

THE PILOT

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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. 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.

Why Was Grand Jury Ignored?

At the August term of Superior Court in Carthage, the grand jury recommended that certain repairs and replacements of equipment be made at the Moore County jail, including replacement of a commode and several mattresses, and installation of a larger exhaust fan in the kitchen.

When the grand jury again inspected the jail during the recent November term, according to its report to the presiding judge, none of the recommendations at the jail had been carried out. It was again recommended that the work be done.

There was no mention in the grand jury's latest report about another recommendation made in August in connection with the coroner's office: that proper reports be filed of cases investigated by the coroner and that a coroner's jury be empaneled immediately when the coroner sees any indication of foul play. We hope that this means that the grand jury has evidence that its recommendations in regard to the coroner's office are being carried out and we urge that the next grand jury report make public what progress is being made in this respect.

Now and then, over the years, instances have come up in which jury recommendations have been ignored. The grand jury should command the highest respect in all quarters, as it is an instrument of great power and service to the community when conscientiously and vigorously administered. We dislike seeing its recommendations in any field sidetracked over a period of months.

Last summer, in connection with the commissioners' adoption of the county budget and its relations with the county board of education in regard to budget requests, it was our comment that there should be general tightening of administrative procedure on the part of the commissioners. It appears that such a tightening might well extend to seeing that the appropriate agencies carry out grand jury recommendations on matters for which the commissioners are ultimately responsible.

'This Will Be Everybody's Job'

Governor-elect Terry Sanford outlined a long-range program for North Carolina education in an address last week at the Southern Conference on Education in Chapel Hill.

Titled "A Statement of Faith and Purpose in Education," the address is chock full of both his philosophy of education and his specific recommendations to put this philosophy to work for the benefit of the state.

We are struck by the validity of his approach: that all good things for a state stem from education and that, without the best in education, the state cannot attain the best in any field of endeavor.

The specific recommendations, which are too numerous to list here and which will all come before the General Assembly for debate, are designed to make teaching a more attractive and rewarding profession and to widen and deepen the impact of education on the state's children and young people through curriculum and administrative changes, better buildings and equipment, consolidation of small high schools, special education of the handicapped and the gifted, community colleges and other measures.

What must be emphasized now, we think, is the vital importance to everybody in North Carolina of an all-out program for education. Mr. Sanford put it this way, toward the close of his speech:

"This will be everybody's job. This is a call to arms. It is time for North Carolinians to march—to start our march from the forefront of the South to the forefront of the nation. . . . Above all, it will take the understanding and support of the citizens, a willingness to go forward in the conviction that all progress stems

from education . . ."

We can find nothing in Mr. Sanford's program that is not needed and nothing that is not eventually possible, though, as he noted in his address, all the goals could not be attained during his administration.

We are pleased to back this program at the outset of the fight to make it reality. And we urge readers to consider every aspect of it carefully as it comes into the news in the weeks and months to come.

Service to County

Moore County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board officers are doing a good job in combatting the illicit liquor menace which robs the government of taxes, is a threat to the life and health of those who drink it and leads to other violations of the law.

More than 30 petty bootleggers were tried in a special session of Moore County Recorder's Court recently and a large still was captured and destroyed last week in the Westmoore section. Some of the liquor held as evidence in trial of the bootleggers was tested and found to contain poisonous lead salts.

It is our conviction that bootlegging of one sort or another goes on or is attempted in every community, rural or urban, and that if nothing is heard about it, that simply means that the operators are getting away with their activities.

The work of the ABC officers, which is made possible by profits from sale of legal alcoholic beverages in the two Moore County ABC stores, is a valuable service to the county.

Alcoholism Information Week

This is "Alcoholism Information Week" in North Carolina, as proclaimed by Governor Hodges.

The Governor urges all citizens to cooperate with state and local programs by "learning the truth about alcoholism." He points out that for 10 years, the state has been carrying on a three-pronged program of education, treatment and research, to bring an understanding of this complex illness to citizens and to offer

hope for recovery to those already suffering from alcoholism.

North Carolina has a leading position in the field of alcoholic rehabilitation. This area has been especially close to the program, since John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines for more than 10 years headed this phase of the state's public health program, while a member of the State Hospitals Board of Control.

Moreover, this county has an active Alcoholic Education Committee and has had for some years active and effective chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous. And there is cooperation and coordination among all of these activities.

The blackest and most disheartening aspect of any illness or misfortune is when there is nowhere to turn, no help in sight from any source. And indeed that used to be the lot of many, if not most, alcoholics.

