

BOOK PARTY NOTES

Are 'Southern' Towns All Vanishing?
Author Wellman Thinks Maybe So

Manly Wade Wellman, who at one time was a member of the flourishing writer's colony in Southern Pines, hasn't lost any of his charm or elegant ability to hold on to an audience, one would guess after attending the autograph party at the Country Bookshop Monday of last week.

Wellman joined Mrs. Mebane Holloman Burgwyn for the party which attracted one of the largest crowds to such an event in recent years. For many of the guests there, it was like old home week listening to Wellman, a former resident of Pinebluff and one who took an active part in that town's affairs.

"Southern Pines isn't a Southern town," Wellman said, "but then again, just what is a Southern town? Surely Charlotte or Winston-Salem or Greensboro or

Atlanta couldn't be considered one. Maybe Carthage, and perhaps a half-dozen other county seats I know of, come close. At least as close as anything else to what is generally believed to be the typical picture of a 'Southern town.'"

Mrs. Burgwyn didn't say much about towns... she lives with her family in an isolated area on Occaneechee Neck of the Roanoke River in northeastern North Carolina. It's seldom she even gets to town, though you'd never know it after listening to her charming conversation.

Wellman, meeting old friends, seemed happy to be back. He inquired of the politics in Pinebluff—"terrific little place that I surely miss"—in Moore County, and had much to say about the situation in Chapel Hill, where

he presently lives.

"I'd like to come back here," he said, "but I need the facilities of the library at the University for research and many other things I'm doing."

Hundreds of people crowded into the little shop, many of them delegates to the annual North Carolina School Supervisors meeting being held at the Hollywood. Many of them bought books.

Wellman's big scrawl could be had for the asking... so could Mrs. Burgwyn's.

All told, it was a very successful party, according to Lockie Parker of the Bookshop.

REPLACE CULLS

Dairy Extension Specialist Marvin E. Senger says if progress toward better production is to be made in any herd, the culls must be replaced by animals with the possibility of higher production. This North Carolina State College specialist adds that you should select these herd replacements from the higher producing cows in the herd and from bulls that have demonstrated their ability to improve production. Just replacing "a cow for a cow" generally will not result in increased production, says Senger.

WITH THE

ARMED FORCES

Pvt. Ernest Paye, son of Mrs. Jorell Paye, Southern Pines, recently was graduated from the Third Army food service school's eight-week cooking course at Fort Benning, Ga.

The course, one of three taught at the school, covered the preparation of food in Army mess halls and in the field.

Paye attended Southern Pines High School and was employed by the city of Monroe before entering the Army last June.

Sergeant First Class William W. Oldham, whose wife, Betty, and father, Donald C. Oldham, live on Route 1, West End, recently was assigned to the 9393d Army Unit at White Sands Proving Ground, N. M.

Sergeant Oldham a labor foreman in the unit's Detachment 1, entered the Army in 1944 and received basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He is a veteran of service in Europe and the Far East.

Winferd A. Cox, son of Mrs. Reba E. Cox of Bell Avenue, Southern Pines, graduated from recruit training November 3 at the Naval Training Center, Great

Lakes, Ill.

The nine weeks of "boot camp" includes drill and instruction in seamanship, gunnery, life saving, sea survival, boat handling and the use of small arms.

There are more than 200 mountains in Western North Carolina reaching an altitude of 5,000 feet or more. Mt. Mitchell, highest in Eastern America, is 6,684 feet high.

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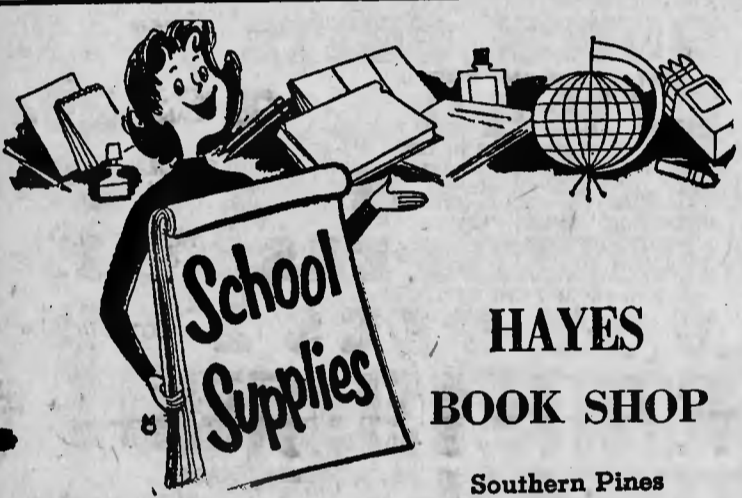
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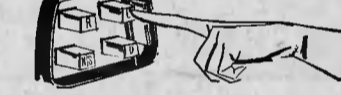

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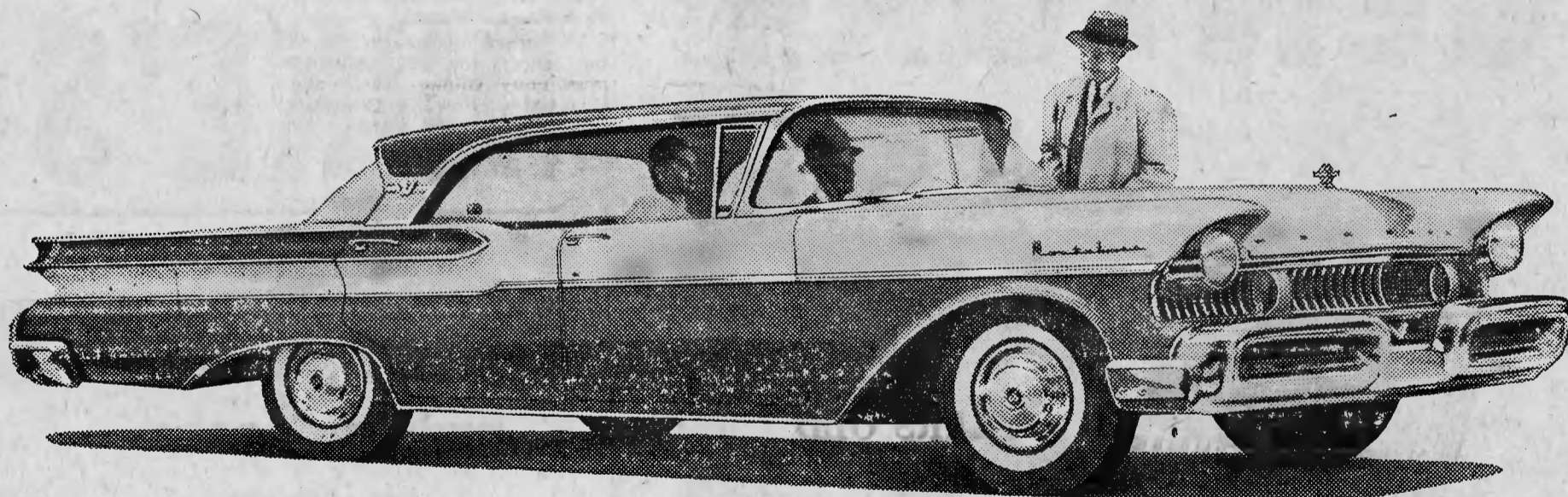
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