

# Our Yesterdays

History — Biography — Genealogy  
(By A. T. OUELAW)

## NATURAL WELLS—Magnolia:

An account of the natural wells near Magnolia appeared in one of the County newspapers a few years ago. The account, written at Magnolia, is substantially as follows:

"On an isolated sandhill near the Magnolia-Delway highway, about one and a half miles from this little Duplin County town, are the 'Natural Wells of Magnolia.'

At least one of these two water-filled holes, according to local legend has no bottom, and if geologists or others have ever learned differently no one here knows anything about it.

Many generations ago—so far back that people hereabouts do not remember—these wells were discovered in their isolated settings, amid dense natural growth. Presumably they are now just as they were back in the forgotten past. Dim outlines of paths lead to the brink of the wells, for hundreds have visited them through the years. Traffic now speeds along the nearby road. Occasionally people, individually and in groups, walk through the underbrush to view these wonders that nature has provided, but they go away as greatly puzzled as ever. And man has never been able to do much about the mysterious water holes.

People of the Magnolia section take the wells as a matter of course. The wells are too ancient to be news. They still hold their secrets, just as they did when discovered back in pioneer days. They cannot be classed as a wonder that would attract through, for it must be admitted that a hole of water is not much to look at—especially if it is a hole that man does not dare to explore beneath the water's surface. So they remain just as nature left them.

The wells are located on land owned by R. W. Groves. One of them is very large, being about 100 feet across. The water in this well rises to about 35 feet of the land level. The walls of it go down in precipitous fashion. In times past steps were cut into the sides of the well, thus enabling people to go to the water's edge, but these have now been obliterated. Timber, some of it several inches in diameter, grows up to the edge of the hole, and it is said that several large oak trees have been blown over into the well, disappearing entirely from sight. A large log now lies across the well and apparently is held in its present position by the roots.

Legend has it that something like 160 years ago a man named George Linton was determined to sound out the depth of the large well. He unraveled a woman's stitching, which had been knit from material much stronger than that from which the sheer hosiery of the present time is made; tied a weight to one end of the string and let it down as far as the string would reach, but no bottom was found.

Another attempt was made later, according to the story, to determine the hole's depth. This time a Major Taylor, now dead, tied a clock weight, which provided momentum for the old-time clocks, to a cord 600 feet long and let it down. But this effort to sound the depth was, like Linton's, a failure, and thus folks hereabouts say the well has no bottom. They have found no one who can authoritatively dispute the claim.

As far as known neither of the wells has inlet or outlet. No streams are nearby, but, according to local residents, the water seems to be pure. It is as clear as that found in any sand-hill stream. A few minnows have been seen darting through the water, but if there are any larger fish or other life in the wells no one here seems to know.

There was a time when the wells attracted attention of scientists, and it is said that in years past several western universities sent representatives here to investigate them. It is also said that a group of scientific men from Washington made an investigation. It was not learned here what the finds of these men were, or whether they ever definitely determined what causes the wells.

Apparently the wells are just as much a mystery as they were a century and a half ago, or perhaps longer, when they were discovered. Certainly, their secrets still remain in the depths of the water as far as Magnolia people know. School geographies have mentioned them along with other phenomena of the State, it is said, but this much remains to be determined, where does the water come from and where does it go."

# What They Learn at School for 'Angels of the Airways'

## STEWARDESSES

BEFORE she is sent aloft to keep airline passengers comfortable and happy, the air stewardess must learn the ropes in special classes, such as the one conducted at Kansas City, Mo., and pictured here.

The girls, most of whom are graduate nurses, must be taught the proper manner in which an air stewardess greets passengers at the door of a plane; how to move about in the aisle; what to say and what not to say in conversing with passengers; the correct way to serve hot food prepared in the plane's buffet; how to make up a berth neatly and correctly (as pictured at right); the correct make-up of face and nails, and dozens of other things.

A prospective stewardess must be of somewhat mechanical bent, too, for she must understand instruction in the building of an airplane; in the heating system of the cabin; why and how a plane flies, and the duties and ability of the pilot while aloft.



Picture Parade



Servings not meal to a passenger in the clouds is no simple trick. The student shown above is practicing the deft art and doing very well. A typical meal which might be served aloft to an airline passenger would include fried chicken or lamb chops, potato chips, fruit salad, coffee and nuts.



Paper dishes are usually used for meals in the sky, but the silverware must be polished (as shown above) in the liner's compact buffet.

# To BE-LIEVE or Not To BE-LIEVE

By [Name]

Imagine you were an average man, but with a few special talents. You would be called "talented" today, but now he has thought of another use which has worried him intermittently for years. On the Kansas-Delway highway, in the suburbs of either Greenville or Aiken, there is one which portrays the funny of life in clear cut fashion. At the place mentioned there is a small, dim group of unpainted cabins and a few scrubby trees scattered along a sandy lane. Half-naked negro children play in front of the doors in summer and freeze inside during the winter. But at the entrance to that lane there is a sign which declares in large letters, "This is COLLEGE VIEW PARK. For Those Who Care." One can't help but chuckle as one hurries by on the highway, "Yes! Well, who cares?"

