

Town of Wagram and the Spring Hill Community

One of the Finest Communities Anywhere, a Progressive Town and a Sturdy Citizenship.

What is new the Wagram community has always been known as the Spring Hill community, and the country section of the South can claim more for itself than this locality. It was settled entirely by the Scotch and descendants of this sturdy race are still the majority population. As our forefathers built their homes they also built a church, with the little school house hard by, and so this country neighborhood has had wood schools for more than a hundred years.

From these churches and the school men and women have gone out to bless the world as preachers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, editors, statesmen, nurses and missionaries to foreign lands. It has been said of this community by one who has recently come to live here, "The sunshine here is a little brighter, the birds sing a little sweeter, the moonlight is a little softer, and the color of the flowers a

Gertrude McLaughlin, Mary Janet Livingston and Ann McLaughlin. The summer resort at Wagram is at Riverton Park on the Lumber. Here the class gather for the vacation season, and every afternoon the stream is crowded with bathers from youth to old age, enjoying a dip in this delightful stream of pure water. From a business standpoint Wagram can not be measured by the size of the town. Last season 10,000 bales of cotton were shipped from Wagram. More than 10,000 tons of fertilizer are sold here annually.

A new industry has sprung up in the peach business. Mr. Jno. F. McNair has a hundred-acre orchard. Mr. Jno. A. McKay has a hundred-acre orchard and there are numbers of smaller orchards. Tobacco is also grown successfully. Messrs. R. E. Cooley, Jr., and E. F. Murray are the largest tobacco farmers.

Wagram has an active and progressive Women's Club of fifty members, which has recently been federated with the state organization, with Mrs. Allan McLean as president and Mrs. Ben McLaughlin secretary and treasurer.

Tampico is the world's greatest oil port. Often nine million barrels of oil are shipped from there in a month.



Spring Hill High School, Wagram, N. C.

little gayer than any place I have ever lived."

In such surroundings the poet laureate of North Carolina, John Charles McNeill, was born and reared, and here his body lies sleeping. McNeill was a genius. His books, "Songs, Merry and Sad" and "Lyrics from Cotton Land," will live long after our generation has been forgotten and through him the streams and woods and flowers that he loved and of which he sang will live forever.

The town of Wagram is situated twelve miles from Laurinburg, Maxton and Reaford, and is surrounded by very fine farming lands. The town was named by Capt. J. W. Williams, who brought a narrow gauge railroad to the present site from Red Springs in January, 1896, to take care of his lumber business. The name comes from one of the battles of the Napoleonic wars in Austria. The first store in Wagram was the firm of Alderman & Buie. This was first located at Gilchrist bridge and was moved to Wagram in March, 1896. In October, 1900, the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad was completed as far as Wagram, and in February, 1910, the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad Company also completed its line to this point. Both railroad companies operated trains daily until 1921, when the Aberdeen and Rockfish sold-out to the Laurinburg and Southern, which now operates daily passenger and freight trains from Johns, N. C., to Reaford, county seat of Hoke county.

Wagram has a population of 200 people. There are 12 stores, 1 bank, 2 garages, five filling stations, 3 cotton gins, 1 flour mill, and an opening for cotton mills and oil mill. There are two strong churches, one Baptist, the other Presbyterian. Both have nice brick buildings. Rev. J. M. Arnette is pastor of the Baptist church and has his residence here. Dr. Arnette is beloved by his people and has an active, wide-awake church. Their gifts to benevolence and current expenses average seventy dollars per month.

Rev. V. R. Gaston is pastor of the Presbyterian church. Through the ten years of his pastorate all relations have been harmonious and pleasant. The gifts from this church average fifty dollars per member.

The Spring Hill high school, now located at Wagram, is maintaining its record made in years gone by. Prof. J. J. Pines is principal of the school and he is ably assisted in his work by Misses Kate McMillan, Lil Alderman,

ends of the two big stores, is enormous. Savings to customers by reason of the large amounts of goods purchased by the firm are considerable, and the firm is thus enabled to add continually to the volume of business done.

W. G. BUIE COMPANY

Large Concern Dealing in General Merchandise, Cotton and Fertilizers.

Beginning business about thirty-eight years ago as a small commissary store, the

establishment now known as the W. G. Buie Company has grown to be one of the largest and best known stores of its kind in the northern section of the county. The people of Wagram and the surrounding country have liberally patronized this store, because it carries full and complete stocks of practically everything needed for the home, and because it handles the better class of goods.

