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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.

Eisenhower and the UN

When General Eisenhower visited the United Nations last week, he termed his visit "an inspiring experience" and said "this building, the people in it and their work are, in sum, the symbol of the free world's hopes for a peaceful and secure future."

It was only proper that General Eisenhower should choose the occasion of his first visit to the UN headquarters to reaffirm his allegiance to the organization and what it stands for. Given his long and outstanding record of service in the cause of international accord, his words should have come as no surprise, but it is a fact that they brought much needed reassurance to many. For during the past campaign, as Republican candidate, he spoke too often otherwise. He attacked the foreign policy of the administration so persistently and so violently that many who had believed him to be a convinced internationalist began to think that he had changed his mind. It seems now clear that he was acting at the suggestion of those behind the scenes: in other words from motives of political expediency.

The explanation, while indicative of weakness in the man to whom the country looks to lead them during these next four years, is far better than the alternative. At least it is now clearly evident that General Eisenhower is taking every measure to strengthen this country's role in the UN. If further testimony were needed, it is found in the appointment of Senator Lodge to head the United Nations delegation. Lodge is, of course, the Republican who has done such outstanding work for the cause of international understanding in the Senate. Furthermore, he has been termed the man closest to the new president, among his political associates. That Eisenhower chose him to head the delegation, to devote all of his ability to this cause, shows unmistakably the importance he places on the role of this nation in international affairs.

At a time when the UN is under attack by certain intransigent and powerful forces in our nation, all of this is especially good to know. A leader in those forces, Colonel McCormick of The Chicago Herald-Tribune, who backed the Republican campaign, has already turned against his candidate, calling him "socialistic." The President-elect will undoubtedly be called worse than that by the lunatic fringe, but, as he goes forward in the cause of peace, he will be strengthened by the knowledge that behind him stands the vast body of the American people, who are looking to him to guide this nation in its mission as a member of the United Nations.

Last week's Gallup poll gives clear evidence of the feeling in the country. Asked the question: "how important do you think it is that the United States try to make the United Nations a success," 77 per cent of the answers were: "Very important" and ten "fairly important."

That is strong proof that the scoffers at the principle of international unity are a mere handful. The fact should give added encouragement to General Eisenhower as he starts on his historic mission.

Will They Do It Again?

One of the first things that is due to face the president-elect is the thorny question of a protective tariff. During the past two years it came up on several occasions. The dairy interests, angered at the importation of superior quality cheese at reasonable prices, were able to put over a high tariff on these imports. Presented in the form of a rider on the defense bill it effectively forestalled President Truman's veto. In the matter of the importation of wool from Australia, petroleum, Swiss watches, the rider form was not used and the measures were blocked by the Administration.

While this goes on, the United States calls on Europe to work and earn its own way, looking toward the time when our grants in aid can cease. These are now being reluctantly offered and as reluctantly received yet by our high tariff wall we prevent the nations from getting out of debt and dispensing with them.

Furthermore, while the special interests may gain, the rest of us suffer. We are the ones whose taxes are going to help Europe get on its feet, to build the factories that will make the cheeses, or the wool or the watches, or a hundred and one other commodities, that the special interests prevent us from buying. We don't get our taxes cut: we don't even get the cheese.

It's just the way it was after World War 1. The Republican high tariff prevented Europe from exporting goods to us and thus acquiring the dollars to pay back the money we had loaned them. Many economists attribute much of the resulting catastrophe to that short-sighted policy on the part of the Republicans. Are they going to do it again? That's a question the president-elect will soon be called on to answer.

Good Government

Any organization that wants to improve the government is worthy of a welcome from every citizen. That is the chief aim expressed by leaders of the former Citizens for Eisenhower committee, meeting here last week.

The new group call themselves, simply, the Citizens Committee, disclaiming all political bias, with "strictly non-partisan" as their watchword.

It is likely that the fulfilling of this non-partisan aim will prove the test for the new organization. There is little doubt that it will receive the close attention of both Democrats and Republicans, who will watch like hawks for any veering away from this professed course. But, be that as it may, we believe that upon its strict impartiality in carrying out this non-partisan aim for the betterment of the democratic system will depend the committee's true usefulness.

There are other groups whose constitutions state the same fundamental aim, notably the League for Women Voters. This national association has done yeoman service in educating women in their duties as citizens and voters and in clarifying issues and the stands of candidates. In localities where there are well-established chapters, it is routine for candidates for office to release to the League a full statement of records and political beliefs. The League stages round table conferences at which candidates appear to give an account of themselves before the people.

