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MUSIC IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is said that former President Eliot of Harvard University was once asked this question: "If it should become necessary to give up every subject taught in Harvard University except one which one would you retain? His reply was: "Music." Whatever may have been his specific reasons for this reply, at least it left no doubt as to the enormous importance which he attached to music in education. Fortunately this view is now shared by every progressive educator with the happy result that the old idea of music as an educational frill to be lopped off if funds run low or to be relegated to an inferior position in the curriculum appears to have disappeared for good.

Certainly if you were fortunate enough to be present at the recent Southern Pines School Music Festival you not only enjoyed a program of fine music admirably presented by the children but you were convinced, if you had previously entertained any reservations on the subject, that to the "three Rs" must be added at least an "M" if you are to have anything approaching a satisfactory program of school education. For you realized that you were witnessing a group activity involving intense concentration on the matter in hand, mental alertness, cooperation, and subordination of the individual to the group, combined with obvious enjoyment of the whole proceeding. Moreover you were conscious that these children, under the gifted leadership of Mr. Smith and his assistants, were acquiring a skill and a capacity to feel the beauty in at least one form of self expression which might very well alter their whole scale of values in the years to come. Perhaps after all, you thought, Mr. Eliot's reply did not overstate the case for music.

ROAD GANGS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Last month on the Pinehurst road a group of men were working. Cars passing them slowed down. Some speeded up again rather quickly, others almost stopped. One that came by while the men were eating lunch, stopped entirely and the occupants lowered the windows and craned their necks for a better view. Most of the men paid no attention, but two or three glared defiantly back. The man beside them, leaning on his gun, smiled the tolerant, slightly contemptuous smile of a keeper showing off his lions to the crowd. Finally the car drove on. The next morning its occupants read with awe that two of the lions had escaped and were ranging the country. There was considerable relief, perhaps not unmixed with sympathy, when news came of their arrest.

The penal problem in this country is immeasurably complex and difficult and it is for the most part utterly ignored by the public. Most of us never think of our tremendous prison population, except when we read of a riot, or the commission of some horrible crime by a former convict or one on parole. Then we wax indignant over a system which turns such men loose to prey on an innocent public. But occasionally, here in North Carolina, we experience the vaguely shocking sensation of seeing a group of men in stripes working on a road where we are driving. Then, it may be that we notice that these men look much like anyone else, and suddenly we are ashamed to see them there, to see the guard leaning on his rifle, and probably we drive on quickly, trying to forget that glimpse of the

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N.C. CURRENCY
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humiliation of the brotherhood of man. And perhaps we ask why they are sent out there to be exposed to the public's morbid gaze, to make passersby uncomfortable, to escape and menace the country-side, to be hunted horribly with bloodhounds, perhaps to commit some other desperate crime before they are finally recaptured and dragged back.

Well, the main reason the prisoners are on the road is because this state hasn't room enough or money enough to keep them in prison. It doesn't care enough about them to get the money needed, and it actually saves money by this system of using them to repair the state roads. The main reason the prisoners escape from these road gangs is because the state does not appropriate money enough to employ proper or sufficient men to guard them. The average prison guard, it was discovered at the Charlotte chain gang trial, gets around \$33.00 a month. A man who would take such a job at such a wage cannot be much. It is probable, in fact, that he is not very different as to mentality or ambition from many of his charges. The practice of taking prisoners out of the overcrowded prisons and putting them to work outdoors is theoretically a splendid one, but as it is done in this state, it is neither successful nor salutary for the prisoners or the public. Conditions in many of the prison camps are not much better than those in the prisons and the opportunity to escape when out at work is too great. To put a man who is serving a long term out working, often within a day's ride of his home, cars passing frequently, thick woods on every side, is to put before him an irresistible temptation. When you add to that the fact that most criminals are bold gamblers, quick to take a chance, and that the conditions of imprisonment from which they would escape are often well-nigh intolerable, it is a wonder more do not try it.

