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## WELCOME TO THE PRESS

The Pilot extends a welcome, this week, to the editors of the newspapers, both dailies and weeklies, who have assembled in Pinehurst to attend their annual convention. They come from all over the country and we of the Sandhills are glad and proud that they chose our pinelands of North Carolina for their yearly pilgrimage and accepted the invitation extended to them by their colleague of the press of the state.

It is good that editors should meet together these days. Good at any time, but particularly now when so many great questions are before our nation. It is a serious time. There is a tension in the air that warns of the precariousness of our position. Under the strain, the senses are sharpened, the mind grows more alert. We scrutinize the news; we study what is happening, balancing one thing against another.

But even as events seem to rush ahead, so that the headlines bring shock after shock, there is a sense of waiting, of pausing, with minds desperately striving to appraise what is going on. And, because there is this slight pause right now, it is deeply important that such meetings as this editors' convention should take place. We have got to achieve unity in this country; we have got to know where we are going and to make up our minds what we are going to do.

That is why it is important that thinking men and women, whose job has to do with guiding public opinion, should join together to exchange views and news and through their discussions and conferences, try to find out what the people in this country are thinking and wanting and hoping.

A newspaper, like democracy itself, is of, by, and for the people. This is a vast land with all sorts of folks living in it and, no individuals are better acquainted with the varied points of view of all these different people than editors of newspapers.

The Gallup polls purport to tell what people are thinking, and, of late, they have shown surprising unanimity on some of the great issues of the times, but these editors will know how strong is the feeling behind the Gallup poll vote. For instance, when there is a majority vote in favor of world government, the editors would be able to interpret it and to tell whether the voters really understood and agreed with the important point in that question: the relinquishment of sovereignty which world government would necessitate.

That is the sort of thing which will make this conference so valuable to the public at large as well as to the editors themselves. Beyond that, any meeting of minds is a good thing when it takes place in an atmosphere of freedom. And that is the atmosphere that surrounds the American press.

We believe the people of the Sandhills are privileged to entertain these visitors, and, on their behalf, we welcome them.

## MATERNAL WELFARE

On the Saturday before Mother's Day, every year, the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee conducts its yearly drive for funds. This year, as has been the case since this organization started in 1935, the little tags with the baby's head on them will be sold everywhere in the Sandhills for the benefit of this county-wide service on May 3rd.

This is, we believe, the only drive for funds that is held for a purely local need. The committee itself is composed of Moore County women and the money they raise goes entirely to Moore County people. There is no great state or national organization behind it and taking part of its funds. Everything done, and everything raised is right here and stays right here.

This is not to disparage in the least the other worthy causes that enlist the aid of our people; it is merely to point out that this cause has to stand on its own without any help from outside.

It depends on Moore County people exclusively.

The funds raised go to supplement the travelling expenses of the county nurse in charge of maternal and baby health, to pay for clinic supplies, to pay a fee to the doctors who attend the clinics. It is hoped to raise enough money this year to make this fee more nearly commensurate with the effort they expend. Besides that, there are always extra expenses for mothers who need help with the "baby budget", or whose savings, set aside for this important event, prove inadequate when there are unexpected extras to be met.

The benefits from the prenatal clinic and after-care service have been clearly visible in the decline in mothers' deaths as shown in county statistics. At the start of the work maternal mortality was higher in Moore County than in most places in the world; it stood at 16 deaths to 1000. Now the figures have dropped to one of the lowest county figures in the state, to about 5 to 1000, this year and this is counting two cases which came into this county late and did not have the benefit of the clinic service.

It would seem that this was a service to humanity that had been markedly successful. Back of the figures and the statistics, lies the intangibles, so much more important, often, in work of this sort. The numbers of homes spared the tragedy of the death of the mother, the number of mothers reassured and strengthened through the service and assistance of the nurse-wife; then there are midwives trained and those who are unfit eliminated from this service. Gradually, as the figures show, the midwives are dropping out of the picture entirely, as more and more mothers go to physicians. The education of mothers in the care of their babies and of their own health is another angle of this work, not shown in the statistics.

There is a saying among those who work in this field: "A mother saved is a home saved". The truth of it is obvious: without the mother's presence, the helpless father too often proves inadequate to care for his family, the children grow up in neglect or unfriendliness, and drift away. It is these broken homes from which come most of the juvenile delinquents who, as adult criminals, fill our prisons.

