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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Southern Pines needs a representative on the board of county commissioners.

That is a statement that almost everybody will agree with, yet the years go by and nothing is done about it.

The situation, as far as we are concerned, is bad. The county receives a great deal of revenue from this section, and many county institutions, such as the Health and Welfare departments, receive direct support and strong backing from our people.

Again, there is no one on the board to interest himself in our problems. Our school is handicapped because of this; all who come in contact with county government, such as hotels and restaurants which must comply with health department rulings and submit to the inspections of the sanitarian, are at a disadvantage.

The resort business, which brings in much of the revenue we pass on to the county in taxes, is of little interest to most county people. It receives precious little consideration, except from the Pinehurst angle.

Take the case of Resort Airlines, Inc. Southern Pines people believe that a good airline, bringing visitors directly to our doors, is an essential major asset to a modern resort.

Southern Pines might have given the necessary backing if we had had a vote in county affairs. But we have not.

We do not see any sense to rivalry between two mutually interested groups and are glad the old Pinehurst-Southern Pines exchange of sour looks and chitchat is a thing of the past. However, at the risk of reviving some of it, we cannot refrain from pointing out that Pinehurst has always been a great deal smarter than we are in at least this respect: their county connections.

Frankly we don't care much for that sort of set-up, but we do believe in representative government. A strong man to represent our interests on the board of county commissioners is a prime necessity to this section.

To our local politicians, as they begin to make plans for the next election, we commend as number one on the list of things to do: get busy now to find the right man for this job and the backing to send him to Carthage when the time comes.

INVESTIGATION CALLED FOR

During the past two weeks there have been two serious automobile accidents in Moore County. The first was below Aberdeen and involved the cars driven by Robert F. Stewart of Pinebluff and Lynwood Moon of Aberdeen.

It is our understanding that in case of any accident which

seems to involve damage amounting to as much as \$25.00 the highway patrolman covering the section where it occurred is in duty bound to make a thorough investigation.

It has been stated that an investigation will be made of the Carthage accident in which Dr. McDuffie was injured. There appears to be not the slightest doubt that there was careless driving on the part of several.

It is believed that the police will give this case the investigation it deserves. In the case of the other accident, there appears to be doubt as to whether an investigation will be made.

This is, we believe, the wrong attitude. No serious accident should be allowed to go uninvestigated; it makes no difference whether the belief is that neither party is to blame or that both are. If an accident occurs, the facts should be brought out as clearly as possible.

There are rumors about the Aberdeen accident that are distressing. Everyone knows that people talk carelessly and all sorts of tales grow around any affair of this sort, but if the tales are not true, people should know it, and if they are, they should be verified by official judgment and the law should take over.

We are told that there were tracks which could have been studied and one who did study them stated that they told a clear story. Also, there may have been witnesses. It would seem more than likely that the driver of the bus which the South-bound car, driven by Moon, had just passed, who stopped at the scene of the accident, could furnish some information.

In the interest of safe driving, to which this month of July is dedicated, a thorough investigation of this accident should be made, and the facts made public.

Two serious accidents in two weeks is two too many; the law requires investigation and behind the law is the concerted pressure of every person in Moore who wants to see the roads of his county made safe for him and his children to drive on.

THE JOKER IN THE MARSHALL DECK

The different steps which have taken place in the unfolding of the Marshall Plan lead to more and more bewilderment.

First we had the plan that Europe should be unified economically. It was the thing many foreign policy experts had advocated for a long time; Churchill had suggested something of the sort; it was clearly to the advantage of European countries as well as to ourselves, and it seemed to promise well from every standpoint.

While they were drawing them up our General Clay, in Germany, suddenly announced a startling change in the administration of our zone there: the "stiff peace" idea was to be abandoned and German industry was to be rebuilt. When the delegates returned they were met by the news that the United States had decided that Germany was to be the focal point of the Marshall Plan.

The actions of Britain and France show that they were taken as much by surprise as were Americans here. Not a word of this scheme had been allowed to creep into the original plan.

The European countries were dismayed. Several that seemed to be still teetering on the U. S.-Russian fence promptly fell over into Russia's arms. Their fear and hatred of Germany was greater than their dislike of the Soviets. In France, Ramadier's skillful out-playing of the Communists received a major setback; while Bevin in Britain angrily denounced the whole thing.

In America, people everywhere were confused and deeply anxious. Did our policy makers know what they were doing? Was it necessary to so mislead the world, to act in this arbitrary inept fashion, to so shake to its foundations the already precarious structure of peace?

And, again, is it going to be always the way that we do these things on our own, never through the UN? When the Marshall Plan was first announced, the western world responded with a surge of hope. That hope has gone and the present bewilderment and deep anxiety is even deeper than it was before.

