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—James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

## School Again

Schools have opened. After the first hurried days, teachers and pupils are getting into their stride. The Pilot wishes to all a good year ahead.

For the little ones, just starting, the opening day of school is a very great event: great and grave. It is no less so for the parent. That first day of school is a test of character, all 'round, and, of all the people involved, perhaps it's hardest on the mother. When the door closes on the little chick, marching bravely, or not so bravely, off down the street, many a mother sits down suddenly behind that door and wrings her hands and maybe cries a bit. How will Willy get along? Will the teacher understand that his sass isn't really sass but just because he's scared? Will Susie be frightened out of her very good wits and be thought a dummy? The agony at home is quite as great as that in the primary department.

For the older ones, starting school again is like going back to a book you have been reading. It takes a few minutes to find your place, and a few pages of reading to become familiar, once more, with the characters and the plot, but then it all comes back and you feel as if you'd never left. Summer and the beach seem very far away and the year stretches ahead in dismal distance. But only at first: then the work gets easier and sports start and old friends show up again; the book gets more interesting as school becomes, for a time, the big part of living.

What about the teachers? For them, opening day brings new interests, new ambitions; that it also brings worries and long fatiguing hours of work cannot be denied. Sometimes we feel that not nearly enough attention is paid to our teachers, both actual attention, and attention from the standpoint of our own advantage. Teachers, actually, are probably the most important people in our community. They have the upbringing of our children in their hands. An earnest conscientious and intelligent teacher can take a timid, backward child and change his whole nature, or a child who is vain or a bully or tends to be evasive and cut corners, can, through careful handling and understanding, grow out of such ways, as constructive qualities develop to take the place of the anti-social behavior. A good teacher makes happy pupils and happy pupils are going to learn and advance and improve.

So, it looks as if our teachers were pretty important people and we had better pay attention to them. We note that the Southern Pines Student Council gave a party for the teachers this year. That was a good idea and a most pleasurable event, it goes without saying. As for this newspaper, we are happy to carry the school news and that includes the news about teachers as well as pupils and all school happenings. We are interested in all aspects of our schools and those who work in them.

As the schools get under way this year we wish for all teachers and pupils, the best year ever.

## Hospital Volunteer Corps

Congratulations to the Women of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary for the new plan they have adopted to help the hospital!

The Auxiliary has for some time been discussing the idea of providing volunteers from among its membership to help in the work of the hospital. The plan, similar to that in effect in a good many institutions, suggests nine categories in which volunteers could be used in the hospital: in secretarial positions, as aids to nurses, working in the patients' library, the flower-rooms on all floors, at the reception desk, assisting to distribute mail, or to help patients write their letters, carrying telephone messages and answering calls, in the dietetics department. Doubtless other uses for these volunteers will be found as the plan develops. Each worker is asked to give half a day a week.

The plan proposed by the Auxiliary of Moore County Hospital is one in use all over the country. Hospitals have found that much of the incidental work of the institution can be accomplished by untrained workers who are interested and have the good of the hospital at heart. While at first, just as in the case of the Red Cross Nurse's Aides, hospital authorities were reluctant to accept the women volunteers, a trial soon convinced them of their earnestness and dependability. They were able to relieve hard-working nurses of many

pesky jobs and their presence in hospitals brought good results.

The volunteers proved especially effective in the matter of handling hospital visitors and it is here that it is thought they will be, perhaps, of the greatest help at Moore County. The matter of visitors is one of the most difficult the hospital has to handle. Some patients are helped by the visits of their family and friends, but a good many are quite definitely exhausted and their recovery retarded by having visitors. Some people understand this but the great majority do not and are apt to be hurt or even insulted if visiting is curtailed.

But it is not only the individuals who are visited who may suffer. On weekends, when visitors flock in great numbers to the hospital, the situation is serious. Halls and wards are filled with crowds; nurses and doctors are handicapped in their work and the very ill patients are seriously disturbed. The noise is excessive while the danger that infection may be brought in from outside is always present.

It is thought that volunteer workers may be of great help in improving this situation. Visitors will be, in many cases, placed in their charge so that the free wandering about the hospital will be stopped. Also, with volunteer workers acting as hostesses and guides, it should be possible to prevent too many people from going to see a patient at the same time.

This is one important way in which the newly planned volunteer group of the Moore County Hospital Women's Auxiliary may function, but all the different types of work which they may perform should do much to increase the efficiency and usefulness of the hospital. We believe this group is to be sincerely congratulated for so enlarging the scope of their organization. The plan has the full endorsement of the hospital's board of directors and it is expected that it will be put into effect early in the year.

