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On An Even Keel

The victory of William B. Umstead will bring to the head of our state government a man in whom, we feel confident, all may rely to supply the steady, progressive, intelligent leadership this state wants.

A factor of significance in the Umstead victory is the small majority by which he was elected. It should guarantee that the new governor will feel deeply his responsibility to make sure that all interests and all sections of the state are fairly represented and have equal treatment in the four years to come.

During the campaign, an effort was made by the opposition to bring about an alignment of factions similar to that which split the state in the senatorial election two years ago.

To our credit let it be said that the effort to split the state and revive the bitterness of the past was unsuccessful. Doubtless memories of that other campaign may have played a part in keeping this one on an even keel.

This is a good sign. We concede that in the heat of political battle, there is a strong temptation to use dubious methods. They may run all the way from deliberate lies to anonymous broadsides and the improper use of influence by those in a position to exert it.

It is deeply reassuring that North Carolina seems to have decided to call a halt to this sort of thing and that we have elected a man who has shown he will not stand for it.

For that is one important point the Umstead victory emphasizes: that our people have come to repudiate deceit and demagoguery in state politics and to recognize the danger and foolishness of disunity.

Splendid Activity

The junior tennis program now so greatly in evidence here is something in which the whole community can take pride.

While many in the town have been talking about "doing something for the young people," members of the Sandhills Tennis association have quietly gone ahead and done it.

In the Moore County Schools tournament which recently ended there were 60 entries, and as personable an array of winners and runners-up as we have seen.

The municipal courts are in daily use and many of the players are boys and girls, some hardly bigger than their own rackets.

Word from their adult advisors of the Sandhills Tennis association is that some excellent players are being developed, that interest is high and that the quality of the game and of sportsmanship which they show is of the best.

This appears to us a truly constructive activity, with nothing but good in prospect for our community and youth as a result.

The General Comes Home

This week General Eisenhower said goodbye to the troops in Europe and the many friends he has made there and came back home.

The general had his day of triumph after the war's end; the drive through New York, the showers of fluttering paper, the hurrahs, and all the rest of the fanfare with which we greet our returning heroes.

General Eisenhower comes back home having added to his reputation as a soldier the renown of a statesman. He leaves behind him a Europe nearer unity than ever before, far nearer than any European ever thought possible.

Europe is better off than it was a year ago. Things are running better, industries, agriculture, transportation; the whole business of living has attained a quicker and a steadier tempo.

So General Eisenhower comes home, leaving definite gains behind and a continent whose Atlantic nations are more firmly welded together and more strongly armed.

As the Dust Settles

Election Day has come and gone, bringing some good new men into the field of state government, keeping on some who have proved their worth, and dropping some good men, too.

The best man to be dropped goes out, of course, automatically. That is Governor Scott. In our estimation, he has done a fine job.

In voting to return C. B. Deane to Washington and Clifton Blue to Raleigh, Moore County people have shown their appreciation of the good work these two men have performed.

As to the vote in Southern Pines, a few facts may be of interest. A total of 896 votes was cast, less than half the number registered on the books, which show 1980.

The comment was made by several of those about the polls, that there was too much of a hullabaloo going on outside. It seems to be the usual thing in many places, but there did seem, this year, to be an unconscionable number of candidates and candidates' helpers.

We wish to thank you for having noted this action of the Commissioners, and feeling that comment should be made.

No. 7 — Do You Know Your Old Southern Pines?



With its fancy window and tower, this house must have been the talk of the town when it was built in little old Southern Pines of long ago. Where was it, how was it and is it still standing? Maybe someone will recognize the ladies having an outdoor gossip-session on the front steps. We're counting on some of our "Old Timers" to let us know.

The Public Speaking

USES OF CIVIC CLUB

Just a bit of history: In 1942 the members of the Civic club turned over the building to the Red Cross canteen committee.

Bank. It was known from time to time as the St. James and Pine Tree Tavern. Bought by the Perkins in 1919, it was destroyed by the fire of April 1921.

GRAINS of SAND

The big Southern Pines vote, which could decide the outcome in a couple of races, was the last to be reported Saturday night.

Talk ran to the new voting machines which were tried out this time in several precincts of the state. . . . Votes are totaled within a few minutes on these machines, it was reported, doing away with all the waiting.

"ARDENT ADVOCATES"

To the Pilot:

For many years Mrs. Clark and I have been winter residents of Southern Pines, either as renters, or home owners, and later this summer we will become year-round residents.

As ardent advocates of the advantages of living in Southern Pines I certainly dislike seeing action taken which may in the long run destroy the beauty of Route 1 as it passes through the village.

With all due respect to your correspondents whose memories have led them astray in their identifications of buildings pictured in recent issues of the Pilot, I am amazed that any doubt could be cast on Mrs. J. S. Reynolds' recognition of Jefferson Inn, her home for 45 years.

The action of the town board was reversed by the zoning board thus preserving May street as a residential area.

ABOUT JEFFERSON INN

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The picture in question—though I cannot see why there should be any question—your No. 4, was used in the September 6, 1906, edition of The Tourist under the caption "Jefferson Inn."

The Stringer building was erected in 1897 for Sam S. Stringer. It was of cottage type, three stories and attic, and was located on the site of the present Citizens teacher at Vass-Lakeview school.

BIRTHS

At St. Joseph's Hospital during the past two weeks: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shepard, Pinehurst, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Myrick, Carthage, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. June Harrington, Cameron, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wallace, Pinebluff, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ballard, Jr., Pinehurst, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russell, West End Rt. 1, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moser, Pinehurst, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McKinnon, Carthage, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Will Hainesworth, Southern Pines, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, Pinehurst, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin, Cameron, a girl.

INITIATED

Reggie Hamel, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hamel, was initiated recently into the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at Duke university, where he will be a junior next year.

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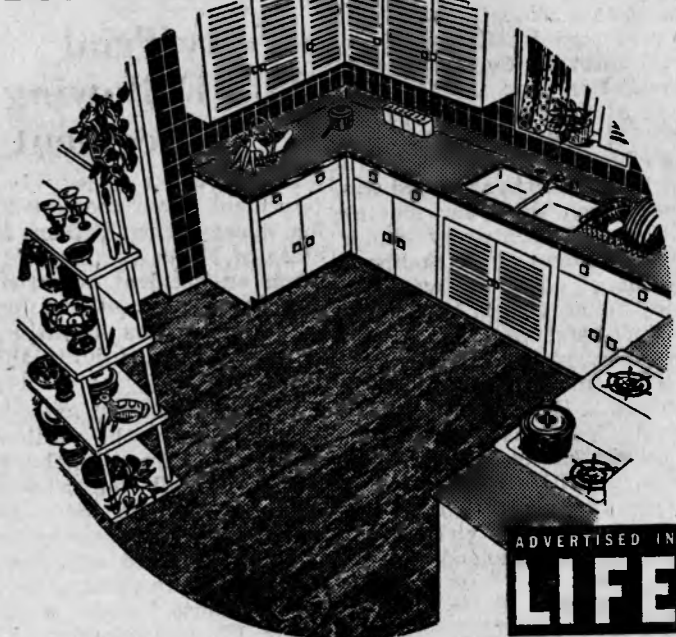
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