The Buie Company has occupied its present location for the past twenty-five years, but in 1910 a new building was erected to meet the growing demands of the business for more space. This building is two stories in height with a large balcony, and contains nearly 9,000 square feet of floor space, every available portion of which is pressed into service in order to accommodate the very large stocks of goods handled. The company handles dry goods, clothing, hardware, furniture, shoes, hats, and in fact practically every article that may be needed for the men, women, and children of the household and the home and farm. Implements for practically all farming operations are handled. Cotton and fertilizers are handled in large quantities during the seasons. Many of the farmers of this section have formed the habit of selling their cotton direct to this concern, which pays full market prices for the staple. The company was incorporated under the laws of North Carolina in 1909.

Among the many exclusive lines of goods carried by the Buie Company may be mentioned a few that show the character of goods handled, such as Craddock-Terry and H. C. Godman shoes, Marx-Haas clothing, and others.

J. A. McKay is president of the company, and W. G. Buie is secretary and active manager of the store, which employs from five to seven persons. Mr. McKay is president of the Bank of Wagram, and has many other interests, particularly in the way of farming. He is a well known and popular citizen, who has many friends in this section. Mr. Buie has been in the mercantile business for many years, and is regarded as an unusually well equipped business man. He is an active member of the chamber of commerce, and is connected with the Presbyterian church. Both of these gentlemen are important factors in the development of the section around the town of Wagram.

SHAW & McLEAN

Leading Physicians of Wagram Operate First Class Drug Store

Recognizing the need of a first class drug store in Wagram, not only for the convenience of the physicians of the surrounding section, but also for the convenience of the people who might need the type of service offered by a modern pharmacy, Drs. Shaw and McLean, about a dozen years ago, established the drug business which is operated under their names. The venture immediately proved successful, and has enjoyed liberal patronage from the general public, which has found the establishment a real necessity. Its business has steadily grown in volume until at present it is a busy and active concern, much larger in extent than the comparatively small store opened in 1912.

Carrying a general line of drugs and sundries, the Shaw & McLean Drug Store gives special attention to the preparation of prescriptions. This part of the work is regarded as the most important, even though it may not be the most remunerative, and there is a certain confidence on the part of the public that must be gained and retained by the successful drug store, especially in the handling of prescriptions. This confidence is preserved by this progressive establishment, and every effort is put forth to retain it.

In the way of drug store merchandise, the establishment is well stocked. It is a large store, with handsomely trimmed oak fixtures, and a marble soda fountain. Arranged in convenient and attractive form, the stock is well displayed by means of modern show-cases, which also protect the goods from the dust and the effects of the outside atmosphere. Everything is kept in the most sanitary and careful manner.

In toilet articles, kodaks, stationery, and drug sundries, the Wagram store is fully as well stocked as the average drug store in this section of country. A large business is done in the handling of these articles, as well as in the better class of candies and confections. Two employees are regularly required to care for the trade, and extra assistance is used on Saturdays and busy occasions.

Dr. W. G. Shaw and Dr. Allan McLean, owners of the store, have their offices in the rear. They are engaged in general practice, and are quite popular in the community. Both are members of the Presbyterian church of which Dr. Shaw is an elder and are loyal citizens of Wagram and Scotland county. The management of the drug store is in charge of Mr. Edwin Shaw, a native of Wagram. Mr. Shaw is a Mason, and a Presbyterian. He is one of the leading of the younger business men of the town, and is well liked by all. Miss Mattie Laster, who is the bookkeeper, is very well known in town. She is a member of the Baptist church.

S. H. Dunlap Enterprises

A town is fortunate when a man of unusual ability, succeeding in one line, finds it possible to develop other phases of business in the community, thus affording to the town the benefit of his ability and experience in more than one department of the business life of the community. Now and then, in a small town, a business man is found who, if he were in a large city, would be connected with mercantile, banking, real estate, and other interests, for the simple reason that his ability would draw him into those activities by reason of his association with men who would be able to recognize the value of his assistance in all these lines of endeavor.

In the smaller town, however, he has somewhat the same experience, as his is practically forced into several different lines of activity, not particularly because he can see the financial rewards from all of them, but because he can see the means of being of service to his neighbors and his community by providing the facilities for several different kinds of business, in all of which he is equally capable and efficient.

Wagram is fortunate, therefore, in the fact that Mr. S. H. Dunlap is one of her citizens. The various lines of business conducted by Mr. Dunlap are well known throughout this section of the county, and he has made many friends by reason of his contacts and service to men in the several different fields of business in which he is engaged.

