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## PUBLIC-SPIRITED NEIGHBORS

In totaling up the results of the Maternal Welfare Committee's Tag Day, an interesting fact appears. It seems that West Southern Pines contributed a little over one-fifth of the amount raised.

The Pilot believes this is a most creditable showing, and reflects great credit on the people of West Southern Pines, on the various organizations and the leaders in the community who took part. Much of the work for which the money pays benefits the colored people. The colored mothers are in the majority at the clinics and the classes for colored midwives are an important part of the program. It is right that the colored people should do their part in raising this money. But things are not always done just because they are right.

In work of this sort one often hears the criticism that it is "pauperizing" and that people take advantage of it undeservedly. The Pilot believes that on the whole that criticism is pretty seldom justified. But at least we know that it cannot be made in this case. The people of West Southern Pines are to be congratulated on their splendid response to this cause, and we in Southern Pines can be happy that we have, as our next door neighbor, such a public-spirited community.

## A CHALLENGE TO ALL

The fact that twenty-one children were killed on North Carolina streets and highways the first three months of the year is viewed by Ronold Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, as a stern challenge to everyone interested in safety, but particularly to North Carolina parents.

"Pending the fulfillment of our hope of having safety taught in every school in North Carolina, the responsibility for teaching our children safety habits must lie chiefly with their parents," says Hocutt.

The safety director pointed out that the 21 traffic fatality victims under 15 years of age included nine who were crossing or playing in the street or roadway, one skater who skated in front of a car, one bicyclist who disregarded a stop sign, and one child on a sled.

"If parents expect their children to walk, play, skate and ride bicycles in a safe manner, they must take it upon themselves to impress their children with the importance of safe practices and the dangers of wrong practices," Hocutt said.

"If your child rides a bicycle, see that he or she learns safe cycling habits, preferably by joining a Bicycle Club, if there is one in your community; if your child owns skates, teach him not to skate in the street; and, above all, see that your child doesn't play in the street, that he learns to look before crossing the street or road, and that he cultivates safe pedestrian habits.

"It is better that your child learn the lessons of safety through teaching, not through experience."

## BEAUTY—AND THE BEAST

This is intended only for the fellow who likes to get up early and enjoy the new day, early in its beginning. May is about as attractive a month in the Sandhills as anything that rolls around the calendar year. It means that the leaves have about reached maturity and that

# THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS



## GRAINS OF SAND

Don't fail to vote in tomorrow's primaries.

Polls open from 7:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.

And don't miss tonight's dance in the Aberdeen Tobacco Warehouse. It's for the Red Cross, which needs money as it never needed it before.

Dr. Louis R. Wilson, dean of the graduate library school of the University of Chicago in speaking at Chapel Hill recently, said of public and school libraries of the South: "The area remains more backward in general library development than any other region in the nation." While that wasn't a pleasant note to hear the subject of his disclosure was not all discouragement as he had warm praise for library development in the South which he said began in 1926 and has progressed more concretely than in other regions. The results are already beginning to bear fruit.

The expansion of the public and school libraries means a substantial expansion in the mental growth in the state's population, as a reading state is not an illiterate state.

When the visitor found the shades

the canopy overhead is green. Summer heat and droughts are still far enough away to offer no interference. Gardens are at their height of spring glory, and a riot of color and blossom abound. The summer tanager defies the mocking bird and the diminutive goldfinch outtings the bursting cardinal, and the plan and score of the orchestra becomes an interesting and complicated affair.

The colored man in his exuberant spiritual describes the unfolding of a May dawn as he adds pressure to the heavy cords "My Lawd, what a mornin'—you'll hear de Christians shout; you'll heah de trumpet soun' to wake de nations undergroun'—my Lawd, what a mornin'."

The Germans are ploughing their way into France and heaving their strength at Britain. Strife and greed and war are as widespread as ever known. The stock market is going down and the price of butter up. A puzzling array of candidates for governor loom up and ask for your vote. Washington needs more money and taxes will advance and a general darkness has settled over a larger part of the globe than ever before, and so on ad infinitum, and the world lies down to sleep in gloom, forgetting that a new day always dawns and according to past observations, always will.

The man who wrote enthusiastically about the wealth of the morning never misled anyone. In our isolated and protected Sandhill gardens—

"God's in His Heaven—

All's right with the world." It's worth making the discovery for yourself, as you hear the grand amen rise in the darkey's song: "My Lawd, what a mornin'."

—H.K.B.

of the bank drawn Monday morning he scratched his head while he ransacked his brain for a reason. He knew of no important event looming up at this particular time of the month and he puzzled over the bank holiday.

Up in Raleigh a flag floats over the State house. On the banner are two significant lines, the answer to the stranger's question.

May 20, 1775,  
April 12, 1776.

Monday was Independence Day for North Carolina. One hundred and sixty-five years ago a small group of Mecklenburg farmers, longing for peace, led the country toward its freedom from European domination. In their log courthouse a few resolutions were drawn up under the direction of Thomas Polk and Dr. Ephriam Brevard, and when they were read at the door of the courthouse next day, a little band of people, the first in America, declared themselves free from the domination of an English king. While up in Philadelphia, a man by the name of William Penn was making strenuous efforts to come to peaceful terms with an angry George 3d, whose retaliation was some 20,000 troops, made up of Hessians from Germany.

The doors of the local bank were closed Monday because a few early North Carolina's goaded into action, proclaimed their decisions and set up the first Independence Day in our United States.

