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MAKING ASSETS OF LIABILITIES

There is a vast difference in the rental price of an attractive, well furnished house in landscaped surroundings and in one which is just adequately furnished with nothing more to offer. Mr. Smith may have a \$15,000 house vacant all winter while Mrs. Brown's next door, which cost only \$10,000, is well rented, and wonder why. The answer probably lies in the first impression on a prospective tenant. The little things count, the trim shrubbery and lawn without, the color scheme and furniture selection within.

It is in the hope the Smiths will take a tip from the Browns and do something about their less attractive homes that the local Chamber of Commerce recently decided upon a campaign. A campaign of this sort should not be necessary. It means so much not only to the owners of rentable homes but to Southern Pines as a whole to take the few needful steps to make houses more attractive. To the house owner it means the difference between a good winter's income or a tax-eating piece of property. To the town it means the difference between one more family to patronize the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker.

If made neat, comfortable and attractive, every available house in Southern Pines could be rented each winter. Real estate men say so. It would cost but little to accomplish this, and it would pay the house owner many times over.

STRONG ARGUMENTS FOR HOLDING COMPANIES

That public utility holding companies, which President Roosevelt seems determined to wipe out of existence, are useful instruments and make ultimately for reduced rather than increased cost of power, is the opinion of Owen D. Young, Democratic leader and Chairman of the Board of the General Electric Company.

"I see no more reason for abolishing the holding company merely because abuses have crept into its operation than I do for abolishing the automobile because of the disasters which come from reckless drivers," Mr. Young stated in a letter to Senator Wheeler of Montana.

"The important thing is to restrain and correct the abuses and not to abolish a useful instrument," he wrote. "I am convinced that the holding company is a very useful instrument through which to group utility operating companies which, by their nature, must be local, into an efficient economic unit. In this way the cost of power can be reduced, service can be given communities which could not otherwise obtain it and the safety of the investment can be increased through the diversity factor over what it would be in any one of the individual operating companies."

Mr. Young, in his letter, quoted testimony he gave recently before a sub-committee of the Senate in which he stated that "there is a very real reason for having holding companies. There is a great advantage, not only from the standpoint of connecting different units with transmission, but there is a great advantage on the technical side in unifying those different operating companies; and there is also on the financial side justification for it through diversifying the risk. You can only get diversity in the public utility field through a holding company whereas in the manufacturing business you are able to get it by one straight operating company."

AN INSPIRATION FOR MR. STIMSON'S FLOCK

It is inspiring news that the church in Nashville of which the Rev. Murdoch McLeod, formerly of Pinehurst's Community Church, is pastor is forgetting the depression and campaigning for a new edifice to cost, eventually, some quarter of a million dollars. It proposes at this time to raise \$100,000 in one month and build the main part of the church.

The Baptist Church of Southern Pines has had plans for several years for a new and much needed building here. Its ambitions are not those of the Nashville church; it wants but a few thousand dollars to erect an attractive example of Southern church architecture on a picturesque site bordering on both the business and residential sections of town. This church does a splendid work in this community. Its pastor is a worker, not alone in religious affairs but in the civic life of the Sandhills.

It is to be hoped that the example of Mr. McLeod's congregation in its unanimous vote to "go ahead" will be followed by the local church. And that success will soon crown the efforts of Mr. Stimson and his flock.

Grains of Sand

One needs but to read through this issue of The Pilot to appreciate the fact that this is June. Its columns are full of weddings.

"Lost in a Big City," might be the headline on news contained in a postal card received by The Pilot this week from its vacationing secretary, Miss Frances Folley, now in New York. She writes: "The town's a little too big for me. I can't get around."

Between March 1 and June 19th, 70 North Carolina mills have closed and 25 others have reduced shifts, thus throwing 11,065 persons out of work. John P. Lang, chief inspector of the Department of Labor, states. Of the mills closed, most are cotton textile plants, some hosiery, and the 52 that have cut off one full shift include both cotton and hosiery mills. Mr. Lang gave no reason for the closing but said some claim the cotton processing tax the cause.

Most of the unemployed textile workers have been added to relief rolls. The figures were given to Mrs. O'Berry to support her request for additional relief funds.

