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"In taking over The Pilot no changes are contemplated. We will try to keep this a good paper. We will try to make a little money for all concerned. Where there seems to be an occasion to use our influence for the public good we will try to do it. And we will treat everybody alike." -James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

#### 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. He will supply it because he is that sort of man; public-spirited, with a keen understanding of the needs of North Car-

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. If anything were needed to indicate it, it could be found in the way Umstead conducted his campaign.

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. Only in a minor degree was it successful. There were those, of course, who voted against Judge Olive because he was "Scott's man"; they were determined to throw out the present governor and all his works. Similarly some of the Olive supporters tried to pin the label of Big Business and reaction to the Umstead coattails, saying that a victory for Umstead would mean the end of the impressive work of the Scott administration in the fields of health, education, agriculture, prison reform, rural electrification and so on. Each side inveighed against the other side's "machine," but, this column has noted, all the actual smear talk came from the Olive corner.

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, there were many, then, who swore: "never again!". And this time there were, actually, few sharply divisive issues: both candidates were fine men, pledged to support the progressive program that the people, obviously, want. But there seems little doubt that the character of Mr. Umstead had a good deal to do with keeping the campaign clean and straightforward. He based his claim to the state's highest office on his qualifications for it, not on the disqualifications, as he saw them, of his opponent, and when any dirt was thrown, he let it lie. And it did lie, with little effect. The Umstead campaign was constructive from start to finish and we are convinced that had a lot to do wtih its success.

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. We have lately seen such methods deprive the nation of the services of at least two outstanding public servants; we see our foreign policy in grave danger from the activities of foreign agents in collusion with the smear artists within our ranks.

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, fostering interest in the game, sponsoring tournaments for the boys and girls and this spring assisting them to organize their own tennis association, and run their own tournament.

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. Another, bigger tournament-the Junior Sandhills Invitational- is coming along in July. In the meantime a junior team of local boys has entered the Eastern Carolina series, and has gone already to another town for an invitation match and met their challengers in a return match here.

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 sportmanship 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. The reception is a quieter one this time, yet it is possible that the gratitude it expresses is as deep as it was then, just as the achievement it signalizes may be as great.

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. It is defended by an international army that includes German units with forces from the Atlantic Pact nations, and, of United States troops, 17 divisions, ten more than when the general arrived a year ago.

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. Much of this, of course, is due to the spiritual rehabilitation that has come about as the war has receded and conditions have improved, but some of it comes from the gradual build-up of self-confidence that has been fostered under the command of General Eisenhower. The general put this restoration of morale as his first aim when he assumed command, and he may well consider it his greatest achievement. He was able to show the people of Europe his faith in them and their ability to make a comeback and the people responded.

So General Eisenhower comes home, leaving definite gains behind and a continent whose Atlantic nations are more firmly welded together and more strongly armed. He faces a country confused, divided, restless and uncertain of its course: his own country that he may be called upon to lead. As we hail General Eisenhower's great achievements of the past year, we wish the Fates may treat him kindly in the difficult times that may lie ahead.

#### 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. It is to be hoped that he will continue to work in some capacity for the state whose interests he has shown he understands and has so deeply at

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; they have, also, followed in the pattern of steady conservatism for which our people are known Some sections, this year, kicked over the old traces, preferring new untried men to those already holding office. But Moore County Scots stuck to the ones they knew.

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. Saturday's vote was 100 less than at the last town election, and, we submit, a great many less than the number of people eligible to vote here.

The comment was made by several of those about the polls, that there was too much of a hullaballoo 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 and candidates' helpers' helpers, in other words: polititions, of one sort or another, accosting the folks with cards and propaganda. Most everybody joked or paid no attention, but some people didn't like it, and a few timid souls climbed into their cars again or took off down the street without voting. It was the opinion of one of the watchers that quite a few were kept from voting because they didn't want to run the gauntlet of the sidewalk crowd. It seems silly, but if it's a fact we ought to tone things down come next election.

