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LUMBERTON WOMAN WRITES

"There Is Nothing Sinful Except Selfish Indulgence of Man"

Editor The Pilot:

Six thousand is not a very great number when we think of it in connection with people and things. Six thousand dollars is no more than pocket change for a rich man. Six thousand people dwell together in hundreds of towns, yet no one thinks of that many people as a great number. But, when we think of six thousand years! That is a long, long time. No human being can grasp and remember all the history that has been written in that time. Generations have come and gone; great cities have sprung up and decayed; civilizations have thrived and died, and yet humanity is still stumbling in its own shadow, trying to reach the heights by its own power only to find itself, as usual, tangled in a web of cowardice, hatred and selfishness that no leader nor group of leaders can unravel. The people finally become so brutish that they fly into a rage at the least provocation and then blame Providence for permitting wars!

It is no credit to man's power and intelligence that he is, after six thousand years of experience, still trying his own mettle and thinking that he is able to govern the affairs of the world, and of finding permanent peace and happiness without acknowledging the power of the Almighty and without obeying His perfect laws.

It is no credit to us if we think we can find a better way than the right way, and every person outside the asylum knows what "right" means. But because it is slow and tedious, restless, selfish, unpatriotic men turn away from it and walk as blindly into disaster as if they were idiots.

Swift runners are not always winners. Often when we think we are going up we are going down. A person can swim down stream more rapidly than he can swim up stream. The slow people who value fundamentals will hold fast to what they have gained. They don't step on thin ice nor build on quicksands.

One hundred years ago if every person in this country had taken the Golden Rule for his motto, and the Ten Commandments for his guide, we would now have a country so securely prosperous and a people so happy that the whole world would be amazed. We would not have to send missionaries to other countries; they would be coming to us to learn firsthand how we did it. And if they tried to pollute our land they'd soon find themselves in the graveyard, for no people are so jealous of their country's honor as the righteous are. No people are so brave, courageous and far-seeing as are God-fearing haters of iniquity.

The killing of a few people in order to protect our country's honor and safety is not half so inhuman as wholesale murder carried on in war. Any other than defensive war is a curse, even that it, but of course it is justifiable.

Who is there today with a mind capable of relating the effects of the late World War? The money that was spent to carry on that war would have made millionaires of every person in the world, to say nothing of the indescribable torture that it caused mothers, the prolonged suffering of helpless little children and the slow, lingering illness of brave men who are yet, and will be for years and years, feeling the effects of it. And what caused it all? Who was it that threw a huge bomb in the middle of the world and left blind, dazed, insane, immoral, humanity groping and fighting in sorrow and sin?

The man who is responsible for all that was not a worshipper of the

Most High; he was not a preacher nor a farmer nor a builder. He was a leader to whom the proper looked for guidance, a selfish egotistical monarch who wanted a thrill and was willing to set civilization back 500 years that he might test his power!

The ruler of Germany was not reared in a day; he has been in the making for years, and the finished product is no credit to Germany.

It doesn't pay to be careless of small beginnings. There is enough fire in one little match to start a conflagration that might destroy our whole country. And if we don't mind some of our centers of "culture" will turn out another Kaiser Bill.

Every generation has its blind leaders. About the time we overcame the effects of one war some egotistical lord will step out on the stage and declare to the world that he has discovered a new easy, pleasant road to perfection. But he hasn't! All these ideas that educators think they discovered are as old as the hills. The idea of reaching happiness through the doorway of self-expression exploded so long ago, and so completely that there was not even one left to tell the story.

Self-expression leads to degradation unless there is a noble "self" back of the "expression." Common sense would teach us that that is true even if history did not prove it. History proves that man has repeatedly tried every way except God's way. And the reason why he hasn't tried that is because he has not and does not now, desire peace and happiness to the extent that he is willing to do his share of the world's work and suffering till it comes. That is the acid test that tries his patriotism and unselfishness. He has been weighed in the balance and found

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GOOD MINSTREL AT PINEHURST

This Show Will Appear At Pinehurst On December 30th

The management of the Carolina theatre takes pleasure in announcing the appearance of John R. Van Arnams superior minstrels for one night at Pinehurst.

Van Arnams Minstrels, while only on their seventh season, comes with an enviable reputation of having played two consecutive years as a headline attraction over the B. F. Keith Circuit of Vaudeville Theatres, being the only production giving the entire show on the Keith Circuit.