We in Moore County have reason to be leary of the present penal system. There have been four escapes from road gangs in our county this very winter, and it is only a few years since Dietz, the murdered of Policeman Kelly, escaped from the State Farm. Though all the men were recaptured, a feeling of insecurity remains.

It is easy to suggest glibly that these prisoners should be put in prison and kept there. Even if this were possible it would be no solution of the problem. It is becoming more and more evident that incarceration as a crime deterrent has failed. Despite all our prisons, crime is increasing at an appalling rate. In the Chicago penitentiary the number of inmates increased during the last decade by 77.15%.

It is not enough to urge that, for our own protection, the road gangs should be sent back to prison. We must look toward the future when these men will be freed. First of all, prison administrations must be taken out of politics. It must be a career work for trained persons. Secondly, we must work for a reformed system which will divide our great prison population into suitable groups. It will

have to supply secure prisons of the fortress type for hardened criminals, hospital prisons for the mentally and physically ill, prison farms for the first offenders. It will have to work out a parole system for those able to uphold it. With the fact ever in mind that the vast ma-

GRAINS OF SAND

Much favorable comment is heard of the proposal made recently at a Chamber of Commerce meeting to organize a band among school children of Southern Pines—or possibly drawn from a wider field. There is much sentiment for the band among the children themselves, many offering to buy their own instruments if one can be launched here.

There is no doubt but that it would be a fine thing for the youngsters and that a good band would develop into a community asset. It is to be hoped that those behind the movement will continue their efforts to organize the group.

The picture, "Turn Off The Moon," that played at the Southern Pines theater the first of this week, was taken from a story of the same name written by Mildred Harrington of Aberdeen.

Mr. Patch tells us he had no idea

majority of prison terms are short, it will have to conduct a program of education of which rehabilitation is the foundation stone. Only so can we have a system which will act as a crime deterrent and send men back into society better and not worse than when they left it.

of the widespread circulation of The Pilot until his last sale. He advertised the sale exclusively in The Pilot and says that people came in not only from all sections of Moore county but from several adjacent counties.

It's also nice to hear that The Pilot helped Aberdeen garages to practically close out all their used cars through recent advertising in these columns.

A. Linde Fowler, Pinehurst publicity man for the past two years, was booked to fly to Europe on the "Hindenburg" the night it burned up. We imagine Linde must have seen the great dirigible destroyed, as it was due to sail two hours after landing and he was in all probability at Lakehurst. Those scheduled to cross on the "Hindenburg" were transferred to the S. S. "Rex" and as far as we know Linde went along, as he wanted to see the Coronation.

CORRESPONDENCE

MATERNITY EDITORIAL

Editor, The Pilot:

I was deeply gratified by your excellent and inclusive article in last week's Pilot on Moore County's Maternity Association. May I express my appreciation of your paper's interest and support in our efforts to better Moore county's maternity care.

This article is the best, in my opinion, which has yet been carried by any of our local papers. For that reason I am eager to send copies to a number of out-of-county people who are interested in our work. I should be so glad if you would send me a number of copies for this purpose:

—MRS. WILBUR H. CURRIE, Chairman, Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The editorial in question was written by Katharine Lamont Boyd of The Pilot staff.

"LOOK ABOUT YOU"

Editor, The Pilot:

The woman was saying, "These are perfectly beautiful. . . I'd no idea such talent was buried in those woods." But there is talent, culture and ability these days seemingly hidden away. The most unexpectedly crude or remote place may be the abode of another Edgar Poe or Rembrandt. Those of artistic or temperamental temperament are seeking refuge from the din of what is our modern civilization.

Most people exist without feeling—nothing upsets them come what may. But the few who feel things—who are sensitized in the highest status have relief from too much outward disturbance and contacts.

There is a man who canoes, fishes and amuses himself on the banks of the "old Lumbee"—or at this point called "Drowning Creek" (it is deep) who is just such a person as we are speaking about. One of the most interesting things is his ability to

carve fish, mount them and paint them. You feel sure the real thing is before your eyes. These fish are caught in old cypress stumps—or at least they are carved of such. The placque on which they are mounted is also cypress that was floated down the stream to the landing point. There is usually in good fishing weather a nice tow of fish to be placed in the live box and await their turn for the table.

