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A LONG AND FRUITFUL LIFE

The last chapter in the life of Mary Priest Cameron was reached Wednesday when a host of sympathetic friends read Finis with regret. But before the volume is laid aside The Pilot adds its colophon, a bit of praise and commendation in the last inscription.

Mrs. Cameron was a kindly creature of thoughtful and generous habits and her friends were scattered over the entire neighborhood and community. In her 86 years of life she saw amazing changes and surprising contrasts. Southern Pines and the country for miles around was virgin forest when Mrs. Cameron was a little girl. She saw Wheeler's troops ride over her father's plantation on James Creek a few miles northeast of the old Yadin Road when a youngster of thirteen. She remembered the story of Kilpatrick's visit when he called a halt to his brigade on the farm of her grandfather, Archibald Buchan, the postmaster of Colman Grove postoffice, and recalled the knoll across the creek, covered with heavy timber where the soldiers camped, awaiting the arrival of the rest of the division of young Kilpatrick's men. The corn supply was nil at the Buchan house when the troops marched on. Grain trampled by the horses was gathered up from the ground, washed and ground into meal. The empty larder at her grandfather's house after the departure of the uninvited visitors was an impressionable bit of history for a young girl.

Mrs. Cameron knew what reconstruction meant, as she grew into young womanhood during the lean years following the war. But out of those lean years she saw growth and development. She saw the building of the railroad and heard the first locomotive whistle. She saw the magnificent timber mowed down and fed to hungry saws. She saw the naval stores and turpentine business grow into a great industry. She saw the towns arrive and the pine knot give way to the candle and the kerosene lamp step aside for the electric. She lived to see war again. Another score of years and a still later war demanded a son. She heard the roar of Fort Bragg's guns within a few days of her death and she saw the vast acres of condemned land return to the original wilderness she was first familiar with.

Mrs. Cameron watched with enthusiasm and interest the arrival of modern inventions in a modern world. She kept abreast of every forward step and movement with keen appreciation of an advancing world. The fine old philosopher found life satisfactory in the simplicity of her earlier years as well as in the complicated events of the closing ones. Fate dealt kindly with her and her family in a generous extension of years granted as she finally realized the psalmist's promise—with long life, will I satisfy.

—H.K.B.

SUMMERTIME FIRE HAZARDS

The pleasure and profit to be gained from summer homes and camps can be transformed easily into tragedy and loss by fire. These temporary homes, by their very nature, call for greater vigilance during week-end and vacation occupancy.

The use of kerosene for lamps and stoves is a common source of fire. But if a few simple rules are observed, the danger can be greatly reduced. Fill

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

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THE BEAUTIFUL "ATLANTIC MOTM" NATIVE TO INDIA, JAVA AND CHINA, OFTEN HAS WINGS A FOOT LONG!

BY LAW, ON THE ISLE OF MADEIRA, EVERYONE WHO CUTS DOWN A TREE MUST PLANT ONE IN ITS PLACE.

Grains of Sand

Thirty-four states, the District of Columbia, China, Canada, Canal Zone, England, Germany, Hawaii, Persia and Cuba were represented among the student body of the University of North Carolina during the past year. Strangely, eliminating North Carolina, there were more students from the North than from the South. New York ranked second to this state with 260, followed by New Jersey with 121, Pennsylvania with 78. The total for South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, West Virginia, Louisiana and Texas was only 265.

North Carolina had 2,505 of the total of 3,509 enrolled at Chapel Hill during the college year just ended.

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PREPAREDNESS IS COSTLY

Those economists who are wondering just how much longer the world can go on building up its armaments without entering bankruptcy are getting more and more food for sober thought and argument.

We are the richest country in the world, and our \$1,126,000,000 national defense bill for the next fiscal year is the largest in our peace time history. Yet this is hardly a drop in the bucket compared to what Europe and Asia are spending. Great Britain's budget is close to \$3,000,000,000. Japan's is over \$1,500,000,000. France's is about the same as ours. Italy's is \$611,000,000 and will probably be increased. Germany doesn't publish figures of this nature, but her arms expense is huge.

Last—hold your breath here—the U. S. S. R. has announced a defense budget running to the almost unbelievable sum of \$7,700,000,000. That is creating plenty of headaches among Russia's potential enemies. And it

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Among the most outstanding students of this year graduating class of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina was Miss Isabel Pelton of Southern Pines, who received an A. B. degree with a double major in English and History. In addition to being an honor graduate, Miss Pelton participated in many phases of campus life, including the Adelpian Society, chairman of the Speakers' Club, Education Club, Le Cercle Français, chairman of International Relations Club, House vice-president, Hall proctor, Young Democrats Club, Inter-Faith Council, Y. W. C. A., Playmakers, president of Congregational Students group, Chapel committee.

comes as encouraging news to the European democracies, which hope to enlist "the bear that walks like a man" as an ally.

