

# THE PILOT

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## DO HIGHWAY SAFETY CAMPAIGNS PAY?

Do highway safety campaigns pay? During 1936, the national fatality rate from automobile accidents was 21.4 persons per ten million gallons of gasoline consumed—and gasoline consumption is said to be the soundest statistical basis. The rate for Iowa was 13.4, Massachusetts 12.3, Minnesota 17.3 and Rhode Island 10.1. The record in these states was not a matter of luck—for three years they have been carrying on an intelligent safety campaign.

North Carolina has started a campaign to reduce the heavy toll of lives within its borders. The major move in this direction was the passage of the Operator's License law a few years ago. Licenses are being taken away from those unfit to drive as rapidly as police authorities can get their hands on them. Drunken driving is not to be tolerated. Minors must not drive, nor those mentally unfit. The arbiters of the law are looking after this end of the campaign. But in the last analysis, it is up to the operator of an automobile himself to find that need of cooperation which will materially cut down fatal accidents. Public opinion must be aroused, as it has been in the states mentioned above.

Drive carefully yourself. Report license numbers of cars seen operated recklessly. Report infractions of laws and common sense. Never drive when you've had that one-too-many drinks. Thirty-eight thousand persons lost their lives in automobile accidents in 1936. One million persons were injured. The financial loss has been estimated at \$1,250,000,000. It's up to you!

## UNCLE BILLY HUTT WON'T BE BACK

When the count is taken and the last Sandhiller is back within the county lines, there will be a check against one name listed in the homecoming. Uncle Billy Hutt will not return. Neither will he be forgotten. Mr. Hutt unwittingly established his own memorial a number of years ago, and today in an array of gardens over the community there are many markers that pay loyal tribute to a friend.

Mr. Hutt was a real gardener and one whose experience and broad intelligence went far beyond the ordinary variety. Born a Canadian, he became familiar with conditions North and South. His long contact with the State Department of Horticulture at Raleigh made him one of North Carolina's useful citizens. When retired from public affairs he had time to develop his own garden. In it were plants picked up here and there in his travels. Oddities were sent to him by friends, and frequently you ran across something not to be found in the seed books, as on some occasions they were the results of his own generations of crossings and development. To those interested he gave generously of his treasures and his knowledge. He would lift a clump of his imported English Iris and divide with a neighbor. He shared his bulbs and flowers, his own strain of berry plants, his grapes, or his carefully selected seeds to all who coveted.

Things have a way of changing during a long summer. Lordly weeds encroached upon the regal lilies and finally absorbed the same soil and obscured the stately Iris. Unbroken spider webs hang across his garden paths. Uncle Billy won't be back. But his memory will be

# CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES JR.

**SLAVES**  
LINCOLN'S EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION FREED 300,000 SLAVES IN N.C.

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?**

**FT. BRAGG**  
BOOM! BANG! BANG!  
THE LARGEST ARTILLERY RANGE IN THE WORLD IS AT FORT BRAGG M. C.

**IMPEACHMENT**  
"SO YOU'RE TARHEEL?"  
OF THE 11 MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TRIED ON NAIVE IMPEACHMENT CHARGES, TWO—PRES. ANDREW JOHNSON & SEN. WM. BLOUNT—WERE TARHEELS

**DID YOU KNOW THAT WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF DELAWARE, N. C. IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE U.S. WHICH ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS 8-MONTHS, STATEWIDE SCHOOL TERM?**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE DEATH RATE OF NORTH CAROLINIANS DUE TO AUTOMOBILES IS 82 PER MONTH? THE RATE OF TARHEELS WHO WERE KILLED IN BATTLE IN THE WORLD WAR WAS 34 PER MONTH!**

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY.

kept alive along a host of other garden paths for years to come. —H. K. B.

## EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Last week our old friend Samuel A'Court Ashe celebrated his 97th birthday. The confederate officer declares now he is headed for the century mark. Capt. Ashe is beloved by North Carolinians who will watch with hope and interest the prolonged closing of a wonderful life. An attorney, a legislator, a newspaper editor, a soldier and a historian weave an interesting pattern in a distinguished career. Capt. Ashe once said, "Every one owes something to the community of which he is a member." He hoped in performing the self-imposed task of preparing his History of North Carolina to pay a small part of the natural obligations resting on him as a citizen of the state.

