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Southern Pines 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. 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.

An Outstanding Career In Education

The Southern Pines board of education is faced with a difficult task in finding a replacement for Dr. A. C. Dawson, Jr., whose resignation as superintendent of the local schools was announced a few days ago. Dr. Dawson's administration of the schools here has been outstanding and he and his family have become very much a part of the community's life.

education, which are listed elsewhere in today's paper. A decade ago he was president of the North Carolina Education Association to which he is now going in the professional position of executive secretary. His abilities will be used there for service to education on a state-wide scale.

North Carolina Loses An Opportunity

North Carolina's opportunity to beautify its new interstate highways and also to acquire some \$800,000 in additional federal assistance was thrown away last week when the House Roads and Highway Safety Committee—apparently under extreme pressure from the outdoor advertising lobby—killed the bill that would have made these worthy aims possible.

tryside where no signs now exist and natural beauties abound, it makes sense to keep signs out. This, of course, is why Congress authorized the extra federal aid as a spur to state legislatures to accept the sign regulation. Millions of people all over the nation subscribe to the opinions outlined above about the new roads.

Highway Chases: What's The Answer?

We are pleased to see the General Assembly giving its attention to the matter of highway chases—officers pursuing traffic law offenders who attempt to escape at speeds up to and more than 100 miles per hour. However the bill now being debated (this is written early this week) has about it drawbacks that overbalance its merits.

of a car when its license number was taken, to admit his guilt or accept the punishment rightfully due him.

When Justice Is Diminished

(From The New York Times) doubt.' Mr. Dou, supported in this instance by the Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin, was defending the action of the Justice Department in refusing to confront individuals with witnesses who had given testimony against their loyalty. In a case which was being argued before the court an official of an engineering and research corporation

which was working for the Government had been deprived of his security clearance on the basis of statements made by his friends or friends of his now divorced wife. To most of us, who are at least casually familiar with Anglo-Saxon conceptions of justice, the principle that an accused person is considered guilty until proved innocent and that he need not be confronted with his accusers is an intolerable heresy. Chief Justice Warren seemed to be making this application when he asked:

"It's A New Standard Of Measure—You Know, In Case Strauss Should Be Confirmed"



Discipline Essential Part Of Education

To the Editor: This letter is written with a twofold purpose: to comment on the request of the School Board that Mr. Irie Leonard resign as principal of Southern Pines High School; and, to view in perspective that high school as an educational institution. I have read with interest the editorials and letters concerning Mr. Leonard and the school. Somehow the question of his resignation has become inextricably entangled with the question of the philosophy which should underlie a school system itself. For that reason I undertake to comment on both.

The Public Speaking

I am not in possession of the facts. This letter is addressed to those, like myself, who do not know the facts, who align on one side of the question or the other by virtue of their feelings toward Mr. Leonard's use of discipline. This letter is addressed to those people who stand against Mr. Leonard on this question because they do not agree with his enforcement of discipline in the school.

bad, but this seems to be the time to dig dirt so that is what I shall do. While at S.P.H.S. at times, along with my fellow students, I was coddled and appeased—a sorry preparation for college, not to mention life itself. To be successful, a school must be staffed by teachers who know more than their students. The student, to be motivated, must try in part, to please the teacher.

Landscape Of The Heart

(From The Greensboro Daily News)

About 40 years ago Irvin S. Cobb said, "All North Carolina needs is a good press agent." Today North Carolina has as many press agents as Texas has oil wells. The press agents are doing all right.

Johnson concedes, cannot know much of the knowledge which concerns Dr. Oppenheimer. But in libraries, in books, in colleges and universities, he may still find knowledge of good and evil and how man has dealt with it in the past. And such knowledge is supremely important. If man has triumphed in the past, he can do it again.

Grains of Sand

Ready To Go It is rumored that the Aggressor occupation forces had chosen another citizen to take the place of Mayor Robert S. Ewing, following the latter's forcible ejection from the invasion scene.

Oh To Be A Hero! Bewildered citizen, returning to town on "Invasion Day," confesses to some confusion.

Right On The Ball Mrs. Robert S. Ewing, wife of the Hon. Mayor scheduled for early "execution" Friday, was called to the telephone Thursday night.

It's An Ill Wind There was some pretty brisk firing in town as the liberating troops moved in Friday morning.

Editors And Judges Among highlights of the editorial writers' conference at Chapel Hill recently were the following pearls of wit and wisdom:

Malcolm Seawell (on himself), "I hear some people are calling me 'the mouthiest attorney general in the history of North Carolina.'"

Dr. Lorin McKinney, professor of Medieval History at UNC, was one of the reading public invited to pass judgment on the editorial pages. Said he, of his method of judging: "To tell you the truth, I took the editorial pages up to bed with me. Some of them put me to sleep and some woke me up!"

Prof. McKinney came down hard on "those editorials telling everybody to get out and vote. The way you editors bellow at your readers: 'Get out the vote! Hurry up and vote!' You'd think the country could be saved if just enough people would go to the polls. It isn't how many vote, but HOW they vote." The Prof. snorted like a warhorse: "I'd like to keep some of 'em home and vote twice myself!"

Prof.-Newsmen Walter Spearman introduced the judges. And in masterly Spearman style. When he came to Fanny Gray (Good Morning, Miss Dove) Patton he spread his wings and soared. After describing her pluperfect fitness for the task of judging the works of editors, he said:

"For my concluding observation, I shall turn to one of Mrs. Patton's own stories: the scene where the old gardener is describing his lady-employer to a friend—I can say one thing about her, the gardener says—and Walter grinned impishly out at the assembled editors—"she's a prime judge of garden fertilizer."

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