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MEMORIAL DAY

How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!

Memorial Day is the time, in America, when we remember and honour those who gave their lives in war.

Our country has had its share of war; it has had its share of heroic dead. We honour them all today, for their courage, for their sacrifice. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

All our great wars have been fought in the cause of freedom, but in the last two, the two World Wars, inextricably woven into the fight for freedom was the fight against war itself. War was finally recognised, by the men who were fighting it, as the evil that it is, and in their fight for freedom they were consciously engaged in a fight to end all war.

We, the survivors of those wars, the heirs of that great sacrifice, now find ourselves only a year after that last war engulfed in black despair, with talk of another war on every lip. There is little use in trying to analyse how this came about, instead we must concentrate our every effort in a determination to resist this trend of despair. We, the living, must cease drifting toward the rocks of destruction and wake up to face our duty, the duty laid upon us by our heroic dead when they fell, to find a way to freedom and justice and the end of war.

"With God's help we now dedicate ourselves:

To the preservation of our dearly bought and cherished freedoms, for which such sacrifices of blood have been made.
To the seeking and support of all plans for the cooperation of nations now estranged, and of all efforts for the establishment of a world order of justice and peace.
To such self discipline of our minds through thought and study; to such preparation of our hearts through confession and prayer, that we may take our part in realizing a world of justice and enduring peace."

LET'S GET TOGETHER

The to-do over the sale of the Southern Pines Country Club is unfortunate. It indicates something unhealthy in the relationship between the town people and their elected officers. It reflects a lack of confidence that cuts both ways: lack of confidence of the people in the town officials and lack of confidence of the officials in the people.

THE PILOT believes that when the details of the sale are known part of the lack of confidence will prove to have been without basis. It seems, on its face, rather unreasonable. The men who were elected to office had the confidence of the voters or they would not have been chosen; they have done nothing since to forfeit that confidence. Elected on the basis of character and proved business experience, there is no reason to doubt their qualifications to handle such a matter as this, with all necessary safe-guards, or to think that the best interests of the town have not been uppermost in their minds. The fact that a real estate man and an engineer have had charge of the negotiations, as members of the Country Club committee of the town board, shows that it was in the hands of those most qualified to handle it.

Second thoughts will probably convince most of the critics that there is nothing to worry about. On the other hand, the fact that so much criticism arose indicates that from a public relations standpoint the incident was badly handled and reflects a lack of contact between the town board and the town people.

Any policy of secrecy by offi-

cial is bad. It leads inevitably to suspicion and the feeling that a small gang is running things with a high hand. This is only mildly true of our town, where all on the board are close friends of most of the people, but there exists a certain amount of feeling that things are not talked over enough, that no advance notice of anything is given, ever, if it can be avoided by the board. A small case in point is the Aberdeen highway change. It came as a complete surprise and many have been heard to say that if they had known of it, they would have worked hard to try to have the fine dogwoods along the right of way moved back and saved. But nobody was told; when the roadmen appeared, it was too late.

There is, quite properly, resentment when things are sprung on the town. In the case of the Country Club sale, rumors began long ago. They finally reached the press and were then partially and reluctantly confirmed. As the sale advanced, the town board consulted the Chamber of Commerce, as representative of town opinion, and received their O. K., but the actual terms of the sale were then apparently changed. The resultant criticism might have been foreseen.

To conduct such an affair with four or five hundred people sitting in on the negotiations is, of course, absurd: no business man would dream of doing business in that way, with all his stockholders invited in to help him put across a sale. Nevertheless this case is rather special. A town election and a great deal of politicking round was indulged in, in order to buy the Club. The people would have felt a good deal better about the whole thing if they had been allowed some share in the decision to sell it. It is hard to see where such a natural proceeding would have jeopardised the sale. When there is no possibility of keeping something secret it is only the part of good sense to bring it into the open in the best possible light, and at the earliest possible moment.

It was voted at the last Town Meeting that regular town board meetings be held open to the public. But as things have gone, the time of meetings is often changed and no notice of them is ever published. The impression is strong that the public is not wanted. And it is a fair guess that that is the exact feeling of most of the board. The reason is understandable: it is much easier to work quietly than in a glare of publicity; by having unpublicized meetings the board avoids all the cranks, chronic kickers, crackpots with crazy schemes who would otherwise take up their precious time. But this present policy has also serious disadvantages: valuable citizen help in getting needed things done is lost, and a strong suspicion is created that there are things going on that need airing, a short step to the conviction that things, of which the people would not approve, are being concealed. That is a step taken by very few here, but there is no doubt that a great many people would welcome more participation in the affairs of the town, more consultation between the town board and the townspeople.

It might well be that a New England type of town meeting held regularly, perhaps four times a year, would be a very good thing to start in Southern Pines.

NIAGARA

L. D. Williams of Greensboro and Curtis Williams of Charleston, S. C., were in Niagara last weekend.
J. H. Smith of Raleigh visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Morgan this week.
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cameron of Winston-Salem were callers here one day the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Burney Garner and family visited relatives near Robbins Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Maness of Robbins called on Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Parker Sunday.

PRAISES TEEN-AGERS

Miss Flora McDonald, in charge of sending the collections of canned food to UNRRRA, said that while most communities in the Sandhills are responding generously in the present Emergency Food Drive, no group has equalled the excellent work done by the Southern Pines Teen-Agers. This Club was the organization which helped the American Veterans Committee Food Drive.

