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### THE FUTURE OF SANDHILL LAND

A frequent subject of discus-  
sion these days is the probable  
value of lands in the Sandhills  
country. Naturally the subject  
can not go very far beyond the  
discussion, for where all is con-  
jecture nothing positive can fol-  
low. But an opinion that has a  
logical tenor is to the effect that  
lands in varying acreage in this  
territory will continue to be in  
demand, perhaps not at the  
highest figures that have pre-  
vailed in the past, yet at such  
prices as will be regarded with  
favor.

The argument was that we  
may not have as much buying  
on a speculative basis as in the  
past, but a larger activity in  
buying for permanent posses-  
sion. And the way the evidence  
was offered was to the effect  
that all the attractions this re-  
gion ever offered are still as  
available as ever, and with the  
constantly increasing accretions  
in the way of development, of  
wider knowledge of the Sandhills  
advantages, of a better under-  
standing of what a winter haven  
in this latitude means to the  
man of the North who wants a  
long or short vacation in a mild  
climate, with all of the satisfac-  
tory conditions of water, soil,  
topography, forest surround-  
ings, accessibility, good neigh-  
bors, and that certain conserva-  
tive note that predominates  
throughout this whole region.

From the earliest days the  
founders of Southern Pines and  
Pinehurst have maintained a  
high character in everything  
that has been presented as at-  
tractive features. Little of the  
ballyhoo has entered the social  
structure or the surrounding  
horizon. It may be a pretty  
broad claim to say that few re-  
sort communities anywhere are  
developed on a more desirable  
basis than those of this com-  
munity, for while a liberality of  
policy is dominant, the senti-  
ment of the people is that life  
has more in it than those things  
that depend on questionable  
amusements and questionable  
occupations as a source of en-  
tertainment. That gives a high-  
er tone to the Sandhills than  
suits some places, and that at-  
tracts a type of people that is  
a further attraction to others  
and as a result the quality of the  
citizenship and of the winter in-  
habitants is one of the biggest  
assets. For that reason it is to  
be imagined more folks will  
provide themselves with a piece of  
ground for a permanent winter  
as the days go by. The type of  
and perhaps all-the-year home  
the people who are here attracts  
others of the same type, and they  
bring others, and that means  
that home sites and locations  
will probably increase steadily  
in the future as they have in the  
past. Human desire has not  
changed much, and where the  
population has grown in the past  
thirty years from very few to  
several thousand the same in-  
ducements will probably see fur-  
ther increases in the days ahead.  
That was the argument concern-  
ing Sandhills land.

### WHO IS STRUTHERS BURT?

In a recent issue of the Char-  
lotte Observer in a department  
that asks questions to have an  
excuse in the next issue to an-  
swer them, among the questions  
is "Who is Struthers Burt?"  
Now it maybe some folks do not  
know, but to those who read  
books it is right well known that  
both Struthers Burt and his  
wife are among the prominent  
writers of this country. Struth-  
ers commenced his career by be-  
ing a Philadelphia newspaper  
man and a good one on that  
good old Philadelphia Times  
founded by Col. A. K. McClure,  
and the man who gets his news-

paper training in such a school  
learns the trade.

From there Struthers went to  
Montana to a ranch and then to  
writing books and as a master's  
degree he came to Southern  
Pines and began to practice the  
profession of making here the  
most delectable roadsides in the  
country along with helping to  
lift the whole Sandhill region  
to a higher horizon of pleasing  
and profitable activity and at-  
tractiveness. Incidentally he  
joined The Pilot staff, and al-  
though he doesn't work at it  
much he is a valued member of  
the staff, for you know every-  
body likes to be around where  
the celebrities are. He lives in  
one of the nicest homes on the  
hill top in Southern Pines, goes  
away in summer for a vacation  
and comes back in the fall in  
time to help in getting the high-  
ways in shape for the season,  
the Chamber of Commerce, or  
any other local function in shape  
to do things, and from here he  
makes side trips out over the  
state to keep things stirred up.  
He is bright, cordial, likable,  
democratic, that is in his con-  
tact with folks, although wheth-  
er in politics or not has not been  
investigated. It was a lucky find  
for North Carolina when he came  
this way, for if folks let him  
alone he is likely to make the  
roads of this state famous and  
picturesque and a delight to the  
traveler. And if the Observer  
wants to know about anybody  
else over this way we have a lot  
of them that are worth asking  
about.

### GUN FIRE AT FORT BRAGG

One of the picturesque fea-  
tures of life in the Sandhills is  
the booming of cannons at Fort  
Bragg. During the past week  
the noisy echoes from that quar-  
ter have been one of the novel-  
ties for the visitors, for visitors,  
except that limited number who  
heard real hostilities of gun fire  
during their experience in the  
war, in this peaceful country  
know little of the noise of big  
guns. But here it is a common  
salute, day after day and hour  
after hour of the day, a soft,  
impressive, dominating note,  
farthest in the world from sig-  
nifying the damage and desola-  
tion that gun fire means when  
it is carried on the contests of  
war rather than in the practice  
work of the training artillery.