The people of Southern Pines, Moore County and North Carolina can rejoice today that skilled help, counsel and treatment are available for anyone with an alcohol problem. The load of misery that these services are lifting from North Carolina individuals and families daily is staggering. These agencies are rendering a public health service out of all proportion to their cost to local communities and the state.

The director of the Moore County Alcoholic Education Committee is the Rev. Martin Caldwell of Southern Pines. The time and place of AA meetings are advertised weekly on the classified ad page of The Pilot. Help is available from these sources and other sources with which they are in touch.

To be helped, we are told, an alcoholic must want assistance. But once he makes this decision, in North Carolina today, he will find many competent hands outstretched to guide him.

Of this the State can be proud.

"You Sure That's An Original?"



'THE ROCK ON WHICH TO BUILD'

All Goals Depend on Education

(From an address by Governor-Elect Terry Sanford last week at the Southern Conference on Education, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.)

We are justly proud of North Carolina's position. We came up the hard way. We have no apologies, out too many of us have become somewhat self-satisfied and complacent about our reputation as "first in the South," and too many have thought the job was finished.

The job is not finished. What we have really done is to create new and unlimited opportunities.

Dr. Howard Odum of the University of North Carolina showed clearly that North Carolina did not need to stay in the group of states called the "nation's economic problem number one." While we do not have everything, he pointed out, we do have in abundance those resources that really matter—soil, water, climate, rainfall and people—most of all we have a stock of sturdy and able people. We only need to develop fully this human resource.

To that goal I dedicate the full measure of my devotion. I believe that a fearful, hesitant approach to the future will, indeed, cause us to "lose our ventures." I believe, like Page, in universal education, in the eternal values of democracy, and in growth everlasting. I pledge myself and my party, like Aycock, to achieving for each child the opportunity to burgeon out all that there is within him," regardless of where he lives or who his parents are.

Quality education is no mean goal. For all other goals we seek

OLD SAYING

On Main Street one day last week, I took refuge under a store awning from a downpour of rain. It wasn't an ordinary drizzle, but a really hard rain. Meanwhile, all the time the sun was shining brightly.

That reminded me, of course, of the old saying that, when the sun shines during a rain, it means the Bad Man is beating his wife. I first heard that as a very small boy, and even then, I wondered what was the connection between a weather phenomenon (though of course I didn't use that term then) and the devil's domestic troubles. I've wondered many times since. Last week I wondered again.

Sometime, perhaps, I'll find a folklorist—or better still, maybe, a specialist in superstitions—who can give me a satisfactory explanation.

—WEIMAR JONES
in The Franklin Press

for North Carolina can be measured by the quality, the scope, and the reach of our educational efforts.

Education is the foundation of economic improvement. I am concerned, vitally, with industrial development, farm income, the economic growth, the chance of all to make a better living, and because I am concerned I have chosen quality education as the rock on which to build the house of my administration.

Education is the foundation of democracy. I am concerned with defending the principles of freedom, of individual liberties, of free enterprise, of equality and dignity of man, and therefore I seek the fulfillment of these principles through quality education we offer our boys and girls.

Education is the foundation of the needs and hopes of the nation. I am concerned with our part in the world, and I am concerned with the peace of the world, and therefore I propose that we adequately educate the scientists, the

statesmen, and the citizenry who will fully understand and are equipped to defend and promote the ideals of our dynamic democracy of the Twentieth Century.

Education, put in the bleakest terms, is survival. Here in our own small part of the free world, we can do no less than seek the best so we can prepare to do our part to defend America and the free world.

And education, put in its brightest terms, is life and growth and happiness. We are not here merely to make a living. We are talking about the fundamental when we are talking about education, and our goal is worthy of the best we have in mind, and heart, and spirit.

As Governor of North Carolina, I will work for a program which provides educational opportunity, appropriate and available, second to none in quality, for all the children of our State and I will work to obtain adequate support for that program.

The Public Speaking

Levi Packard Came To Pinebluff in 1888

To the Editor:

We were, naturally, interested in reading that little sketch of my brother Levi which appeared in your issue of the 17th and pleased to see that he was honored by your giving him space. There was, however a rather bad error in dates in the item.

Your reporter had Levi coming to Pine Bluff (that is the way the town's name was first spelt) at the age of ten years, in 1880; he came here in July, 1888, and was then seventeen years old; I believe that Pine Bluff was not even an idea in 1880; in January of that year the tract on which the town stands was conveyed to a Luther Spear in a deed signed by Alexander B. Andrews as Trustee with about a dozen other persons. Andrews was in an earlier period an officer of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad and the Chatham Railroad, both now sections of the Seaboard Air Line; he was also later the president of the Southern Railway.