These figures show why the standard of living abroad is steadily dropping. In Germany, it is said, one-fourth of the entire national income goes for arms and public works, neither of which is edible.

PINEHURST

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cunningham and son Bert of Zebulon have arrived to visit Mrs. Ethel Journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wert Sanders, who have been with Mrs. Journey for several weeks have gone to Nashville, Tenn., where they are attending summer school at Peabody.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Sledge spent Thursday at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barr have closed their home, Silver Nidus, and gone north for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gouger spent Monday in Charlotte.

Miss Olive Hennessee has returned home from the Woman's College of U. N. C., Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nelson and children, Donald and Carolyn Ann left Thursday for Boston and will go from there to Little Compton, R. I., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Razook and family have gone to Lake Placid, N. Y., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ehrhardt, Jr., have returned from their wedding trip in the western part of the state and have gone to Greensboro.

Mrs. David Coffey entertained the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club and several guests at the Coffey House in Lakeview last week. Those playing were Mrs. Eric Nelson, Mrs. Thomas R. Cole, Mrs. I. C. Sledge, Mrs. A. P. Thompson, Mrs. Byron U. Richardson, Mrs. W. L. Dunlop, Mrs. Nick Gibbon and Mrs. W. Raymond Johnson. Mrs. Clement came in for tea.

James Cole of Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Cole.

LAKEVIEW

Some 75 members of the Rural Carriers of Moore, Lee, Montgomery, Chatham and Harrett counties, and their families and friends, attended the association's annual convention held on Decoration Day at Crystal Lake Hotel. A picnic was spread in the hotel park fronting the lake and was followed in the afternoon by a business meeting.

Other recent guests at the hotel were F. W. Claybrook, Culpepper, Va.; W. H. May and Paul Williamson, Durham; M. A. Owens, J. H. Schlagg and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Walker, Greensboro; Mrs. Harry Howell, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell, Jr. and Frank Howell, Raleigh; H. C. Bowden, Raleigh and J. W. Ryder, Richmond, Va.

W. C. Edmund, Chadbourn; F. L. Smith, Wyoming, Del.; W. I. Peal and B. W. Peal, all working on the Vass dewberry market, will be guests at Crystal Lake Hotel throughout the dewberry season.

ADVERTISE IN THE PILOT.

Pay \$25,896 Here in Hidden Taxes on Food

Estimate Based on Census Figures Showing 1935 Sales of \$332,000 in Southern Pines

Families in Southern Pines pay an estimated \$25,896 in hidden taxes annually through their purchases of food, a National Consumers Tax Commission survey showed today.

"Nearly eight per cent of the total food bill represents shifted taxes buried in the price of every purchase," the report stated. "These unseen levies, for example, take 11 per cent of butter costs, 6 1-2 per cent of bread costs, 10 1-2 per cent of sliced bacon and 14 1-2 per cent of the cost of coffee."

The report was made public through Mrs. William T. Hannah, of Waynesville, State director, who leads NCTC study groups in about 110 North Carolina communities in the educational crusade against "unnecessary consumer-penalizing taxes." The report added:

"Chief offenders, and those that fall most heavily on lower income families, are hidden taxes. These are levied originally against the producer, manufacturer, shipper and distributor. Unable to absorb the load, each must pass on a share of its taxes and the consumer ultimately pays them, usually without knowing it."

The commission, in whose non-partisan crusade groups in 4,600 communities have launched tax study programs, said the hidden tax figure does not include the many other hidden and direct taxes families here have to pay.

The food tax estimate was computed from NCTC averages based on last available U. S. Bureau of the Census figures which placed 1935 food sales in Southern Pines at \$332,000. Government estimates of total sales in the country last year approximate the total in the 1935 study, the NCTC said.

MRS. HAFFER'S PIANO CLASS ENTERTAINED AT RECITAL

Mrs. Claud Hafer's piano class gave a recital at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Bush last Friday evening. The following pupils played: Jane Farrell, Margaret McNeill, Fannie Mae Dunn, Gladys Hussey, Jacqueline Worsham, Ethel Blue Britt, Albert Gminder, S. J. Starnes, Lina Lee Hart, Arnette Avery, Joan Silver, Gladys Snipes, Evelyn Garner, Catherine Rowe, Clara Kirk; Gloria Medlin, Dorothy Phillips and Jean Chester.

Clara Kirk won the scholarship for the class in Aberdeen and Jean Chester won in Southern Pines, with Dorothy Phillips second. Mrs. Hafer has offered another scholarship for next season for each class.

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