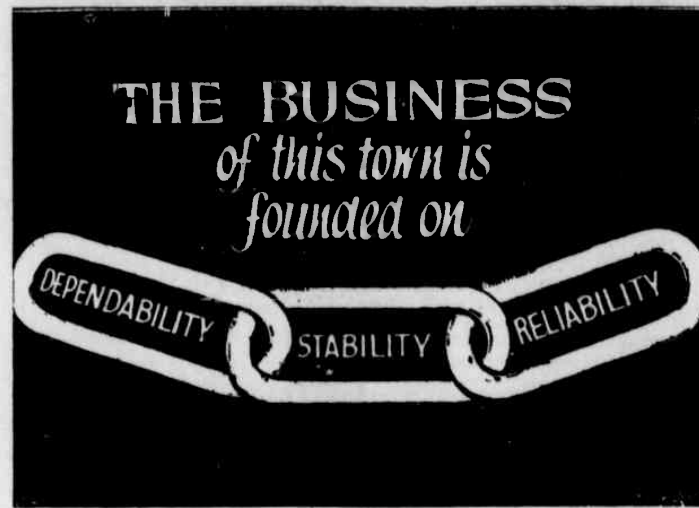
Camp Bragg is interesting. It  
not only affords a local social  
and novel feature in its dif-  
ferences from peace projects and  
the spectacular that big guns  
and soldier clothes and batter-  
ies and bugles and parapherna-  
lia of war suggests, but it is  
somewhat deeper than that. It  
is the school of the guardians  
of the nation, and whether we like  
to believe it or not that institu-  
tion is a necessary protection.  
Nobody wants to get into war,  
but most of us want to keep out  
by expecting other countries to  
let us do what we want to do,  
although we are not crazy about  
letting other countries do what  
they want to. So when the big  
dogs at Camp Bragg begin to  
bark these pleasant autumn  
mornings it does not mean they  
aim to bite. It does mean that  
they propose to be able to bite  
if it becomes a part of the pro-  
gram of national relations. And  
as that word is written the re-  
port of a cannon clinches the  
statement that the guns are  
ready.

However, it is not the pros-  
pect of being ready when war  
comes again, as war has always,  
done, but the romance of the  
guns as they bark out their con-  
fident assurance that the artill-  
ery will be handy, and that in  
days of peace the guns sing a  
deep-voiced assurance of safe-  
ty and rural novelty that is of  
a type of entertainment com-  
mon to but few regions of the  
country. Fort Bragg guns are  
romantic.

### ARE WE AS BAD AS THAT?

In the morning mail comes a  
letter asking The Pilot to print  
some paragraphs from a clip-  
ping that holds to the idea that  
the present depression is due to  
the sinfulness of the people, and  
proposes improved religious  
practices if we are to hope for  
relief. "The primary cause of  
conditions is sin," the clipping  
says, and continues, "the hard-  
times are caused by the sin of  
God's people more than any oth-  
ers." The remedy is to turn from  
sinful ways. Probably there is  
more truth than some might  
imagine in the charge, and es-

### Civic Loyalty Pays Big Dividends



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pecially in the intimation that it  
is not wholly the wicked who are  
doing all the damage, for the  
minute we begin to accept re-  
sponsibility in a general way for  
our shortcomings we begin to  
realize that it is not simply the  
select and outstanding sinners  
who are the mass of guilty of-  
fenders, but the whole popula-  
tion of us.

It may not be the wicked rail-  
roads and the bankers and the  
power companies and the em-  
ployers and the rest of the opp-  
ressors, but the list may in-  
clude the whole mixture of hu-  
man kind, and perhaps it is well  
enough for all of us to take  
stock of our general conduct and  
see if we can't improve condi-  
tions somewhat by our own ef-  
forts rather than to call too  
much on some other influences.  
It has been an adage for many  
a long age that the gods help  
them that help themselves, and  
possibly the thing has yet some  
truth in it. If our plight comes  
from wickedness, as the clip-  
ping says, and if recovery is to  
come from lifting the race to a  
higher moral plane, which may  
be a fact, it may also be a fact  
that if we all lend a hand in the  
lifting it will be an easier job and  
more likely to be accomplished  
than if too many of us stand  
back accusing the limited minor-  
ity which does not seem to be  
making great headway while the  
rest of us sinners do nothing  
but look on and kick.

Probably the world is not as  
bad as might be, yet no doubt  
no harm would be done if most  
of us perked up a little and, as  
Sam Jones used to say, quit our  
meanness. Possibly most of us  
try too hard to hog the loaf  
most of the time. We might be  
better without doing any great  
harm to any thing, and in be-  
ing better maybe things would  
come around to more desirable  
shape. It doesn't cost much to  
try, except the sacrifice of some  
of our own conceit and selfish-  
ness.