Among the kinds of business carried on by Mr. Dunlap, perhaps the most important is that conducted under the title of the Sanitary Meat Market. In this establishment are to be found not only the best of meats of all kinds, including fish and game in season, but general lines of merchandise. Established about sixteen months ago, this store has already become one of the busiest and most popular in this section of the county. It handles a full line of groceries, which are kept fresh at all times. Both native and western meats are kept on hand, the large stocks being kept in first-class condition at all times by the well known Shannon refrigerating process. Butter, eggs, poultry, and the like are handled in

large quantities. In addition, a full line of dry goods and general merchandise are handled for the accommodation of the people of Wagram and the rural sections.

A large business is done in this line, including shoes, dry goods, etc. The exclusive agency for the famous Pilot shoe in this territory is held by Mr. Dunlap.

The Wagram Telephone Exchange, covering all the territory from Laurinburg to Reaford, is also under the management of Mr. Dunlap. The line is comparatively new, and is equipped in the most modern and up-to-date way. Service is furnished at all hours of the day and night, and the telephone exchange has been a very important factor in the life of this section of the county. It is used freely by the people, most of whom are subscribers, and they are in this manner kept abreast of the news of all sorts going on in the city. Among the important uses of the telephone in this section may be mentioned the information that can be secured as to marketing produce, cotton, etc. The farmer can find out the condition of the market before he decides to dispose of his products, and can use his judgment before hauling his cotton or his tobacco or his vegetables to the city. The use of the Wagram Telephone Exchange has grown steadily for the past several years, and the community could not get along without the convenience afforded by this important concern.

In the matter of providing insurance in a convenient way for the community, Mr. Dunlap, through the agency of Dunlap & Steele, is an active factor. The insurance business carried on under this firm name for the past year was organized by Mr. Dunlap some eight years ago, and has been conducted by him ever since. Because of his growing interests, however, he has associated with himself in this line Mr. Steele, cashier of the Bank of Wagram. This agency represents some of the leading fire and life insurance companies of the world, including the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and the Atlantic Fire Insurance Company, and the Pacific Mutual Company's policies covering life, health, and accident.

This form of insurance has grown rapidly in popularity in the past few years, its advantages becoming more and more generally recognized. The health and accident policy enables a man to receive amounts in case of illness or injury which are equivalent to his wages. Workmen are coming more and more to avail themselves of the advantages offered by this form of insurance. Dunlap & Steele handle large numbers of policies of this kind, which are written by them in

the leading companies of the country. Every form of insurance, including tornado, automobile, and fire, is available.

Another important line of business in which Mr. Dunlap is engaged, together with Mr. George W. Watson, is dealing in live stock and feeds. They are at present engaged in building a large feed and sales stable on Bundy street, which when completed will be one of the most complete and modern stables in the northern section of Scotland county. The firm will carry at all times a complete assortment of mules, horses, and cows, as well as other live stock, which will be for sale or exchange. Buying large quantities of feed and supplies for their own use, the firm will also keep these articles in stock for sale to the public at the most favorable prices. Mr. Watson has recently joined Mr. Dunlap in the purchase of the interests of Mr. Wynn, of Atlanta, who has been engaged in this line of business in Wagram. The firm will continue the business, conducting it on a still larger and more progressive scale, in response to the needs of the town and the surrounding country. Mr. Watson is a native of Hoke county, and is one of the largest farmers in the county.

A feature of Mr. Dunlap's general mercantile business is the fact that he buys and sells for cash. He is thus able to secure the most favorable prices on everything that he buys, and to offer similar prices to his customers. The expense of carrying accounts, and of losing a considerable proportion of the goods charged, is eliminated by this method, and the business is far more efficiently conducted because it is on a cash basis, while the benefits of the system are liberally shared with the public in lower prices and more prompt service.

In view of all these activities of Mr. Dunlap, it is clear that he is one of the key men in the business life of Wagram. He is possessed of unbounded industry and energy, and is never so well satisfied as when he is busy engaged in the handling of the problems that come before him in his various interests. He has resided at Wagram for the past eight years, during which time he has become one of the town's leading citizens, with many friends throughout this section of the county. He is a native of Scotland county. He is active in the chamber of commerce, and is a Shriner. Mr. Dunlap is deeply interested in the growth and progress of this entire section, and is always ready to aid in any undertaking looking to that end.

J. A. McKay, President

W. G. BUIE, Secretary

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