

Wicker Answers Dr. McBrayer's Article

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against the use of liquor. Then to a large degree it is a success. We must remember that we have with us yet, liquor drinking families which are hang-overs from the days of the saloon and government stills. Are not such habits as they have acquired, pathologically transmitted, in a lesser degree to the progeny? Ten years will have no effect on such cases, but a hundred years will.

I, for one; do not doubt Mr. Smith's purpose to enforce the laws while they exist as such, but neither can one doubt, after reading his telegram to the convention; that he will make every effort to remove or modify the Volstead Act as soon as possible.

We North Carolina Democrats are faced with the spectacle of one of our leaders in the cause of Prohibition, working for Smith, and in the same breath recommending the election of congressmen to protect us from his avowed policies. Could anything be more inconsistent?

As to Mr. Smith's religion. America believes in Religious Liberty—the Catholic Church does not. America does not believe in the union of church and state. The Catholic Church does.

In spite of all that Mr. Smith may say to the contrary; these are facts, not only admitted, but claimed and practiced by the Roman Church for a thousand years.

I do not believe for a minute that the election of Smith would result in the immediate elevation of the Pope to the White House, or the closing of the public schools, yet the Roman Church claims no less right, and a critical examination of history, proves that over long periods of time it has so asserted itself.

The Roman Church does not always encourage force as a matter of policy. Rather, by means with which they are well acquainted, they so slowly permeate the government upon which they have designs, that it is hard to point out any specific activity. A priest of that church said that the recent difficulty in Mexico would not be violently resented by the church, that two or three hundred years meant nothing to them; but that they would "get what they wanted in Mexico." Cortez and his retinue of Catholic Priests also once got what they wanted in Mexico. The church does not always sanction pacific means.

I believe a large part of Protestant America would fight for the rights of Catholics to worship God after their own manner; yet there is much blood on the hands of the Catholic Church; put there by their own intolerance.

Other churches have been affected by sporadic outbreaks of this nature; yet no other church has ever, does not now; and I venture to say: never will, claim to be the temporal and political, as well as spiritual head of the world, enforcing their claims at the point of the sword.

With Catholicism as a religion, I have no fight, but the Catholic Church makes claims of temporal and political power that transcends that of any people, kind or ruler, and I; firmly believing in the democracy of disciple of any church who makes the world, cannot vote for an avowed such claims for itself.

I once thought; and publicly stated that I was a "hardshell Democrat." Let me retract that statement. Having always admired Mr. Hoover, it comes easy to vote for him in preference to Smith. If the Democratic Party chooses to read me out of the party, well and good for me, but poor and bad for them; not for my influence, for that is inconsequential; but for my vote, for, believe me Brother, they are going to need them all.

Let me also say that these are only two of the many reasons why I cannot support Smith. To enumerate the

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others would require too much space.

I do not write this letter solely to air my personal views, but to answer the gentleman from Southern Pines, on behalf of a numbers of erst-while Democrats in this vicinity, who are for Hoover now.

Very truly yours,

R. E. WICKER,
Pinehurst, N. C.

MARKED CHANGES AT CAROLINA HOTEL

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schools of this part of the state. The Lumber Yards report increased sales of building material, and the trade is forging forward all the time. The building surrounding the village adds to the demand for material and the employment of building workers, the most important private job at the present being the Reed house, which is now well under way. Foundations are in, and the structure is beginning to shape up. Dowdy & Butler are drilling a deep well to supply water on a liberal scale. This firm has been doing a lot of work in the Pinehurst section, and they have a reputation for knowing their job and doing it on a square basis.

Over near the Chalfonte William Deneen, of the Franklin automobile organization at Aberdeen, is starting a new house, which marks the first in that section. He has a wonderful location, and points to a development out that way.

On the new Midland road gravel is laid down out as far as the top of the hill above Mid Pines, and it is becoming a fine road. Grading is pretty well finished down to the creek.