From every angle this cause must appeal to citizens of Moore County. On Tag Day, this Saturday, they will have their chance to support it.

## CLEAN UP

Garbage cans are the reverse of children: they may be heard but not seen. We would welcome the clatter of garbage cans being emptied if they could only remain out of sight.

It is time that Southern Pines made up its mind to do something about this problem.

Our streets are hideous with garbage cans sitting out in front of every house. Often they are turned over and the refuse spilled out onto the street and sidewalk. The streets of our town are unusually attractive, the front yards of most places are nicely planted, green grass and well-kept shrubbery are the rule. It makes as good a background, or as bad a one, for the garbage cans as any other.

This is admittedly not an easy problem to tackle, but, after all, our town is not so very different from other towns. In Pinehurst, for instance, the garbage can is not in evidence.

Some towns have a system whereby a garbage truck rolls slowly along the street, while two men carry a big container through the backyards, from door to door, emptying the garbage into it as they go. Here the bearers might have to do some high hedge-hopping if they followed that system, but even if they went along the front, walking in to every house, the thing ought to be done. This defacing of our town ought to stop.

This is right down the Chamber of Commerce's alley, a project of great benefit to the town both locally and from a tourist standpoint. And it would please the members, we suspect, if the organization took up the improvement of existing situations as well as starting new ideas.

Speaking of alleys, they ought to be included in a clean-up plan, too, and so ought some of the empty lots. The lot next to the Gouger's Electric shop, for instance, is full of refuse, including broken bottles and old automobile tires. It looks as if the service station there and the taxi people, both, just made a habit of throwing things over the fence.

That lot has come in for considerable criticism; it was the subject of one interested and public-spirited young officer's letter to the Pilot once, and he volunteered to help clean it up. But his offer was not accepted and the refuse stayed there.

That lot is an eyesore, but it

isn't a patch on the front door sentinel garbage cans, lining the curbs.

A proper garbage truck costs a lot of money; granted; to collect the garbage daily costs a lot of time; also granted. Remains the fact that the thing has got to be done. We can't go on into another season with such unattractive, unsanitary streets.

## V-E DAY REMEMBERED

May 8th is the anniversary of V-E Day.

Many things have happened since then: many discouraging things. Wars rage today in various parts of the world, assassinations take place, brave men kill themselves in despair. And around us, a few people speak blithely of another war.

It would be well to stop a bit and think, on V-E Day. To think back to that moment when in Europe the guns stopped firing. The war in the Pacific was still going on, but thousands of people everywhere suddenly took a deep breath, and most of them went to church to say a prayer of thankfulness. Even those still torn with anxiety for men fighting the Japanese felt new hope: war could end.

But these people, who had seen one war end and another begin, knew this time, that wars could begin again. Most of them, as they said their prayers, or spoke together of peace, made a great resolve that there should be no third world war.

We need to think back to that resolve and to make it again. We have an enemy today as we had then, and it is perhaps as dangerous. We are trying another course from that we pursued the last time. It is a course that seems more intelligent, and let us hope it really is. This time we know that there is danger of another war, and we are implementing our determination against such an outcome with definite steps. On one hand, we are doing all we can to eliminate the conditions that breed war, and, on the other, we are trying what a show of the tremendous force this country possesses will do to make our adversary stop and think.

Most people agree with these two companion measures, but it is terribly important for their success that we remember what stands behind them: the determination that we shall not have another war.

General Eisenhower said that the only way to win a war, nowadays, was not to have one.

On V-E Day, it would be well to dedicate ourselves to that old resolve. Then, while backing the government in its present program to insist that every ounce of effort shall go into strengthening the UN, and into doing everything possible to bring about better understanding with Russia.

We must leave no stone unturned to find a way for Russia and ourselves, the two greatest peoples of the world, to live at peace with one another.

For those who gave their lives in World War 1 and World War 2, and for the great heritage of liberty and brotherhood for which they fought, we must make again that fervent pledge: that there shall be no more war.

## The Public Speaking

To The Editor of The Pilot

We wish to make a statement with respect to the candidacy of Mr. Jere N. McKeithen of Aberdeen for the Democratic nomination as a member of the Moore County Board of Education. Mr. McKeithen filed for this position only after the urgent insistence of many of his friends in Moore County and more particularly in Aberdeen. He has made it clear to those of us who requested that he seek the nomination that he was not inclined nor could he spare sufficient time from his business to make an active campaign. From our conversations with him we know that he decided to file for the post only from a sense of duty to be of public service and from the many requests of his friends.

