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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.

McCarthy Bureau of Information

When Senator McCarthy was questioned about the fact that he had been the recipient of secret information "leaked" to him by an employee of the government's Loyalty Review Board, he said that they should investigate his charges of Communist infiltration in the government instead of investigating him and his sources of information.

This is, we believe, not the first time that Senator McCarthy has showed up as the employer of special agents. Less than a year ago, as we recall, such a "spy" showed up in the American embassy in Switzerland from which he was sending to Senator McCarthy reports on the action of the ambassador, one of several accused by McCarthy of communistic tendencies. The senator's "spy" was jailed by the Swiss and then kicked out of the country, and now the senator's Loyalty Board "spy" has been dismissed from her job. But the senator takes it in his stride and admits no error.

It has become the fashion of late for supporters of McCarthy to say just about what McCarthy said this week. Despite the fact that exhaustive researches into his charges have been made again and again, he continues to pose as the great leader of the fight against communism, and continues to carry on what is apparently an organized spying system against government officials.

Last spring an analysis of the McCarthy charges was made by a professor of Duke University. It was as thorough and as fair a piece of work as one could well imagine. The sources used were from typescripts of McCarthy speeches and Senate investigations, the Congressional Record and similarly factual reports; the principals in the charges were interviewed. Senator McCarthy and members of his staff as well as those who condemned his methods were given the analysis for criticism and revision. "Persistent efforts," says the author, Dr. Howard Hart, "were made to obtain Senator McCarthy's side of the story." In fine, the conclusions drawn from this study were, briefly, as follows:

(1) Senator McCarthy's statements have been radically at variance with facts in the 50 instances analyzed in the report. (2) McCarthy testified under oath that he had not said, in his speech delivered at Wheeling, that there were 205 Communists in the State Department. Later he added: "If McCarthy is a liar in this let's assume he is a liar in everything." All radio men connected with the occasion gave sworn testimony that the passage in question appeared in the typescript McCarthy used and in the speech he made.

(3) The McCarthy response to criticisms of his methods is always the same: he refuses to examine the facts, disparages the intelligence of his critics, and attacks them as being Communist sympathizers.

(4) There is evidence that in 1937 and '38 there were Communists in the State Department and it was some time before they were discovered and weeded out, but Senator McCarthy had nothing to do with that action. The elimination of Communists occurred before McCarthy started his campaign and he has, to date, offered no valid evidence that any of the State Department employees whom he accused is a Communist. John Stewart Service was the one individual whose discharge resulted from the McCarthy campaign and he was not found to be a Communist. McCarthy's accusation against Lattimore, as "the architect of our China policy and Russia's top spy in the United States," a statement on the truth of which he said he was "willing to stand or fall," was not proved. Not even Budenz would testify that Lattimore was a top Russian agent, and the policy pursued in China was diametrically opposed to that advocated by Lattimore. Lattimore's policy may have been all wrong; but it was never tried.

As we think over these facts, it begins to be clear why Senator McCarthy is being given what he apparently considers such unfair treatment. He has yet to prove that investigating his charges is a worthwhile occupation. Meantime McCarthy goes right on with his slanderous accusations against some of the great men of our nation and, apparently, conducting his own spying system, the McCarthy Bureau of Information. Surely this is an extraordinary proceeding and, if we want to talk about McCarthy's pet subject of "Americanism," it appears to be as un-American a way of acting as could be imagined.

Hard Luck, Boys!

Whatever may be the outcome of the campaign, one thing seems likely: for a good many of our political commentators in the press and over the radio, this may be their last year in action. These gentlemen are slowly going crazy: and not so slowly, at that in some cases. Everywhere the statements are growing wilder, the exhortations to the candidates more frantic.

One columnist pleads with Stevenson to "come clean on that Illinois racket," whatever that may mean; another urges Eisenhower to "choose NOW!" Just what the general is supposed to choose is left slightly indefinite. The statement that takes the cake is the anguished cry of a Chicago editor to the Republican candidate to "Fight!" It must be the first time anyone had to ask the general to do that.

