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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.

How It Looks From Here

On the theory that division among the enemy is good news, this Democratic newspaper should probably welcome the present goings-on in the Republican party. The more the GOP wrangles, the more one candidate throws off on the other, the better chance of a Democratic victory.

We concede all that and admit, as well, that critical comment from the Democratic sidelines is indiscreet as well as unwanted, but the provocation has grown too great. It is impossible to keep from coming out flat-footedly and saying that we find the spectacle of General Eisenhower being knifed in the back by Senator Taft, not to mention his former soldier-comrade, General MacArthur, a pretty distasteful business. Granted: it is not Democratic business, but when one of the figures holds the place in the hearts of his countrymen that General Eisenhower does, it becomes everybody's business.

When people said, before the general came home, that this would happen, it was hard to believe. "Wait till Ike comes back and takes off his uniform," they said, "and watch the bricks and the rotten eggs begin to fly." But Eisenhower's standing was so high, it seemed as if he was bound to be immune to the usual political mud-slinging. People wondered about his ideas on domestic affairs; they wondered if he had the political sagacity required of a civilian leader, but about his character, about his motives, about all about his position as a military authority, no one even wondered. Yet here is Taft trying to make out that Eisenhower favored a reduction in air power, and MacArthur, the former presidential candidate, of all people, condemning the entry of a soldier into politics. Just as if he himself was not in politics, right now, and in a uniform on active army status, a point-blank violation of the regulations.

The Republicans are so badly split that it recalls the days of the Willkie campaign with a similar outcome likely. To win, the GOP must capture the middle bloc of independent voters. It is inconceivable that they would go for Taft and, by his present smearing tactics, Taft is greatly reducing the chance of their going for Eisenhower.

It looks as if the GOP was bent on committing suicide. When General Eisenhower came out for the party, Democratic hopes fell with a crash. He was considered an impossible man to beat. But no sooner do they get their unbeatable candidate than the Old Guard start to tear him down. There is no doubt that, due to the Taft mud-slinging, Eisenhower's prospects are considerably dimmed. Doubts have been stirred in the public mind; it is clear that the general is not nearly as strong a candidate as he was two months ago.

A Republican victory looks doubtful from here. To get the nomination Eisenhower may have to make some crippling political deals and, even if he goes in on a clean slate of his own making, the powerful Taft group in Congress could put a stranglehold on effective United States action, jeopardizing the United Nations and the whole structure of international accord, the only prospect of peace. This threat will exert powerful pressure on the independent voter, who by his long support of the present regime has shown an unmistakably liberal and international turn of mind. The cleavage in the Republican party, with the "new isolationist" Taft forces so strong, would, we believe, even if General Eisenhower were the candidate, swing this bloc once more to the Democratic side.

It's a queer business, but even those who rejoice at the political advantage this Republican free-for-all affords must deeply regret its tragic personal aspect.

A Warning

Representative Brooks Hays of Arkansas, a thoughtful member of the House, speaking to leaders of the Presbyterian Church, has said that the United States must avoid spiritual isolation. The new kind of isolationism, which has replaced impossible geographic isolation, he told them, would seek to have the United States dominate the world, without referring to the views and aspirations of others.

"We must not retreat from the great responsibilities which the power we possess carries with it," said Representative Hays.

"But we must not attempt to dominate the world." The new isolationism would have us impose our will on others without consultation with free allies—a trend that could destroy international teamwork.

"We must stand by our faith, and stand by our friends," Hays said.

And he added: "It is not possible, no matter how much wisdom or skill in the art of government is exerted, to meet the expectations of the world unless we draw on the spiritual and moral resources which belong to the church."

Not Yet But Some Day Soon

Last week the two towns of Carthage and Robbins defeated a proposal to add to their school curriculum, The tax supplement proposed, a levy of 30 cents on the \$100, was voted down by a large majority in an election that brought out more voters than the primary.