Mr. Van Arnams also has the only Minstrel Show on the road today playing to popular prices. He believes in crowded houses and pleasing the public.

Sweet Singers, Nimble Dancers, Funny Comedians with new jokes, wonderful music by their own orchestra, together with brilliant costumes and beautiful scenery combine to make the first part of Van Arnams Minstrels an entertainment of interest and a feast to the eye. While the second part of the show or Olio, consists of Seven separate novelty acts, each one different from any of the others.

Every day just before 12:00 o'clock noon, at the town in which they are showing, John R. Van Arnams Minstrel band, led by their escort, all in new uniforms, leave their private car "Betty Jane" at the depot for a parade of the business streets. The band also gives a free concert in front of the theatre before each performance, consisting of a program including not only the new numbers, but many of the old favorites.

This Minstrel Show will appear at Pinehurst on Thursday, December 30th, at 8:15.

Reserved seats now on sale at Carolina Hotel and Carolina Pharmacy Pinehurst. Broad Street Pharmacy Southern Pine and Fox Drug Company, Aberdeen.

CHRISTMAS PLAY OF HIGH TYPE

Practically a Sermon and Service From the Pews

(Bion H. Butler)

It is permitted at times for the pews to preach, and for the stage to understudy the pulpit. Forty years ago in Haverly's theatre Dr. Thomas Sunday after Sunday held one of the biggest congregations in Chicago in the morning, even though a dramatic troupe or opera used the stage in the evening. Monday night Ellsworth Giles and his marvelous wife expounded the faith from the stage of the Carolina theatre in Southern Pines, with a large sprinkling of the population as acolytes. The text, which saturated the sermon, appeared to be earnestness of service, not magnificence, and its preaching was the automatic effort of the movement. And to fix firmly the Christmas relation of the evening little Jack Page and Thad, the little one, not the grown up, sang a carol that illumined the house.

It was not intended that religious services should be undertaken at the theatre. Rather a Christmas pantomime had been staged to secure some money to furthe the work on the new church structure the Episcopalians have undertaken in Southern Pines. But Mrs. Giles, and incidentally a lot of others, lifted the affair to a higher plane, and if the clergy on Sunday do any better from a layman's view point of ecclesiastical achievement they will have to reach the people in their forthcoming services.

The church will get a small amount of money out of this service. The audience will get many times what they paid for the lesson that was put before them. I hardly set down this thing as an entertainment. In a way it may be so rated, but in the main it was on a so much higher plane that it gave many persons occasion to think about some things they have been passing over lightly.

Southern Pines has a lot of folks who can sing that better type of songs that appeals to the more serious sides of the mental emotion. They show that some of the sublimer musical compositions can be presented by the soloists and choirs as well as the surplus of modern mush that is clamoring to be recognized as music and adoration. The fact is we are wasting a lot of good musical talent in not using it more than we do, and the church might be the leader in more of the class of work indicated Monday night and with good results.

The house was full. It was fooled. It went there to pay a little money to the building of the new church. It got more than the worth

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CHAIRMAN FRY GOES 'WAY BACK

Compares Educational, Industrial and Development Now and Forty Years Ago.

To All District Fire Wardens:

Doubtless we go along month after month doing what is mapped out for us to do, without becoming very much interested about what we are doing, or what will be the final outcome or the results of efforts and sacrifices. The best illustration of what we are attempting to do is a look in the past for a period of 40 years.

First: 35 to 40 years ago the educational condition in the rural districts of the county were in a deplorable condition, just a few people at that time could see in the future. Better school houses, higher-grade teachers, better equipment of every kind, but they were handicapped by the old saying, "Let us

alone." "Why improve?" or words to that effect, but the few faithful stuck to their argument until the county as a whole was converted. Then everything went well for the Educational Industry.

Second: 25 to 30 years ago the second public industry of Moore County underwent the same public criticism. The people of the rural district said, "Just let us alone. The roads that our fathers blazed out through the forest in the pioneer days were good enough for them. They have served us sufficiently; then why improve?" This was an argument that a few of the wise men who stood for improvement were confronted with, but all this failed to daunt the courageous pioneers of road-building. The people stood by and watched a few demonstrate the case on the ground, they believed, then they followed. Now the question of good roads is the household talk, even in the most remote communities. And the question arises again, What are we doing?

