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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. Wherever 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.

Progressive Action By County Board

Action of the county commissioners this week in authorizing appropriation of \$7,500 in county funds to help build water and sewer lines from the Southern Pines town limits to the proposed new plant of Mozur Laces, Inc., is a tremendous boost to this project and an indication of a progressive attitude on the part of the board.

The county, of course, is the political unit that would benefit most directly from the plant, since the county and not the town, would collect real estate and property taxes on it. It is, therefore, logical for the county to make some direct contribution to the procedure of getting the plant established.

That is the most obvious argument for the commissioners' action—but there are others equally compelling, once the matter is given a little thought. All existing industries in Moore, for instance, draw their employees from many parts of the county and there is no reason to think that the proposed lace plant would be an exception.

Moore County is an area of small towns which for many years have been closely connected and interdependent in a number of

ways. For industrial planning, the county is a much more sensible and logical unit to deal with than its individual towns.

This is exactly the premise on which the county's industrial development committee is operating. Its brochure lists sites in all sections of the county and its membership—which has been informed and consulted all along on the Mozur plant project—is county-wide.

We are most pleased to see the commissioners take the progressive point of view that is behind this week's action. As the industrial development of the county continues, the commissioners will no doubt have other occasions to render assistance that would be forthcoming from no other source. All studies and statistics about the impact of industry on an area back up the point that in making such appropriations, the county is not just spending money but making a wise investment.

This week's action by the commissioners seems to point the way to a new era of town-county cooperation that is sure to react to the benefit of the county as a whole.

Light Under A Bushel

Congratulations from the board of county commissioners greeted the presentation before this body of the report of the Pinebluff Maternal Welfare Committee.

The Commissioners directed that a letter of commendation be sent to the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Walter C. MacNeille, for the excellent public-service rendered by the group which she heads.

The Pinebluff committee, with its "Golden Rule Shop," is a phenomenon of extraordinary attributes. Through its thrift shop system, through donations of clothing and through sewing done by a good many people, the committee provides funds to carry on its work, as well as supplying the clothing needs of many needy persons.

It carries on, in cooperation with the county staffs, welfare and health, a welfare work of its own, visiting cases, going to the aid of families suddenly destitute, carrying patients to clinics and helping with the Ador clinic, held in that village by Dr. Francis Owens,

under the auspices of the county health department, once a month.

The Pinebluff Clinic does all this... but who has heard of this Pinebluff Clinic? Only the people it helps, a few grateful county officials and the field workers and public health nurses in the county health and welfare departments. Very little publicity has ever attended the operation of this service.

The annual report of the Committee is discussed in a news story elsewhere in today's Pilot—but a few words in that report may be an eye-opener to some of us: "Do you know that some large families have homes furnished with little more than a couple of rickety beds scantily covered, two or three beaten-up chairs, a few broken dishes and utensils?"

The report tells how such families have been helped with clothing—of which it appears there is never enough to go around.

The Pilot adds its own commendation to that of the commissioners, for the good work being done by the Pinebluff group.

Achievement In School Building

We wish that more residents of the east side of town could have been on hand Monday night for the ceremony opening the new cafeteria at the West Southern Pines school—or schools, we should say, because during the past few years a regular galaxy of handsome modern buildings has sprung up there. All were open for inspection following the program Monday night.

Spotlessly clean and decorated with dozens of exhibits made in the course of school work and activities, the buildings fairly dazzled the observer. Covered walkways connecting the buildings sparked with lights and, inside the rooms, the colorful decorative schemes, wide windows, and good arrangements removed

from the word "school" whatever flavor of drabness or dinginess it may have retained from yesteryear's dark varnish, splintering floors, inadequate lighting and other such unpleasantness that many of us have in our memory of early education.

Obviously proud of these facilities, the people of West Southern Pines are just as obviously appreciative of the fact that the board of education has authorized and built the structures.

A visit to these buildings—and a chance to talk with teachers and pupils there—would be a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the future of education in our town.

The New Farm - Industry Partnership

In a recent column in The Greensboro Daily News, Henry Belk, veteran Goldsboro editor, noted the close relationship between farming and industry in North Carolina and aligns himself with those who feel that Governor Hodges is not slighting the interests of farmers in emphasizing the importance of industrial development over the state.

Not only has the Governor expressed direct interest in the farm program of North Carolina, Mr. Belk says, but it is a fact that industrial development depends for much of its manpower on residents of North Carolina's farms.

