaw of Charlotte and Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro. Both these men will appear on the program of the

events of the day, and if they should merely stand on the platform and wave a hand they would be received with applause and cordiality, for they represent in themselves the progress this nation and this state have made since their boyhood days in Old Bethesda.

The Shaws were pioneers in this neighborhood; Southern Pines was built on the ancestral lands. Shaw's ridge is the main summit which is now called Weymouth. Duncan Shaw and Thomas Shaw were two of the chief subscribers to the fund collected three quarters of a century ago to build the old church to which the friends and visitors will repair on Sunday, and the Shaws have been identified with every thing of progress in the history of the community for more than a century. On the roster of names of the congregation in 1812 Norman Shaw and Elizabeth Shaw are registered, indicating the long period during which the family has been associated with the work.

It is not wholly the development made in this pine-clad region in the recent years that give to the world a knowledge of what the Sandhills have and are doing that is our most valued recommendation. Rather the men who have gone out from the old hive and risen to such station that they are also exhibits of what can come out of Nazareth are the convincing credentials of what the old-time sand barrens can produce. It is no boastfulness that permits pointing with interest to Dr. Shaw and Judge Shaw, but an earned local pride in their achievement and in the work they have done since they cast their fortunes elsewhere.

## THE OUTLOOK FOR THE WINTER

The first October drop of temperature gives the sought-for opportunity to take a fall out of cold weather instead of the continued protest against the heat of summer, and incidentally tells the Sandhills inhabitants that the fall season has about started. Already the returning winter resident is beginning to drop in, and in a short time the Carolina at Pinehurst will have open doors and the rest of the hotels and boarding houses will be in operation. The signs point to a good winter. Folks are coming out of their panicky attitude and beginning to realize that affairs are not all going to the dogs, which is the beginning of recovery from our depressed state. When that state arrives we begin to do things, and that is the basis of recovery. Some of the illusions have been dispelled, some of the hopeless schemes for recovery have been tried out and dropped, some of the basic principles that have governed from the beginning and will govern to the end have been recognized as still in effect, and gradually men are harmonizing again with the fundamental practices and getting the machinery of economics once more into action.

The general expectation seems to be a restoration of business and industry to a satisfactory basis, for most folks have the confidence that the American people have sense enough and energy to keep themselves afloat after some of the blown-up balance of nonsense have the wind let out of them, and that gradually we will be on our feet again. Some of our hallucinations will be retired. We will get a better idea of energetic and sensible business and industrial courses, and the revolution that is ahead will be seen to be much like the revolution always going on, and we will settle down to more work and more applied sense and less hot air, and all will come out in the wash. Things are starting off with better signs all around, and a few more minor jolts and we will be climbing the hill with visible speed. It looks like a good winter in the Sandhills and if everybody will join in the Hallelujah chorus instead of in the chapter of lamentations the sun will shine once more and we will all be reasonably happy. This is going to be a good winter, but we all have to help to make it so, and putting honest bait on the trap instead of empty peanut husks will help to make it so.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at the Curb Market in Southern Pines every Saturday morning.

# GRAINS OF SAND

In his "off the record" talk to the Kiwanis Club on Wednesday Congressman Lambeth said, among other things:

"But I have never that I know of been accused of stealing sheep." After the meeting, held in Aberdeen, he drove to Southern Pines. While talking to John Stephenson and Frank Buchan in front of the Broad Street Pharmacy the Congressman reached in his pocket for the time.

"Say, this isn't my watch. I've walked off with someone's from the meeting."

Meanwhile Dr. E. M. Medlin, Kiwanis president, was wondering over in Aberdeen what had become of his timepiece, always kept in front of him at meetings to keep the program running on time.

It's a temptation this week to write a poem starting off:

Half a house, half a house, half a house onward—  
Down Massachusetts Avenue rode the old Heyward house.

If you've tried to negotiate Massachusetts Avenue by motor this week you have the idea.

They say the 16-pound dolphin hauled out of the Atlantic off New River Inlet last Saturday is the first of its kind caught in those waters. If so it's news, but unfortunately the modesty of the writer of this column forbids his telling you who caught it. Maybe some other paper will write us up. Anyway, it was fun while it lasted.

