

THE PILOT

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.

A Sense of Great Beginnings

There was a sense of great beginnings in the meeting room of the Moore County Commissioners at Carthage Monday afternoon, as officials of the Moore County Mental Health Association outlined to the board a long-planned project for a Mental Health Clinic to serve this county.

Impressively endorsed by the county Medical Society, the Sandhills Ministerial Association and the county Bar Association, the realistic and not over-ambitious clinic plan envisages the employment of a full time psychiatric social worker and secretary, with part-time service of a visiting psychiatrist and psychologist. Half of an estimated annual budget of \$27,900 would be paid by the state. The commissioners were asked to budget the county's half for the 1963-64 fiscal year, beginning July 1. Details of the plan are given in a news story starting on today's front page.

Great beginnings, indeed. Those of us for many years have been close to

health, welfare, law enforcement and court problems have long seen a desperate need for the mental guidance and counsel that could lighten the burdens of hundreds of lives—burdens of needless strife, torment, hopelessness and fear.

We are convinced that this time when there are no public mental health facilities locally available to Moore County's people will some day be considered as backward and as inadequate as were the days when the county had no hospital.

The people of Moore County should make it clear to the commissioners that they understand the need for a mental health clinic and that they want funds for it budgeted this year. The commissioners seemed impressed by the presentation of the clinic plan at Monday's meeting, but they need the assurance that the proposed facility has wide popular support. An inestimable service to this area will be rendered by all persons who actively support the clinic proposal and let the commissioners know how they feel.

Strengthening School Attendance Law

An early General Assembly bill that should get strong public support is one to make available funds to enforce the school attendance law.

Whether, as in the bill, the people who would have the job are called "attendance counselors" or, according to tradition, and less effectively, "truant officers," it is clear that the citizenship of the state suffers when numerous children can evade schooling without pressure or penalty on their parents.

While we think the current popular horror over school "drop-outs" is an unnecessarily exaggerated reaction (their number being, if the truth be known, proportionately fewer than ever before in the history of the public schools), we

do think that a child should be kept in school until the legal age limit of 16, so that he can at least learn to read newspaper headlines, figure his time on his job and vote with some notion of what makes the wheels of government turn in his town, state and nation.

Students who leave school, with or without the consent of their parents, before age 16 often involve health, welfare, law enforcement and other problems. The proposed "attendance counselors," aside from routine work, may prove to be valuable links into family difficulties in these other fields, that may be uncovered before reaching points of crisis. The proposed school law crackdown may thus indirectly serve society in a variety of valuable ways.

Something To Be Grateful For

Moore County residents can be pardoned a touch of smugness—and they must surely be thankful—as they look at Bill Sanders' cartoon on this page today.

For this county, along with some others in the state, by special act of the General Assembly, does have free, bi-partisan school board elections. Republicans and Democrats run on equal terms for the office of school board member (confined in this county to the board of the Moore County school system and not affecting Southern Pines and Pinehurst districts where the school boards are appointed).

We would like to see the free election system extended to every county in the state, ending the nomination of school boards in the (Democratic) primary and their subsequent "appointment" by the

(Democratic) General Assembly which can reject any nominee, if it chooses.

The change of system in Moore County has not resulted in election of any Republican members to the county school board, but members of both parties can be grateful that all candidates have their chance.

In last November's election, Moore Republicans opposed only three of the five Democratic candidates for the five-member county school board, indicating that the GOP is still far from an effective political force at this level in Moore.

But freedom to seek the office and, if they can, win election, by the county's own voters, not by a group of legislators in Raleigh, is there for both parties to use as they choose.

'Who's Afraid of the ...!'

Since the news that Richmond County was asking to withdraw from membership in the Eighth District, there has been a good deal of talk around as to whether, or not, Moore might follow suit.

The view of some leading Democrats is that whoever holds Charlotte will be able to win in any conceivable future elections and Moore doesn't want to be a passenger in that boat. These Moore County leaders seem to think that Jonas, or another of the same party, has a clear field for the future and the only thing for Moore to do is to get out.