In view of the decisiveness of the vote it will not be many moons before the action just taken will be reversed, yet such is our feeling. That is the usual history of progressive school measures. The supplement proposed is just the same as that now in force here and in Pinehurst and Aberdeen and there is no reason in the world to think that the two towns are any less progressive than the three others or less interested in the education of their children. Both have grown fast during the last few years. At Robbins the enlargement of the mill has brought in its wake modern town improvements and a great increase in population, as is evidenced by the new houses going up all over the place; similar changes are rumored to be on the way in Carthage, which has recently seen several new industries locate in or just outside of town. So it is not lack of the spirit of growth that influenced the people of these two towns to turn thumbs down on progressive school measures; rather it must be a failure in understanding the issue.

It appears that the supplement in question would have been used principally to add a librarian and music teacher to the faculty. Perhaps that was the trouble. It's easy to label such things as "trimming" and "new-fangled." But they are not so considered by those who know. If the Three Rs come first, still one of them leads straight to the trained librarian indispensable to the proper guidance of the young reader and anyone who has heard some of the glee clubs of Moore County sing or has attended the Young Musicians concerts will be ready to maintain that music should have an important place on any good school curriculum.

So, in our estimation, it is only a question of a little time, and a little more education, perhaps, in the true needs of our school children before the people of Carthage and Robbins are ready to vote for the supplement they have just so roundly defeated. Let those who worked so hard in this election for the cause of progressive education and a well-rounded school program take heart. It's just a question of "Not yet, but soon."

Not So Powerful

There was one angle of the recent primary election that we imagine a good many people found interesting, and, perhaps, surprising. This was the light shed on the effectiveness of the so-called veterans' lobby. It had been thought that this group, numerically very strong, was able to exert almost compelling pressure on political candidates. The Umstead election proved otherwise.

During his campaign Mr. Umstead was repeatedly asked for his stand on an additional bonus to ex-servicemen. He said that he did not favor it. There was no attempt, on his part, to sidestep the question or the issue. He answered with frankness that while he did not in any way minimize the contribution of the veterans to the safety of the country and their interest in the nation's welfare and advancement, he felt that this contribution had been acknowledged by a grateful people in the many and great benefits already being received by the ex-servicemen.

There is little doubt that some of the future governor's supporters shivered in their shoes when their candidate took this firm stand. While they may have agreed with it, they must have considered it dangerous to the success of his campaign. Perhaps Mr. Umstead agreed with this estimate, feeling, however, that he could not compromise on his convictions. On the other hand, it may be that, wiser than some of his advisers, he understood the true situation better than they. At any rate, it would appear that the veterans' pressure, if any, blew off with little or no effect on the outcome of the election.

Demonstrating, we submit, two important points: first, that our future governor is a man of both sagacity and courage; he estimated correctly the temper of the voters and he had the courage to stick by his convictions. Second: the veterans, it seems, are not as fully controlled by their organizations as their leaders would like us to think.

This last point has gained considerable credence of late. Whereas the leadership of several of the larger veterans groups has been consistently reactionary, the members on the whole have a well-balanced, middle-of-the-road attitude both as to their own wants and to the needs of the nation. They are democratic and independent; they can't be led by the nose.

It's a good thing to have both those points so clearly demonstrated. They imply something healthy and powerful for good in the body of our state and nation. Perhaps, too, the veterans' groups will find in this incident of the state election campaign, a reason to try to elect leaders more truly representative of the membership.