This same tract, about 760 acres, was conveyed in January, 1884, to John T. Patrick, the founder of Southern Pines, just what year I do not know definitely, and a little later he founded Pine Bluff.

Pinebluff has been the home of my brother for seventy-two years without a break and his home is the oldest house in Pinebluff, everything that existed as houses, barns, sheds and every other structure when we came here have disappeared either by fire or demolition, this including Mr. Patrick's residence.

Levi and I are the oldest residents, living in Pinebluff, of the

town in point of residential years, and I think he is the oldest in point of age. There were seven of us when we came, and I being the only survivors.

You will want to cut this down to half a dozen lines but perhaps you will want to correct the error in age and date in the original article.

Sincerely,
DAVID S. PACKARD

Pinebluff

Juror Praises Conduct Of Police in Court

To the Editor:

It was my privilege to serve as juror in the last Criminal Court and I admired the way that the court procedure was carried out. My greatest thrill came from the conduct of the Southern Pines police force.

The judge instructed us to decide solely on the evidence as given by witnesses. However, when a witness was vague or uncorroborated it was often hard to decide. There was never any doubt when the Southern Pines Police were on the stand. They appeared in many cases. Chief Newton was an impressive witness and gave firm, factual statements in his big voice. Also good were Sergeant Beck and Sergeant Seawell. I noticed that they had always collected complete and corroborated facts, evidently with care and foresight.

It occurred to me that many citizens would be pleased, as I was, to know how efficient they are in court action. Catching the law-breakers is only half their job; then they have to get them convicted. We can help them by showing our appreciation.

KATHERINE McCOLL
Southern Pines

Grains of Sand

Bowling—French Style

A report on the opening of a bowling pavilion (get that, not "alley" but "pavilion") in Paris is enough to make the proprietors of the OK Bowl here sick with envy. The local establishment, as we recall, had an impressive formal opening but listen to what happened in Paris, where bowling is a brand new sport:

Maurice Chevalier rolled a golden ball down one of the 12 lanes to the roll of drums of France's Napoleon Guard.

More than 500 government officials, French sports champions and other dignitaries gathered in the "glass-walled, red-tapestried building" in the Bois de Boulogne.

France's elite military corps, the Garde Republicain, flanked the red-carpeted entrance.

The next time John Ostrom and Don Kennedy open a bowling establishment, the least they can do is call out the National Guard, Miss North Carolina, Andy Griffith (North Carolina's Maurice Chevalier), the 82nd Airborne Division Band and color guard and what have you. Can't let Paris get ahead of us in these matters.

International

Bowling, by the way, is becoming an international sport—and we were amazed to learn how new it is to most countries.

London, like Paris, saw the opening of its first alleys this year, as have Monte Carlo, Biarritz, Belgium, the Bahamas, Norway, Germany, Australia and Switzerland.

Scheduled to take up the sport soon, according to information from the Automatic Pinspotters company, whose equipment is used at the OK Bowl here, are Austria, Italy, Lebanon and Iran.

Object

About 10:30 p. m. Tuesday, a late worker at The Pilot office received a call from Mrs. Colin Smith of 655 E. Indiana Ave., who said that for several hours off and on, she had been observing something in the sky that looked like a star, but was larger, was yellow in color and noticeably flickered. Mrs. Smith wanted to know if The Pilot knew or had heard anything about such an object. She said it was first observed toward the east and, at the time she called, had moved over toward the west.

Mrs. Smith said that she had first seen the phenomenon while driving from Pinehurst with her niece, Mrs. Henry Flory, and that they had stopped the car and had gotten out and watched it, agreeing that it looked too big and flickered too much to be a star.

From outside The Pilot we could see nothing and by the time we could leave the office and get out in the open, away from the trees, we weren't able to observe anything except the moon and a lot of stars.

Anybody else see something mysterious in the sky Tuesday night?

Recognized

"The Amico Agent," magazine published for representatives and staff members of American Motorists Insurance Corporation (Kemper Insurance), carried in its fall issue an article and photo summarizing a story about John S. Ruggles, local insurance man and member of the town council, that appeared in The Pilot and other county papers when he retired earlier this year from the State Hospitals Board of Control, after more than 10 years of service on that board. The article stresses his work with the state's Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program and notes that he still heads the Moore County Alcoholic Education Committee. Award of the Kiwanis Builder's Cup to Mr. Ruggles, and other civic activities and recognition, are told.

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