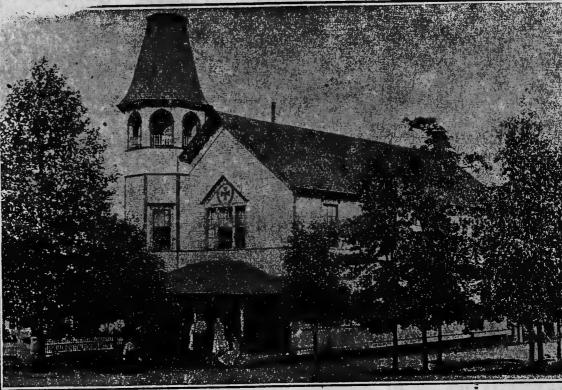
Another thing that really ought to be done is to have the registration books checked. We are told that when the new book was set up in 1940, the names were simply copied from the old books without any check being made as to whether the folks in question were alive or dead, still living here or moved away. Many have been crossed off when it was known they were gone, but no effective detailed check has been made since nobody knows how long. Here is something, surely, that calls for official action. In Aberdeen, we believe, they had a new registration and got things straight: incidentially it showed that a group of people whose residence had been changed to Sandhills township are on the books of both towns: Aberdeen, where they're now supposed to vote and seldom do, and Southern Pines, where they used to vote and still try to, at least a few of them. Perhaps we should follow Aberdeen's lead and have a new registration. But at least before next election day comes round the registration book ought to be brought up to date.

### **CROP Again**

Summer is here, bringing to our country the promise of a bountiful harvest; bringing, too, the renewal of the CROP campaign.

CROP is the organization that collects farm produce from farmers and sends it to the needy peoples of the world. Governor Scott called CROP an "indirect approach to liberty." A good phrase and a true one.

## 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, whose 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.

All we can say definitely about this building is, that isn't a television tower up on top.

## The Public Speaking

USES OF CIVIC CLUB

To the Pilot. Civic club turned over the cub the fire of April 1921. building to the Red Cross canteen Your most apt and pertinent committee. They gave it up in "Magnolia" editorial calls to mind Southern Pines. Opposite, on the 1943 and the members ran it as a recreation center for the soldiers. In June of that year, the Army took the building over for the USO. When they gave it up, the Chamber of Commerce wanted to use it, and the members agreed to have them try it out for three years. After two years,

We are now having the building put into safe condition for renting. CIVIC CLUB MEMBER.

### "ARDENT ADVOCATES"

For many years Mrs. Clark and I have been winter residents of Southern Pines, either as renters, or home owners, and later this have them?" a bystander quieried summer we will become yearround residents. We have always closely during the months when tained a seat). . . He glanced of necessity we have been 'exiled' from Southern Pines.

We are particularly indebted to 23rd, in connection with the zoning action taken at a special meeting of the Board of Commission-Street to business.

As ardent advocates of the advantages of living in Southern Pines I certainly dislike seeing action taken which may in the long murky air with an expression of run destroy the beauty of Route 1 as it passes through the village. Its marked contrast to the advertising signs, billboards, and concentrations of gas stations which exist between Aberdeen and rather night, in North Carolina. Southern Pines is commented on As late in the evening the neckvillage.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Editor's Note: residential area.)

#### ABOUT JEFFERSON INN To the Pilot

With all due respect to your be cast on Mrs. J. S. Reynolds' last week-one still does. recognition of Jefferson Inn, her Mrs. John Graves Vann, who home for 45 years.

though I cannot see why there Lampe of State's school of engishould be any question—your No. neering, while Mrs, Richard James 4, was used in the September 6, Bryant, who left just last week 1906, edition of The Tourist under to join her husband in Gastonia, the caption "Jefferson Inn." I is the daughter of Dean J. H. Hil-

nue which includes a portion of John Harrelson, who is resigning. Jefferson Inn showing the "banjo His resignation won't be effective work," and a row of sycamore for 13 months, though, so there trees standing in the middle of the isn't any rush. avenue. They were removed by Mr. Vann is production manathe late John N. Powell in 1917, ger for the Bishop Co. hypoderfollowing his purchase of the for- mic needle plant. The Vanns have mer Ozone-Oak Hall, which he bought a home on Orchard road. renamed the Southland.