The winter at Pinehurst gives promise of the best ever known. Cottages are renting freely, and with many more new houses the facilities for caring for large business is materially increased over last winter. This applies with equal force to the entire Sandhill region.

Muse Clan Hold Their 7th Annual Reunion

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Drives away all woe and care. Every year we see new faces, Hear of family loss and gain; See the joy of new-found lovers, And at missing ones feel pain.

Proud we are to be descendants Of this sturdy, honest clan: Fairest of the fair, our women Strongest of the strong, our man.

We have farmers, merchants, Doctors Business men, professional, too, We're business women, also artists, Teachers, nurses, workers true.

Proud we are and ever shall be, At the gathering of the clan— To feel that we, too, are descendants, Of this race of valiant man.

And so, friends, we gladly greet you Cousins, uncles, grandsires, too And hope that ere we meet again Good luck may be with you.

To the old we give the tribute That is due to well filled years, To the young the admonition "Never give your parents fear."

Always, ever just remember As you try to pick and choose, Take the path to bring most credit To the glorious name of Muse.

An Old-Fashioned Mother The play is a parable of a mother's love triumphant over the ingratitude and neglect of her children and is arranged as a drama in three acts.

The play opens with a rehearsal of the village choir with numerous interruptions from Jerry Gosling, a comical country boy always trying to swap something, and from Miss Lowizy Loving Custard, the romantic old maid who is anxious to recite her poetry. John brings in a poor, exhausted tramp, an his mother cites the parable of the Good Samaritan and gives aid to the tramp.

John is impressed by the tramp's story and vows never to drink another drop of liquor. While the happy family is at supper an ominous knock is heard at the door. It proves to be the sheriff who arrests John and despite his protestations of innocence is dragged away to jail.

Three years pass and no word has been heard from John, although his innocence has been proved and he has been released from jail.

Charley persuades his mother to put a mortgage on the old place in order that he might get a start in the big city. A merry sleighing party bound for the singing school arrives and the household joins the party.

John staggers in, a starving, hopeless tramp. He is about to steal his mother's savings when Enoch Rone intercepts him. After a dramatic scene between the two men, John starts for Oklahoma and a new life.

In the third act Aunt Deb is bound for the poor house, but is saved from the disgrace by the arrival of John, a prosperous and respectful zinc miner in Aklahoma. The villagers drop in for a surprise party and all sing the Doxology.

Be sure to be present at the Vass high school auditorium on the night of August 17, 1928, at 8:30 P. M. The admission is only 15c and 25c.

Bring your friends and tell your neighbors.

W. A. Read, of Tampa, Fla., is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phillips, Pete and Flora and Miss Ferguson have returned from a trip to Ocean Drive. Mrs. W. E. Harrington and children have returned to their home in Portsmouth, Va., after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John Harrington on Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDonald and children, of Erwin, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Mamie Hunter and Miss Sallie McDonald.

Miss Jennie Cameron, of Rockingham, was home for over Sunday on Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McGraw and Harriett, of Carthage, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boggs are smiling—a son—Johnnie Archie. Miss Lettie Rowan, of Route 2, was a caller of Miss Vera McLean Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McPherson have returned from a weeks' outing at Lake Waccamaw.

Mrs. J. E. Snow and Evelyn Ann, Mrs. J. D. McLean and Margaret were dinner guests of Mrs. J. L. McGraw in Carthage Wednesday.

Jim Gilchrist, of Raleigh, came over to spend Sunday with his family here.

Holt Rowan, of Hamlet, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rowan on Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cameron, Virginia, Johnsie, Opal Thagard and J. W. Jr., were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coore on Route 1 Sunday.

Miss Lillian Cole has returned from Banner Elk.

Mrs. J. P. Swett, of Route 2, spent a few days last week in Charlotte, visiting relatives.

Roger Matthews, of Wilmington, was home for the week-end.

Franklin McDonald has returned to his home in Hoffman, after a two weeks' visit to Mr. and Mrs. Donnie McDonald and family.

