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—James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

"Anyone But Truman"

"If I have any paramount responsibility it is to keep the state financially sound and to protect the hard-pressed taxpayer wherever I can."

"I will veto any fiscal foolishness as long as I am governor."

"A revival of local social consciousness and responsibility is the best if not the only antidote to an expanding welfare state."

We submit these quotations for the consideration of our readers because we believe they express a point of view important to the welfare of our nation. But there is another reason: we have quoted them because the man who voiced them may well play a decisive role in the future of this same nation.

We have no desire to carry on a guessing game with our readers: the author of these words is Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, the probable Democratic candidate for the presidency.

A good many other telling remarks of Governor Stevenson's might be quoted: his exonerating attack on graft in government, his condemnation of the methods of Congressional investigating committees and so-called loyalty boards which, he has said, "reverse our traditional concept of justice by placing upon the accused the burden of proving himself innocent." But the above quotations from the fighting speeches of this sincere and conscientious American are surely sufficient to emphasize a point we should like to make. It is this:

There are a great many registered Democrats in North Carolina, and doubtless all over the South, who are deeply disturbed over the coming election. They are white-hot against President Truman, to the point where many of them are thinking of voting for the Republican candidate for the presidency. If it were Taft, they would do so only with a shudder, but if it were Eisenhower they would go along more cheerfully because the General is a staunch supporter of the foreign policy they believe in. But the main reason would be: anything to get a change from the present incumbent.

They should stop and think, and when they do so it is possible they will not only think but go to work. What most of them want above all is to preserve our national foreign policy more or less as it is, but to slow up the centralization of federal power. Eisenhower is for the foreign policy but how about centralization of power? What is there in the upbringing of a regular army man to make anyone think he would be opposed to centralization of authority? What is there in the picture of the Pentagon and its great sprawling mass of officialdom and red tape and "channels" to give one confidence in the ability of this brilliant five star general to bring efficiency and decentralization into government? What is there in this life to make one think that it is the right start for the leader of a great civilian economy?

"But," they may counter, "he's a fine man and at least his foreign policy is right." Correct; but he can be as fine as you please and his policy the best one; if he can't put it into effect it won't do much good. Here is something to think about: if the Republicans come into power, it will mean that every important committee, without exception, will have as its chairman a senator who has consistently voted against every item in the foreign policy General Eisenhower and those who support him favor. The list of those who will head these key committees, in the event of a Republican victory, presents an appalling array of reactionary isolationism. Is that what our Southern Democrats want?

Furthermore, why must "anyone but Truman" mean a switch to the Republican party? Why not stay Democratic and get the clean-up in government that the nation needs, and get also, perhaps, the reforms and economies suggested by the Hoover Commission and which Governor Stevenson, incidentally, has carried out in Illinois wherever his Republican legislature let him?

And that brings us around full turn: why not Adlai Stevenson?

Instead of giving up the Democratic ship with "anyone but Truman," it seems as if these vigorous young Democrats would go to work and get a man elected whose foreign policy is what they want, whose domestic views are known and are the same as theirs, and whose experience as a reform governor in one of the nation's greatest states has proved that he not only thinks as they want him to, but can do what needs to be done.

Make It Two Buses

Last week an appeal went out for funds for a new school activities bus for the West Southern Pines School.

This is a project that will surely find ready support among all the people of this community.

ity. During the last few months the new bus for the white school has been purchased, with half the purchase price already collected and the bus is in operation. The need for the West Southern Pines school is just as great.

There is every reason, we believe, to think that this need will be met in the same way. Collections have already started among the colored people, but the resources are of course limited; for West Southern Pines alone to raise \$4300, the amount needed, might take several years. The appeal to the sense of fairness of those who contributed to the Southern Pines bus fund must be all compelling, for the same reasons hold good why this group of children and teenagers should also have the benefit of this school facility.

As was pointed out by those who took upon themselves the task of raising money for that cause, the activities promoted by the bus serve to build up healthy bodies and healthy minds; they awaken a team and community spirit of much value; furthermore, because the bus makes trips to other schools possible, it is by way of being an educational asset of no little value. Our school teams will meet other school teams, make friends among them, see how things are done elsewhere. All this is to the good. And, of course, it has the corresponding benefit that reciprocity will reign and other teams will come to visit our schools.

Southern Pines' two schools, or four schools, if you take the elementary and high schools as separate units, are governed by the same school board and the same superintendent. It must be their aim, as it must be that of the community that supports them, that in every respect our schools shall receive equal treatment.

We feel very certain that the appeal which has just been issued for funds for the second bus, for West Southern Pines, will win a speedy response. It is to be hoped that both schools will soon have their new buses to carry the teams about the county and, along with them, the good name of this community that puts the good of all of its children in first place.

Carolina's Finest

The plan of the Carolina Power and Light Co. to encourage community improvement has rightly been taken up by this town as having much potential value. The sum which might be won: \$1000 for the first prize and \$750 for the second, is perhaps not sufficient to accomplish very much in the way of a specific project, but it would be a fine boost on the way towards a good many things we can think of. Actually, it is the incentive provided by the whole scheme, including, as it does, a strong spirit of competition, that makes the big appeal.

There's going to be a good deal of variety in the ideas suggested: that goes without saying. Then, too, some of them will doubtless be unsuitable for the purpose of this contest. It appears uncertain, for instance, whether some items, long needed in town, could be included in this contest. It is the province of the town board to decide how tax money shall be spent: a new jail which the town needs badly, would come under this category: could it then be listed as a community project in this contest? In the same doubtful case is the suggestion of a bus station. Board after board has tried to persuade some bus company to establish a station here, and always in vain. It is hard to see just how this much-needed asset could be secured, yet it leads the lists. But, while there will be some doubtful items, so much thought is being directed to this question of town improvement, through the interest aroused by this questionnaire, that it is certain many extremely valuable suggestions will be forthcoming.

