

THE PASSING YEARS

BY CHARLES MACAULEY
Second Week of December

1940
Charles W. Picquet awarded 1940 Kiwanis Builder's Cup; Governor Clyde R. Hoey Club's honor guest. "Mose" Shirley loses life as home burns.

1936
Pennsylvania avenue pavement completed from Bennett street to city line in West Southern Pines. V. O. Taylor of Duke University spent the week-end in Southern Pines.

Southern Pines firemen are repairing toys for the first preparatory to playing Santa Claus.

1931
Jack's Grill to open with new features.

Mrs. P. P. Wootley, Mrs. E. C. Eddy, Mrs. L. L. Woolley, Mrs. S. V. Hooker, Mrs. Max Backer and Mrs. C. Waldie attended a district meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Monday at Asheville.

1925
The Moore County Hounds will meet for the first Fox Hunt of the

season next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and the Fox Hounds will meet every Monday during the season.

The first annual election of the Men's Club was held in the club house Monday night. J. N. Mills was elected president; D. H. Turner, vice-president; Charles Macauley, secretary-treasurer.

1920
The Chandler power plant on the Carthage road was burned Saturday night, at midnight. Quick work from Southern Pines with chemicals saved the dynamo and boiler house.

Don't miss your opportunity to get a free turkey at Chandler's — one ticket for every dollar you spend there.

1914
Thou shalt not take thy neighbor's holly—without permission. So says Miss Thompson of Hedgerow and Cedar Pines Villa.

Sandhill Board of Trade will give a banquet at Highland Pines Inn on night of December 18. Clarence Poe and others to speak.

1911
The gentleman who was recently mentioned as looking over the fig proposition in this section writes that his people have planted a large area in Louisiana to figs and expect later to come to Moore county and make a careful investigation. He says if he becomes convinced that figs can be grown here profitably, he will buy a large tract of land.

1906
At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, held December 10th, a dividend of ten dollars per share on the capital stock of the bank was declared.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Swett have received a cable announcing the safe arrival of their son, James, at Manila where he has a two years term of service, as a civil engineer, in the employ of the government.

1901
Col. J. Van Lindley was in the city a few days since looking over his varied interests. His peach orchard of 18,000 trees is in a very flourishing condition.

A. W. Stuart and wife, father and mother of our townsman, W. J. Stuart, from Steuben county, N. Y., are here for a visit.

WELL-KNOWN NEGRO CITIZEN DROPS DEAD WHILE AT WORK

A well-known and respected citizen of West Southern Pines, Mrs. Mattie J. Wicker, dropped dead while at her work last week, and funeral services were held last Sunday in the Church of God of Christ of which she was a member. Elder J. C. Griffin

Postal Receipts Up 80% Over Last Year

November Stamp Revenues Show Large Gain; Money Orders Also in Demand

One local establishment did over 80 percent more business during this past November than during November a year ago, almost all of the increase being attributed to presence of soldiers.

The local postoffice reported stamp revenues for November totaling \$3,367.83, compared to \$1,868.52 for the same month last year, an increase of 80.2 percent. November sales also exceeded those of October of this year by about 9.4 percent, the October stamp revenues being \$3,076.31.

Although not included in official tabulation of post office revenues, the money order business of the Federal establishment also boomed during the month, according to P. Frank Buchanan, postmaster. During November, 1940, 1,484 money orders were written for \$12,712.49; but during the past month, 2,776 money orders were sent out of here for \$43,473.17. Buchanan said most of this increase was in money sent home by soldiers.

The deceased leaves a family of two daughters, two sons, a grandchild, three sisters and five brothers.

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Clear November

Of the 30 Days, 24 Were All Clear and Only Four Days with Rain Reported

A few cold mornings, one with a recorded temperature of 23 degrees, brought forth remarks, not about Florida, but about the summerlike temperatures prevailing from wherever you hailed from up north. However, as this is written, blooming chrysanthemums and azaleas are still plentiful, and emerald lawns are bright in the brilliant Carolina sunshine which is sending the mercury in exposed thermometers up to 110 degrees.

Twenty-four days of the month were all clear, four days partly cloudy, two days cloudy and four days with rain, the heaviest shower .32 inches on the 21st. Seventeen days recorded maximum temperatures ranging from 70 to 78 degrees. Lowest temperature 23 degrees on the eleventh. The month's daily figures registered an increase of 4.5 degrees maximum, a decrease of 4.2 degrees minimum and an almost normal average.

The rainfall for the month was only 1.02 inches, 1.41 inches less than normal, increasing the shortage for the 11 months of the year to 10 inches. This scant amount of precipitation was distributed on four widely scattered days, a blessing for the men under tents but not so good for the dusty secondary roads or the parch-

Wilkerson Funeral Held Last Saturday

Funeral services for Oscar F. Wilkerson, Jr., of Durham, who lived for a time in Southern Pines and married

ed fields.	Max.	Min.	Aver.
Long time	64.5	41.3	52.3
1940	63.1	38.2	50.7
1941	68	37.1	52.5

the former Miss Mary Hall, were conducted last Saturday morning in Durham, at Maplewood cemetery. Wilkerson died in Duke Hospital Thursday night from self-inflicted bullet wounds. Members of the family said he had been in a depressed mental state because of ill health, and had seen a doctor shortly before shooting himself with a .32 calibre pistol in front of the Hospital. Members of Mrs. Wilkerson's family and several friends from Southern Pines attended the funeral.

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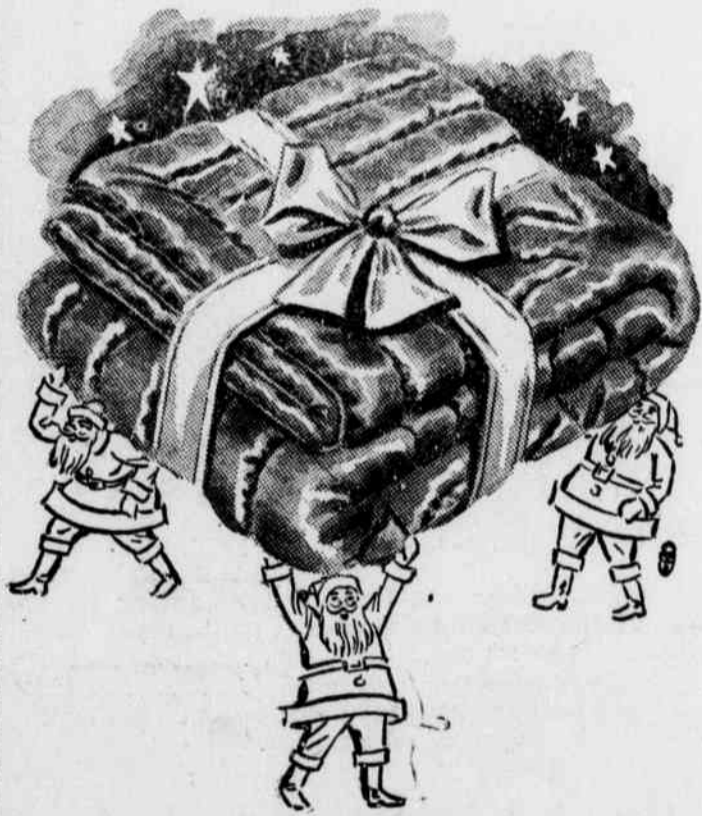
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