So here is another example of the interest felt by this community in the Moore County Hospital as a vital, growing institution, so necessary and so helpful in what it does for our people.

## Our Children's Safety

With the opening of school comes an added anxiety to most parents. There is the worry as to how the child will get along in school. But there is another worry, too: it is the worry about the time when he is not in school; when he is going to school or coming home again.

The child may be one who takes a bus to school. If this is the case, he has to get to the right place to catch the bus: he has to be careful to stay on the side of the road, to watch out for oncoming cars, and to exercise care in boarding the bus. And when he is on it, there is always the danger of an accident. Great care is taken by all concerned that bus drivers should be competent, and buses in good condition, and that discipline on the bus is strict and there is no overcrowding to distract the driver and increase the difficulty of his job. Nevertheless, we all know that bus accidents do occur.

The parents of children who go to school under their own power worry, too. They know there are streets to cross and that children must frequently walk down the side of a road to reach the school. They know that children get absentminded and begin fooling and playing in a group. They know the danger from speeding cars, a danger that is everywhere and all the time and that not all our police and courts and fines and jail sentences seem able to reduce.

These are the dangers parents dwell on when the start of the school year comes around. And they are real dangers and the anxiety has plenty of reason behind it.

Our sympathy is with the parents. It is our earnest hope that the Safety Campaigns held all over the nation will result in lessening their worries as the number of accidents decreases. But such campaigns depend on the public. If everybody who drives a car would enroll, actually or in his own heart and mind, in the drive for safety, the campaign would be able to do what it is trying to do: eliminate from the hearts of parents and the minds of children the haunting fear of maiming, killing accidents.

While the Safety Campaign lays down definite and well-thought-out rules, we could add a few of our own applying to this question of children: (1) Slow down, as the sign tells you, and drive with care passing a school; (2) Watch sharply any child walking along the road or riding a bicycle and be ready for a sudden unexpected move; (3) Give such children as wide a berth as you can; (4) If you're going to blow the horn, and it's a good idea, according to our way of thinking, blow it when you first see the child, don't wait until you're right behind him; (5) If you see a gang of kids ahead, be extra careful; one of them is almost bound to think it's funny to pretend to dart in front of your car, and occasionally he'll miss his step and fall down or run out too far.

It is not necessary for all men to be great in action. The greatest and sublimest power is often simple patience. —Bushnell

Every man is a hero and an oracle to somebody, and to that person, whatever he says has an enhanced value.—Emerson

## No. 22—Do You Know Your Old Southern Pines?



It's our guess that there will be plenty of readers who can identify this house, with its porch, wire fence enclosed yard, trees and

shrubs, with sidewalk plainly visible. Won't you tell us, who built this spacious home, the approximate year, and other things of interest about it?

## Grains of Sand

### Old Picture No. 20

It's ours! It's ours! said Mrs. James S. Milliken, in looking at Old Picture No. 20 published in the September 5 issue of the Pilot and last week identified as the old Dr. Ferguson home, now occupied by Clark's Funeral home.

To make assurance doubly sure, Mrs. Milliken checked with Max Backer, and they were both agreed that the house in question is the one in which Dr. and Mrs. Milliken have lived since they purchased it some 20 years ago. The fact that there is now so much shrubbery and so many trees in the yard was responsible for previous failure to so identify the house, Mrs. Milliken believes.

Mr. Backer's sister, Mrs. Gregory, built and occupied the house around 1907 or '08, Mr. Backer recalls, and after her death the Millikens bought it from her son, Douglas Gregory.

The Millikens have made no changes to the exterior during their ownership. Any question???

Lloyd Clark, like William P. Trimbleton, is a great fisherman; he catches fishes, puts them in dishes.

Monday afternoon he (Lloyd, not William P.) parked his car out front and The Pilot staff gathered 'round to see and admire a large-mouthed black bass which he had caught at the Southern Pines lake (formerly the Swan pond). This master fisherman caught the eight-and-a-quarter-pound beauty without benefit of bait, hook or line. . . with his bare hands.

The Town had drained much of the water from the lake and treated the rest with rotenone in an effort to get rid of submarine growth, catfish and suckers, planning to restock it. This caused the fish to come to the surface.