The committee could not do better than adopt such methods which have already proven so successful. But there appears to be one way in which the new state organization differs from the League. This is the third point of their stated aims: "to urge both major parties to select their best candidates for office." This is fine if it is meant to indicate simply an impersonal wish that the parties will put up good men, but if the committee is entering the field of actual selection, then it certainly will be entering into politics, as they are at present constituted in North Carolina. For as there is, as yet, no effective Republican party, when the committee comes to urge the selection of a Democrat, it will be taking sides, backing one man against others. While non-partisan, as between the two parties, it will be in the thick of the Democratic fight as it takes place in the primaries.

That this was in the minds of several at last week's meeting was evident. One man put it clearly when he said: "The trouble with present politics is we haven't sufficient leaders to lead the opposition to the present political machine." Another said he favored the rule against officers of the committee holding a public office, because "the organization must stay clear of subversives." While the suggestion that Democratic office-holders are ipso facto subversive brought a general chuckle, the emphasis on this aspect of the committee's plans makes one wonder if the new organization does not actually hope to take an active part in state politics. Whether this will be confined to converting Democratic "subversives" or will tend towards the encouragement of a two-party system remains to be seen.

How Near Is A Neighbor?

These days, with the Christmas season approaching, every mail brings word of those neighbors of ours, who live, not down the street, or around the corner, but farther away. Some of them are very far indeed, across the oceans and across the world. And some of these neighbors are brought into our ken through catastrophic happenings for which we were, in some measure, responsible.

A recent letter from Korea describes the plight of our neighbors there. The letter was written by a social worker to her board, the committee of the Young Women's Christian Association in charge of work overseas. She was thanking them for some gifts they had sent her and saying that in her appreciation of them she was bitterly aware of those about her so much less fortunate, her close neighbors.

She describes some of them, first speaking of her Korean board, the group, comparable to the group in the United States who make this work possible. "My Korean board," she writes, used to live in comfortable attractive homes: now they think themselves fortunate if they have one room for a whole family. They cook and eat and play in it: there is not the slightest privacy: yet, somehow, they get along. In the next category, down the scale, are the people whose homes have gone and who have managed to find a hovel or patch up an old shed to live in."

And then the YWCA worker goes on to tell of her real neighbors, her not next-door neighbors, but next-to-the-wall neighbors. She says: "There is a family of four, living right outside my window. Their home is the street. All they possess is one small straw mat, a couple of ragged bundles, a little charcoal stove and one pot. On cold evenings, and they are getting very cold, now, I am afraid to look outside my window: it is such a grim reminder of the misery around me. The stamina and ability of these people to stand such extreme poverty is beyond words. They have such resiliency and courage and will to live as must be seen to be believed."

The Young Women's Christian Association is one of the many organizations who go and see and who come back to tell the rest of us about it, showing us what we may do to help. In Korea, as in many hard-pressed lands, the YWCA is carrying on the Christian mission of bringing friendship and understanding and hope to stricken peoples. Another way to put it would be: it is giving the Christian answer to the question: How near is your neighbor?

And the answer must always be the same: love knows no boundaries. A neighbor is as near as there is understanding and caring, whether he be there, outside your window, in Korea or in the house next door.

No. 33—Old Days In Southern Pines



The crowds turned out for some event of many years ago—maybe a Fourth of July celebration, we would judge by the flag waving at right. The long dresses worn by the ladies would seem to place the date at some period before World War 1, so it isn't an American Legion celebration this time.

A penciled notation on the back of this cut says "Gov. Glenn." That must be the Governor up on the porch of what we seem to recognize as the Town Hall. We can't seem to place this Governor in history. Who remembers Governor Glenn, and the occasion pictured above?

Grains of Sand

In our excitement over the Julius Boros tournament and banquet last week we got through the whole story from beginning to end without once mentioning anywhere in the wri-teup where it was held.

The headline told where, and in fact everybody knew where it was, so that the omission appears to have gone absolutely unnoticed, except by us, the author. No one has mentioned it one way or the other. However, for the record, and so as not to seem to slight in any way one of our favorite places in the Sandhills, we will state here and now: it was held at the Mid Pines Club.