Seems as if Hood's Drug Store, in Kinston, is an excellent place for picking up unusual stories. Believe it or not, this juggler of puny words was in there a couple of days ago and saw a sight hitherto unknown to man. Something came in the door, and on close examination it proved to be a wrinkled old Indian, with flowing black hair and a tea-gallon hat. Your correspondent stealthily trailed him through the maze of counters and tables of the drug department, where the mysterious herb doctor proceeded in a very commonplace way to buy his herbs. Tut, tut, such a disappointment!

By the way, your typical tattletale has found a very simple means of determining how high tobacco is selling in any given market without having to follow sales and look at bills. You merely look into a warehouse, count the number of drunks within 30 feet of the bookkeeper's office, multiply by five, and divide by two. There you have the average price for the day's sales—maybe. At any rate, if there are quite a few sappy farmers reeling about arm in arm inquiring for the ABC store you may feel confident that prices are high. And if they are sitting on piles of tobacco with sadly sober expressions, on their drawn faces you may be equally as confident that prices are low.

Well, I see between the specks on the window that the Greyhound bus has come in, which reminds me that this is a day's life, which sets me to thinking of the work I need to be doing, so I'll see you next week.

# Sell Tobacco On High Market In Wilson Now

(By Geo. L. Wainwright)  
With its goal set at \$6,000,000 pounds this season, the Wilson tobacco market capped off its ninth week of selling this year with the sale of \$1,760,000 lbs. which brought an official average of 25.25¢.

Today's activities will mark another high spot for this great center and the thousands of farmers here to get more money, for their produce are watching the efforts on the part of the sales managers in carrying their cash and every lot to a very pleasing point. The average price for today is expected to fall over last week's price and tower even over the high mark set last Monday.

The five sets of buyers operating in full force, and in the prime for the purchases made during the 1937 season are working in perfect rhythm and are filling heavy orders for their companies as each day passes and through their wide range of experience are paying more money than in the case at any other point. Wilson leads all markets in pounds sold and money paid out this season and day by day, in carrying its load to greater levels. Warehousemen in Wilson advise all growers to sell their tobacco in Wilson now while prices are good.

A children's restaurant at the 1936 Golden Gate International Exposition will serve specially prepared food prepared to appeal to youngsters.

In Santa Barbara, to date, and in the future, the 1936 World's Fair will be a great success.

new means to be broken from week to week.

REVIVAL AT KERR  
Rev. W. E. Schenk, of the First Methodist Church, is conducting a revival at Kerr, N. C.

PINK HILL RESIDENT IS HONORED IN UTAH  
Relatives at Pink Hill have been informed that Clarence Tye...

Bill has been elected president of the College of Arts and Sciences at Young University, Young, Utah.

Special is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hall of Pink Hill. He is studying business administration at the university.

Somebody of Mr. Hains, National Park will be displayed in the State of Washington's exhibit at the 1938 World's Fair of the West at San Francisco.

# DUBLIN THEATRE WANSAW, N.C.

- Program Week of November 1st—
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST — "FIT FOR A KING" Joe E. Brown, Helen Mack
  - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND — "PARADISE ISLE" JACK POT — 2:30 & 8:00 P.M. WARREN HULL
  - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD — "WIND JAMMER" GEORGE O'BRIEN
  - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH — "LOVE UNDER FIRE" DON AMECHE, LORETTA YOUNG
  - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH — "SATURDAY'S HEROES" VAN HUFFIN, MARIE WAREH Foot Ball Picture of the Season
  - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1:30 TO 10:45 — "RICHES OF THE DAWN" JACK RANDAL
  - OWL SHOW—11:00 — "REPORTED MISSING" JEAN ROGERS



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- FRESH COUNTRY EGGS, doz 35c
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- MOUNTAIN LAUREL Compound LARD, 4 lbs. . . . 49c
- TALL OATS Carnation MILK . . . . . 3 for 25c

- MARKET
- Fresh Country SAUSAGE, lb. . . 25c
  - LIVER PUDDING lb. . . . . 18c
  - Native PORK CHOPS, lb. . . . 28c
  - Native STEAK, Round, lb. . . . 28c
  - STEW, Pound . . . . . 12 1/2c

# R & M GROCERY AND MARKET KENANSVILLE, N. C.

# Distribution of Forestry Seedlings

J. B. Lattay, District Forester at Fayetteville, announces that for the fall of 1937 and the spring of 1938, two and a half million forest tree seedlings are available at the State Forest Nursery near Clayton, N. C., which is operated by the Forestry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The District Forester urges that those who are interested in forest tree planting make their applications now to the plant nursery. Applications and arrangements of terms of distribution are available at the District Forester's Office at the above address or from the State Forester.

The applications are in the order they are received. The supply is exhausted next year the supply of seedlings will be equal to the demand.

Plans are underway to double the capacity of the State Forest Nursery for next year so that 5 million trees will be available for the fall of 1938 and the spring of 1939.

The species of trees now growing at the nursery consist of loblolly or old field pine, longleaf pine, short leaf pine, black locust, white oak and slash pine. The slash pine is not a native tree of North Carolina and its planting is recommended only in an experimental way in most of the counties of the state.

Over 215 million forest trees were planted in the United States last year on Federal Forest land, and the southeastern states distributed 86 million trees to private individuals from State Nurseries.

If you are interested in setting trees this fall or spring, get in touch with Mr. Lattay at Fayetteville or Ralph Miller, Duplin Co. Forester will be glad to assist and advise you.

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