Life seems to go smoothly—beautifully on for most of these people. North Carolina is full of them—look about and you will see. The shops that feature North Carolina handmade products carry a unique line of craft and art work. One has only to look about them—inquire a bit—and they will find the unusual and beautiful.

—NONNIE SLATE SKIDMORE, Wagram, May 12, 1937.

PINEY WOODS

Editor, The Pilot:

I would like to draw your attention and that of your subscribers to a misnomer. Only the land formerly belonging to the Piney Woods Inn, later bought by my father, the late Edmund Millen, is and should be known as Piney Woods. Several people living on adjoining property have called their homes as in Piney Woods. But this is incorrect.

GLADYS V. MILLEN, Southern Pines, May 14, 1937.

LOWER TELEGRAPH RATES

Drastic reductions in rates for overnight telegraph service, effective June 1st, were announced this week by Mrs. Mann of the Western Union office here. Night letters, for example, may thereafter be sent to New York for 42 cents per 25 words, 90 cents per 100 words; to New England states for .48 and \$1.11 respectively; to North Carolina point for .24 and .39 respectively.

COUNTY TERRACING UNIT SMOOTHS CAMERON STREETS

The town commissioners of Cameron have one problem off their chests, that of abandoned streets.

Heavy spring rains washed some of the streets so badly that parts became impassable and had to be abandoned. However, W. G. Caldwell, assistant farm agent for the State College Extension service in Moore county, came to the rescue and used the county terracing unit to smooth out the washed portions.

The heavy equipment needed to repair the streets was not available before the terracing unit was brought in. Now, the assistant agent declared, other small towns in the county are making inquiries as to the cost of getting their streets repaired.



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Mr. A. S. Newcomb will be the agent in charge, representing Pine Needles hotel, Pine-Needles realty and other activities of the Patunent corporation.

The principal office of the company will remain in Pinehurst in charge of Mr. O. H. Stutts, General Manager, as heretofore.

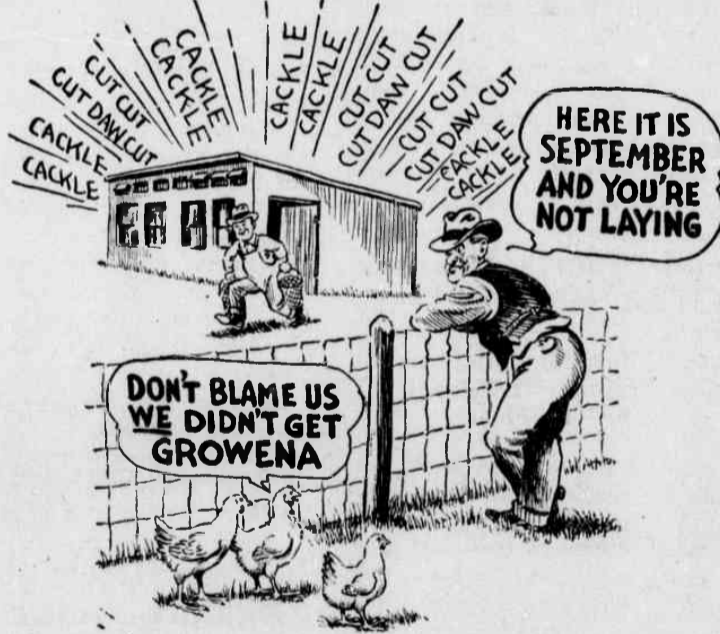
Southern Pines telephone number, 7324

NOTICE!

All dogs not having city license by Monday, May 24th, will be rounded up by the dog catcher and placed in the city pound where they will be held 48 hours before being disposed of. License can be secured from the undersigned.

The owner should see that the dog is vaccinated against rabies. The penalty under the State Law for failure to vaccinate dogs is \$10.00 and costs.

MRS. J. H. TILGHMAN, Tax Collector Municipal Building



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