Farms are one of the largest, if not the largest sources of manpower for industries in this Moore County area. While we have no figures at hand, our guess is that there is probably no other state in the nation which has such a close relationship as does North Carolina between agriculture and industry by drawing its industrial workers from small farms. The steady cash income from industrial work by one or more members of farm families has had much to do with the increasing rural prosperity one sees almost everywhere in North Carolina in the better appearance of homes and in the ability to purchase labor saving appliances and equipment.

In areas of the state where industry has moved in since World War 2, "mill villages" and the industrial slum areas seen at many places elsewhere in the nation are almost entirely lacking.

Mr. Belk goes on to note how much more public money is being spent to promote agriculture in many counties of the state than to promote industry. In his home county of Wayne, which depends 75 per cent on agriculture, he says there are 19 people on Extension Service payrolls, all working full time to

improve the farm economy.

It has been interesting to watch the development of the farm-industry partnership in the Moore County area. A new way of life is developing from this partnership that may at times seem more precarious than the old one hundred per cent dependence on the land, but which is already attaining a stability of its own.

Home-Grown Product

While we have as much respect and admiration as the next for the great charitable organizations that have done so much to lighten humanity's burdens—the Red Cross, March of Dimes, TB Seal Sale and so forth—we retain a special affection for Moore County's own strictly local project: the nurse scholarship campaign of the Sandhills Veterans Association.

Like the tasty, home-grown products of a back-yard garden, the SVA endeavor has a special appeal. One's dollar becomes merged not with millions but with a thousand or two at most, to provide a complete three-year nurse's training course for a Moore County girl who will then return to work in one of the hospitals in this county.

Now the SVA is renewing its annual appeal. The girl—or more than one if enough money is collected—who will win the scholarship will be carefully chosen among applicants from the senior classes of Moore County's high schools.

We urge the people of Moore County to continue their generosity in this campaign. There is a particular satisfaction in starting a Moore County girl on such a valuable career of service.

Explorer



'A CREED THAT SPAWNS HATE AND VIOLENCE'

Gov. Hodges Warns State On KKK

People of good will over the state welcome and applaud the recent statement of Gov. Luther H. Hodges on the Ku Klux Klan, in which he affirms North Carolina's determination to maintain law and order, while cautioning the public and the press not to give the Klan aid and comfort by undue attention.

Governor Hodges' complete statement follows:

The recent incident in Maxton involving citizens of Robeson County and a small group of outsiders claiming to be members of the Ku Klux Klan is of serious concern to the thoughtful citizens of North Carolina who are determined as I am that we shall maintain law and order.

It is of concern because we know that several people could easily have been killed or seriously injured on that occasion.

It is of concern because such an incident is an assault on peace and good order, and a slur on the name of our State.

It is of concern because of the possible stimulus to other and more serious future incidents.

Threats Noted

In the last few days there have been intimations and threats to the effect that the Klan will at some future date assemble an armed gathering in Robeson County or at other places and put on a big show of force to further intimidate the people of this State. There have been threats that bands of armed men from out of the State will come into North Carolina.

I want my position to be clearly understood.

The responsibility for the Maxton incident rests squarely on the irresponsible and misguided men who call themselves leaders of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Ku Klux Klan and its leaders who rant against Communism actually give aid and comfort to Communist Russia. The Klan is responsible for provoking incidents that are exploited in propaganda by Russia and other Communist nations.

I believe that all people have the right to express their views and try to persuade others, in a peaceful manner, to agree with them. However, no one and no group has the right to impose his views on others by intimidation, by night-riding excursions, cross-burnings, and other overt acts designed to intimidate individual citizens.

The Ku Klux Klan has shown itself to be an organization of violence and intimidation. The consequences of its usual activities are the unlawful oppression of individual citizens, or else the arousal, incitement and provocation of groups of citizens which lead to public disorder.

Sent To Prison

Let me say: (1) To the alleged leaders of the Ku Klux Klan—Your message of hate and violence is a mockery to the religion you often

profess. Not many years ago, there were other misguided men who were in your position of alleged Klan leadership. They violated the laws of North Carolina. They were tried and convicted in our courts of law by juries comprised of citizens of this State. They were sent to prison. I hope that such events will not have to be repeated.

(2) To those few citizens who may be beguiled and misled into joining or giving aid or comfort to the Klan—Our basic freedoms and liberties that all citizens cherish can only be maintained and protected under a system of law and order. No group can be permitted, on whatever pretext or cause, to gather in armed bands, ride about in the night time for the purpose of threatening other citizens with violence, and on occasion committing acts of violence. No group can be allowed, under our system of law and order, to act in such a way

as to incite other citizens to riot or disorder. I ask that you beware of false and fraudulent leadership. Some of the so-called leaders in the Klan who have assumed imposing titles have turned out to be religious imposters with criminal records. Many of these individuals, we are convinced, are interested only in what money they can extort from gullible citizens or the publicity they can gain for themselves for a time. When you associate yourselves with such men, you not only associate yourselves against law and order, but against the overwhelming numbers of your neighbors and fellow citizens who are law abiding, who do not want or need an organization whose creed spawns hate and violence.

