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## OVERLOOKED IN THE CENSUS

The President of Pinehurst, Incorporated and his family; the Solicitor of Moore county and his wife; a former Mayor of Aberdeen and his family, are among others unearthed by The Pilot who have not been listed in the 1940 federal census, despite the fact that the enumeration is supposed to have been completed.

The Pilot was informed this week that Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tufts had not been called upon by enumerators in Pinehurst, nor had Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vail. This newspaper is also in receipt of the following letter from Aberdeen:

"I gave the blank from my Pilot to another family to send in saying the census takers had not been on our hill (Page Hill), but I should also like to say that he hasn't been to my house nor has my cook been seen. Aberdeen is small enough, but should like to be numbered among its small population. I shall thank you to see that the proper person is told so we may be counted." (Signed) — Mrs. Frank Shamburger. Mr. Shamburger is one of Aberdeen's leading citizens, a former mayor and member of the school board.

W. A. Leland McKeithen, county solicitor, president of the Moore County Young Democrats, secretary of the Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce is another who has not been approached by a canvasser. He and Mrs. McKeithen remain unlisted.

If such prominent citizens as these have been lost in the shuffle of the new enumeration, how many others must there be?

The Pilot respectfully refers the above names to the proper authorities.

## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

It won't be long now until the Republicans and the Democrats meet in more or less solemn conclaves to select their 1940 standard bearers. And in the meantime a long line-up of political hopefuls, their hearts beating nervously, are working overtime in an attempt to convince the voters: the delegates, and the party machine that they are the logical choice for the number one position in the United States.

There will be 1,000 delegates to the Republican convention, of whom 96 are now pledged to Dewey, 22 to Hanford MacNider, 18 to Senator Capper and 2 to Senator Taft. (Not all the delegates have been selected as yet, so further pledges will be effected between now and convention time.) There will be 1094 delegates to the Democratic convention of whom, so far, the President has 392, Postmaster General Farley 38 1-2, Representative Bankhead 22, and Vice-President Garner 4. In each case, the majority of delegates will be unpledged. And the pledges do not mean a great deal—in most instances, pledged delegates are only duty bound to vote for their candidate on the first few ballots, and thereafter consider themselves free to throw their support elsewhere.

The inner New Dealers argue that the President is the logical choice, and the only available Democrat who would be reasonably sure of winning the day. A number of political commentators subscribe to that view. At the same time a very recent Gallup poll throws something of a monkey wrench into that chain of reasoning. Dr. Gallup asked a cross-section of voters whom they would vote for as between

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## GRAINS OF SAND

The first primary has eliminated most of the candidates for public office in the state, but left some bitter battles to be fought in the second, three weeks from tomorrow. Headlining these from the local standpoint will be a renewal of the Burgin-Deane

the President and Dewey, and Mr. Roosevelt was favored by 52 per cent. He then asked the same voters to choose between Secretary Hull and Dewey, and Hull came out on top with 51 per cent. That obviously indicates two things — that Republican and Democratic strength is amazingly evenly balanced this year, and that Mr. Hull would be practically as strong a candidate as the President.

On the Republican side of the battered political fence, there is a growing feeling, among the publicists as well as among experienced politicians, that the three leading candidates—Dewey, Vandenberg and Taft—are likely to kill each other off, thus paving the way for a candidate of the dark or dusky horse variety. An influential group in GOP circles is quietly booming Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader. McNary is a middle-of-the-road-man, is universally respected by his colleagues and has specialized in farm aid legislation. He would be a certainty, some Republicans think, to sweep the politically vital corn belt, would carry most of the West, and would have a good chance in the industrial East. He has few political liabilities—the most important being that his state is extremely small in population and electoral vote—and his record in the Senate has been that of a moderate. He is a factor worth considering.

The Wendell Willkie drive goes on, and gains force. A few years ago Mr. Willkie was almost completely unknown to the public at large—now he is unquestionably a first-class national figure. His many speeches, radio appearances and magazine articles have brought him into the limelight with astonishing speed. A growing group think him the perfect choice. His liability is lack of a political machine: but that is by no means necessarily fatal. Cynical political reporters have talked with longing of the possibilities of a Roosevelt-Willkie fight. Different as these men are in point of view, both are born politicians, both are ideal radio personalities, both know how to play the angles. It would be a great campaign.