The citizens of this section appreciate the fact that members of the County Board of Education should have no particular local interest but should undertake to solve all school problems fairly and impartially from the standpoint of need rather than locality. We are alert, however, to the fact that in the proposed bond issue for school improvements it is planned that a substantial amount of the proceeds will be allotted to improvements in the Aberdeen district and it is only natural that we would like to see an Aberdeen man on the Board at this important time. Knowing Mr. McKeithen as we do, however, we are confident that he would give careful attention and study to the needs and problems of other localities

## Editorial Opinion Differs Widely On Chances Of Presidential Candidates

Some of the editorial opinion being printed these days on the various presidential candidates makes extremely interesting reading, while the difference of opinion on the chances of the various leaders in the race seems astonishing.

Lately we have been reading "The New Campaign Look," by PM's brilliant Max Lerner and the Christian Science Monitor's "State of the Nation" in which its author, Roscoe Drummond, discusses the chances of General Eisenhower. To contrast the two is to realize how infinitely complex is the political picture and how unpredictable the future.

In view of our understanding with Mr. McKeithen that he was not inclined to make an active race and the conviction of the people that he is well qualified to serve in this important position and in view of our desire to assist him in every way possible, we thought it only proper to make this statement in his behalf.

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Apr. 26, '48

Editor, The Pilot:

Just a year ago today, I wrote a communication to The Pilot criticizing Henry A. Wallace, who was then acting as the most inferior Secretary of Commerce who has ever served in that position in the history of the U.S. His base form of propaganda at the time was to officially announce that "business in this country was about to go on the rocks. His Dept. of Commerce, largely influenced by an irresponsible statistical agency, got out a bunch of phoney and misleading statistics to the effect that millions and millions of men would be out of any employment in 1947; that a panic might occur in his beloved Wall Street, (which this country has always had and needed) and that a very dark future was in store for the whole U. S. A. This was just the time-worn type of propaganda always used by "non Communist" Liberals and real Communists to push themselves and their parties to the front. We all know that Liberalism has no place in times of prosperity. Instead of millions out of work in 1947, we had some 60,000,000 fully employed, a new high for all time! Business also boomed to a new peacetime high! But the crushing, almost cruel blow to Wallace's prognostications came today, Apr. 26, 1948, just one year later, when the Bureau of Labor Statistics of Washington, D. C., stated that "Employment in the U. S. is headed for New Peaks, exceeding last year's 1947 record of 60 million jobs!" No wonder President Truman fired Wallace from his cabinet. There was no other course. It was just another means of Wallace's expressing his base disloyalty to his country's chief executive.

Today we also see Wallace's Third Party has been given a rousing reception in the state of North Carolina. Wallace for President clubs have sprung up throughout the state. His running mate as vice-president, Senator Glenn Taylor, was actually permitted to address the student body at the University of N. C. Previously to this, our state capitol had received Wallace with wide open arms in a mixed gathering at Raleigh. Here Wallace made a public address (which was awful) with hearty endorsement of Joseph Daniels his host, and a very prominent Raleigh clergyman.

I strongly believe in Freedom of Press, Speech and Religion, but it's a question, a big question in my mind, if such liberties should be enjoyed by any man of the Wallace type.

Mark my words. The Third Party with Wallace as its leader has no place in this state or in fact any state in the U. S. A. Its place is in the Segregated Red Light District of Moscow.  
Julian T. Bishop.

## About Eisenhower

Drummond believes that the anti-Truman Democrats are determined to get Eisenhower if they can. "They are entirely aware," he writes, "that General Eisenhower isn't going to yield to a 'politician's draft' to run for the Presidency, and that he wouldn't intentionally put himself in the position of reversing himself just to rescue the Democratic Party." So the Democratic strategy will be to stay away from the General until he can be drafted on the convention floor. But Drummond appears to doubt the feasibility of this tactic, while he thinks the hope of persuading the General to run is "the sheerest pipe dream." He says that Washington correspondents see only one possible condition "which could bring about General Eisenhower's acceptance. That would be the Republican Party's nomination of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Such a nomination would constitute Republican acceptance of the 'war crisis' character of the 1948 election and, in the opinion of the Democrats, would fully justify General Eisenhower in accepting 'a call to duty in an emergency'."

"But this is adding a large unlikelihood to a great improbability," says the columnist, "and the consensus is that both nominations have the thinnest of prospects."

