

Recollections of the Rev. John Monroe

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The house turned in for shelter. A severe thunder storm accompanied the rain. The lightning flashed, and this was followed by heavy claps of thunder. Uncle John Monroe walked up and down the long porch during the thunder storm and my brother coming on to the good man's cot tail. When asked afterward why he held to Uncle John's cot tail he said Uncle John was the best lightning rod around there and he felt safe when so near him.

Our oldest brother, William, who was sent to search for us when we did not reach home, some time during the night halted at Uncle John Monroe's gate and found we were safe there and sound asleep. Next morning after breakfast we hitched up to start home and my brother went out to the barn to get the flour, but Uncle John told him he must not take the flour home on Sunday but come back for it the next day. When William told him that we had not a dust of flour at home, he carefully measured out enough to last the family till Monday, but not another dust would he allow us to take.

Uncle John Monroe's faith was proverbial. When a dry spell came in the summer and the crops were being parched, he would proclaim a day for fasting and prayer. And the oldest citizen said he never knew it to fail to rain very soon after one of these fast days. One summer when the drought was severe a fast day was announced. The people gathered in great numbers. It so happened that Uncle John was sick that day and could not go. My brother William was asked to lead the service. Our cousin, Duncan P. Johnson, whose crop was much in need of rain, was a little late in getting to the church. When he was near the door he met another neighbor, and hearing a voice that did not sound like Uncle John Monroe's, he asked who it was that was leading the meeting. He was informed that Uncle John Monroe was sick and William Johnson was in charge. "Oh, phew!" said Duncan in disgust. "Bill Johnson can't fetch it!" and turning on his heel he went home.

Uncle John Monroe took a lively interest in all the affairs of the community. He was prophet and law-giver. By his wise advice, many disputes about land boundaries were settled out of court. Whenever there was sickness or trouble he was always found, and his prayers by the sick bed were benedictions to the sick as well as to the members of the family who were anxious about the loved ones. His character was so high and his life so far above reproach that his influence is felt in the old Spring Hill community down to the present day, and will go on blessing those who know him and their children's children.

He and Rev. J. A. W. Thomas, of Hamletville, were life long friends, and it was understood between them that when one died the living one would conduct the funeral of his dead friend. True to his promise Mr. Thomas came up and delivered a most tender and touching tribute to the old prophet when his work was ended. In his last prayer, standing by the newly covered grave, he used an expression which many who heard it have never forgotten. He said "May the clouds rest lightly on that breast which so often heaved for others." And from the hearts of all who stood around the grave there was an earnest though silent "amen."

AUTO INN

Popular Establishment Gives Every Service to Motor Cars and Trucks

Established in November, 1922, the Auto Inn, located at Wagram, has met a real need in the community. It is equipped for the handling of every kind of automobile service, and the fact that the concern has been kept extremely busy from the day it began business is an indication of the fact that the community was ready for the undertaking.

Operating a modern drive-in filling station, where Standard and "Good Gulf" gasoline are sold, the Auto Inn is also prepared to render the best of service in the matter of washing and oiling cars, "doping" them in the

most careful and efficient manner, and generally putting new life into the faded car that seems to lag or sag in any of its mechanism. The skill of the men in charge of the Auto Inn seems to be contagious, and their very touch seems to add to the "pep" of the car that comes into the place. Among other services rendered in that of careful and expert attention to trunk case troubles. The reputation of the place in this respect alone has gone out far and wide, and has resulted in the work of this nature being materially increased.

The Auto Inn also carries a full line of accessories and parts for many types of cars. It is the exclusive agency in this territory for the well known Southern tire, which is manufactured in Augusta, Ga., and is rapidly taking its place as the equal of any of the well known makes of tires manufactured in the north and northwest. The management of the Auto Inn is enthusiastic in praise of this article, and fully guarantees all Southern tires sold.

The courtesy that marks the operation of the Auto Inn has been frequently commented upon by motorists from far and near. The management is convinced that this quality is of great value in the conduct of its business, and insists that all employees shall treat all comers with the utmost consideration.

J. L. McKay and Mr. O. D. McKee are proprietors of the Auto Inn. Both are well known throughout this section of the county, Mr. McKay being one of the most extensive farmers in the northern section of Scotland county. Both are active members of the Presbyterian church, and are always interested in the progress and development of Wagram and of the country sections nearby.