Brief Gimpse Of What Our County Welfare Dept. Does

By Mrs. Walter B. Cole
Supt. of Public Welfare

When WPA and CCC were operating in North Carolina it was necessary for the County Welfare Department to interview each applicant for work in those agencies and to refer them to the agency if they were found eligible for that type of aid.

When these programs closed with the beginning of heavy war preparations these investigations were replaced by another type for selective service boards. Many prospective draftees who claimed exemption because of dependents were referred to the Welfare Department for thorough investigation of their situations.

This work necessitated personal contacts to establish the validity of the draftee's claim that he supported some member of his family. The Welfare Department never made a recommendation as to whether the youth should be drafted or not, but reported the facts as found to the selective service board which then made its own decision as to deferment.

One might think this procedure simple and not very time-consuming, but with county welfare staffs all over North Carolina insufficient to care for the normal amount of work, these investigations put an additional load on most county units. And there were other jobs—

Take for instance the case of a wife of a service man who came to a county to meet her husband and was unable to make contact with him. Many of these women had no acquaintances, could find no place to stay, their money about to run out. Something had to be done to help them get straightened out . . . so they were routed to the Welfare Office.

There were many instances in Moore County where home dislocations were caused by fathers working elsewhere and having very little time to see their families. Naturally this caused some unrest in the home and either the father or his family wanted to make some arrangement whereby they could be together longer or more often. Here again, the welfare caseworker was often called on for advice and help in working out their plans.

Naturally all boys and girls are going to get into mischief at one time or another. Sometimes this leads to more serious consequences and is called juvenile delinquency. These cases can be handled best by remaining in their own homes under supervision of members of their family or by being put under the supervision of some one else in the county. For extreme cases of delinquency, the state has made institutional provision whereby delinquents can be re-trained into useful law-abiding citizens.

The County Welfare Officer is the chief probation officer for the juvenile court in Moore County and working with these cases often calls for much careful thought and time if the child is to be steered back into the proper paths of daily life. She works cooperatively with John Willcox, Juvenile Court Judge, who is greatly interested in the social welfare of each and every child, and who readily gives a child a second chance under the supervision of the Welfare Officer. Juvenile delinquency has decreased in Moore County in the last two years. Even during the war years, when delinquency was increasing in America, it was not on an increase in North Carolina as a whole.

Civil Service Exams Announced For Forester Range Conservationist

Examinations will soon be held for probational appointments to Forester and Range Conservationist positions in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior. These positions pay \$2,320 a year and are located throughout the country, chiefly in the Western part of the United States. Most of the vacancies are in the Department of Agriculture.

In addition to qualifying in the written test, persons applying for the Forester and Range Conservationist examinations must show the completion of specified courses of study in the appropriate subjects. Applications will be accepted, however, from senior students who will complete these

courses before December 31, 1946.

No experience is required for this examination. The maximum age limit of 35 years will be waived for persons entitled to veteran preference.

The closing date for acceptance of applications is June 6, 1946. Application Card Form 5000-AB must be received in the Commission's Washington office on or before that date.

Interested persons should ask for further information and get Card Form 5000-AB from the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Winston-Salem 3, North Carolina, or the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND BY COMMISSIONER.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the Interlocutory Order of Foreclosure made and entered by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County, North Carolina, on the 6th day of May 1946 in the matter of TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES, Plaintiff, vs LETA MCBRIDE, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE WHEELER, DECEASED, DEFENDANT, same being recorded in Land Tax Sales Judgment Docket No. 10, at page 138, and being Judgment No. 3012, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County, the undersigned Commissioner, will, on, MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1946, at 12 o'clock NOON at the Court House door in Carthage, Moore County, North Carolina, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands:

LOT No. 23 and alley between Lots 22 and 23 in Block H&I, as shown on a map entitled "A MAP of the Town of Southern Pines, N. C.", said map is duly re-

corded in the Moore County Registry.

Dated this 8th day of May 1946. J. VANCE ROWE, Commissioner. May 17,24,31,J7

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

Having qualified this day as Administrator of the Estate of Clara A. Wilson, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned Administrator within twelve months from this date, otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. Dated this 6th day of May, 1946.

WILLIAM H. WILSON, Administrator of the Estate of Clara A. Wilson, deceased. M10, 17, 24, 31, J. 1, 14.

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To The Voters of Moore County:

I would like to use this means of thanking all my friends for the splendid vote cast in my favor Saturday for the office of County Commissioner, District No. 2.

Sincerely,

W. H. (Bill) Jackson, Jr.

To The Voters of Moore County.

The vote you gave me Saturday makes me feel very humble, and very proud of the friends who made it possible for me to be re-nominated for the office of Register of Deeds.

I again pledge my best efforts for our Party, and to serve the people to the best of my ability and judgment.

Sincerely yours,

Bessie McCaskill



Greetings CLASS OF '46

We Wish there was some magic way to make all our wishes come true. If there were such a way the success and happiness of each of you graduates would be fully assured.

We join with your many other friends in extending hearty congratulations on your graduation.

Mrs. Hayes Shop

We Were Glad To Come We Are Sorry To Leave

AS OUR MANY YEARS IN SOUTHERN PINES HAVE GAINED US A HOST OF FRIENDS TO WHOM WE MUST NOW BID FAREWELL.

WITH ALL APPRECIATION OF YOUR PATRONAGE AND FRIENDSHIP.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Eddy




Compliments CLASS OF '46

and very best wishes for your success in the days which lie ahead.

GEORGE G. HERR

BEST AND EVERY GOOD WISH FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE



GRADS OF '46

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