The Mid Pines Club, besides being one of the prettiest places imaginable in its setting of pine woods and golf fairways, is also one of the places it is the most fun to be. Everybody at the Mid Pines makes you feel so welcome. And everybody is so nice—the Cosgroves, and Jeanne, and all those attractive girl golf champions who work at the Mid Pines.

And to have a meal at the Mid Pines is one of the blessings of life in the Sandhills, for they really turn out marvelous fare at the Mid Pines.

All this, and Julius Boros too, seems to be too much for one place to offer but you'll find it out at the Mid Pines.

Now—anybody want to know where that tournament was held? ? ? ?

There were so many things happening that night we could not get them all in for fear the story would run all over the paper, leaving room for nothing else; but one we should have mentioned, and will right now, was the telegram of congratulations for Julius Boros which came from another well-known golfer, and was

read at the banquet. It expressed the best wishes, also a wish he could be present—from Dwight D. Eisenhower.

If Friday the 13th means bad luck, then Saturday the 13th is certainly good—for the Sandhills, that is, this year, for it is the date the Robert Shaw Chorale returns for his second concert engagement up to its ears to bring the Robert Shaw Chorale in March 1951. This was a tremendously ambitious undertaking for such a young association, which was having a real struggle getting started. The Chorale is a big group, famous and high priced, and underwriting them was a daring thing.

The association did it, though, and that concert now stands out as its turning point toward success. For the people went, and had a wonderful time, and clamored for more. It couldn't come back last year—Director Shaw went to Europe, to study some more and become "even better than perfect," to quote Time's music editor. This year, though, it is opening the Sandhills musical season, with flying colors.

Many knew the Chorale from its radio broadcasts. Others learned about it from their enjoyment of every minute of the program given here by this remarkable group, a combination of chorus and orchestra blending the best qualities of each.

They will never forget the grand showmanship and verve which goes along with the superb music; the variety of offerings, from impressive sacred music to the light and airy, and popular songs of the day; also the infectious pleasure all the participants quite obviously take in their own

FROM THE RED CROSS FILES Red Cross Helps Soldier's Wife And Baby Get Off On Journey Overseas

By W. E. COX JR.

In October a 21-year-old mother, whom we will call Elizabeth, came into the Moore County Red Cross office. She and her eight-months-old daughter were to join her soldier husband who is stationed in France, and whom she had not seen in over a year. Her husband had sent passage money through the American Express Company, but the little mother was bewildered by the many instructions the company had sent her. She had never been out of Moore county in her life.

Red Cross workers immediately helped her with her problems. They made arrangements with the photographer for the passport photograph; told her she must apply to the clerk of court in Carthage for the passport itself; wrote letters for her to the Bureau of Vital Statistics for copies of birth certificates for herself and infant, and sent both to Ft. Bragg for the required immunization shots.

So far so good. Elizabeth was to leave home Thursday night and sail on a big French liner Friday at noon. On Monday she came to the office in great dismay. She had just received notice from the passport division of the Department of State that her passport would not be released without a French visa. As time was so short, the Red Cross worker telephoned the Department of State in Washington, and talked with the chief of the passport division, who said she would "do what she could."

Feeling that this was not quite sufficient, the worker telephoned the American Express Company, also in Washington, and requested

their aid in contacting the French Consulate to obtain the French visa. A return wire from the Department of State said that \$9 must be paid before the passport could be released. As the little wife had no telephone she could not be contacted, so Red Cross wired \$9 of its own funds to expedite the release.

The Red Cross staff members haunted the postoffice all day Wednesday for the expected passport, but no passport arrived. Thursday morning, it arrived and all gave a sigh of relief. Elizabeth was safe and her troubles seemed to be over.

But by noon of that day Elizabeth was in the office to report that she had not received the confirmation of the immunization shots. Without this certificate, she would not be allowed to land in France. Again Red Cross went into action. They talked with the field director of the Aberdeen Red Cross at the Post, who contacted the doctor in charge. He in turn said that by the time Elizabeth arrived at Fort Bragg, he would have the certificate stamped and ready for her.

All seemed well. Yet it was felt that Elizabeth might become confused in the large city of New York, so a letter was sent to the New York City chapter of the American Red Cross requesting their aid in assisting her after she arrived there.

As a fitting climax, one of the Red Cross workers went to the station, helped Elizabeth, the baby and the luggage on the train and waved them a cheery, "Bon voyage."

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