Some of the learned and heavily judicious commentators are having just as upsetting a time as their more hectic colleagues. One spends many columns carefully analyzing the mistakes each candidate has made to date: Stevenson's attitude towards President Truman, he says, is not liked by Labor and Eisenhower's attitude towards McCarthy is not liked by Taft, (nor by McCarthy, one may imagine.) Yet, at the same time, if Stevenson had NOT spoken about the "mess" in Washington he would be losing much of the independent vote he must have to win the election, and the independents also want to be sure that Eisenhower feels the way they do about McCarthy before they will give him their support. He closes with the complaint that "it is a peculiar campaign" and both candidates seem to be taking advice "from those who don't know" (clearly, not from him).

Another pundit gravely worries the bone of the Captive Candidates, while one of our most vociferous writers, doubtless feeling his mind going (something some of his readers might have told him a good while back), has quit on the campaign altogether. He simply states that both of the candidates are Socialists, or perhaps, worse, and, whichever is elected, the country is doomed. So he goes back to penning his slanderous comments on Mrs. Roosevelt and his very excellent ones on criminal racketeering.

And all this because of the two highly distinguished, sincere and sensible men who are the presidential candidates. They are not being bothered by the comment, crazy or otherwise. They are, to date, treating each other with respect and consideration and sticking to the courses each has mapped out for himself: courses, which of course, run happily side by side. And it is these facts that are driving the commentators crazy.

If this goes on, it will be, from a journalistic standpoint, extremely interesting. Will many of our most widely syndicated writers go clean off their respective rockers? Or will they take a big second thought and realize that this campaign is something different from usual and change their style accordingly? That result could have a pretty good effect on both press and public. But there are growing signs that the wild boys may soon have something besides their own rantings with which to occupy themselves. It looks as if the Republican vice-presidential candidate was not going to pull any punches, whatever the dignified general may think of it or be capable of; while Governor Stevenson's quick thinking mind will not long be able to resist the opportunities for some acid thrusts. His rapier wit has already supplied a few off-the-cuff statements that make most political speakers look, or sound, silly.

So after all and despite the fact that on all fundamental issues the two candidates are in agreement, it may be that as the campaign proceeds, some of the wild boys of press and radio will be saved from the asylum by being given something to write about. Whether that is a good or bad result we leave to our readers.

Work For Handicapped

The praiseworthy example of hiring amputees as set by Col. Francis Grevemberg could profitably be emulated by many businessmen.

The state police superintendent recently advertised for some 30 war veterans who are amputees and are unable to find other jobs. He said he'll use them as radio operators.

Unquestionably the gesture is a humanitarian one, offering as it does to the war handicapped the dignity of labor and the opportunity to be self-sustaining.

But even more notable is the good business example set by the police chief, who knows that for many kinds of jobs physical handicaps are, paradoxically, an asset.

Leading psychologists have maintained that such meritorious qualities as concentration, steadfastness and reliability are more apt to be found in the physically handicapped than the able-bodied. They argue that a disability seems to create or intensify these qualities by way of compensation.

Hard-headed businessmen who are interested — not in philanthropy — but in efficiency, might do more toward exploring this source as a valuable man-power pool.

—(New Orleans) Times-Picayune

No. 21—Do You Know Your Old Southern Pines?



We really do wonder about this picture. See, there's a couple standing on the little second floor porch. They are barely distinguishable and we can't tell whether they're men, or a man and a woman; most likely the latter. This house was probably built in the days when cows, sheep and pigs wandered at will around the place . . . before the days of the

"stock law," when fences were necessary to keep four-footed visitors at the proper distance.

We hope some of Southern Pines' long-time residents will drop in or write in and tell us about this house and especially about the two people who were probably watching the photographer when this picture was made.

The Public Speaking

To The Pilot

I have just read your editorial, "How Do They Stand" in the September 5 issue of The Pilot. In so reviewing this editorial I find it vitally necessary that I respond to it due to the distorted conclusions that have been set forth.

My first take issue with your editorial that Stevenson and Eisenhower are similar in views on foreign policy. This indeed is not the fact though you possibly would like very much for it to be so. On the contrary General Eisenhower laid down a 10-point positive policy to win a world peace and not further appease the Kremlin in his address in Philadelphia last Thursday night. He did not, as you so stated in the editorial, embrace the foreign policy of the Administration which includes, to quote the General, "One policy for Europe, a feeble policy for South America, a little policy for the Middle East, and changing policies for Asia. . . writing off the Far East at one moment and at almost the next finding our sons fighting and dying in Korea." He could never want to be a candidate running for office on such a grossly "bungled" policy.