Infantile paralysis cases had reached 134 up to Saturday in North Carolina, creating a near epidemic in many counties, and going ahead of the 133 cases reported in 1929, the peak to that time. State and federal health officials are studying the disease in an effort to check it, but believe it that it will not reach its peak until August. Studies show that 85 per cent of the cases are in children under 10 years of age and 58 per cent in those under five. The number has been increasing for some weeks.

During the last five years North Carolina has had one of the largest increases in farms in her whole history, the University of North Carolina News-Letter tells us. The 1930 census reported 279,708 farms; the 1935 preliminary report places the number at 303,393, a gain of 23,685.

The figures for Moore county reveal 2,135 farms in 1925, 2,361 in 1935, and a 14.50 percent increase between 1930 and 1935. In its increase between '30 and '35 this county ranks 33d in the state.

15-YEAR OLD IN TOILS ON CHARGES OF LARCENY

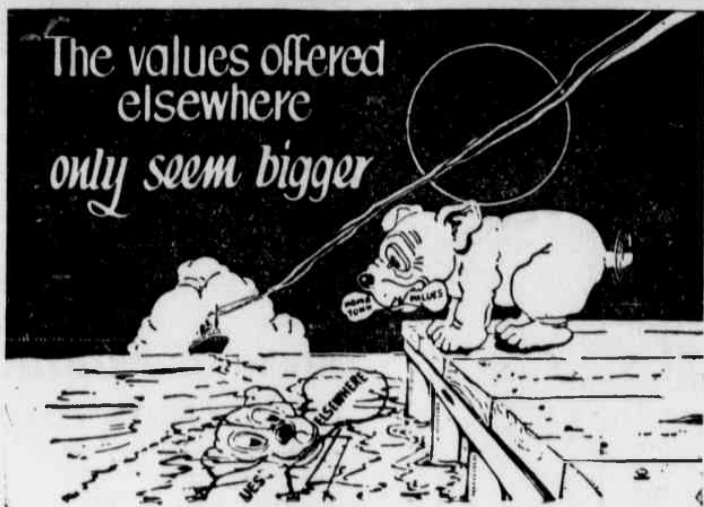
A breaking and entering case against Winthrop McLaughlin, 15-year-old colored boy of Pinehurst, was remanded Monday to juvenile court. The lad is charged with taking cigars, canned goods and smoking tobacco from the store of Jim McMellon in Jackson Hamlet and a second warrant charges him with the larceny of clothing from Beal Scott's home.

FORD SHOWS POPULAR

Popularity of the open air shows being held this week by 122 Carolina Ford dealers has exceeded all expectations. According to W. C. Patterson, manager of the Charlotte branch of Ford Motor Company, over a quarter-million visitors attended the open air displays of the 1935 Ford V-8 the first two days of the show. The H. A. Page, Jr. agency in Aberdeen has had a host of visitors at their display.

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Judges as Presidential Candidates

BY WALTER LIPPMANN

In summing up the "net results" of the Grass Roots conference, Mr. Theodore Wallen, a Washington correspondent, said among other things:

It tended to set the stage for the nomination of a strict constructionist of the Constitution, thus virtually eliminating Associate Justice Harlan F. Stone of the Supreme Court while leaving Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts in a preferred position.

Mr. Wallen is an accurate correspondent and his report faithfully reflects the fact that there is a considerable interest in the idea of going to the Supreme Court for the Republican candidate in 1936. The idea is that Mr. Justice Roberts, having decided against New Deal measures, is to run as the savior of the Constitution.

While nothing may come of this boom, the mere fact that it is seriously considered is certain to cause acute embarrassment to the Supreme Court as a whole and to Mr. Justice Roberts in particular. It means that as long as the boom lasts every vote cast by Mr. Justice Roberts or Mr. Justice Stone will be examined by the politicians and by the political commentators for its bearing upon the campaign of 1936. These judges have still to sit in judgment upon much of the New Deal. Could anything be more unfair to them, more harmful to the court, or more destructive of popular confidence in its verdicts than to create a situation where two of the justices are treated as candidates who stand to win or lose the greatest political office in the land? And what could be less edifying than a political campaign in which a justice of the Supreme Court was defending his judicial opinions from the end of a railroad car?