Now, at 97, Capt. Ashe is busy writing his memoirs and still figures he has time to revise his history. His work has not only been gratifying to the people of the state but the creative influence of such a genius should encourage and cheer every individual who has ever known of the gallant old officer.

The government is building an eight room house within the boundary line of Fort Bragg at the intersection of the Southern Pines-Raeford road and the Bowley boulevard. The house will be ready for occupancy in another month and in charge will be Sergt. McMinn, who will be moved up from the old Sam Cameron farm where a ranger's station has been maintained since the removal of the Cameron family at the beginning of the camp's activities. Sergt. McMinn and his family will make Southern Pines their postoffice and trading center, with the local schools taking care of their children.

The new home is the first building to be erected in that section of Hoke county since Jasper Mayo put up his house there years ago, followed by Ed Waldon some time later. The arrival of the McMinn's is the first family life to be established in that locality since before the world war.

## Correspondence

### WHY?

Editor, The Pilot: When it takes from five to 40 years to grow a tree, why is the telephone company permitted to go around the town and country and ruthlessly cut great chunks and in some instances the entire tops out of beautiful shaped pine trees and other species as well? At Christmas time, when colored boys go out and cut holly and mistletoe for a few pennies, there is a great fuss made about it, but the telephone company may cut whenever, wherever, and whatever suits it for dollars.

We know the telephone is necessary but the wires can be put underground and not through our beautiful trees. In the words of our departed friend, Joyce Kilmer, "Only God Can Make a Tree."

—CITIZEN.

Southern Pines, Sept. 20, 1937.

## Pilot Praised by Printing Authority

J. W. Swain, Greensboro, Writes: "In My 30 Years in the Field I Haven't Seen a Local Weekly To Compare Favorably With The Pilot"

As do all newspapers, The Pilot receives lots of brickbats and few bouquets. It is therefore with particular pleasure that we received this week a letter from J. W. Swain of Greensboro, an authority on printing and newspaper make-up, and head of "Trade Typesetters," a company which furnishes the type matter for practically all Greensboro printing houses. Mr. Swain's letter reads:

"Please permit me to express my appreciation of the efforts of you and your associates in giving the people of the Sandhill territory of North Carolina a weekly newspaper of which everyone may be justly proud.

"As you doubtless have observed, the tendency on the part of the management of most weeklies is to overlook or wilfully neglect those little

niceties and refinements which make a newspaper inviting. In my thirty years in the printing field I haven't seen a local weekly that can compare favorably with THE PILOT. The news stories ARE news stories, the features all that they should be, and the locals are pleasingly written. The ads are not overcrowded and invite the attention of even the casual reader. The business and professional men of your section should be enthusiastic over the spic and span appearance of their messages in print, and the entire community should rejoice in the fact that THE PILOT speaks so eloquently of the advantages to be found in the Sandhills.

"My appreciation of THE PILOT comes to you unsolicited and is not biased by any hope of gain on my part. Please accept it as such."

## GRAINS OF SAND

When the Robert Farrells of Aberdeen had their second child a couple of weeks ago, their first couldn't wait to tell her little friends about it. As soon as she arrived at Sunday School she announced to her classmates: "I've got a new sister and it's a girl."

There's a sign in front of a house on the double road reading "ONE WAY." But don't let it fool you. Both Judge and Mrs. Way live there.

What with all the trouble he's having over his one recent appointment to the Supreme Court you just can't help but wonder if President Roosevelt is still going to want to name six new justices.

There are seven stores within 100 yards on East Broad street, Southern Pines, in which you can purchase food.

Although Charlie Picquet claims he gives us the very latest in pictures, the Carolina Theatre in Southern Pines has a big sign on one of the windows reading: "ANTIQUES."