How To Help

(3) To those citizens who have no sympathy for the Klan or deplore what it is and what it does—Do not help the Klan by crowding to their meetings out of curiosity to see what might happen. Do not allow them to provoke you to attempt group action against the Klansmen. To do these things is to do exactly what the Klan leaders desire.

I recognize the great obligation that newspapers, radio and television stations, and other news media have to report the news whether it is good or bad. However, we all know that an overzealousness in "finding" news can sometimes result in the unfortunate "making" of news. There is some evidence in the Maxton incident that the Klan leaders had decided not to go ahead with that meeting, but changed their minds when they were encouraged by the publicity they were getting before the meeting and saw the potential notoriety they would gain if the meeting was held. It is significant that, according to estimates, scores of news representatives were on the scene the night of the Maxton incident.

Aware of Danger

I am confident that our news media will continue to be aware of the danger of unwittingly contributing to incidents by providing what amounts to promotional publicity to Klan meetings. Of course, we need to throw the full light of public disclosure on all those individuals who take an active part in Klan matters. Identification of names, addresses and past records of such individuals is a salutary thing and in the public interest.

Our sheriffs, chiefs of police and all local law-enforcement officers have the immediate and primary responsibility for maintaining law and order in their respective communities. They do a good job. I want each of them to know that I, with all other State officials and agencies, stand ready to assist them at any time such assistance is needed.

We will maintain law and order in North Carolina.

Grains of Sand

Assist From The Homefolks Unsigned letter received by County Solicitor Lamont Brown:

"The late _____ will be tried in your courthouse today for drunk driving. Everybody around here would like for him to get a long time on the roads."

Go Jump In The Sea

The favorite words descriptive of the newest fashion creations for women are: "blown, ballooning, blousey, sphere-like, lineless, sack" (not "sad sack" but it ought to be.)

Also "scythe" and "spoon." The "spoon" is described as a "humped-back sack." A pretty thought.

The rear is featured, it would seem. Long jackets "are tied in under the derriere," (it's always okay if you say it in French) by a band or belt. Or they may have (ohoh) a "split tail." As an extra elegant accent, a bow may be placed on the bottom—of the jacket, of course. Doubtless for the cocktail hour.

Writes one designer: "Soaring skirt and blousing cowls are those extra-sensory 'musts' but always the loose middle holds the eye."

What eye? Whose eye?

GRAINS asked two dainty teenagers by the post office the other day: "You girls going in for these sacks?"

"Sacks?" they queried. "You know: these new dresses."

"Aow, Naow!" they chorused, shaking their curls. "We like 'em to fit!" And they tip-tipped off down the street.

We could see just what they meant. And we agreed.

Impressed

A Southern Pines lady who has a cute but nondescript dog recently took the animal on a trip to New York City—quite an experience, no doubt, for a stray canine that happened to end up in a good home.

She writes of an incident in the city, as follows:

"In New York I took her for a walk. A nice-looking man stopped and spoke to her and she jumped up on him.

"What breed is she?" he asked.

"I said: 'She's a Tarheel pooch.'"

"He looked impressed."

"Really!" he said. "Really! Well!" and patted her and walked on."

Farmer's Gain: Pig's Loss

Pigs have been turned into pushovers; pens have been turned into parlors.

No longer does the patient pig root and snuffle and wallow happily in the mud; no longer does he chump and squish in the trough, finally climbing into it with all four feet to slaver up the last drop of slops.

No more does the farmer, carrying the pail full of garbage, give his high hog-call and no more the pig comes a-runing and a-squealing to the fence. Gone are the days.

The agricultural experts, them as knows pigs—or thinks they does—have taken a tip from the chicken people who found they could get hens to lay all night if they kept them shut up with the light turned on. The pig people have discovered they can keep a pig eating all the time if they can just keep him cool. So...

They now fashion concrete floors to the pens, have a sprinkler system installed for hot weather, and they put self-feeders around. That's so the pig can keep on eating without stopping but the farmer won't have to come running with the pail of slops, without stopping.

All very efficient, in good assembly-line style. Question is: do the pigs like it?

Pig people say: yes. But we just don't believe it.

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