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—James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

### A Solution In Sight

The ways of democracy are often hard and beset with difficulties of innumerable sorts, but when things start to go right, when the machine starts to click, what a deep feeling of satisfaction there is!

It looks as if that might be beginning to happen in the case of the thorny Fort Bragg road question. There are signs of clearing skies. Last week the people interested in keeping the present Connecticut Avenue road unpaved, for the benefit of the hunting and riding folks, petitioned the highway commissioner against paving this road, following a petition by those who wanted it paved and had expressed themselves earlier on the subject. With the cards thus laid out on the table it now becomes possible properly to evaluate arguments for and against. But at the same time, it becomes clear that a compromise is earnestly desired by all concerned. Furthermore, it may be that such a compromise is in sight.

A suggestion had been made that the route along the ridge south of Vernon Valley Farm, that follows the old trolley-track to the reservation line, coming within a short distance, on that end, of the present army road, should be opened up and paved, connecting it with the Indiana Avenue entrance into town. Here is where the new idea comes in. It is now proposed to follow this route coming from the reservation along the ridge, but to continue westward instead of curving towards town. The new road would go south of the Ark School down the hill to link up with Bethesda Road somewhere in the vicinity of Powell's Pond. From there it would follow the route of the present road, crossing the railroad south of the present grade crossing, coming out onto Route 1.

This seems to be a proposal with much to recommend it. It would substitute a much safer grade crossing for one that is considered to be one of the most dangerous on the Seaboard, where several accidents have taken place. Also, it would serve a section that is developing rapidly and will need such an access road. But its most important aspect seems to be that it will help the Fort Bragg traffic problem, offering a solution that, it would seem, would suit just about everybody.

The main point is that it will fan out the traffic to and from the post. The present road which would then be used only by people living on the north side of town and in Pinehurst, could remain a sand clay road, to the joy of the riding people and the benefit of those business people who suffer from curtailment of this activity; those living in the Country Club and southern area would use Indiana Avenue and Hill Road, soon, it is reported, to be paved. Most important of all, the heavy traffic of convoys and through trucks which have been dreaded by dwellers on both proposed routes, would go straight to Route 1.

There may be objections to the new scheme but so far no one has suggested any. The decision will, of course, remain in the hands of the state engineers and traffic experts familiar with the problem. It must be earnestly hoped that it will prove to be the solution its proposers anticipate and hope for.

### A Good Idea

We congratulate the American Legion on the idea that led them to hold a town meeting last week. What's more we congratulate the people who went to it: those who ran it, those who talked and those who sat and listened.

The latter, perhaps, deserve the biggest hand. They were attentive listeners, manfully restraining their participation to an occasional chuckle or groan. And there wasn't a yawn out of anybody.

That was the triumph of the evening, its liveliness and interest, and though part of it may have been because everybody went there because he or she was really interested in the welfare of the community and so in the discussion that went on, part of it, too, was due to the way the whole thing was handled. The Legion meeting was like a real town meeting in that, though everyone was given a chance to talk, the moderator, in the person of smooth-speaking Arch Coleman, kept things moving along, at least as well as he was able. He did a fine job, keeping people cheerful yet keeping things interesting, too.

It seemed that the idea of the meeting caught fire with everyone present. When the moderator asked, at the end, for a show of hands from all who wanted another, there was a general wave that took in just about everyone there.

In the idea of having occasional town meetings at which anybody is welcome to participate, the Legion hit on an idea that The Pilot has always favored, and that has been suggested more than once in these columns. We feel there is a great need in this town of some such

outlet. It sometimes seems as if Southern Pines was the most excitedly civic-minded town that ever was: there isn't a person in it who hasn't some pet idea to argue about and street corners are perpetually crowded with potential orators keeping the air blue with "Something Ought To Be Done About It!"

The Legion town meetings will offer a splendid occasion for letting off steam and, last week, there were even a few harried members of the town board there to catch it on the chin if it came their way, with Mayor Page, ever ready and courteously willing to try to answer any and every question. It's a good idea, there's no doubt about it, and we hope there will be more meetings of the same good constructive kind.

### Conflicting News

Occasionally there is a juxtaposition of news items in the papers that strikes a telling note, but sometimes the note serves only to make more of a jangle out of the world symphony.

Last week there were two such conflicting items dealing with the textile industry that happened to land side by side. One said that Cone Mills had bought a huge finishing plant in South Carolina, costing several millions; the other was a report of an address recently made by Marion Heiss, vice-president of that company, on the foreign trade situation as affecting the industry.

In view of the recent large expansion made by his company one might have imagined that the mill official would be optimistic. Far from it: Mr. Heiss was depressed. He said that the foreign trade situation was extremely bad and would probably get worse. He warned that the competition of low-wage-paying Japan and India might well be fatal to the U. S. industry. He said it was up to mill management to concentrate on overcoming foreign competition and named two ways to do it: through better methods of merchandising and the production of better goods, and by means of government subsidy: he said the government must be persuaded to give the U. S. industry a higher protective tariff against imported goods.