Cards have been received by friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mann announce the arrival of Robert Edwards, Jr., on August 10th, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Muse and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beck, of Durham were visitors of Mrs. Janie Muse Sunday.

Dave Stokes was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boggs Sunday.

Miss Veoler Harinon, of Durham, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holland and little son, of Hope Wells, Va., spent a few days recently with Mrs. Georgia Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McNeill, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McNeill, Jr., of Floralla, were dinner guests of Mrs. Lula Muse and Mrs. Hemphill Saturday.

Alex McIntyre, of Birmingham, Ala., and Capt. and Mrs. McIntyre, of Fort Bragg, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen, Sunday.

Miss Nannie Royster and Frank Voldenwilder, of Sumpter, S. C. were the week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bumpass.

Rev. J. W. Hartsell was the guest of W. A. Muse, at the Muse Reunion in Lakeview.

Mrs. J. D. McLean, Margaret McLean and Mrs. Gabe Holmes were dinner guests of Mrs. Lula Muse and Mrs. Jewell Hemphill a day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wooten and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. York in Southern Pines.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. Society of the Baptist Church, picniced at Palmer's Pond an evening of last week.

Miss Mary McLean, of Raleigh, has been spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. James McLean on Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Badgett and little daughter, of Route 2, were dinner guests of Mrs. Georgia Matthews Sunday.

Misses Margaret and Mary Thomas, Miss Cecil Seawell and I. S. Thomas left Monday for Washington, D. C., Niagra Falls and other places of interest.

Miss Mae Hooper, of Elizabeth City, is the guest of Misses Annie Hollingsworth and Ellen Royal Jones this week.

Miss Margaret Merritt, of Florence, has been visiting Mrs. L. B. McKeithen the past week.

Miss Margaret McLean, little Miss Marguerite and Master James Oyers, were visiting relatives here Monday.

J. J. Harrington, of Route 2 was in town Monday.

Duncan Matthews, of Vass, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Bessie Wagner and son, Allen, of Oklahoma, were visitors of Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen Saturday.

Miss Beulah Thomas was a visitor of Miss Annie Hartsell Sunday. Miss Bert Kelly, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Jeff Newton and little daughter Margaret Ann, of Georgia, are spending the month of August with their father, D. D. Kelly, near Kelly's station.

Flint Loving, of Sanford, is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Loving.

Miss Annie Hartsell, Beulah Thomas, Jennie Cameron and L. F. Hartsell were visitors in Broadway Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McDermott and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McCallum, near Eureka. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Richardson, on Route 1, a son—August 5th.

Mrs. Gabe Holmes and children, have returned to their home in Burlington.

Misses Mae Hooper, Annie Hollingsworth, Ellen Royal, Henry Dowell Jones and Mr. Butler were supper guests of the Misses Rogers, Monday.

E. L. Ray, of Asheboro, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. D. S. Ray.

Mrs. J. D. McLean and Margaret are spending the week in Vanceboro, with Mrs. McLean's mother, Mrs. Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dutton and children left Monday for a visit to relatives in Post Oak, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Mullenix, of Fayetteville, are the guest of Miss Mamie Arnold this week.

Mrs. H. B. Norman and son, James, of Mt. Airy, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Graham and J. W. Norman.

Mrs. Flora Swett has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron, of Pocket Section.

The many friends of Miss Flora McQueen will be glad to learn she is improving from a serious illness. Miss Anna Liza Jackson is visiting Mrs. Flora Swett.

Miss Lula Johnson, the youngest daughter of the late Laughlin Johnson, was buried at Cypress Church, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. D. McNeill, her pastor. Miss Johnson had been in declining health for sometime.

Mrs. Kirby, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. A. McDougald, of Hamlet, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tally, Thursday.

Rev. M. D. McNeill was in Sanford Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. Julia McDougald left this week for Venus, Fla., to spend sometime with her son, Alex and his family.

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