erected in 1897 for Sam S. String- in March, has been making her er. It was of cottage type, three home with the J. T. Overtons stories and attic, and was located while finishing out the year as a on the site of the present Citizens teacher at Vass-Lakeview school.

Bank. It was known from time to time as the St. James and Pine site of the Southern Pines hotel. Tree Tavern. Bought by the Per- They were planted by the late F. In 1942 the members of the kins in 1919, it was destroyed by A. Ordway in 1887-8, he the n be-

#### GRAINS of SAND

The big Southern Pines vote, which could decide the outcome in a couple of races, was the last famed garden, flourishing on the ache and expense to them that they gave it back. It was then we found the floor was not in a condition for dancing or extra physical activity.

The final tally was not reached until close to midnight, and at Aberdeen, where all-county tabulation was being made for the Citizen scoreboard, impatience waxed high among some onlookers.

chines which were tried out this graced with magnolias planted time in several precincts of the about the time that they were state. . . Votes are totaled within built. few minutes on these machines, it was reported, doing away with Patrick were instrumental for all the waiting.

"Don't you think we ought to of one old-time politico.

The person queried tipped been readers of 'The Pilot,' fol-back his chair a little farther (he lowing the news particularly was one of the few who had obaround at the crowded officeeverybody had been in, at one time or another: candidates, haryou for your editorial of May ried managers and workers, curious voters. . . Desk and floor were covered with paper on which hasty tabulations and parers held on May 5th, to open May tial totals had been figured up. . Coca-cola bottles were all over the place and ash trays were full and running over.

The old-timer inhaled the pleasure. . . "Heck, no!" he snorted. . . "I wouldn't miss all this for anything."

It was Bill Umstead's day, or by large numbers of the visitors and-neck race between the guberwho stop overnight, or for longer natorial candidates gradually periods when passing through our turned his way. . . Till finally his lead was a commanding one. Full county reports were in

most cases not published in full until Monday, when one after another turned up in the Umstead column. . . One headline writer on GORDON CLARK the Charlotte Observer apparently got to editing and headlining The action of the town board automatically . . . One head apwas reversed by the zoning board peared, "Umstead Gets Firm Supthus preserving May street as a port in Richmond". . . The story beneath, from Rockingham, gave Umstead 2,700, Olive 4,045. How firm is that?

The two men who (according to correspondents whose memories the News and Observer) are behave led them astray in their ing most strongly considered for identifications of buildings picthe top job at N. C. State college tured in recent issues of the Pilot, both have strong ties in Southern I am amazed that any doubt could Pines. Or rather, both did until

moved to town a couple of months The picture in question- ago, is the daughter of Dean J. H. have an earlier post card showing the original building with the so-Both men are nationally known

called "banjo-work" on its front. as tops in their respective fields. Your current picture, No. 6, is Both are considered top possibilia view of New Hampshire ave- ties to fill the shoes of Chancellor

Mrs. Bryant, the former Miss The Stringer building was Helen Hilton, who was married

some of the early plantings of these handsome trees, particularly those gracing the postoffice and library grounds-once the ing the manager of the newly

erected "Page Hotel," later the East side of Broad street, fronting the City Clerk's office, this splendid row of trees was planted by the late Dr. W. P. Swett. His first planting, made in 1892 was des troyed by vandals, and replaced a year or so later. There is a magnificent specimen located on the site of William P. Saunders' once

A survey of the older houses in Talk ran to the new voting ma-town reveals that they are all

Probably B. von Herf and J. T. other plantings.

CHARLES MACAULEY

#### 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,

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

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