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YOUR HOSPITAL; AN OPPORTUNITY

"Expansion of the facilities of Moore County Hospital is an absolute necessity if we are to take care of the needs of the county," Edwin McKeithan, the institution's business manager, told the Kiwanis Club this week.

The federal government, through the Public Works Administration, has authorized a grant of \$25,600 for a hospital addition which would double the adult capacity.

The treasurer of the Moore County Hospital is Paul Dana. His address is Pinehurst.

SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Since the address of former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York on Saturday night last The Pilot has heard much condemnation of Mr. Smith, heard him called "Benedict Arnold," "party deserter," this, that and t'other, by the straight line Roosevelt Democrats of the community.

It seems to The Pilot that there was much food for thought in what Mr. Smith had to say. If this is so, what matters the source?

Is it not a fact that the Democratic party, with two exceptions, Stock Exchange regulation and Prohibition, deserted the main platform on which Mr. Roosevelt was elected President?

Is it not a fact that governmental expenditures have reached a high peak in spite of the platform's promise of "eliminating extravagance to accomplish a saving of not less than 25 percent."

Is it not a fact that despite the huge expenditures of the past three years, the agricultural and unemployment problems are still with us?

Is it not a fact that the President and the Congress have disregarded constitutionality, fostered disrespect of the United States Supreme Court, during the past three years?

The Pilot is not saying that much that has been done during this administration has not been necessary, nor beneficial. It has. And the speech would have been stronger had the speaker given credit where credit is due. We are not defending Al Smith.

What we do maintain is this. Mr. Smith has given the public something to think about. His thoughts are the thoughts of millions in this country. His utterances, coming from a man who has served as Governor of the State of New York longer than any other incumbent, who has been his party's leader over a long period, who has been his party's candidate for the highest office in the land, should be

CARO-GRAPHICS by Murra Jones, Jr. SOFT JOB DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE? RUM VOLCANOES DID YOU KNOW THAT PHILEMON THOMAS, A NATIVE TARHEEL, LED THE INSURRECTION IN WEST FLORIDA WHICH WON IT FROM SPAIN IN 1811?

given consideration on the basis of their worth, not made the basis of a purely personal attack upon the speaker. No man has done more for the Democratic party than Al Smith.

Al Smith has done his party and the country a great service. His party, if it will accept as facts his criticisms and go honestly about their remedies; his country, because he is championing the cause of democratic government as conceived by our forefathers and builded under that conception into the world's greatest nation.

WHAT THE SANDHILLS MEAN

There has been considerable discussion lately as to whether the name Sandhills is appropriate for this section. While the name might not be popular with some, just as many are in favor of holding to it, confident that you would have to look a long time before a better substitute would present itself.

The name perhaps is misleading to the stranger who knows nothing whatsoever about North Carolina, but it is wholly significant of our formation and the relation to the rest of the state. The Sandhill section is a narrow strip covering portions of Richmond, Scotland, Moore, Cumberland and Harnett counties, whose rolling hills vary in height from two to around five hundred feet.

In the geological world North Carolina has had a checkered and complicated history. Moore county's rocks are among the oldest above sea level. Ages ago much higher hills extended southwest to a northwest through the county.

Peony-flowered asters, goldenrod poppies, cactus flowered zinnias and scabiosa and dahlia flowered zinnias, a poinsetta geranium, hollyhocks, carnation flowered, balsam camellia flowered and godetias, azalea flowered, and so on the catalog reads. Bewildering combinations of reliable old timers. Has the printer gone on a jag or is it real confusion of ancestry?

growth springing up in replacement.

A name may be found of greater value. But Sandhills means a name free from mud, a soil of great porosity, where rainfall sinks in and leaves it dry and comfortable for the golfer who is anxious to get back on the fairway, pleasant for the hunter who follows the hounds, the horse secure in his footing, and all other activities that mean out of door life for the sportsman, the winter visitor, the children and everyone concerned.

The Sandhills have won by their own merits a fair share of prominence. The late Dr. Fenton B. Turk, an outstanding man in research work, both in this country and Europe knew the value of the Sandhills and what its name stood for.

-H. K. B.

Grains of Sand

When the sky was dark and heavy the other night we sent a warning note to Aunt Hannah what would happen if she let her cat wash up again and bring any more snow.