So far as the party platforms are concerned, they will probably mean little, and will say next to nothing at great length. Both parties will pledge themselves to stay out of war, to aid the needy and the farmers, to cut government costs if, as and when, and so on. It will be the candidates who count, not the windy planks. And it should be a red hot campaign.

scrap of two years ago, a scrap which then took until late fall to settle. It will be hard fought again, for Deane, though behind in the first primary, is a scrapper and a great vote-getter. And Burgin is pretty well tied up in Washington due to the severity of the international situation. As a member of the Foreign Affairs committee, he is needed there.

Mr. Broughton's lead for Govern-

## HE'S COMING BACK

Editor, The Pilot:

I note in your issue of May 3rd in "The Passing Years," by Charles Macauley: "J. W. Bassett has gone to Mt. Carmel, Conn., his future home." This just 40 years ago in 1900.

He still hopes to return and spend his later year in the Sandhills.

The enjoyable climate, the unhurried life and the friendly atmosphere among the people there, are very appealing to me. I enjoy your paper very much.

—JAMES WALTER BASSETT.  
Mt. Carmel, Conn., May 18.

or starts him off with a big handicap over Lieutenant-Governor Horton, but Horton isn't licked until the last vote is counted. He was second man in the first primary when he ran for lieutenant governor, but won out in the second. He thinks he can do this again, though it's never been accomplished in a gubernatorial fight.

Hawley Poole won a majority in the first primary for representative in the State legislature He has asked The Pilot to express his deep appreciation for the splendid support accorded him in this balliwick

Conversation overheard on Broad street:

"Did you vote Saturday?"

"No, I forgot to register. Did you?"

"No, I registered, but forgot to vote."

If Postmaster General Farley thinks he's going to get the stamp collector's vote for President he's likely to be fooled. He's put out so many new stamps he has the philatelist practically busted buying them up, and swamped as to where to keep them all.

Have you done your bit in the Red Cross War Relief campaign? Every dollar is needed for the unfortunates of war-torn Belgium and France.

## Are You a Reading Club Member?



Do You Recognize These Southern Pines Boys and Girls? They were Some of the Members of the Vacation Reading Club, Sponsored by the Southern Pines Library in 1939. Are You Going to Join the Club This Summer? More Than 60 Children Have Enrolled Already.

### J. S. WILLIAMS, 56, DIES AT HIS HOME NEAR HEMP

J. S. Williams, 56, died Tuesday afternoon at his home four miles north of Hemp after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Needham's Grove Christian Church, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Brady of Hemp. Surviving are his wife, Mattie Williams; three sisters, Tissue Maness and Ada Maness of Randolph county. Mary Alice Scott of Steeds and one brother, J. T. Williams of Hemp.

Use The Pilot's Classified Column for Results.

### REV. F. M. HARRIS CALLS FOR UNITED FRONT IN U. S.

Patriotism must supercede politics; we must present a solid front under the leadership of God if life is to be worth while, the Rev. E. M. Harris, pastor of the Aberdeen Baptist Church, told members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday. Mr. Harris talked on the "challenging task before America" in the face of the world crisis of today. He was presented to the club by Dr. E. M. Medlin of Aberdeen. The meeting was held in the Page Memorial Methodist Sunday School building.

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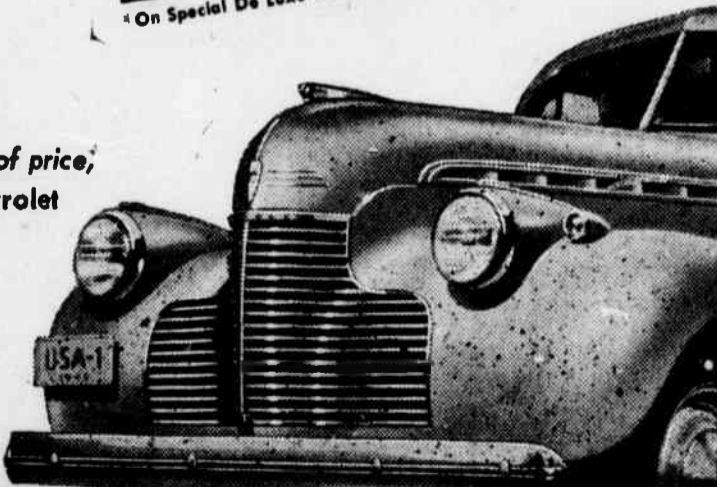
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