Also advanced is the perfectly sensible argument that "we want to be in a district with other counties whose interests are the same as ours." This last theory, however, is subservient to the political angle, whose actual war cry, no matter how disguised, is: "we don't want to be represented by a Republican."

This newspaper has utmost sympathy with that sentiment. We don't want to be represented by a Republican either. But the trouble with the last election was that it wouldn't have mattered over much, from a national point of view, which candidate won. Mr. Kitchin's previous record of voting with the Republicans against the Democratic administration was outstanding, to say the least. Furthermore a national point of view is mighty important.

So now: what to do? We are in favor of doing nothing. For several reasons of which the basic one is this: if you're a Democrat then you're by nature opposed to Republicans. If you're opposed to someone or something, you don't skip when confronted by your opponent but stay and have it out. To our mind, it would look mighty fraidycat if Richmond asks out, then Moore follows suit. The contiguous geography of the redistricting would then force out Lee or Montgomery, perhaps both, thus carrying on an escalation undignified if not downright

silly.

The above may not seem a very serious reason for standing pat and staying in the Eighth District where, unfortunately, we have been put, but isn't it the basic principle? The way to have handled the last election was to have put up the Democrat from Charlotte who was young, vigorous, intelligent, and who just might have pulled in those votes by Charlotte Democrats that were a strong factor in the Jonas victory. Kennedy may not have been the man to do it, but why should we capitulate to the gloombirds who apparently believe that no Democrat can be found to beat Jonas?

'The Real America'

From The Winston-Salem Journal
Voit Gilmore, Winston-Salem native (and Southern Pines resident—Ed.) who now heads the United States Travel Service, closed his address to the Women's Traffic Club here by quoting what a veteran traveler from Europe told him: "... I've seen most of your country, but I felt that in North Carolina I had found the real America."

Mr. Gilmore aptly pointed to this statement as "our challenge and our reward." The challenge is to make North Carolina exemplify even more strongly than it now does the essence of the real America—not only to attract the European tourist, but also to enrich the lives of those who live here. And the reward will lie both in this enrichment and in the increased attractiveness of the state to those who come from afar.

Certainly, North Carolina is in no position to adopt a "holier-than-thou" attitude toward its sister states, either for its physical attractions and tourist facilities, or because of its economy and culture. But its very progress in many fields in recent years is its best reason to grasp for greatness in the years just ahead.

"Can He Really Make Us Stop Goin' Steady?"



FIRST FULL OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Chinese Case Against Moscow

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The Peking People's Daily editorial is the first full official Chinese Communist statement of its case against Moscow. The fact that it has been published at all is interesting and the entire line of argument throws much light on matters which until now have had to be largely speculative in the West.

Particularly interesting is the point of origin the Chinese take for the beginning of their grievances against their "fraternal" colleagues in Moscow. Soviet spokesmen and apologists have variously dated the outbreak of differences from 1956 which was the year of the famous 20th Communist Party Congress and the beginning of de-

Stalinization. My opinion is that it actually dates from the passing of Stalin in 1953 and the greater freedom the Chinese immediately felt to press their interests against Moscow.

Territory Reclaimed
Between Stalin's passing until Nikita S. Khrushchev consolidated his position in 1957 the Chinese reclaimed from the Soviets every last square inch of Asiatic loot which Stalin seized at the end of World War II. This included Dairen, Port Arthur, Manchuria, In-

ner Mongolia, and Sinkiang. The Soviet version begins the issue from late 1956 and early 1957 when Peking openly disapproved of the repression of the Hungarian rising and threw a protective arm, briefly, around Poland. A shift of line in Peking quickly ended this "hundred flowers" phase and put Communist China back on the Stalin line. The Chinese version ignores both the historic background and also the ideological features which figure importantly in Soviet ver-

sions. Instead they date the issue from the moment when Moscow adopted a neutral attitude in the Chinese-Indian boundary dispute. This was, in fact, the first time that a Communist country had failed to support another Communist country in an issue with a non-Communist third country, a point the Chinese make.