It is true that the present Chief Justice, Mr. Hughes, left the Supreme Court in 1916 to accept the Republican nomination. There are few, I believe, who would say that he established a good precedent. But at least this can be said for Mr. Hughes in 1916. The issues of the day turned on neutrality and war, and the opin-

ions of the court were not involved in the partisan conflict. But now it is proposed to make the campaign on the very issues which the court is called upon to decide, and it is nothing less than an outrage to suggest that a member of that court should be a partisan candidate in such a campaign.

The authority of the court is one of the most extraordinary things in the history of government. Here are nine men who without physical power of any kind, can, under certain conditions, override the will of Congress and the President. Their verdicts are obeyed absolutely. On what does the power of the court rest? It rests on the conviction of the people that the court interprets the disinterested and considered and permanent judgment of the people as against the momentary, impulsive, expedient, and short-sighted opinions of temporary majorities. In the annals of democracy the court stands forth as a unique institution. For the first time in the history of popular government the people themselves have imposed upon themselves a comprehensive restraint to which they willingly submit. This is a very great thing. The court represents the people's own moral conviction that they must not act hastily or arbitrarily, that there must always be an appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober, that the voice of reason must in the end prevail over the prompting of appetite and of impulse.

All of this depends upon the people's own belief that the court is above all ordinary worldly temptation. Everything has been done to give the justices independence, inviolability and prestige so that they may be, and so that they shall be believed to be, beyond the daily struggle in political affairs. And yet now the fervent defenders of the Constitution are seriously considering the nomination as an opponent of the New Deal of a judge who must sit in judgment on the New Deal.

The mere talk about this boom creates mischief so serious that it may require some decisive action to dispose of it. The court is adjourned

for the summer. But if, when the court reconvenes in the autumn, the boom has not been completely deflated, Mr. Justice Roberts will be compelled to take notice. No one knows better than he, a man of the highest judicial integrity and sensibility, that he cannot sit in judgment on the Democratic Administration and continue to be discussed as a Republican candidate. If the boom is not destroyed first by responsible Republican leaders, his choice will be to destroy it himself or to resign from the bench.

There ought not to be any real hesitation about the proper course. Now is a very good time to put an end once and for all to the idea that justices of the Supreme Court are available candidates for political office. This would make a very good first plank in a program to defend the Constitution and the Supreme Court as its final interpreter. A man who accepts appointment to the Supreme Court should be regarded as having forever renounced all other worldly ambitions. The nature of the institution demands that candidates for appointment, the justices who are appointed, and the nation, should look upon the court as the summit of a career beyond which there is nothing in the way of office, honor, or material gain to be won or lost.

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DR. L. M. DANIELS CONDUCTS CLINIC AT CONVENTION

Dr. L. M. Daniels of Southern Pines was among those conducting clinics at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society, held the forepart of this week at Blowing Rock. Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen, who is president of the dental society of this district, also attended the meeting. Jack Johnson of Southern Pines accompanied Dr. Daniels to Blowing Rock and the pair returned here yesterday.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS MEET IN RALEIGH JUNE 28 AND 29

The North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs will meet in annual convention in Raleigh on June 28th and 29th. The State Executive Committee will be called to convene, together with the Committee on the Convention, at the Hotel Sir Walter on Thursday evening, June 27th, at 8:30 p. m.

The principal speaker of the occasion will be Rush D. Holt, the "Baby" of the Senate, of West Virginia. Senator Holt is one of the most outstanding Young Democrats, not only in the South, but in the entire country. He was elected, defeating an old line politician and outstanding statesman, before he had reached the age of 29. He attained the constitutional age of a United States Senator this week. Senator Holt had office space in the Senate Office building assigned to him, as well as desk space in the Senate Hall, but could not be sworn in until he attained his 30th birthday on June 19th. He is said to be a speaker of rare charm, is a thorough pro-administration Democrat, and will undoubtedly have a singular appeal to the Young Democrats of the state.

A number of red-hot controversies will in all probability be slated for deliberation.

MISS LUANA WHEELER WINS B. S. AT SIMMONS COLLEGE

Miss Luana Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wheeler of Southern Pines, received a B. S. degree from Simmons College, Boston, at Commencement exercises held Monday, June 10. Miss Wheeler studied in the School of Secretarial Studies, one of the nine schools at Simmons, which include those of English, Nursing, General Science and Social Work, where professional and liberal courses are correlated.



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