The elements have been active in about every state in the Union, bearing down with discomforting weight in some form or other. We escaped without damage although we miss some of our lofty pines and oaks that were sacrificed in the boisterous wind which swept over the low hills.

Cheer up! In about six months the noisy little cicada will be pounding out his energetic song on warm summer nights in exchange for the patter of what has been coming down in either solid or liquid form on your roof.

"Twas not ever thus. A clipping from The Pilot's weather report for January, 1933 said the maximum temperature was 60-2, minimum 39-2. For the year previous, maximum 61-2; minimum 43. Not a frost for either January.

"A widow lady of Stamford on Monday assembled a Christmas party to engage in a game of whist, which consisted of four ladies whose

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THE "SLOGAN" QUESTION

Pertaining to a new slogan for Southern Pines. The seeking of a new slogan for Southern Pines is both amusing and enlightening. It is not amusing by reason of the objectives sought; for the quest of such might be most commendable, but in its profound reason—which perhaps is not intended to be obvious—it is.

Perhaps though, this was expedient in the older days, that is, to keep the public guessing. But frankly, we did fill a mission in those days, until a new conception was formed as to what it took to make a resort. We demand more today—a change has taken place.

The admission of a need for a new slogan, like whispering voices, sharpens our ears; and we learn the truth as it filters through the obscurity into the obvious light: that there is need of a cause for a slogan, instead of a new slogan.

It is a lovable trait of the human, to see it cling to old loves and ideals. This, in a sense, is just. Often through its tenacity by reason of some practical urge, proves a stubborn object in the path of attainment.

If we do not recognize a cause, and drift away in aesthetic proclaim of murmuring pines and crystal air, we will wake again of a morn, with the wide-eyed wonder of children, to stare at the empty life of a pretty slogan. We would then be to the outside world as O. Henry described: "She was like the air he breathed, necessary but scarcely noticed."

A slogan without evidence of true basic reason of being, is just about as effective to the wise as a celluloid dog chasing an asbestos kitty through a portion of Dante's Dream.

We must acknowledge with due regard, the good that has been done, and the future which demands a greater conception. However, our problem is imminent, and there is a

truer meaning of the word slogan: Gael, slugh-ghairm, or, slugh-army plus gairm—a call. The war cry, or gathering word, of a Scottish Highland clan.

-GEO. S. NEVINS, JR.,

Southern Pines, January 27, 1936.

BUILDING AND LOAN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual stockholders meeting of the Pinehurst Building and Loan Association was held at the High School Tuesday evening, and a very successful year was reported.

Directors of the Association are John F. Taylor, I. C. Sledge, A. P. Thompson, Gordon Cameron, Wesley Viall, B. U. Richardson, James W. Tufts, Willard Dunlop and Robert Gouger. Officers for the year will be elected at the next meeting.

REV. MYRON ADAMS TO ADDRESS WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers of the Baptist Church will hold their monthly missionary meeting next Tuesday, February 4 at 3:00 o'clock at the Hollywood Hotel. The Rev. Myron Adams will be the speaker.

IN RECORDER'S COURT

Harvey Smith, white of Aberdeen, pleaded guilty to charges of non-support of his wife and five children and public drunkenness. He was given a 60-day sentence.

Hubert Smith, white of High Falls, pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of failure to support his children. His three-month sentence was ordered suspended on condition that he make every reasonable effort possible to take care of the children, get a home for them and live with them, and it was ordered that the costs of this action be paid to the children under the general supervision of J. H. Scott, defendant's attorney.

Lacy R. McCann, white, was found guilty of violating the worthless check law and was given 60 days on the roads, to be suspended upon condition that he pay the check and protest fees and the costs of the action. He gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed at \$250.

Pilot Advertising Pays.

Mr. H. A. Lewis, Agent for Northwestern Mutual Ins. Co. I wish to thank you for your very prompt and satisfactory settlement of the losses sustained in our recent fire. I think you have established a record for prompt settlement, our fire occurring at 9:30 Thursday morning, your adjuster came before three o'clock and a settlement arrived at before 10 P. M. The checks were in my hand before 10 o'clock Saturday morning, forty-eight hours from the time of the fire. I congratulate you on the efficient manner in which the whole matter was handled. Very truly, H. S. Knowles.

H. A. LEWIS

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