GOOD NEWS FROM GEORGIA

(N.Y. Herald Tribune, July 3) The town of Carrollton, Ga., almost had a lynching on Monday

night. A mob of 300 white men went to the county jail to get a Negro being held for the shotgun murder of a white farmer. The pattern is quite familiar. This could easily have been the notorious story of the Greenville, S. C., taxi drivers all over again. But there was an important difference. This time the mob could not get into the jail.

The acting sheriff, Otis King, happened to be a man of intelligence and courage. He heard there was a mob organizing, and went to work. After locking the Negro behind five barriers, and throwing away the keys, the jailer telephoned for reinforcements. Twenty city, county and state agents of the law stood off the mob four hours, by which time the crisis was over.

Only a few weeks ago a quick-witted Alabama mayor out-talked a mob, saving the prospective victim's life when the rope was already in place. It is worth adding that the sequel in this case was that the rescued Negro was convicted in a proper court of law before the month was out, and sentenced to twenty years in prison.

There was courageous leadership in both instances, and there have been two other cases within the year. Example was set. Precedent accumulates each time a mob is foiled, and makes another Greenville outrage just that much more difficult. And the list of heroes to whom the South and the whole nation are indebted grows slowly but surely.

Citizens Anonymous

Dear Editor,

If Mr. Picquet is good enough to urge the people to go to the church of their faith every Sunday, the various ministers in town should at least take the notice of their services for the week regularly to The Pilot for publication. A stranger in town on reading The Pilot finds nothing but the notice of the Christian Science Church. I commend their example to the other churches.

The Pilot:

I just read The Pilot about the "short shorts." I certainly would like to shake hands on this. A girl would look much nicer even with a print dress on. You can't blame a man for smiling when you try to show him how short you can wear shorts. Girls, let's wear our shorts at home and not on the main street.

The Public Speaking

24 July 1947

Editor The Pilot:

After having been north almost two months, and having visited many of the larger manufacturing cities, I am glad to report that business is booming. The return of the capitalistic system, after having been "dragged through the mud for the past 13 years under the New Deal set-up, is now well assured. And, as we all know, it is the only system that will work out in this country, or in fact any country.

It was not so long ago, when Henry Wallace was an inferior Secretary of Commerce, that we had continual reports from his department that the United States was going on the rocks; a big depression was facing us, millions would be out of work, etc. This was all to take place in 1947.

The pessimistic attitude was further enlarged upon by a little known and unimportant economic survey service located in Washington, D. C. As usual Wallace, the economic survey, Red propaganda and other prophets of gloom were absolutely wrong. Great and continued prosperity in the United States, under our own eminently successful capitalistic system, is not a tasty mouthful for Moscow.

Yours very truly, JULIAN T. BISHOP Yale Club, N. Y. City.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

A civil service examination for the position of teacher, school activities, at the U. S. Marine barracks, Camp Lejeune, is now open, according to L. E. Grover, secretary of the board of U. S. Civil Service examiners at the local post office. The examination covers elementary and high school teaching positions, as well as positions of elementary and high school principal.

Entrance salaries range from \$3,397 to \$4,902 a year. Applications must be received by the board not later than August 12, 1947.

Complete information and application blanks may be obtained from Mr. Grover at the post office.

Communists Use Anti-German Feeling To Set Satellites vs. Marshall Plan

By Joseph C. Harsch (From The Christian Science Monitor)

Frankfort, Germany The chief conclusion which emerges from more than a month's traveling through the satellite countries and then returning to the western part of Germany is that our economic and political opponent should not be underestimated.

It is clear that the Soviet army is the final argument the Communists can, and do, use for persuasion.

But anyone who thinks that Russia's satellite system rests exclusively on Soviet Army bayonets is risking disillusionment. The Marshall plan is rivaled by a Russian plan which contains considerable vitality and strong appeal for many classes outside Communist ranks in the satellite states.

It rests on two principal foundations, which I think are being inadequately appreciated outside. First is the effective Communist sponsorship of anti-German sentiment. Second is the equally effective Communist claim to credit for the remarkable surface recovery achieved in the satellite area.

Traveling through the satellite countries is an experience reminiscent of the Gestapo, SS, and quislings and all they did. Americans and British who did not experience German occupation are losing the acuteness of those memories.

But this is not so where Poles, Slavs, and Magyars felt the Gestapo heel and where almost everyone came into either first or second-hand contact with concentration camps. Those border states had been under German pressures of many kinds through nearly a thousand years. Their historic memory is the memory of German domination. This has been whetted by experiences during the occupation.

While it is true that Russia was the first to curry German favor by promoting a "German unity" slogan and while the Russians now are certainly as vulnerable as the West on this subject, still Russia controls the mediums of information.