### RECOGNIZING A BENEFACTOR

A year or two or three or  
whatever it may be ago G. C.  
Seymour, formerly county com-  
missioner, business man of Aber-  
deen, public character in gener-  
al, and benefactor specifically  
in one respect, issued a little ad-  
vertisement, in the form of a  
pencil sharpener, one of the old  
kind that you put on the end of  
your pencil and turn around.  
Whether the little trick ever  
served Seymour as an adver-  
tisement or not this deponent  
sayeth not, not being familiar  
with the case. But one thing is  
certain, that pencil sharpener  
is a life saver on many occa-  
sions. Two of them happened to  
come into possession of the pre-  
sent historian and they have been  
kept on the altar of the utilities  
of the historical department.

When your blooming pencil  
has worn down to a broad flat  
end and will make a mark as  
broad as your hand, compara-  
tively speaking, or no mark at  
all until some of the wood is  
whitted off, it is a joy to reach  
up on the window sill where the  
pencil sharpener is religiously  
kept, and put a point on the pen-  
cil that will bring results.

Seymour is a pretty good cit-  
izen, doing his share of the com-  
mon jobs, but in addition he is  
entitled to a vote of thanks  
everytime you reach for a pen-  
cil and find that the thing is  
too dull to do any good. It is a  
pleasant occupation on a lazy  
afternoon to dig up your pencil  
and take a sharp knife and  
whittle a pretty and mathemat-

ically accurate point on it. But  
by the time you want to use  
it again some one else has bor-  
rowed it and worn off the  
point and you are where you  
started before you did your job  
of whittling. Then to be able to  
reach up to the window sill and  
get hold of the Seymour sharpener  
is like a quart jar of heart's  
delight that the man brings in  
from the Little River flats along  
in the evening when the rest of  
the folks are not looking. A good  
dinner is a continual feast.  
Claude Hayes is a rejuvenator if  
he has a little time to talk about  
Dan Voorhees and the banks of  
the Wabash. The nineteenth  
hole is an interesting juncture  
in golf. The November sunshine  
in the Sandhills is refreshing to  
the soul. But one of Seymour's  
pencil sharpeners when nothing  
else of the kind is in sight and  
you need first aid mighty bad,  
is supreme above most of the  
other joys, as has been proven  
in preparing this psalm of re-  
joicing, for sharp pencils is what  
this shop usually has everything  
but.

### WEST END

Among those attending the Duke-  
Carolina football game Saturday in  
Chapel Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Paul  
Von Canon, Billy Johnson, Billy El-  
liott, Lee Mauney, Guy Stewart, D. D.  
Eifort, E. P. Hinson, Miss Maxine  
Lewis and Clyde Auman.

Mrs. J. B. Von Canon, Mrs. E. P.  
Hinson and Mrs. W. A. Johnson and  
Billy shopped in Greensboro last  
week.

Mrs. H. G. Fletcher and Mrs. Lacy  
Williams made a trip to Fayetteville  
Saturday.

Glenn Auman, Woodrow McInnis,  
Lee Hartsell and North Lewis, who  
are in school in Elon, were home for  
the week-end.

Mrs. F. E. Monroe was hostess to  
the M. E. Missionary Society Mon-  
day night.

The Rev. W. F. Elliott left Tues-  
day night for Washington, N. C.,  
where he will attend conference.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tucker and  
Miss Pauline Barber visited in South  
Carolina last Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. Smith entertained the  
Red Cross workers at her home Tues-  
day afternoon.

A number of people from the com-  
munity enjoyed the benefit dance  
given at the Country Club in Pine-  
hurst last Friday night.

Earl Auman has returned from  
the Moore County Hospital where he  
underwent an operation for appendi-  
citis.

A. R. Mimms was called to Dur-  
ham Monday to attend the funeral  
of his brother, George Mims.

Mrs. B. U. Richardson shopped in  
Fayetteville Saturday.

Miss Hazel Williams was home from  
Rockingham for the week-end.

Mrs. David Wilson and Mrs. Fred  
Von Canon shopped in High Point  
Saturday.

Harry Russell visited in town over  
the week-end.

### RELIEF OFFICE NOTES

Moore county is receiving, as sur-  
plus commodities, 100 mattresses  
from Greensboro for relief use and  
820 yards of 45-inch sheeting to be  
made into pillow cases in the sew-  
ing rooms.

Fifty-three head of relief cattle  
from Moore county have been sent  
to Hamlet to be slaughtered. Those  
selected were the oldest and the fat-  
test from the herds.

Moore will receive 4000 pounds of  
fresh meat from the slaughter house  
on Saturday of this week, and ap-  
proximately the same amount per  
week thereafter.

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