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STATES RIGHTS AND SOLDIERS' VOTES.

The other day an election was held on American ships in the Pacific. It was a New Zealand election and the voters were New Zealand troops in convoy. Now Congress has defeated the bill to assure the vote to all our armed forces.

It seems strange that New Zealanders are going to be able to vote on our ships when our own men can't.

Of course New Zealand's problem is simple compared to ours. We are a federation: we have states rights: we have the negro.

Roughly speaking, the bill was beaten by an alliance of Southern democrats who feared the negro's vote and northern isolationists who feared the white man's vote.

There is no question in our mind that a man who fights for his country is morally entitled to vote, whatever his color.

There is no question in our mind that the great bulk of our service men would vote against isolationism and all the fascist bands and shirts and would support the administration. To deny them the ballot is therefore a victory for reactionary republican strategy.

But the negro vote in the South is a problem that cannot lightly be dismissed. And the principle that each state can set up its own qualifications for suffrage should not lightly be overridden.

Balancing the factors we conclude that it is better to endure injustice for a season than to take too hastily a step that may radically alter a principle of our government.

GRAINS OF SAND

Our thanks to Garland B. Porter, manager of the Advertising-News Bureau, State Department of Conservation and Development, for a very attractive reprint of a comprehensive story on North Carolina which appeared in the October issue of Manufacturers Record.

The booklet is titled "North Carolina. A Story of Great Achievement." It depicts the state's manufactures, minerals, agriculture, forests, fisheries, electric power, highways and transportation, finance, education and recreation.

It is beautifully illustrated. Especially striking is the reproduction of the State flower, the dogwood, against a background of black.

Inspection of this booklet convinces one that North Carolina is in reality "The Balanced State".

Charlie McDonald, sheriff of Moore County, was recently elected president of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

One day since that event his 7-year-old daughter, Rebecca, inquired: "Daddy'll quit being sheriff now, won't he mother?"

"No," Mrs. McDonald replied, puzzled. "Why?"

"Well, he's president," the little miss stated.

"Yes, but he doesn't get any money for that," the mother explained.

"Well, I hope he'll keep on being sheriff then!" the practical-minded youngster exclaimed.

The government is looking for places for loyal American Japanese.

They want to work and the government wants to distribute them around the country.

Judging by the way some of our local negroes are easing off, we

might give the Japs a trial.

Their loyalty is proven.

And if the American Jap works as hard as the Jap Jap fights he might set an example

To colored—

And even—

To some—

But never mind.

Mrs. W. C. Leslie of Vass has a green thumb. Each year in her gardens are beautiful flowers and vegetables of luxuriant growth.

One day while working in her vegetable garden she whacked down with her hoe and, an instant later, was startled to see her shoe a sickening red.

Quite a distance from the house, she managed to limp to the back door, where she sank to the steps, calling to her husband:

"Walter, come here please. I've cut my foot mighty bad."

He came.

Carefully and gently the shoe was removed.

They beheld a foot... with nary a scratch.

The "sickening red" was tomato juice.

The owner and publisher of this compendium of startling information and useful knowledge is suffering from a complaint which makes it necessary for him to wear an ice-cap—

He says he's not getting much sleep—

Every time he drops off—

He's wakened up—

By a ringing in his ears—

Like sleigh bells.

There are still quite a lot of private chauffeurs in New York.

Their job now is to take their employer's poodle dog out for exercise.

The useless leading the useless.

THE Public Speaking

November 30, 1943

The Editor
The Pilot
Southern Pines, N. C.
Sir:

It is generally agreed that when a newspaper gets out an annual edition, that the purpose is to feature the outstanding institutions and the advantages of the town or community it represents. That being the case, it represents. That being the case, it is difficult to understand the attitude of the Pilot in regard to the public schools of Southern Pines.

Here we have an important institution, if not the most important, with barely a mention in last year's annual issue of the Pilot, and in this year's issue, I have scanned it in vain for a suitable mention.

Generally recognized throughout the state as a leading school and characterized by the Superintendent of Public Education of the state of North Carolina, Clyde Edwin, as one of the six best schools in the state, highly commented upon by President Frank Graham of the Greater University, yet the Pilot can see no reason for featuring our public schools. Winners year after year in state wide contests held in Durham and Chapel Hill, in dramatics and in glee club singing, and leading in the educational field to such an extent that in a recent test in Science, a state-wide test for all senior and junior high school pupils, conducted by the Greater University at State College in Raleigh, Southern Pines took first and second places and a total of six places out of the first ten. So we excel scholastically. We have had a nine months school for over twenty years while most of the schools of the state have had eight months or less. When the state took over the schools about ten years ago for reorganization and complete control and support of an eight months school, Southern Pines and Durham were the two first schools in the state to vote on and approve of a nine months school. Our citizens in the Southern Pines School District voted seven to one for a nine months school. In order to obtain the privilege, we found it necessary to have the approval and sanction of the State School Commission, and as I appeared personally with our board and a distinguished group of our citizens headed by the late Attorney General Manning to appeal for the privilege, I then fully realized the importance in which our school was held. Very few schools were permitted to set up City Administrative Units. Southern Pines was one of the

select, fortunate few.

A few years ago, the parents of the children of a complete high school class and the pupils themselves, sought to have this class admitted to the Southern Pines High School.

President Frank Graham has paid the highest tribute possible to our teachers when he characterized Southern Pines schools as the springboard to the highest positions in the state schools. One after another, our teachers are taken by the large city units, by the University itself, and State College. I wonder why?

I am noting these things because it makes it all the more difficult to understand why an institution which is held so highly all over the state, is held in such slight esteem by our local paper, and is not being featured as it should be in the Pilot's annual issue.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE G. HERR

(Editor's Note: THE PILOT is not unmindful of the importance of the local schools any more than it is of the wonderful climate, the excellent golf courses, the fine hotels and many other assets of the town which were not featured in this year's report number, due to the fact that this issue sought to present "a word picture of the war as it affects Southern Pines.")

JACKSON SPRINGS

Jimmy Clayton of the North Carolina ship yards in Wilmington spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clayton.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, Mrs. W. E. Graham and Mrs. Kines C. Blake were shoppers in Raleigh on Friday of last week.

Mrs. D. M. Poole returned on Friday to Candler.

Mrs. Florence Woody and Florence Hinson were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Patterson and Alex Patterson.

Miss Vysta Markham of Fayetteville spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Ada Markham.

Lt. John Robert McInnis of Camp Davis spent the weekend with his wife, Mrs. Esther Hurley McInnis. The Business Woman's Circle met Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. E. Currie, there were 14 members present.

Mrs. M. M. Poole has returned home from the Moore County Hospital. Her many friends are glad that she is much improved.

Misses Helen and Patricia Melvin spent the weekend as guests of Miss Martha Honeycutt in Kannapolis. Mrs. Dora Patterson was improved so that she could go to the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. A. Cox, in Ellerbe Sunday from the Moore County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Maurer of Aberdeen attended church at Jackson Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stuart were

dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cole Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Richardson and son, Blue, spent Sunday in Sanford with Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Dowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady E. Dowd and daughter, Anne, of High Point visited relatives here during the weekend.

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