My other main issue has to do with that part of your editorial that Governor Stevenson said before the Legion convention that he would have no truck with pressure groups when they put their own welfare ahead of that of the nation. This statement could be well taken if the Governor was not talking out of both sides of his mouth at the same time. By that I mean simply this: if he really meant what he said about "pressure" groups, then why is it he has the support of the CIO and AF of L leaders who are the representatives of the largest pressure groups this nation has or ever will have. Before he could make the slightest utterance publicly on policy affecting labor

unions' position he would have it cleared by labor advisers such as Murray and Green or Ruether. If he does not represent these "pressure" groups, how is it that he is for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act in its entirety though much of the rank and file labor members endorse it but not so with the union bosses? How is it that the President at the opportune moment of the democratic convention got a settlement of the steel strike simply by giving in to Phil Murray's demands even though in so doing he tossed out the window the advice of his own appointed head of the Wage Stabilization Board? Where else is there more evidence of the "pressure" groups control the very destiny of the nation. They control Stevenson too.

In the last paragraph of your editorial you begin it by writing, "So, thus far, of the two candidates, Stevenson has shown his colors more clearly than General Eisenhower, and they are brighter colors." The bright color of which you make mention couldn't be "Pink" or "Red"? In the foregoing I have tried to make as clear as possible through actual facts the position of General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson in respect to your editorial. I trust that the electorate this Fall will indicate their wishes by carefully weighing the records and expressions of the two candidates. They most definitely do not stand in accord on foreign policy as the editorial would give one to believe nor do they stand alike on any other controversial policy or issue. This point I hope I have made quite clear.

CHARLES S. PATCH, JR., Southern Pines, N. C.

OLD PICTURE NO. 20.

Mrs. Claude Hayes dropped in Friday to identify Old Picture No. 20 as the Dr. K. M. Ferguson home, where Lloyd Clark now has his funeral home, on West Broad street.

Grains of Sand

Here's an idea for Sandhills housewives. Carol Dare, in the State Magazine, says: "I want to get out into somebody's tobacco patch before the blooms are all gone and cut off a few tops for winter decoration. One of the most effective arrangements I've ever seen was done with silvered tobacco seed pods (the whole top) mixed with cotton burs and a few ordinary weeds of the feathery type."

Sky-gazers who have been disappointed at seeing nothing more exciting than the moon and stars, beautiful as they are, may take heart. They still have a chance, for a new show, "Flying Saucers," opened Tuesday night at Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill. Performances are scheduled for 8:30 every night, with afternoon showings at 3 and 4 o'clock on Saturday and 2, 3 and 4, Sundays.

It's in the air, folks. . . you'll get a whiff of it if you pass near a scuppernon grape vine. There's nothing in the grape family that can surpass the Sandhills scuppernon, and if you don't have a vine of your own, our advice is to hustle out and get an invitation to that of someone else. And make your visit early in the morning, while the dew is still on the clusters of out-of-this-world deliciousness.

How's your business? "My busi-

ness is looking up," said the astronomer. "Mine's going up in smoke," grumbled the cigar maker. "Mine's all write," announced the columnist. "Just sew, sew," reported the tailor. "Mine's growing," grinned the farmer. "Mine's light," said the electrician. "Things are picking up with me," reported the street cleaner. At this point the secretary of the meeting implored, "Please stop, gentlemen. I can't take any more." (Our thanks to Bennett Cerf, humorist, for this amusing play on words.)

Our congratulations to The Sanford Herald on its fine appearance as a daily. It seems to have made the change from semi-weekly to daily without losing any of its folksy, friendly style. From its Saturday issue we borrow the following, inasmuch as Vick Keith is formerly of Vass, and well-known whereabouts.

At the Sanford Lions Club meeting, Roy Perry reported on the birth of his six-pound, two-ounce boy. Vic Keith, president of the club, asked Perry what was the name of the new acquisition. Perry answered, "My wife finally decided on 'Daniel.'"

Keith, persistent about the matter, questioned further, "Now what middle name did you decide on?"

Perry turned red and replied, "My wife picked 'Keith.' She thought it was pretty."

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THURSDAY

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