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North Carolina

"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.

Responsibility To Keep Within The Law

The gambling that took place at the Stoneybrook racetrack recently poses no great problem for this area. Although newspaper accounts of the situation implied that such gambling is frequent and continuous, it was a one-day thing conducted wholly by bookmakers who spent the least possible time here. As a moral, legal or financial threat to the community, the gambling was not of great importance.

By this we do not in any way mean to condone such gambling—only to place its relative position among the many problems of law enforcement that face Moore County officers.

Gambling is against the law and this illegal betting was altogether regrettable, but certainly no problem facing the county has removed itself so speedily and of its own accord as did the bookmakers. Control of gambling at future races should not present much difficulty, now that those in charge of the track and officers of the law have all been alerted by this year's experience.

Solicitor Lamont Brown and Sheriff C. J. McDonald, neither of whom were present at the races where bookmakers had their stands set up, are to be commended for conducting an investigation of the affair and attempting to

bring the guilty persons to trial. It is somewhat humiliating for all parties concerned that it took a newspaper photograph in an out-of-town publication to touch off this investigation—although of course, it is possible that complaints would have been made from other sources. The photograph, showing bookmakers with their stands set up at the track, appeared the morning after the Saturday afternoon races.

It was very much in order for City Manager Tom E. Cunningham and Councilman C. S. Patch, Jr., to point out in letters to the newspaper that the races were not held within the town limits of Southern Pines and that the town in no way sanctions or condones the "open gambling" that was headlined as taking place at "Southern Pines races."

The gambling incident is a warning to the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association that it must henceforth keep its own house clean of gambling or face the consequences. The very fine event staged this year by the Association, featuring an afternoon of top-notch entertainment by noted horses and riders, points to a rosy future for the Stoneybrook Steeplechase—if the Association takes its community responsibilities seriously and sees to it that gambling is eliminated at the races in future years.

The H-Bomb And U. S. Responsibility

On March 11, the Atomic Energy Commission issued a statement that, in the recent explosion of the H-bomb at Bikini, 28 Americans and 236 natives were exposed to radiation.

This release was followed by accounts of the injured Japanese fishermen and the investigation made in Japanese markets to determine if the fish they had caught were radioactive.

This morning the papers carried the announcement of Admiral Lewis Strauss, head of the Atomic Energy Commission, that another experiment had just "been carried out successfully."

The Admiral's statement is similar to the one he issued following the March 1 explosion. That also was called "successful." Yet in that explosion many were injured. President Eisenhower said of it that he thought it must have "surprised and astonished" those taking part.

The people of this country have not yet been given any details of these experiments, but it is clearly apparent that though termed "successful" what happened went way beyond plans or expectations. Walter Millis, writing of the affair in the Herald Tribune, speaks of it as "dangerously uncontrolled"; others have voiced the gravest warnings against the possible results of further experiments.

Meantime, Russia is also exploding bombs. The Japanese report a fall of radioactive ashes that can only have come from Siberia. This island nation, then, is being hit from two points of the compass, bracketed in an increasingly perilous barrage from two directions.

That Corkscrew Turn

Whenever we drive to Pinehurst and find ourselves having to negotiate that V-turn, a veritable corkscrew of maneuvering, off the highway, we experience a feeling of deep-down pleasure. That's Pinehurst, to us. Here's a town that actually makes it hard for people to get in!

Pinehurst is what it is just because of things like that corkscrew turn. The people who planned it and run it know that that's the way it has to be, and has to be kept, if it is to continue as one of the finest, best-known resorts in the nation. A big part of the reason for its justified fame lies in the spirit that conceived that turn and had the gumption to make the road go that way.

The thing is: Pinehurst is a secluded place, with an atmosphere all its own. And the turnoff from the highway means you can't come roaring into Pinehurst and then, like as not, go roaring through and out again. You have to want to go there. You have to look for the turn, as you'd look for a rare thing; you have to slow down, to drive carefully. That means you're going to notice the surroundings, the beauty of the place, the fine trees and planting, the nice shops and houses. Nine times out of ten, you'll want to stop and stay.