'Grave Steps'
Their next point is that Premier Khrushchev immediately after this betrayal of Communist China over India went to Camp David to visit Dwight D. Eisenhower and that subsequently the Soviets took "a series of grave steps applying economic and political pressures against China."

In other words, the issue is not over ideology as the Communists have until now insisted it is, but over conflicts in the specific national interests of the two countries. Communist China has stopped pretending that it is all a matter of correct interpretation of Marx and Lenin.

Two Conflicts
The two conflicts of national interest now asserted by the Chinese are over India and over Mr. Khrushchev's long and troubled flirtation with Washington. The latter, of course, involves the question of coexistence rather than nuclear war. The People's Daily editorial confirms that the Chinese do believe that Moscow has been mistakenly appeasing Washington and should instead have been using its nuclear weapons to better advantage.

There obviously are other conflicts of Soviet-Chinese interests omitted from this Chinese document. This is far from the whole story and certainly not an objective version. But it confirms and establishes the main feature of informed Western thinking about the matter that the issue is not ideological.

Power States
Communist China and the Soviet Union are power states. Their national interests conflict at many points. Those conflicts cannot be removed or concealed by the "fraternalism" of Communism. Moscow is applying economic sanctions against China today. This is what the Chinese resent more than anything else.

This may or may not lead to a formal break. It does attenuate the weight and value of the Communist link among Communist states.

TO SEE CLEARLY

The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something and tell what it saw in a plain way. Hundreds of people can talk for one who can think, but thousands can think for one who can see. To see clearly is poetry, prophecy and religion, all in one.

—JOHN RUSKIN

Grains of Sand

Toot - Toot
There is no sound on the keyboard
Like the whistling of the Seaboard
Some times at night I think
I'm going blotto.
Perhaps I'd feel less heady
If they'd keep the music steady
Instead of always playing it staccato.
—Jekyl.

Non-Musical Chairs

Squeak, squeak, squeak, on they go: those chairs the county commissioners sit in. Wouldn't it be wonderful, if and when they get that new room (you know: big enough for lots of visitors, plenty of air), wouldn't it be wonderful if they could have soundless chairs?

Let's Go, Men!

The Potomac Almanac, oft-quoted in this column, has an entirely female staff. Tired, they got, finally, the poor things, or fed up with how their males kept saying: "why don't you do this..." or "if you'd only write it this way..." or, "of all the...!" So the girls decided to have a "Playboy Edition." In other words, let father do it and put their men to work to supply articles, cartoons, ideas (haha), jokes (hahaha), and so on for an all-male issue.

So the Almanac carried an ad last week: "MEN WANTED (for copy only)."

County Social Note

Being a county commissioner in Moore County is not just sit on a hard squeaky chair and make motions: there's fun, too.

Monday, 11 a.m. Enter Mr. "Blue" Monroe: "I come," carols Mr. Monroe, "bringing an invitation."

Commissioners' faces light up. What is it? Come to a picnic being given by the Grange. The guests will include: the county commissioners, Mrs. Cole and her staff of welfare ladies, and Mrs. McCaskill and her staff of courthouse ladies, and the Grange of course.

What about Mesdames Commissioneresses, don't they get to go? Just stay home and hear about it afterwards, just like they have to hear about all those meetings, too? No fair.

Letter To A Granny

San Francisco, Calif
"Dear Granny:—
"We are going to the Hoopers for the weekend. Peter has all of these old swords and guns. He even found a pistol under his house. We play guns with him which is real fun. I hope everything is going well down at Southern Pines. Aran (dog) is fine. Love: JAMIE"

And last week GRAINS printed, with due horror, the news about how many youngsters, that hadn't order, were "playing guns."

Feelin' Blue?

There's a town near here equipped with three funeral homes: one is called Slaughter, one Peppi, and the third Skeleton.

That last one is really taking the bull by the horns, coming out into the open and saying what's what, what?

While we're on the subject: we always wondered why, apart from it's being a fine old name, June clung to the name of the founder when he took over the business. Good idea probably.

What's That You Said?

There's one time when a man doesn't call a spade a spade.

When's that?
When he stumbles over it on a dark night.
And what does he call it then?
Oh, hush!

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