Through that control, it has been able to represent the West as the only carrier of German favor and Russia as defender of the border states against German revival. One must deal here not with logic but with propaganda achievements.

In this field the Russians have scored heavily. They have been able to convert the Marshall plan into the appearance of American sponsorship of German revival and therefore into a major and powerful anti-western weapon.

Everywhere I went I was accosted by non-Communists on the subject, and accused of representing the American effort to restore German domination over the eastern states, which truly welcome their liberation from

County Agents Respond To Many Calls As Farmers Go All-Out For Soil Tests

Hundreds of soil tests have been made on Moore County farms in the past month, with both County Agency E. H. Garrison, Jr., and his assistant W. G. Caldwell staying busy all the time responding to farmers' requests for this free service.

Just a few short years ago, it wasn't that way. The soil testing program of the state department of agriculture was a long time getting under way. Though the service was publicized, few farmers availed themselves of it.

They went along from year to year planting the same crops, wondering why they didn't do well, using lime and fertilizer, when they used them at all, in hit or miss fashion—trusting too much to guesswork and to chance.

A few farmers had soil samples taken, and found out through the tests just what their land was adapted for, what fertilizer mix to use and how much lime, if any, was needed. For the past few years, according to the state department, the percentage of these smart farmers has increased from 12 to 14 per cent each year—until the fiscal year just ended.

In 1946-47, the percentage jumped to 64 per cent—a big leap upward toward better farming, and indicative of a real trend.

Dr. Ivan E. Miles, head of the soil testing division, attributes the tremendous increase to the many young veteran farmers, who don't have to be sold on scientific methods. They know scientific farming means progress; and also money in their pockets.

As for Moore county's farm

the Germans. Communist Ammunition

The importance of this lies in the fact that every time some American advocates a "soft peace" for Germany, it puts ammunition into Communist hands everywhere the memory of German atrocities remains acute. And this means all through the satellite region.

It also means that should American policy ever swing completely to pro-German revival in all senses, it would be Russia's strongest argument for keeping its satellites in the Russian camp. You can't have both the Germans and the satellite states on your side everywhere.

Perhaps Poland is the exception. The average Pole dislikes the Germans and Russians almost equally, but if forced to choose might prefer the Germans. This also is conceivable in Hungary.

But elsewhere that unhappy choice almost certainly would be resolved the other way. They may dislike the Russians and they may profoundly distrust Communism. But no matter how bad the original behavior of the Soviet Army, the memory of the Gestapo and SS still stands as the bitterest.

Another factor is the rate of recovery. If the Marshall plan achieves its purpose, then the satellites will be able to see truly greener fields to the West. But it is an inescapable fact that today it looks greener in the satellite pasture.

This rosinness covers many an unhealthy basic condition, yet the surface is rosier by far than in Austria, Western Germany, Italy, and Britain. It has been the Communist "good fortune" to have control over food-sufficient countries.

They should not be able to claim credit for the accident of nature. But the border states resident hardly weighs these reasons. He is interested in food, trade, housing. Those things have come faster in the satellite zones.

Again one deals not with logic but with conditions. And these conditions advance Communist arguments. Why should the border-state citizen want to enter the western economic orbit when that western orbit offers less than he currently is eating, wearing, and living in?

It takes the vitality out of opposition to Russia. It is the old story. One doesn't eat or wear civil liberties. The opposition raises its banners of civil liberties and the time almost certainly is coming when many will regret the price paid for today's good meal. But it is human nature working—and it is working in the satellite regions to the advantage of Russia.

If its doctrine ultimately is to succeed, the Marshall plan truly must make the western pasture greener. Unless it does, the satellite states will be lost by the West for a long time to come.

County Agents Respond To Many Calls As Farmers Go All-Out For Soil Tests

agents, they are delighted, even though it means much extra work for them. After years of "selling" soil testing, they are having real results.

It's a big promotion, too, said Garrison, for the county program for an increase in the planting of alfalfa, in which also they are seeing effects this year.

Before the planting of alfalfa in September, soil should be tested for lime content, for without the right amount of lime and the proper kind of fertilizer, the agent said, "you might as well not plant alfalfa at all."

And the farmers who planted alfalfa last year are mighty happy about it. Every one of them is on the alfalfa program again this year, many with increased acreage. "It's not only one of the finest, it's absolutely the finest hay there is," says Garrison. "It comes back up every year and, used as a legume after cutting, definitely enriches the soil."

Ladino clover and orchard grass are also being pushed for pasture in Moore county. With increased planting of these three, Moore farmers will save a big feed bill and a large amount of labor, and will carry the county far along the way to the dreamed-of livestock and dairying eminence they are hoping for—some day.

Summer Clearance Sale STARTING FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th ALL SALES FINAL ALL SALES CASH Mrs. Hayes Shop SOUTHERN PINES

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