Third: We are representing the Conservation and Development of this county, are nursing the third infant industry that has taken root in the county within the last 40 years. It is up to us to hold on, giving the work the proper attention at all times, just as the generation in the past surrendered their time and talent to the necessities that confronted them. Suppose that they had fallen down on their job, what would have been the result? "Disaster." Remember that every public improvement or public industry is for the good of the county as a whole and that they never mature, neither does anyone reap financial value or

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DR. POATE SPEAKS FOR FARM LIFE

Asks Kiwanis to Help the School to Succeed

At the Kiwanis dinner at the Pinehurst Country club Dr. Poate, of Southern Pines spoke in interested manner of the good work the school is doing for the boys and girls of this section. He said he had been told that we have enough schools and that Farm Life is not needed, but he showed that such an attitude is a mistake. The farm life school is one in which young folks who have missed school in early years are able to gain an education later on, even though they start in classes that would be out of harmony with their ages in the public school, and the doctor cited young men and women who have come from Farm Life to important and successful stations in the vicinity.

He deplored the fact that instead of training young men and women for active and useful lives we allow too many of them to drift until they land at Stonewall Jackson School, Samarcand and other places where education costs more and is less satisfactory, and he argued that the best way is to start the education at a place like Eureka and turn the young folks in the right lines rather than let them drift and land in the wrong places or even suffer them to carry the burden of ignorance through their whole lives.

Talbot Johnson had a gratifying bit of news to hand out. J. Ellwood Cox tells Mr. Johnson that a short bit of road from the hill top at Aberdeen out to Bethesda church, where Walter Pages is buried, will be taken up by the state as a part of memorial to what is already a national shrine, for many pilgrims come annually to the grave of the Moore county hero of the recent war. Mr. Cox also intimates that in early spring he hopes to have the state crew at work oiling the road from Pinehurst northward to the county line, and when that is done the road will be hardtopped to the Virginia state line on the road to both Lynchburg and Roanoke.

MOORE COUNTY FARM NOTES

Facts and Figures Concerning The Fattening of of Hogs

Mr. Lyon Puts good Gains on his Pigs

A. B. Lyon of the Cameron section has put some good gains on his hogs in the last five weeks. On November 2, I personally assisted him in weighing two of his pigs, helped him mix the feed and started him with the feed test. The period of feeding was to run for thirty four days. At the beginning of the test these two pigs weighed 188 pounds. These two pigs were then separated from the others and were fed according to feeding instructions put out by Mr. Shay of the State College who has charge of the office of swine extension. On December 6, I saw these two pigs weighed again and the total weights of the two was 291 pounds or a gain of 103 pounds in the thirty-four days that they were fed. This was an average daily gain of a little over one and a half pounds per day for each of the pigs. The ration fed was a home mixture and was as follows: tankage 26 pounds; corn meal 104 pounds and wheat shorts 26 pounds. This mixture will vary some with different weight pigs. The first week of the test they were fed four and one-half pounds of this mixture as a slop mixture in the morning and four and one half pounds of shelled corn at night.

These pigs are now on their last five weeks of the feeding test and indications are that they are going to better their record of gains this time. When they have finished up this feeding period they will be finished up ready to kill. In this particular case Mr. Lyon will get about 1.65 per bushel for the corn fed to these pigs.

What Mr. Lyon has done others can do. Let's get busy and produce more of this good pork for home use. Feed sheets will gladly be furnished you from the office.

Poultry Meetings Very Successful
Last week marked another series of Poultry meetings. Five meetings were held in the county and the total attendance ran to around two hundred and forty. Even during the bad weather the crowds came out just the same. Plans for about six more houses were mailed out. Some of these for laying houses and some for brooder houses. At the rate we are going now it will not be long before Moore County will be able to boost of some as good birds as can be found in the state on most any farm.

If you are going to grow out any broilers for next spring it is time to begin thinking about them. Mr. Hutchison at the Farm Life school is planning to set his mammoth incubator about the first of January and wherever you can you will find it much more satisfactory to get your baby chicks hatched as close home as possible.

E. H. GARRISON, JR.
County Agent.

YALE GLEE CLUB DRAWS BIG CROWD

The Boys Proved To Be Good Entertainers

Saturday night the Yale Glee club entertained a well filled house at the Carolina theatre in Pinehurst. About 38 in number make up this glee and banjo club. The sandhills were favored by having them stop off here on the Christmas trip. When they appeared several years ago on Christmas night standing room was sold to the late comers, proving about the most popular attraction ever held in the theatre. Those who had heard them on their first appearance were

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