Pooches Up For Vaccination

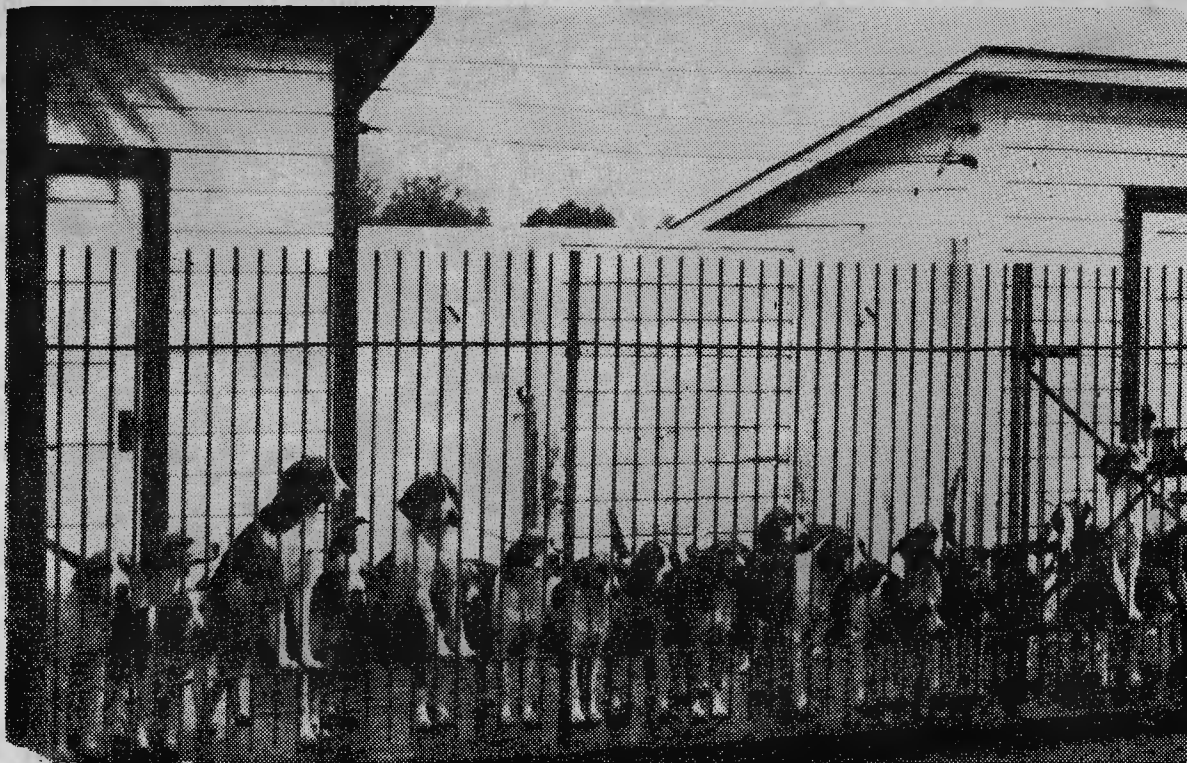
Presence of rabies in Robeson and Hoke Counties—no less than five people have been bitten in Hoke and are taking the long and painful Pasteur treatment—adds importance this year to the annual dog vaccination program that starts this week.

While the rabies problem is only one of the dog problems in Moore County, it is of primary concern because it affects human life and welfare directly. It is the responsibility of each dog owner to comply with the vaccination law. If a dog owner misses the veterinarian at one of the stops, he should attempt to meet him at another before the vaccination period is over. Few families would neglect the vaccination of their children against smallpox—a measure that has practically wiped out this disease—yet a

family that does not have its dog vaccinated may be subjecting its children to a far worse physical threat: rabies.

It is a foregone conclusion that the army of stray dogs that roams the towns and rural areas of Moore County will not be vaccinated. They constitute a public health menace that should not be ignored. A vast number of unvaccinated dogs can do much to destroy the value of the vaccination program.

We can see no solution to this problem except a dog warden and dog pound operating on the county level. We urge the county commissioners to give this proposal serious consideration at their regular meeting next Monday. As a public health measure alone, it merits every effort to make it a reality.



BEHIND THE BARS go the veterans of the pack, to give the puppies a chance during the last weeks of this season's hunting for the Moore County Hounds. With regular meets over for this year, W. O. Moss, huntsman of the local pack and joint master with William J. Brewster,

announces: no more fixtures. The young entry will be tried out, however, on good scenting days until it gets too hot. Anyone who wants to go along will be welcome. "Just call up the night before and see if we're going out," says Mrs. Moss.

Grains of Sand

Wings Can Go Round

How many saw the helicopter go trundling by Friday?

We were sitting out under the pines basking in the spring air, sun shining softly down. Up on the top of the big oak, just beginning to leaf out, sat a mockingbird, singing to beat the band. Tail spread to hold him steady, he threw back his head and fairly hollered. Then the slow, knockety-knock of the engine came along. And there it was, big windmill wheel buzzing around, whole funny contraption tilting along.