There isn't a doubt that the CP&L plan will prove its worth in the awakened interest of citizens in their towns. That will be, we have no doubt, its greatest value, but it is certain, too, that many a community will bestir itself, under the stimulus of this contest, to carry out improvements long needed and of the greatest benefit. May our town be one of them! Not forgetting the goal: "Carolina's Finest!"

More Mice Research

Mice are going right ahead. Pursuing the inquiry into the advances in the mouse world, begun in these columns a few weeks ago, we can report that another great stride forward has been taken. Or rather, upward. And RIGHT IN LINE WITH THE PROPHECY OF THIS NEWSPAPER.

The Pilot, profoundly struck by the recent major achievement, whereby mice, or at least certain exceptional mice, have acquired hooked tails, made the statement that in no time at all mice would be climbing bedposts and hanging from the chandeliers. This daring prophecy received the usual fate of all such: it was scorned except among the intelligent few. But now what do we find? The Pilot's prophecy has not only been fulfilled and that in a few short weeks, it has been wildly surpassed. Not only have mice gone as high as the chandeliers, ten mice have ascended forty miles above the earth's surface, establishing a world's altitude record far beyond that ever conceived as possible by man.

Traveling at the rate of more than 2000 miles an hour, the mice went up through the stratosphere and right on. What is perhaps quite as remarkable, they returned in perfect safety. All ten mice parachuted down. They were, of course, all on one parachute and that one was attached to the jet-propelled rocket in which they made their dramatic ascent, but that only shows how up-to-date they are. Up-to-date, did we say? Some eons ahead, we'd guess, of what, thank God, man is likely to accomplish.

And now the question is: were these the mice with the hooked tails?

Governor Scott Is First Customer



GOV. W. KERR SCOTT is shown buying the first batch of Easter Seal poster boys for North Carolina, George Wood Lyons, Jr., of High Point. George symbolizes all crippled children of the state aided by Easter Seal Sale funds contributed by the people during the annual campaigns. The 1952 fund drive, now under way, will continue through Easter Sunday, April 13.

Easter Seal Sale In North Carolina Will Aid 300,000 Crippled Children

Endorsing the annual Easter Seal appeal which will continue through Easter Sunday, Governor Kerr Scott said this week: "The right to aid the crippled is a privilege that should be appreciated, guarded and exercised fully."

He urged that the public support generously this year's campaign to the end that the various chapters of the N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults, sponsoring the organization, may meet the increased costs and provide the many services needed by the crippled children of the state.

"It is economically sound to make available such services as those financed through Easter Seal funds, since these services help dependent crippled children become independent, productive adults," the Governor said.

"The N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults, with the cooperation of its chapter organizations and many volunteers, works closely with the many problems of the handicapped children through a broad program of education, direct service, and research," the Governor said. "Many of the handicapped children of our state would go neglected except for the services and aid made

available through the Easter Seal society."

"The many thousand handicapped children in North Carolina needing special attention in our schools are receiving aid through the coordinated efforts and resources of the Society, and with the cooperation of the State Department of Public Instruction in a program of teacher training courses, special classes, purchase of equipment transportation, and other needed assistance. Under the guidance of the Medical Advisory Committee for cerebral palsy, an educational and improvement of facilities program is gradually being developed for the several thousand handicapped children of this group."

The Society's headquarters in Chapel Hill announced that the 17th annual campaign is planned for aid to approximately 250,000 handicapped school children in North Carolina and that committees in all 100 counties will participate in the drive.

The appeal will be made through 300,000 letters to be mailed throughout the state, Easter Lily parades, and through North Carolina schools which will conduct the sale of school packets and tags.

The Public Speaking

CIVIC CLUB BUILDING

To the Pilot.
A visitor in our town this past winter, a past president of the Civic Club in her town, was enthusiastic about our Civic Club Building and appreciated its hospitality. When told of our present trouble regarding the floor of our building and the question of financing the fixing of it, she said that five men in her town bought a building and gave it to the women. What a wonderful thing it would be if some generous citizens would come together and help us to put our building in condition for a greater use to the town.

Those of you who have read the report by the Planning Committee last year will find the following in their report.

The largest number of young people here are between the ages of 15 and 19 years and this is 11 percent of the population. Those over 21 constitute 61 percent and those over 60 constitute 12 percent of the population. It also said that the population of Southern Pines in 1970 would probably reach somewhere between 5,000 and 7,500, and that more older people would be found residing in this community than would be found in the average American town.

With the floor put in condition for wider use than at present, I am sure it could be managed better as a Civic Center by the members of the Club than by the town.

Who will help to put the floor in better condition for more physical activity?

A CIVIC CLUB MEMBER

KEEP THEM HERE

To the Pilot.
Talk concerning youth seems to be in the air. It appears that the town—and the town is none other than the taxpayers—is concerned about entertaining the young—most pleasantly, to be sure, both summer and winter.

However, it seems as if no one is concerned about keeping such a valuable asset as youth here in the town. After educating and entertaining them at so great an expense, we let this valuable asset slip through our fingers and go elsewhere to live—necessarily, since employment here is possible for only a limited few.

Why not take a longer-range view and transfer some of this thought and energy on the problem of keeping young people in Southern Pines, after we have so carefully and luxuriously reared them? Undoubtedly the young people would appreciate the opportunity to remain in their home town—that is, if opportunity were afforded them.

FRIEND OF YOUTH

NEW USE FOR PILOT

To the Pilot.
Thought you might be interested to know that I read the Pilot every week in Taegu, Korea.

Then I pass it on to a Korean who uses it for wallpaper, so you get plenty of publicity, especially if he happens to get the want ad section to the outside.

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