BANK OF WAGRAM

Financial Institution Adequately Serves People of Northern Section of County

One of the methods by which a community can be of service to its own people is by providing opportunity for them to keep their money at home. Every town is active in seeking to persuade its citizens to trade at home, rather than to deal with merchants in larger towns, either by visiting those larger towns or by securing goods by the mail order plan. Nearly everyone agrees that better results are obtained by trading at home. In the matter of handling money, the same line of reasoning applies. The community that establishes a bank, operated in a conservative way by men who are known and trusted in the community, is in a fair way to reap substantial benefits from the undertaking, not alone in the increased thrift that is encouraged among the people, but by reason of the fact that the money of the community is put into good hands, where it can be used at the same time that it is being saved and protected.

The Bank of Wagram was organized some fourteen years ago, and since it began operations it has been a boon to the town and the people of the surrounding country. It has been able to accommodate the farmers of the community, as well as the business men, when they needed help, and at the same time it has been able to earn interest on the funds invested in the institution. The Bank of Wagram has been carefully and conservatively managed, and its growth has been steady and regular. Its original capital was \$10,000, which was increased last year to \$15,000, and it carries a surplus fund of \$5,000. As indicating the confidence reposed in the institution, its deposits are considerably more than a quarter of a million dollars, all the money of the

people of this section. An especially gratifying thing about the Bank of Wagram is the large number of farmers who regularly patronize the institution. The relationship between the bank and its farmer patrons is particularly close, and is highly prized by the management of the bank. It occupies a substantial building, with a large vault, containing a number of safety deposit boxes. The fixtures in the banking room are of handsome oak design, and the bank presents a splendid appearance.

The Bank of Wagram was organized by John A. McKay and W. G. Shaw, president and vice president, respectively. Mr. McKay is president of the W. G. Bule Co., and has large farming interests in the county. Dr. Shaw is a practicing physician, part owner of Wagram's leading drug store, and largely interested in farming. The operation of the bank is in the hands of J. N. Steele, cashier, who gives his entire attention to the conduct of the business. Mr. Steele is regarded as a safe and conservative banker, and is very popular throughout this section of the county.

SCOTLAND HARDWARE CO.

Everything in the General Hardware, Farming Implement and Building Material Line

A good hardware and building material store is an important element in the development of any community. In the first place, it is an opportunity for those who wish to build, and in the second place it is an indication that the inclination to build is present in the community.

Wagram is fortunate, therefore, in being the home of such a concern as the Scotland Hardware Company. It is a great convenience to those in this section of the county who need such articles, and it is a good sign that things are being done in the community. Carrying a general line of hardware and farming implements the Scotland Hardware Company also does a big business in building materials, tools, and the like, including mill supplies, paints, etc.

Organized in 1910, the company has enjoyed a liberal share of patronage from the community and the surrounding territory, and about three years ago found it necessary to enlarge its facilities and quarters. In 1921 a new building of modern design and equipment was constructed to accommodate the business. Since that time the continued growth of the volume of business has been very gratifying to the management. The building is spacious, containing some 5,000 square feet of floor space. From three to five persons are required to handle the sales end of the business.

Among the exclusive lines handled by the Scotland Hardware Company may be mentioned United States tires, Oliver chilled plows, Majestic ranges, and many others. It carries a full line of harness, plows, wire fencing, cutlery, guns, shells, paints, oils, etc. Another department of the business that is a great convenience to the people of the community is the stock of house furnishings which has been added to the business, and which has proved quite popular, especially with the ladies of Wagram and the country nearby.

F. E. Sexton is president of the company, W. L. Trotter is vice president, and S. J. Womble is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Sexton and Mr. Trotter are well known business men, with many connections throughout the state. Mr. Womble is in charge of the operation of the store as manager. He is a member of the chamber of commerce and of the Presbyterian church. He has lived in Wagram for the past fourteen years, and is a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of the town.



Presbyterian Church, Wagram, N. C.

Scotland Hardware Company

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GENERAL HARDWARE, FARMING IMPLEMENTS

MILL SUPPLIES, BUILDING MATERIAL

SPORTING GOODS

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NORTH CAROLINA

JOHN A. MCKAY, President

W. G. SHAW, Vice President

J. N. STEELE, Cashier

BANK OF WAGRAM

WAGRAM, NORTH CAROLINA

CAPITAL \$15,000.00

SURPLUS \$5,000.00

DEPOSITS \$250,000.00

A MODERN FILLING STATION

Auto Inn

GAS, OIL, TIRES, TUBES AND ACCESSORIES

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And That Is

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DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES AND

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