When North Carolina instituted the revocation system in its Highway Safety Campaign it made one of the most important steps in its career, as figures emphatically show. Last month 448 drivers lost their right to drive an automobile. From the first of January until the last of April, 1,774 were removed from the highways by revocation, and 27,362 since 1935 when the law was put into effect. Out of the 448 who were given suspended sentences, 390 were accredited to drunken driving during the past month. If the highway system had achieved no other gain all month weeding 390 drunks from the roads was enough.

The man or woman who sets out in a hunk of tin, aluminum or steel, or whatever the construction, and hurls the tremendous weight of the modern automobile over roads and highways in an intoxicated condition is as great a menace to life as any hold-up man, gangster or assassin that attacks from any other angle, threatening human life.

The Highway commission has done a mighty effective job, and more power in its weeding process.

## MISS SLEDGE EXHIBITS IN FEDERAL ART CENTER

Miss Katherine Sledge of Pinehurst was among the exhibitors from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at an art exhibit held last week in the Federal Art Center in Greenville. Her decorative panels won high praise from critics and visitors. Miss Sledge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Sledge.

# SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS HERE REACH \$175,800

Unemployment Compensation  
Accounts for \$63,669 of  
Funds Distributed

\$41,847 FOR AGED POOR

Moore county residents and communities have benefitted about \$175,800 through operation of the Social Security program, it is estimated by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Unemployment Compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is usually the largest item in the ten divisions of the program, in counties with fairly large industries. In the two years of benefit payments, 1938 and 1939, the distribution was \$63,668.88, included in 9,615 checks to county residents.

Through cooperation of Nathan H. Yelton, State Director of Public Assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Cheek, executive secretary of the State Commission for the Blind, and with figures from Washington and in the Central UCC office in Raleigh, it is possible to get a fairly accurate picture of the benefits distributed in Moore county.

Old Age Assistance, help for the needy passed 65 years of age, in Moore county in 31 months of distribution amounted to \$41,847.00. The January amount was \$2,922.50, going to 311 needy aged persons, an average of \$9.40 each, as compared with the State average of \$9.72 for the month.

Aid to Dependent Children, help in the support of children deprived of their natural breadwinners, amounted to \$27,341.50 in the same 31 months. The January amount was \$1,041.50, going to the support of 217 such children, an average of \$4.80 each, as compared with the State average of \$6.18 for the month. Aid to the Blind in Moore county was \$17,192.76 for the same 31 months. In January \$573.44 went to 37 blind persons averages \$1550 each; State average, \$14.90.

In Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind, the funds are provided one-half by the Federal Government and one-fourth each by the State and county. Aid to Dependent Children funds have been furnished one-third each by Federal, State and County governments. Now the Federal Government will furnish one-half, as in cases of the needy aged and the blind.

## Old Age Benefits

Old Age Benefits, now Old Age and Survivors' Insurance, is not available by counties, but a proration can be made to get a county estimate. This has been small lumpsum payments to workers in covered employment since January 1, 1937, and who have since reached 65 years of age and quit work, or to the families of such workers who have died since that date. The importance of this part of the program will be more apparent now, since payments have started on a monthly basis, as provided in an amendment by Congress in August, 1939.

With an estimate in this one small item of \$2,600.00 going to 72 workers or their families through October, and practically accurate figures in the other four divisions, it is apparent that just about \$152,650 has been distributed in Moore county in these five major divisions. In the other five divisions, classed as "services," a proration indicates that about \$23,155 has been distributed in this county since the program started, divided approximately as follows: Maternal and Child Health services, \$4,125.00; Services for Crippled Children, \$3,475.00; Child Welfare services, \$2,780.00; Vocational Rehabilitation, \$1,775.00; and Public Health work, \$11,000.00.

Several factors enter into this proration, Mr. Powell explained. Moore county had a population of 28,215, or about 0.89 percent of the population of the entire state, 1930 census. This part of the Social Security program has been in operation about four years, and the State has matched Federal funds in almost every instance. These facts are considered in making the proration.

Central UCC office records show that in 1939 Moore county had 85 resident employers subject to the law and 2,879 workers protected by it. Subject employers paid into the State fund \$143,529.20 in the years of 1937, 1938 and 1939, as compared with the \$63,668.88 paid to unemployed workers in the county in the two years of 1938 and 1939.

The records show that in 1938 and 1939 unemployed workers filed 2,888 initial claims—the first claims filed after the worker becomes unem-

ployed—and 20,353 continued claims—the claims filed each week after the initial claims.

Employment service records indicate that in 1937 1938 and 1939 Moore registrations for work and 1,039 placements on jobs were handled in

Moore county.

Employment and benefit payments business in Moore county is handled by the Employment Service office in Sanford.

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## PERSONAL MESSAGE

TO THE GOOD DEMOCRATS,  
OF THE EIGHTH DISTRICT:

To my many friends who started this movement to restore PEACE and HARMONY to the DEMOCRATIC PARTY of the Eighth District and to the multitudes that have joined OUR RANKS as the movement has advanced, I wish to express my pleasure in serving as YOUR STANDARD BEARER.

VICTORY is ASSURED. I will not BOASTINGLY claim victory in the first primary but I am certain to LEAD, and WILL WIN in the second. WE must guard against over confidence and PRESS ON.

This campaign is not a COLLUSION or TIE-UP with ANY CANDIDATE GROUP, CLIQUE or FACTION. I am in the race to win. There will be NO SELL OUT OR YIELD TO COMPROMISE, but a CLEAN and VIGOROUS FIGHT to a GLORIOUS FINISH.

YOUR FRIEND,

Bob Steele III