If there had been a third column in that day's paper about the industry, the picture of chaos might have been carried farther because that column, doubtless, would have described the bitter battle now in progress between the northern and southern mill owners, due to the fact that so many mills have moved south. The plants have moved because of the very same factors that affect the foreign trade situation: because wages and costs in the South are lower than in the North. The northern owners are saying about the southern owners just about the same things that Mr. Heiss said about the Japanese and they are demanding the same remedy: that the government give them a subsidy of one sort or another against unfair competition: a "protective tariff" against the South. The South has, of course, risen in its wrath against the suggestion.

If there had been still another column available for a story on this situation it might well have completed this vicious circle. For it probably could have been said that part of this country's appropriation for the assistance of Japan had gone to build textile plants for the rehabilitation of Japan's industry and her hard-pressed population. Which would have brought the wheel around, full-turn, and made even more evident the point we are obliged to bear in mind: for this is a prime example of how inextricably we are mixed up in our affairs and lives one with another all over the world, and how hard it is to put ourselves in the other man's place.

It is impossible to avoid the conclusion, here as in most things, that more than a local outlook, or a New England versus Southern outlook, or even a U. S. versus Japan outlook is needed if things are to come out halfway right. Therefore when Mr. Heiss started the wind-up of his speech: "Friendship, generosity, and reciprocity are all fine and admirable. . ." we believe he ought to have stopped there instead of going on with the "but. . ." that negated a good statement of fact. For these qualities he mentioned are in truth fine and admirable and we had better hold to them. There is little doubt that keeping them as the basis of all our efforts, by literally working at them with all our intelligence and persistence, can we hope to find a way out of the confusion so well illustrated by last week's conflicting news.

The editorial which follows, and which might well have filled a fifth column in that paper, gives one good reason why.

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

#### Myth of Self-Sufficiency

Of 38 important industrial minerals, which are doubly important just now because of the defense effort, the United States—  
produces all we need in the case of only nine;  
produces 60 per cent of what we need in the case of 20;  
produces none of what we need in the case of seven.

These rather startling facts go far to justify the statement of Manly Fleischmann, Defense Production Administrator, that "American self-sufficiency in raw materials is a myth."

Mr. Fleischmann cited the facts in support of the recent agreement to trade American steel for British aluminum, but their implications are much wider. Americans had just as well get used to the idea that our economy is dependent upon the rest of the world for certain things, as other parts of the world are dependent upon us for certain things. The dependency is not, as so often assumed, a one-way street.

And what the fact of inter-dependence means is that in times of peril this country badly needs allies, while in times of peace we badly need friendly trade relations with those on whom we depend for raw materials

—St. Louius Post-Dispatch

# Grains of Sand

Found—On the Civic Club porch last week, a small gold pin with its chief decoration feature a tiny open book in white enamel. On the pages of the book are the letters "A" and "S" in gold. The pin is brand new, still attached to its white card, and may have dropped from some lady's pocket-book—the card has two or three small pink smudges which may be lipstick.

This pin has been turned over to The Pilot, which will be happy to restore it to its owner.

And we have also a handsome sterling silver earring, picked up by Mrs. James Prim on a downtown corner Saturday, February 16. . . . Owner may have it by showing us its mate, which should be sufficient identification.

We love good speeches, and we love brief speeches, and often these are the same thing. For the tops in word economy, we offer the speeches made by Dr. W. C. Holland and Frank McCaskill at the Lions Club banquet last Friday night.

Lion Holland, chairman of the banquet, was scheduled to offer a welcome, and Lion McCaskill, president of the Pinehurst club, was due to make the response.

Lion Holland simply rose and shouted, "Welcome!"

Lion McCaskill rose and shouted back, "Thank you!" And that was all.

Seems like sometimes most every magazine you pick up at the newsstand has an article in it bearing the by-line of that busy lady and successful practitioner of the writing craft, Constance J. Foster, of Pinebluff.

This month one of the newer magazines, "Why," contains an article by Mrs. Foster and her physician-collaborator, Dr. O. Spurgeon English of Temple University, called "Your Second Chance: It's Never Too Late to be a Successful Parent."

Like the article in Pageant a couple of months ago, this is an adaptation of a chapter of their highly successful book, "Fathers Are Parents Too," published last fall.

This is not their first appearance in "Why," as we note in the Letters department epistles alternately blessing them, and blessing them out, for a previous article entitled "God and Psychiatry." To publish an article is an achievement. To stir up a controversy of divergent opinions is another, proving that people not only read it, but think about it and are sufficiently stirred by it to write what they think.