Talk of the Devil

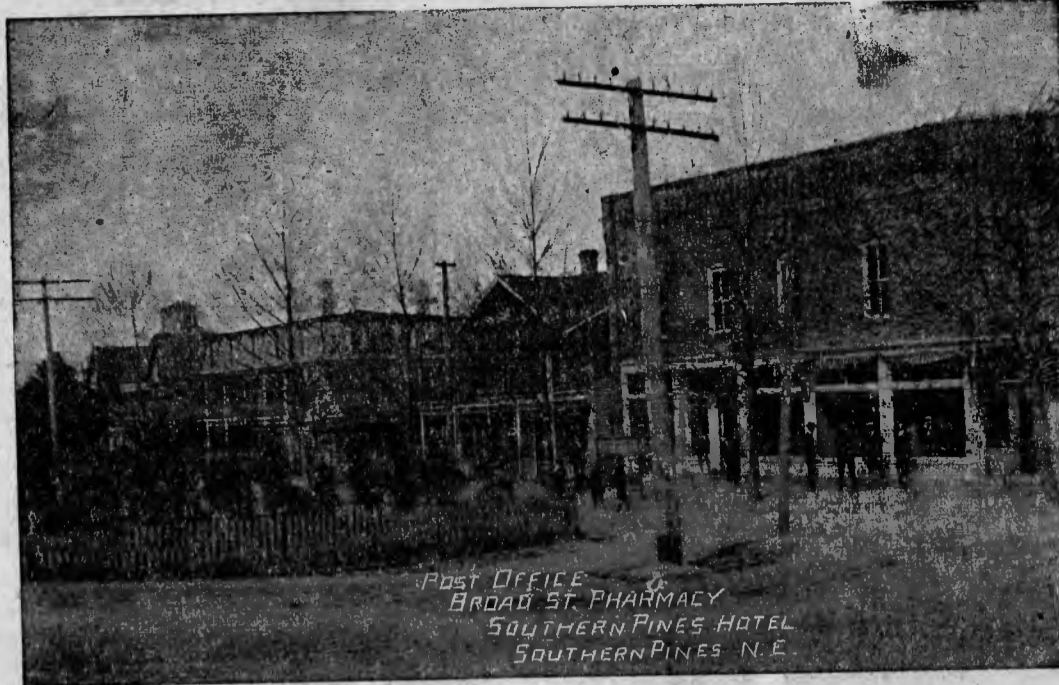
Not long ago one of our public men, in an excess of furious exasperation at the latest burst of venom from the Senator from Wisconsin, spoke of McCarthy as "the devil incarnate."

The phrase seemed an exaggeration, but behold what Mr. Daniel Webster has to say anent its origin:

"Devil, n. (AS. deofol; fr. Lat. diabolus; fr. Gr. diabolos: the devil, the slanderer.) Mr. Webster continues to tell that the word "diabolos" comes from two ancient words: one "dia" meaning "across" and the other "ballein" meaning "to throw." In other words, couldn't we simply say: "to put something over?"

Is there any book more surprising, fascinating and satisfying than the dictionary?

No. 9—Do You Know Your Old Southern Pines?



Here is a view of Broad street (we think) in the early part of this century. Who can tell us where these buildings were, or are, and what is on this location today? That picket-fence arrangement in the middle of the street we can't quite figure out. It might enclose a small park, but why fence in a park? Maybe someone can help us dope this one out.

The Public Speaking

ON PICTURE NO. 8

(See "Grains of Sand" for other comments on last week's picture.)

To the Pilot.
Your illustration number 8 is a deplorable representation of one of the notably fine homes of Southern Pines antedating 1900, a structure which, in its almost half a century, was the home of many families prominent in the annals of the town.

Variouly known as the "Grover," "Heizmann," "Partridge," "Scott" and "Thompson" homes, it was recently moved from its original site, and, changed inwardly and outwardly, it is now the home of the VFW.

Built in 1896, on the southwest corner of Broad street and New York Avenue, for E. M. Grover (Mayor of Southern Pines 1897), the father of Lawrence and Alfred Grover, it became the home of A. A. Heizmann and family in 1902, and following his death in 1909, the property was acquired by E. E. Partridge, a noted rifle champion, in 1910 or 1911. The next purchaser was Royal R. Scott, who is remembered as the promoter and first president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Scott died in 1931, and the house passed to his daughter Mrs. Carl Thompson, Sr., and was for many years the home of Carl Thompson, Jr., one-time editor of the Pilot.

The property was purchased by Leon Seymour in 1946, and a year later sold to Frank Welch and Garland Pierce who, in 1948, moved the house to the back of the lot to make room for the erection of the Welch Gift Shop. As it now stands on New York avenue it bears but slight resemblance to its former appearance.