Just over the treetops it seemed to be. You felt the folks up there in it, were moseying along on an afternoon stroll, so leisurely and casual it looked.

They passed right over the top of the oak where the mocker was and he never even missed a note. Just kept right on singing, head tilted back, looking the folks up above right in the eye. Didn't seem to strike him at all queer that the wings were on top and turning round and round.

Oh well, he doubtless thought; Spring is here. No telling what queer goings-on we'll see, with all this soft air and green and flowers smelling so sweet.

Wings can go round and round for all of me, sang the mocker.

The Homing Instinct

The famous Dr. Joe Rhine of Duke was a visitor here last week. So everybody got to telling him stories. Not about haunts and ghosties and ghoulies, this time, or cards, but about queer things

that have to do with animals. That's what he's been working on, most recently: the homing instincts in pigeons and so on.

He told about the kitten who had gone 1400 miles to find her folks and then Paul Green told about the cat that had tried to commit suicide by putting her head on the railroad track.

But that was frustrating because Paul didn't know why. Was it for true love, blighted? Or the loss of a beloved husband? Or mistress? And then: did the train come along or didn't it? Left everybody in terrible suspense.

And Elizabeth Green said: "It was probably the Norfolk and Southern, so the train was late and the cat got tired of waiting," or "died of hunger instead," said someone else. But even so, Dr. Rhine was interested.

He wanted to hear, too, the story of the donkey who mourned for his dead master. He said he'd never heard of a donkey in that sort of situation. Generally it would be a dog or a cat.

Of course, this was an Italian donkey. That might make a good deal of difference. Italian donkeys have enormous dark eyes that look as if they might start to cry at any moment. Here's the story: the next Grain:

Un Assino Piange

It goes on "sul padrone morto", and — warning! — this is a sad story.

The above says "a donkey wept over the body of his master." The story comes from an Italian

newspaper with the dateline: "Traviello". It says that an old farmer named Giovanni Conti during his life had been the owner of a donkey. He had developed a strong affection for his little donkey, it goes on, so much that many times the farmer brought the donkey into his kitchen to sleep instead of leaving him in the barn. The animal, as a result of this, was very much attached to his master.

The other day, says the write-up, the farmer became sick and died. At the moment of his death the donkey was in the room and these present saw that he was crying. Real tears flowed from the little donkey's eyes. Later, when they tried to lead him away, they were unable to persuade him to go out of the room, and he did not go until his master was carried to his grave.

At the time the dispatch was written, the little donkey had watched beside his master for 48 hours without taking food. "And now," says the writer, "the poor animal brays all day long in his stall and will not come out of it for anyone."

They Finally Got Her

The ways of those wiggly things we still call germs are mighty mysterious to most of us. And sometimes we suspect they are just about as mysterious to the Ph.Ds and high-fallutin' folks who work on them and their doings.

This is by way of leading up to the surprising news item that came our way this week: that Mrs. Henry Klingensmidt of Vass, home economics teacher at Aberdeen, has been having the measles.

Mrs. Klingensmidt says she has been in school for some 20

The Public Speaking

Study Group Explained To the Editor:

There seems to be some confusion about the discussion of the sewerage question at the meeting of the Study Unit Groups of the League of Women Voters. It had nothing to do with extension of sewerage in Weymouth Heights, Knollwood or Pinedene. At this meeting information was given that most of West Southern Pines is without sewerage. The big majority of houses have outdoor privies and drain sinks and tubs onto the ground. The point was made that this naturally leads to unsanitary conditions which in case of an epidemic would be a danger to both communities.

The suggestion was made that a \$150,000 bond issue could furnish sewerage to West Southern Pines within a year or two. The interest for this bond issue could be paid for by the sewer rates. When the question of the large deficit left by the former government was raised as a reason for not going into debt for extension of sewerage, it was explained that the sewer rates could not be used to pay the deficit, that they could only be used for sewerage.

May I point out that the local branch of the League of Women Voters is at present taking no stand on any of the questions brought up by its findings. It is merely studying, learning, and discussing. The Town Survey Committees are "fact-finding committees."

A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE

years, watching the kids come down regularly with the spots and sniffles that preluded a bout of measles. She prided herself on being immune, and no wonder.

Well, pride goeth before a fall, Mrs. K! Anyway, it's good to hear that you are well over the nasty things and back on the job. Incidentally, those 20 years included elementary, high school and college years. . . just to keep an important record straight.

In and Out of Hospital

It was a great disappointment for Sheriff C. J. McDonald, a lifelong loyal Democrat, that he was confined to Moore County hospital, recovering from a long-lasting and deep cold, when Adlai Stevenson arrived in Moore County. He was unable to attend the open house welcome at Carthage Friday night.

