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ARMSTRONG ON THE BENCH

Having Judge Frank Armstrong presiding over the current term of Superior Court in Carthage seems rather like having one of our own on the bench. The judge is certainly a neighbor, having come from Troy, and has sort of adopted Moore County, having now a home in Pinehurst and having taken as his wife one of Pinehurst's fairer ladies, the former Miss Dorothy Ehrhardt.

But even among his own folks, Judge Armstrong made this week a definite impression upon the habitués of the courtroom as a presiding officer who has respect for the dignity of the American courts and demands that all others display this respect.

There certainly was admiration and respect intermingled with the awe of those who spoke of Judge Armstrong's business-like handling of the court business. Law officers were instructed to man the courtroom doors and stay right on duty to keep down all disturbances. "No crying babies" are needed in a room of justice, the Judge declared. The bar was cleared of all unnecessary visitors. There was to be no foolishness allowed while the court was in session.

His charge to the Grand Jury was fair but strong. His order for the investigation of Samarand Manor pulled no punches; on the other hand, he did not condemn or pre-judge the situation; he merely said that reports called for investigation, to prove them right or to prove them wrong.

American courts have not always been dispensers of genuine justice. Too often the judges and the cases and the entanglement of law have made a mockery of justice. Far rather would we have a presiding judge who took the dispensing of justice too seriously than one who, as it were, dispensed with justice for the sake of a show.

VANDALISM AND SABOTAGE

There is sometimes understanding, though perhaps no sympathy, for the person who commits a wrong for personal gain. At least, we feel, he was seeking to accomplish something, even if he veered from the straight and narrow path to do it. But there can be no understanding and absolutely no sympathy for the vandal who seeks to allay his boredom by slashing the awnings of certain establishments along Broad street.

This sneak is difficult to spot. Apparently with the use of a knife, he walks along the street, probably late at night, and reaches up to slash the awnings of stores. Some of them—such as franjeans—have been the victim more than once of this canvas-slashing scoundrel. Because of the purposelessness of the crime and the quickness and ease with which it can be accomplished, police have been unable to get any trace of the vandal.

Whoever it is is a worse criminal, though, in our opinion, than the man who may steal for gain. This person, however, stands to gain nothing, while not only do the stores lose, but they must drain again and again on a material which is needed in wartime and which is not as abundant as it once was. At any time, such an action would be vandalism; in these days, it approaches sabotage. We hope whoever it is—is caught!

THE Public Speaking

A STERNER PRIVILEGE

To the Editor:
Thank you for the editorial, "Our First Gold Star"—a worthy tribute to a notable youth and a stirring challenge to all the rest of us who must and may do something for the land and life we stand for.

Late in the spring of 1917, I had occasion to offer a student a com-

GRAINS OF SAND

A BROKEN ARM KEPT ONE couple in Southern Pines for two years and a half, and they regretted leaving last week to return to their home in Richmond. When Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins Lee came here about two and a half years ago, they intended only to stay out the season. Mr. Lee met with an accident, however, broke his arm and was laid up in the hospital. They stayed through that summer, then through the next season, and then again through the past summer, liking the place so well that they disliked to go. Last week, though, they decided the broken arm of two years ago no longer afforded them an excuse for staying and they returned to Richmond.

ALL WHO HEARD THE STORY were skeptical but Roy Grinnell says that John McMillan of Pinebluff can verify it. It's a golf story, of course, that happened some years ago when the number five hole on the "little course" was over 600 yards long and took a dog-leg to the left where the present green is, to parallel for several yards the fairway of the number 13 hole on No. 1 course.

Roy says that one golfer came around the dogleg on No. 5 and landed near the edge of the rough, to the right of No. 13. Mr. McMillan (we think it was) drove off the 13th and sliced. Just as he drove, the player on the other hole was addressing his ball and just about to swing. Mr. McMillan's ball, slicing, plopped against the other player's ball, knocking it out from under the club-head just as he swung through.

Lt. Col. D. McEntee, of the paratroopers, hearing Roy's story along with Howard Burns, laughed a mumbled something about it's taking a lot of nerve to tell a tall tale like that.