Eighty thousand pounds of grass seed is the amount W. H. McNeill has counted on to supply the demand this year. When he opened his business several years ago he disposed of 150 bags. A steady increase demanded more seed until this fall two carloads were purchased for the Southern Pines market.

The descending sun once more touches the equator until we have a day and night of equal length. The Autumnal equinox has come and gone, despite all local superstitions handed down, rich in their coloring, from some of the older and fanciful negroes. To escape the "equinoxes" and what they portend seems to be something of a feat, when described beforehand by some of the rare old timers. Our spell of serene weather with the heat of summer dissipated is hard to match and with rains and stormy conditions deferred peace has settled over the cotton fields where the snowy fleeces are piled high in the harvest.

Snow in the mountains of Pennsylvania and frosts! And the blackberries only ripened there last month. In our own mountains some Moore county folks picked them on a road-

side in September, high above our lowlands where we get them in May and June, so long ago they have been entirely forgotten.

The people of North Carolina will be interested in the figures that show the State's share in the harvest of national forest crops for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937. Timber sales from the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests amounted to \$38,794.79 according to announcements by Paul H. Gerrard, Forest Supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, Franklin, N. C., and H. E. Ochsner, Forest Supervisor of the Pisgah National Forest, Asheville, N. C. These figures represent the amount of timber and forest products cut from the different areas under sale to private corporations and individuals during the past fiscal year.

From these receipts, a total of \$9,698.70 will revert to the State of North Carolina as its 25 percent share of these returns, plus \$3,879.47 as a further 10 percent dividend to be expended for the improvement of roads in and around the forests.

Some figures worth thinking about: The total of all internal revenue tax collections by the federal government from 1863 through the last fiscal year was \$74,000,000,000. The gross national debt today is \$37,000,000,000.

So, we as a nation owe today just exactly half as much as we as a nation have taken in during the last sixty-four years.

## PINEHURST HIGH SCHOOL HAS CONSTITUTION PROGRAM

Friday morning of last week W. L. Cunningham directed the chapel program at the Pinehurst High School. The story of the making of the Constitution was retold by a group of students of the Social Science classes. Before introducing the speakers Mr. Cunningham briefly gave some of the reasons for having a constitution.

Donald Surrie, Jr., with all of the poise of a Patrick Henry, gave a brief description of the crowd welcoming General Washington. Edgar Lewis discussed the troubles of the Constitutional convention and Arthur Dupree spoke on the secret meetings and final ratification. All of these young men made impressive speeches and held the attention of both faculty and students.

## Boy Scouts Win Awards at Court of Honor Here

Attorney Matthews Talks on U. S. Constitution.—Three Boys Given Star Badges

The first meeting of the season of the Moore County Boy Scout Court of Honor and Awards was held at the Southern Pines High School auditorium on Friday evening, September 17th and the program opened with a march in double column and salute to the flag. F. M. Dwight of Lakeview and Colin Osborne and Paul Van Camp of Southern Pines acted as the Guard of Honor.

Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the Southern Pines School Board, welcomed the Scouts in behalf of the school, emphasized the educational value of the Boy Scouts of America and closed his remarks with a glowing tribute to the Constitution of the United States.

The chief address of the evening was made by Attorney W. Duncan Matthews, president of the Moore County Boy Scouts Council, who told in some detail how the Constitution was formed and the fundamental meaning and significance of the document.

R. E. Denny, deputy executive for Moore county, presided and awarded the promotion and merit badges. Six boys from Aberdeen, one from Carthage, eight from Pinehurst, nine from Southern Pines Troop No. 1 and four from Southern Pines Troop No. 2 were granted awards.

Features of the evening were a demonstration of signalling by First Class Scout Edward Prizer and the awarding of Star badges to Lyle McDonald, C. P. Osborne and Edward Prizer, all of Southern Pines Troop No. 1. In congratulating these Scouts on this advancement, Dr. E. Lewis Prizer, chairman of the Moore County Court of Honor Committee, expressed the hope and belief that a dozen more Star awards can be made this winter.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license has been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to Amos Jones of Eagle Springs and Mamie McLaughlin of Carthage.

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