Released from the hospital last week-end, the sheriff was able to come to his office for part of the day Monday. It was just his luck, he commented to associates, that as soon as he was released from the hospital, Mr. Stevenson went into the hospital—taken to Duke for treatment Sunday night.

Here's hoping that some day before Mr. Stevenson leaves the Sandhills, he and the sheriff will be able to meet—and not in any hospital.

Praise For Committee

Folks this week were praising the work of the committee that made arrangements for the "open house" for Adlai Stevenson at the gymnasium in Carthage last Friday night. One member of the committee, Bob Hyman of Deep River township, is said to have devoted several days of almost full-time activity to the project, preparing the welcome signs in town and at the gym and taking over other tasks.

One prominent Carthage man said he was talking with Hyman the night of the event and the latter was saying how much more could have been done. The Carthage man said he didn't agree, that he thought the event was "charming in its simplicity."

"Carthage is a small country town," he said. "There's no reason for us to try to do what might have been done in a large city. The spirit of the whole occasion was just right," he averred, "and I believe Mr. Stevenson appreciated such an informal and democratic gathering."

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Prize-Winning High School Speech

Patti Woodell Talks On World Peace

UN's 'Pre-Atomic Age' Charter Is Held Inadequate

In a recent speaking contest at Southern Pines high school, Patti Woodell won the gold key first prize for her speech on the topic, "Building World Peace: How Can the United Nations Prevent Communist Aggression and Preparation for Aggression." Here is the winning address:

By Patti Woodell

It is hoped that the United Nations can find a way to end the menace under which humanity has existed for so long.

When the Charter was drawn up in San Francisco in the spring of 1945, no one knew of the atomic bomb which was to fall on Hiroshima in the summer of 1945. The Charter is thus a pre-Atomic Age Charter. If the immeasurable power of this bomb had been known beforehand, the provisions of the Charter dealing with disarmament and the regulation of armaments would have been more emphatic.

Another way in which the Charter is inadequate lies in the fact that the then "big three leaders," Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin, looking upon the United Nations as a peacetime prolongation, placed major authority in the Security Council and stipulated that the great powers permanently represented on that council must be in agreement. This was somewhat altered and a greater scope was given to the General Assembly. Still, however, the Security Council had the right to "veto" and the General Assembly was permitted only to "recommend." Now we can see the ineffectiveness of an organization whose functioning depends

upon cooperation with a nation which is dominated by an international party seeking world domination.

The present United Nations can not prevent Communist preparation for aggression. It has no power to prevent Soviet Russia from arming with atomic bombs, bombers and any other weapons she can make. The United Nations could not send inspectors into North Korea before the aggression of June, 1950, to see that the North Koreans did not prepare tanks and guns to attack South Korea or to see that arms were not shipped from Russia.

As long as Russian Communists can prepare for aggression they are more than likely to commit aggression, as they did through their North Korean puppets in 1950. The United Nations has no armed services of its own, and it is not a certainty that the United Nations would recommend action against aggression, or that many nations would take part in resistance against the aggression. The existence of the United Nations tends to discourage Communist aggression. The United Nations in Korea brought many nations together to fight aggression. This was better for the free world than if the forces had been limited to South Korean and American.

Russia has built up a cause for greater resistance, opening the eyes of many delegates, by her dishonesty and ruthlessness at the United Nations.

Immediate Problem

Today the immediate problem is Soviet Communist aggression. Ten years ago Germany, under the control of the Nazis, brought about World War II with the help of Fascists in Italy and warlords

in Japan. Twenty-nine years earlier, the Kaiser's Germany brought death and destruction in World War I.

The present rearming of former enemy countries could possibly eventuate in aggression at some time, unless such rearming were held in reasonable limits.

Yes, it is clear that aggression and preparation are much older and broader than communism. Then we ask, "Why must aggression and preparation for aggression be stopped as soon as possible." The present situation is intolerable. President Eisenhower said on April 16, 1953:

"What can the world or any nation in it hope for if no turning is found on this dread road?"

"The worst to be feared and best to be expected can be simply stated.

"The worst is atomic war.

"The best would be this—a life of perpetual fear and tension; a burden of arms draining the wealth and labor of all peoples; a wasting of strength that defies the American system or the Soviet system to achieve true abundance and happiness for the people of this earth.

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies—in the final sense—a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

"This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the load of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

I thought it alarming to learn that the cost of one modern heavy bomber could finance two electric power plants, each serving a town of 60,000 population, it is a modern brick school in more than 30 cities. Last year our country spent (Continued on Page 6)