We enjoyed very much receiving a nice letter this week from Howard Hoffman, erstwhile manager of Colonial Stores here, who was transferred to Greenville, S. C., about a year ago. . . . When they left here, Howard was Exalted Ruler of the BPO Elks, and his good wife Thelma served as first president of the BPO Does. . . . We believe their friends in these groups and others about town will be pleased to catch up with the latest news of them:

"This is just a note to tell you how much we enjoy The Pilot. Everyone looks forward to that little weekly edition with news of Moore county, and especially of our friends.

"By this time we are becoming acquainted with new friends here and enjoy the town very much. I, of course, enjoy most of all my store and the section in which we live (Augusta Road), one of the best and fastest growing sections of Greenville.

"Of course we have some good competition in the area—A & P, Dixie Home, Piggy Weggly and a host of smaller stores but there seems to be enough business for all. Business here is definitely on the increase. The textile industry seems to be much brighter than a few months ago, and the people, of course, don't hesitate to spend their money when it's available. They like to eat, don't they?"

"We have a lot of items made right here in Greenville, a few of which are meats from Ballentine Packing Co., Southern Gold margarine, Texize products, soft drinks of all kinds, bread and cakes from several local bakeries.

Wings shirts, hose, handkerchiefs, towels, china and many others. "We also have Donaldson Air Force Base a few miles out, the personnel of which contribute greatly to our local volume.

"Our two older children, Patsy and Dicky, enjoy school here, though often we hear the remark, 'It's not like Southern Pines!' It just doesn't matter, though, to George, who was four months old February 6, and grows by leaps and bounds and can already sit alone (those Colonial groceries!). "My wife Thelma has just about decided to stay here with me, I do believe, although for a while I had my doubts that she would. She says this place is too large for her, and of course I agree that it is a little larger than we have been accustomed to. In time, I suppose, our wounds will heal and we will become adjusted to the 'big city.'

"Say hello to all our friends, whom we miss so much, and keep the good news' coming our way."

Few people, we believe, realize the wide range of the point system set up for Boy Scout troops of the county in their annual competition for the W. M. Storey Memorial award.

It is a splendid system, set up to cover all phases of scout work during the year, both by the troop as a whole and by each individual member.

Just read the following, and your hat will be off to Aberdeen Troop 68, recently announced as winner of the 1951 contest—also to Pinehurst Troop 7 and Southern Pines Troop 224, who scored no mean achievement in coming in second and third:

Five points are given for each advancement from Tenderfoot to Second Class; for each merit badge earned and Star rank achieved; for each new member joining the troop during the year; for each troop having 75 per cent or more members attending the district camporee, and for each night per scout or scoutmaster spent at the Council camp during a regular camp period.

Ten points are awarded for each Life rank attained; 15 for each advancement from Second to First Class; and 25 for each Eagle rank, for complete troop registration reaching Council headquarters by the 15th of expiration month, for setting up and operating a troop budget plan, for 100 per cent subscriptions to Boys Life and 75 per cent or more of membership and leaders completely and correctly uniformed.

Additional points are awarded for miles per Boy Scout covered on supervised hikes, for overnight camping (also supervised), for red, white, or blue ribbons won at the district camporee; for participation in civic activities and rally contests, and for approved fair exhibits, both troop and individual.

### School Cafeteria MENUS FOR WEEK

(Subject to Minor Changes)

March 3-7

MONDAY

Wiener in Bun, Relishes  
Buttered Potatoes  
Lima Beans  
Fruited Gelatin, Whip Topping  
Milk

TUESDAY

Vegetable Bean Soup, Crackers  
Peanut Butter Sandwich  
Deviled Egg Half  
Cocoanut Pudding  
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Ham Salad Sandwich  
Baked Macaroni and Cheese  
Buttered Turnip Greens  
Stewed Prunes  
Milk

THURSDAY

Pinto Beans, Minc'd Onion  
Chilled Canned Tomatoes  
Steamed Buttered Rice  
Vanilla Cake, Raisin Sauce  
Cup of Nuts  
Corn Bread, Margarine  
Milk

FRIDAY

Oven Fried Perch Fillets  
Steamed Cabbage  
Whipped Potatoes  
Whole Orange  
Wheat Eread, Margarine, Honey  
Milk

### Raleigh Citizen Disapproves Idea Of Welcoming UN Personnel Here

Announcement that a UN secretary had inquired of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce in regard to recreational facilities here for UN personnel brought a "listening letter last week from a Raleigh citizen.

Writing to Jerry V. Healy, vice-commander of the Sandhills post, American Legion, whose name appeared in connection with another news story about the same time, O. M. Jones of Box 6036 registered violent disapproval of the UN.

He wrote: "Dear Sir—I notice by the public press that the UN is trying to

get a recreational center in or near Southern Pines.

"I hope that you as a member of the American Legion will do everything possible to stop that move. Do not let them even stop over in North Carolina, and certainly not have a recreational center, for once they get here they will be hard to get away.

"They have usurped all the power of the U. S. Government and if they get down here they will usurp all the power North Carolina has.

"Please do everything possible to stop that move."

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