CHARLES MACAULEY

SHAW HOUSE GARDEN

To the Pilot.
May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the fine write-up the Pilot recently gave the Shaw House herb garden.

As a result of this article, several people who did not know of the existence of this garden or the location of the Shaw House found their way there, and I had the pleasure of talking to some of them about the garden. Several interested visitors from elsewhere in the state have remarked how strange it is that they had not heard of either the Shaw House or the herb garden, and wished it might be more widely advertised as an additional attraction in this region.

Thank you again for the Pilot's interest in this matter.
Sincerely,
KATHERINE S. COVELL

"DREADED CORPORATION"

To the Pilot.
In view of President Truman's inefficient and illegal efforts to handle the steel strike, as well as President Philip Murray's of CIO un-American audacity in fomenting such a strike, the following speech of a former North Carolinian may be of interest to the readers of the Pilot.

"But, Sir, I have said I do not dread these corporations as instruments of power to destroy this country, because there are a thousand agencies which can regulate, restrain and control them; but there is a corporation we may all dread. That corporation is the Federal Government. From the aggression of this corporation there can be no safety, if it is allowed to go beyond the bounds, the well defined limits of its power. I dread nothing so much as the exercise of ungranted and doubtful powers by this government. It is, in my opinion, the danger of dangers to the future of this country. Let us be sure we good deal more.

keep it always within its limits. If this great, ambitious, ever growing corporation becomes oppressive, who shall check it? If it becomes wayward, who shall control it? If it becomes unjust, who shall trust it? As sentinels on the country's watchtower, senators, I beseech you watch and guard with sleepless dread that corporation which can make all property and rights, all states and people, and all liberty and hope, its playthings in an hour and its victims forever."

The above speech was delivered by Senator Benjamin Harvey Hill in the U. S. Senate, March 27, 1878. Senator Hill was born in North Carolina but moved to Georgia where his grandchildren and great-grandchildren are now prominent citizens. In fact the writer of this article had the pleasure of meeting some of the Hills a short time ago in Athens, Ga. Senator Hill was one of the South's leading lawyers. He was closely associated with Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States, and General Robert E. Lee, commander-in-chief of the Confederate Armies. At one time he was President Davis's chief legal advisor. Following the end of the war, Mr. Hill became prominent in Georgia and national politics and a power in the United States Senate. He was a man we can well be proud of.

JULIAN T. BISHOP

GRAINS of SAND

Old Picture No. 8, a commodious mansion with miles of awnings and acres of front porch, was quickly identified by two "old-timers," one of whom recognized it as a girlhood home.

Dr. G. G. Herr recognized it as the present VFW home on West New York avenue, and Mrs. Heizmann Mudgett confirmed this identification, adding details of its beginning.

(A third, Charles Macauley, wrote a letter, received after this was written. You'll see it in a column adjoining, adding a good many more details.)

Its construction was begun by the Grovers, one of the earliest of our pioneer fathers, and before it was finished was bought by Mrs. Heizmann Mudgett's father, Albert A. Heizmann, of Reading, Pa. This was in the early 1900s, when Mr. Heizmann, who had traveled to many places in this country and abroad seeking relief for his asthma, decided to take a doctor's advice and move to Southern Pines.

He received immediate relief, we are glad to say, and lived out the remaining years of his life in comfort.

The Heizmanns completed construction of the house, finishing off the upper story, and bought a good deal more land on that block. There was only one other house on the block, the Mills home, which was purchased by John C. Parrish just a few years back, and still looks just about as it did then, though business has grown up all around it.

Mr. Heizmann had some beautiful planting done by Mr. Bilyeu about his house, and it was looked on for years as one of the handsomest in town. Following Mr. Heizmann's death, it was sold in 1911 to some people named Partridge, and then had various owners until the John Boyd post, VFW, bought it in December 1948.

The remodeled it then, for the grand opening in March 1949, and have since remodeled it inside, a good deal more.

NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Marie Dawson, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before May 1, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to

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