## PM's Lerner Says

That is the Monitor correspondent's view. In PM, we find Lerner, in an analysis of all possibilities. Democratic and Republican, listing Eisenhower as one of the leading candidates. He speaks of "the reemergence of Eisenhower, this time as a Democratic possibility," and goes on, "That possibility has now become almost a probability."

Reviewing the entire field, Lerner writes:

"To get at the valid analysis, one must broaden the field of study, and take in the personalities now in the forefront in all three parties. There is, of course, Henry Wallace, who shows no signs of losing the substantial minority strength he has built up. In the case of the Democrats, Truman is through, and the problem has now become how to lose him 'gracefully' (as it is being put) before he loses disgracefully. The man most acceptable to all wings of the Democrats is obviously Gen. Eisenhower, the man wanted by most Democratic liberals is Justice Douglas. And in the case of the Republicans the earlier hunch that the fight would be between Dewey and Taft was good enough under the earlier conditions, but it has gone glimmering because the conditions that gave it substance have gone glimmering.

"In the new alignment of Republican hopefuls, the bets are now on two other men as the leading contenders: Sen. Vandenberg and Harold Stassen. Two months before the convention, Dewey and Taft have taken on a slightly archaic flavor; such former dark horses as Warren and Saltonstall are no longer spoken of; the vicious big boom for MacArthur has for the present proved a thudding failure; and the dismal little boom now being started for Speaker Joe Martin (who, if he were President, would make Truman look like a giant in stature) will also peter out. Only Harold Stassen who has kept himself boldly in the foreground, and Sen. Vandenberg who has kept himself discreetly in the background, remain as the major figures to be reckoned with. If Stassen makes a good showing against Taft in Ohio, and against Dewey in the primaries of the Western states, there will no longer be any doubt left that the fight will be between the young Minnesotan and the Elder Statesman from Michigan.

## Stassen or Vandenberg

"Returning to the Republicans, and their New Look candidates, it might seem hard to find a common denominator for a man as young and vigorous as Stassen and a man as old and tired as Vandenberg. Yet note that both are conservatives on basic domestic issues, and the Republican mood is distinctly in that direction. Note also that both have built up reputations as internationalists. Actually neither of them has quarreled sharply with the basic Truman foreign policies. Yet Vandenberg has always managed to suggest the attributes both of dignity and astuteness, and thus to suggest that he could work the current policies better than Truman. And Stassen, by his visit with Stalin, his service at the San Francisco Conference, and his mild world-government overtones, has also struck the international note.

"If I were a Republican delegate, and had to choose between Stassen and Vandenberg for a candidate against Wallace and Eisen-

hower, I should choose Stassen.

"To be sure, Stassen is far more ruthless and shifty in his tactics than Vandenberg, and far more of a demagogue. His insistence that the British receive no aid unless they stop socialization; his lumping socialism and communism as if there were no crucial differences between them; his attacks on any further shipments of goods to Russia; his play-acting on the Pauley speculation episode; his demand for the suppression of the Communist Party; all these are the attitudes of either a reactionary or a demagogue or both. Yet despite the fact that Vandenberg is of a finer grain, he seems stuck deep in the rut of the Truman foreign policies, and it is hard to see him getting out of the rut. One feels about Stassen, as one feels even more about Douglas and Eisenhower, that their minds are still in flux, that their notions of policy have not yet jelled, and that they might meet new crisis situations with imagination as well as strength.

"This is a time when imagination and growthiness of mind may prove more important than the old opinions in the old moulds."—Max Lerner.

## VISITORS

Among interesting visitors to Southern Pines last week were the famed Tex Beneke and his orchestra, who stopped at the Sandhills Shop Sunday for lunch en route to Florida from the north.

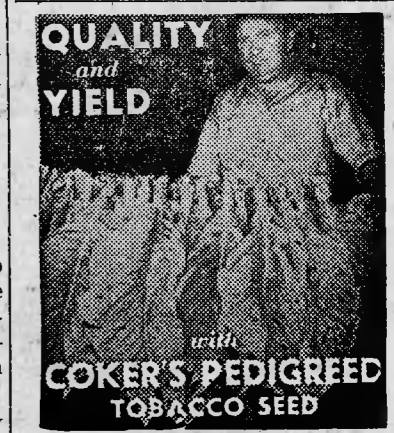
The 22 musicians apparently enjoyed their meal here and had nice things to say about the town. For many of them it was their first stop here.



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