Mr. Clark chanced to be on hand when the project was underway, waded in the shallow water, hemmed the big fellow up, and finally won out in the ensuing tussle.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of . . . not their Party but The Pilot, as we still do not know the identity of last week's old picture No. 21. Surely some of our readers can identify it for us. Speak up, Friend Macauley . . . or someone.

Miss Louise Haynes writes that she is returning to her cottage at Rockport, Mass., after a pleasant summer with her brother and his family at Boxford, Mass., and that she expects to return to Southern Pines October 21. We'll be looking forward to the return of "the bird lady" who visits us weekly during the Bird Club's season to report on its activities.

Someone remarked the other day about the courtesy which automobile drivers in Southern Pines show to pedestrians in regard to crossing the streets. There's never any impatient honking or effort to hurry them out of the way. Which leads to the remark that courtesy is a fine thing, in all situations, and in this case plays a big part in making our streets safe.

Our young friend, Pete Butler, 11, came in to report that he saw a meteor fall last Friday evening around 7 p. m. He was in the family car with his mother, Mrs. Paul Butler, his brother Al and sister Jeanie on Midland road when he had this thrilling experience, the second of the kind in his life. His mother first saw it and pointed it out to the children. According to Pete the meteor looked about half as big as a football, had a tail about 10 feet

long and was greenish-white in color.

Ed Torrence, janitor for The Pilot and a number of other places in town, is away on vacation this week. He's been talking for a long time about taking a trip. . . he'd like to go to Africa. . . he wanted to go to Hot Springs. . . thought he'd go up to Virginia. . . but Friday, when he came in with a brand new suitcase for the trip, he'd made up his mind to go to Washington, D. C., to visit some relatives. Report is that he got off Sunday night, and we're all hoping that Ed's long-talked-of vacation is meeting his highest expectations.

It's nice to see Charlie Patch around Patch's department store again, after his absence of several weeks, spent convalescing at his Bennett street home after a sudden and pretty severe illness. Instead of coming down town on

## The Public Speaking

### POLITICAL VICTORY

The astounding and overwhelming victory of Senator McCarthy in the recent Wisconsin primaries is probably the most outstanding political victory achieved by any one for any office in the past 100 years.

It takes a 100 per cent American fighting man of his type to rid the administration of all the pinks, perverts and plunderers. Many of these have already been apprehended and fired from their positions.

JULIAN T. BISHOP

Editor Pilot:

"New Steps Are Being Taken To Insure Safety of Children On School Buses" is the title of a news release appearing on page 20 of your issue of September 12. The item was sponsored by Col. W. B. Lentz, commanding officer of the State Highway Patrol. No one will fail to applaud any steps taken to insure the safety of our school children, and all others. What the writer is wondering about is what Colonel Lentz is working up to. In the scant eight inches of space taken up by the item in your columns, the Colonel's name appeared eight times. "Don't use my name in the paper," blustered the Colonel, "but if you do, be careful to spell it right!" . . . all eight times!

A. P. READER

Cameron, N. C.

## School Cafeteria

### MONDAY

Orange Juice  
Luncheon Loaf Sandwich  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Buttered Spinach  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Spaghetti, Meat Tomato Sauce  
Cup Grated Cheese  
Head Lettuce Wedge  
Thousand Island Dressing  
Cherry Cottage Pudding  
Wheat Bread, Margarine  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Vegetable Soup, Crackers  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich,  
Pickle Chips  
Apple Sauce Cake  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Ham and Cheese Macaroni  
Green Beans  
Hot Raisin Applesauce  
Dinner Rolls, Margarine  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Oven Fried Perch Fillets  
Buttered Carrots  
Tossed Green Salad  
Wheat Bread, Margarine  
Milk

## NOTICE OF ANCILLARY EXECUTOR

Walter W. Dwyer of 423 W. 141st Street, New York, New York, has this day qualified as Ancillary Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Anna M. Dwyer, deceased, and J. Vance Rowe, Attorney, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, has been duly appointed Process Agent, upon whom any process may be legally served in connection with any claim or other matter against the estate of Anna M. Dwyer, deceased. Any person having any claim against the Estate of the said Anna M. Dwyer will please present the same to the said J. Vance Rowe, Process Agent, Southern Pines, North Carolina, or to the said Walter W. Dwyer, 423 W. 141st Street, New York, New York, on or before the 2nd day of September 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of its recovery. Any person indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment either to the said J. Vance Rowe, Process Agent, or to the said Walter W. Dwyer, Ancillary Executor.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 1952.

WALTER W. DWYER,  
Ancillary Executor,  
J. VANCE ROWE,  
Process Agent.

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