Now is the time for all good citizens to see that their lawns are planted. The season is upon us. The City is planting the Broad street parkway and some of the highway, May street. The price of seed is low.

Cyrus Butler, of the Eastman Silk Mills, of Kingsport, Tenn., who has been out in Indiana, writes about the roads in Indiana. He says: "I had always thought that North Carolina had no superior in roads, but Indiana roads are the finest I have ever seen. They are straight and smooth, and the only signs permitted are signs needed by the drivers. When you see a sign you know it is important and not some fool ad for soaps or ciga-

## HOME COMING AT OLD BETHESDA

The congregation of Bethesda church at Aberdeen on Sunday will hold their annual homecoming at the old kirk which has for a century and a half been one of the outlying markers of development in not only the Sandhills, but of all of Central North Carolina, and with an influence reaching to the uttermost parts of this continent. For when in 1755 Hugh McAden of Philadelphia, came down "the Yadkin road" as he mentions in his diary, he passed by the vicinity of Bethesda, and stopped to preach at McKay's, which later became the seat of Longstreet church, and in a few years later Bethesda grew up as an offshoot from Longstreet, and as one of the pioneers of the Carolinas and in the southwest and the great west of the American republic.

Bethesda as a budding congregation is older than the Federal union, and has seen the nation grow from three million souls to more than forty times that many and to occupy the foremost place among the people of the world. Bethesda is one of the remarkable witnesses of the great development of a continent which has seen the passing show on broader scale than was ever before known to mankind, and the old church stands today a monument along with those other memorials in the churchyard, to a work of the people of the past and the present that is a marvel.

This old shrine, this remarkable feature of our striking American story of the progress of mankind, is not understood nor appreciated as it deserves or as it should be as a marker and memorial and a page of not only local but of national and world history, for Bethesda, physically and in its educational and moral influences, has been one of the most potent and active underlying influences of all that has been accomplished in this country in the period of its existence. Sunday's meeting there will be one of the educational and religious events of this section of the state and should have a large gathering of people from everywhere.

rets or what not. Struthers Burt should get the North Carolina roads on the same basis. I never realized that bill boards made so much difference. Members of the North Carolina legislature should take a trip out to the Indiana roads and see what a lesson they convey." This is referred to Struthers and to Spence, Clegg and Seawell.

Finally the weather man has arranged hay weather, and the farmers says they are getting their barns pretty well filled with an excellent quality of hay and other stuff.

The woods are full of seeds and feed for the birds and small animals and the forests are full of acorns and plunder of that sort. The swamps never saw a better crop of reeds for the deer, which are more plentiful than they have been in years. They have become so bold that they have been seen as far into town as the Boyd packhouse below Mrs. Andrews' house this fall and around the Paddock and they are well-fed and plump.

Snake authorities say the moccasins and small rattlesnakes that have been found at times in this section show decided scarcity this year, but that copperheads, which have been rare, are more bunt. The philosophers argue that copperheads are wet weather snakes and the others are not encouraged by excess moisture. This is one of the believe it or not bits of information.

## SEPTEMBER WEATHER

The closing days of summer fore-running the coming of Autumn were cloudy and misty of mornings, and with heavy rains earlier in the month. Nearly two inches falling on the 7th, making a total precipitation of 7.54 inches, nearly four inches over the normal average, five and one-half inches more than last September, and bringing the average for the nine months of the year to 4.65 inches over normal.

Temperature averages show a sharp decline, in contrast to the 17 days recording over 90 in September, 1933. The past month's high was 91 on the 11th, the only day registering above 89, and the low 51 degrees on the 1st. The long time normal aver-

age is 73.3, and this was exceeded last year by 2.8 degrees, and lowered this year by 3.2 degrees.

Long Time	Max	Min	Aver.
Average	84.5	62.3	73.3
1933	89.5	63.3	76.1
1934	83.2	57.1	70.2

## EDDY REOPENS STUDIO

The Eddy's have returned to Southern Pines and opened the studio for the season, this being their 20th year.

## AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Woman's Auxiliary of Emmanuel Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Elmer Davis next Tuesday, October 9th at 3 p. m.

## ELECTRIFICATION SURVEY

A rural electrification survey is to be made in Moore county and it is expected that this work will be begun this week.

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