OTIS BROOM, WHO WAS WITH the Carolina Power and Light Company here and president of the Rotary Club until shortly before he volunteered as an officer's candidate in the U. S. Army, is now Lieut. Otis Broom, if you please, and is stationed at Fort Logan, Colorado, with the Air Force Technical Training Command. Lieut. Broom graduated from the Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach last month and was assigned to duty at Fort Logan. Mrs. Broom has joined him there and they are at 575 E. Bates Avenue, Englewood, Colorado.

SOME OTHER FOLKS IN THE service who have been heard from recently include Pharmacists Mate, 2nd class, Lyle D. McDonald, now assigned to the Navy Department Section Base at Ocracoke, N. C. McDonald was sent there as an operating room technician . . .

"I get the PILOT every week, and it is grand to hear and read about the folks back home. I wish that I could tell you some of the things about the base . . . but it is impossible. One thing that I can say about this place is that they serve very good chow (meals). When the Navy puts you through a special school to learn a special type of work, they really teach you how to do it the best way. I have had an education in the past 10 months that I could not obtain on the outside in three years . . ."

G. G. Ashton, better known as "Jerry" Ashton, is now a corporal out at 8th General Hospital, Barracks 1, Camp White, Oregon . . . Bernard W. Leavitt, former Southern Pines youth, is now a private with the Special Training Detachment, Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga.; Tony Montesanti, inducted last fall, is a Tech. Sergeant at Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn. . .

HARRY GOLDSMITH OF OUT Young's Road way is the proud possessor of a real New England antique which came from Franconia, N. H., nearly 50 years ago. This relic of another day and clime is a genuine "sap yoke" once used for carrying buckets of maple sap and is now adapted for other uses by the present owner. Brought into the Sandhills by George Young, father of the late Willis Young about 1895, the yoke was then many years old. Usually these shoulder yokes were made for the user, as they were individually fitted for the shoulder and neck of the wearer. Louise Dickinson Rich in her unique story just published, "We Took to the Woods," has among other illustrations of life in the Rangeley Lakes section of Maine one of the sap gathering equipment in use.

mencement position unusually attractive to an undergraduate. His reply read:

"I cannot remain for Commencement. I have enlisted in the United States Army and a sterner privilege is before me."

Privileges are often attractive. **Stern privileges** now confront us. —WARREN F. SHELDON, Southern Pines, N. C., January 15, 1943.

The Passing Years

BY CHARLES MACAULEY

Third Week in January 1942

Struthers Burt's new book "Along These Streets" on sale at Hayes.
Miss Ruth Sergeant weds in Cleveland.

New home economic cottage added to Negro school plant at West Southern Pines.

Dr. and Mrs. Perry M. Starnes and Ted Starnes of Hickory were weekend guests of W. E. and Boyd Starnes.

1938

"Mounties" join hunt for slayers of J. E. Carraway.

Mrs. Jonathan Buchan dies.
Mrs. H. G. McElroy and infant son returned home last Friday from Moore County Hospital.

Miss Erma Fisher and Mrs. Roy Grinnell were hostesses at the Junior Guild of the Episcopal Church on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Fisher.

1933

The Sentinels endorsed by the Kiwanis Club. Women's branch meets.

Harry Goldsmith entertained at a birthday dinner at his home on Tuesday night. Among the guests were Miss Helen Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McNeill, Miss Virginia Kane and Mrs. John McCrimmon.

Edith and Dyrus Cook of Woodstock, N. Y., with donkey "Jackie" pause a while in Southern Pines.

1928

A birthday party will be given at the home of Miss Emilie May Wilson to night to celebrate the anniversary of the advent of this popular young lady on the terrestrial sphere.

"Hoskins' Candy Shop. Formerly Boston's. Full line of Page & Shaws. Special 49 cents, Molasses. Peppermints. Best of all chocolates." adv.

1924

Library Association annual meeting. Dr. Arthur Ramsey succeeds James Swett as president.

Hard surface highway between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

The Economy Market wishes all its friends and neighbors a Happy and Prosperous New Year." Adv.

1918

Two inches of snow on the 2nd. A little more on the 20th, and sleet on the night of the 22nd has made a rather unpleasant month.

1913

At the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Whipple, Miss Harriet Berry, of Newport, Vt., and Mr. Lovell Hudson, of Whitefield, N. H., were united in marriage last Monday morning.

Miss Helen Sadler gave an afternoon tea to guests and friends at the Juneau Saturday afternoon.
E. M. Fulton dies in Atlantic City.

