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OLD BETHESDA-1790-1940

Old Bethesda Church - and it is rightfully called "Old"-will see the foregathering on Sunday of its sons and daughters of all ages, to do it rightful honor on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. The people of Moore county take just pride in this fine institution, in its history, its part in the spread of religion, in the men and women it has sent forth to all parts of the world. The celebration of its sesquicentennal should be a memorable one.

No more acceptable a guest speaker for the occasion could Presbyterian Church there is go through in jig time. of which he showed such ability the American scene. and wisdom thlat the Church

birthday.

A WELCOME **AWAITS YOU**

Committee from whom The Pilot has a letter this week, does well to publicize the institution at this season of the year when we have so many new residents in our midst. As attractive and comfortable a building and as complete a collection of volumes of all classifications should not be overlooked by those seeking to acquaint themselves with the village and make the most of their sojourn.

"The Library welcomes you to Southern Pines," says the communiquie. "The institution has been maintained and developed for a score of years by a nucleus of interested friends and an increasing number of people who have responded to the opportunities it affords and found them good. We trust that you will soon become acquainted with this feature of our community life and be pleased there-

"Herr Hitler et al are burnnig "Herr Hitler et al are burning libraries because they dare not not do it. We are maintaining and developing them because we believe that having libraries and using them is one basic essential in any civilization worth having.'

THE NEW DRAFT LAW

When the draft bill-officially called the selective military service act-came before Congress it was known that the great majority of the American people favored it. So did all the leading commentators. So did most public men, including both President Roosevelt and Contender Willkie. The country looked in wondering amazement at what the totalitarian powers were doing to once-democratic Europe, and was grimly determined that every possible step

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE TOPPS



have been procured than Dr. Wal- should be taken to make sure try reversed its previous stand jobs at the same wages. That ter L. Lingle, president of Dav-that nothing of that kind would and decided that the peace-time will mean that men taken on in idson College and it is an hon- happen here at home. Under draft was the lesser of the evils, the meantime to do the work or and a pleasure to welcome him those circumstances, it would The mechanics of the law are must be discharged. In some to the community. Among the have been a reasonable forecast simple enough. Next month cases, men who have spent a living sons of the Southern that the draft measure would every man in the nation between year in the army will be slow to

has always felt that forcing men not be called unless war comes. AT DANGEROUS CURVE

the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive, get back again into the routine none better known than Dr. Lin- But it didn't-Congress has will go to a place of registration of their jobs, and that will ingle. There is none who has serv- seldom given more time to de- and fill out a blank. Some 16,- volve loss of time and money. ed the Church in so wide a range bating any measure. And there is 500,000 men will be involved, All in all, the draft law will unof officers or who has placed a a very good reason for that. Con- and by early next year it is esti- questionably create many a shaping hand on so many things gress did not want the draft bill mated that 900,000 of them will problem for industry no less of vital interest to it. Pastor of -the great majortiy of the Sen- be called to the colors. The men than the individual. great churches, professor in Un- ators and Representatives voting chosen will serve for a year, and It doesn't make a pleasant ion Theological Seminary, ver- for it did so with deep regrets. will be paid \$30 a month. There picture. And certainly, a peacesatile editorial writer, author of They supported it, in brief, be- is nothing in the law granting time draft is, in principle, opposvaluable literary works, presi- cause they felt that dire neces- deferment to men with depend- ed to what this kind of a coundent, administrator and builder sty demanded it. And they knew ents and families—deferment is try and government stands for. of the Assembly's training that, once the bill became law, specifically granted only to But few oppose the action of school, reviser of Church books, a great and as yet unrealized those who, in the opinion of the Congress in adopting it. Illleading Southern Educator, in all change would have come over President, are filling important trained soldiers, in modern war, This country has always been which are essential to defense. diers. elected him to its highest office, dead set against compulsory mil- It is believed certain, however, Moderator of the General As- itary service in peace-time. It that men with dependents will SIX MODE HURT

A welcome to all Old Bethes- to take up arms when we were What will be the effect of the Six more persons were injurda's homecoming - and 150th not at war was in direct viola- draft on our economic order? ed last week at the dangerous tion of the democratic process Only time can answer that ques- curve near the Montesanti Camp and the democratic tradition. It tion fully, but some of the re- on the old road between South-has looked with a mixture of pity sults can be easily foreseen. The ern Pines and Pinehurst, makand contempt on those European bulk of healthy, single young ing a total of eleven during the There is a spirit of welcome nations where for centuries men will be temporarily taken month of September All were awaiting newcomers to Southern every able-bodied man has been away from the society they are hospitalized and many seriously Pines at the Southern Pines Library. And the Membership required to give a year or two used to. They won't be marrying injured and many seriously used to. They won't be marrying injured and many seriously are nospitalized and many seriously brary. And the Membership complete are still no warning the southern are still not southern are still learning something about the be earning good wages and signs on this much-used road craft of arms. And yet, despite spending them. Their places will and there is still no guard rail that, once the menace of dicta- be taken by older men, or by at the culvert into which cars torship became clear, the coun- men whose physical status makes s'id on this curve.

Grains of Sand

The official Daily Treasury Statement of September 11 showed the financial condition of the Treasury since July 1, 1940, to be:

Expenditures . \$1,784,931,726.51 \$963,916,456.70 \$821,015,269.81 In the hole The gross Federal debt on that date was \$43,910,182,700.60.

Your per capita share of that debt is \$377.77. ·

More than one out of every five jobs in this country are provided by manufacturing industry.

There are twice as many motor vehicles in the United States as in the entire rest of the world.

An American who went to Halifax with some of the 50 destroyers reports a couple of very interesting

The destroyers, he says, had been completely reconditioned and were not just old ones brushed up and put into service. He adds that Winston Churchill's "long arm of coincidence" put 800 British sailors in Halifax before the destroyers arrived.

them unfit for military life. And when, the year's training over, these young men are released, another dislocation will take place. The draft law provides that every employer who is able to, must take the conscripts back, and put them in the same

jobs in industries and callings become easily slaughtered sol-

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