1908

New school house occupied. Contractor W. J. Stuart finished work in time for pupils to be admitted following the Christmas holidays.

George A. Kimball elected by Board of Commissioners to fill vacancy made by resignation of Mayor Ferguson. Also voted to rebate poll tax of \$2.00 from G. W. Goode, and to remove the Carolina poplar on New Hampshire avenue on the line of J. S. Reynolds and C. L. Hayes.
Trowned. Southern Pines goes to Pinehurst and is beaten 21 to 2.

1903

Mr. Hendrickson wanted "a little Bilgian dog for a watch charm," but Col. Schmit says its cruel to punch dogs ears for the purpose of charming a watch—and then he couldn't catch him.

Miss Mary T. Crotty of Southern Pines, has commenced the erection of a cottage on Vermont avenue. Builder McLeod has the contract.

1900

At a regular meeting of the City Commissioners it was resolved, "That any person who shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk within the corporate limits of the town shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall pay a fine of \$1.00 for each and every offense. This ordinance shall be in force after January 20th."

Root and Wakeman have added a new type-writer to their establishment.

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Reading The Pilot

Among those who have started the New Year right either by subscribing to THE PILOT or renewing their due subscription are as follows:

From Southern Pines: Mrs. H. B. Greenman, Frank H. Wilson, Mrs. M. Thorne Smith, Mrs. W. E. Cox, Mrs. M. E. Blymyer, Col. E. C. Carey, George J. Jenks, Mrs. N. C. Ayers, Mrs. John Jayme, Cecil Robinson, Miss Lillian Roberts, Mrs. W. H. Barnum, John F. Stevens, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, Dr. Vida McLeod, Mrs. W. N. Patterson, Mrs. E. A. Tracy, Mrs. J. H. Towne, Dr. W. H. Ross, Col. S. T. Wallis, Citizens Bank and Trust Co.;

Also from Southern Pines, Mrs. J. H. Andrews (and of Akron.), Miss Georgiana Booth, Dr. L. M. Daniels, Lt. Col. E. V. Hughes, P. J. Waterman, Frank Welch.

From Pinehurst: W. V. Slocock, C. B. Fownes, I. C. Sledge, C. T. Crocker, Julius Mathews, John F. Taylor; also, Richard S. Lovering, Eagle Springs; Mrs. Belle McKeithen, Cameron; Miss Ellen S. Merrow, Eagle Springs; Levi Packard, Pinebluff; Mrs. Martha Myers, A. R. Laubscher, Vass; Dr. Frank T. Morgan, Durham; John Willcox, M. J. McLean and Mrs. N. A. McKeithen, Carthage; W. F. Alexander, route 3, Carthage; W. T. Ring, rt. 2, Vass; Miss Ruby Hall, Goldsboro; Joseph W. Wood, Raleigh; Lt. M. G. Stutz, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. M. F. Tompkins, New York City; Mrs. George London, Charleston, S. C.; J. Walter Bassett, Mt. Carmel, Conn.; W. H. Byrd, New Orleans, La.; Sgt. Antonio Montesanti, Windsor Lock, Conn.; Cadet Charles S. Patch, Maxwell Field, Ala.; Pvt. Herrmann Grover, Warner Robins Field, Ga.; Miss Margaret Montesanti, Baltimore, Md.; Lieut. Otis L. Broom, Englewood, Col.; Mrs. W. C. Dreibelbie, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Among new ones are R. L. King, Lakeview; R. M. King, Tampa, Fla. (gift); and Mrs. Harriett Turner, Manly; D. W. Doster, Rockingham; S. H. Evans, Vass.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"A lot of storekeepers in town are worrying about being able to get help these days, Judge. Men are mighty scarce and getting more so all the time."

"I know. Even the big companies are having quite a job getting them. Yep, and they need 'em too. Take the beverage distilling companies for example...they need a lot of manpower. Though they're not making whiskey any more, they're doing a 24-hour-a-day job of turning out alcohol for

gun powder and synthetic rubber for the government.

"Makes me think back to the days before repeal when a powerful number of people were making liquor, too...only they were a bunch of law-flouting criminals doing it behind closed doors. And the government wasn't collecting a billion dollar excise tax either. Ever stop to wonder where the government could get all its war alcohol today if it weren't for the beverage distillers?"