

# POOLE'S MEDLEY

By D. SCOTT POOLE

While prices of farm produce remained up in the late 60's the South made great gains, and were recovering their lost ground in a financial way, but in 1873 the prices on middling cotton dropped to 8 1-2 cents per pound and for 30 years averaged that price, and the country was broke, a nation of beggars.

Capt. Wm. Black of Maxton was going to a big meeting some distance away, and a few nights before he left, he was with several of us together and he was almost begging us for some of us to accompany him on the trip, but none of us could go.

Capt. Black really was in earnest

persuading McKay McKinnon to go with him, and Mack said: "Well, Captain Black I would be the gladdest in the world, and I would go, if I had either the money or the clothes." Everybody was like that.

I believe Southerners are the best and bravest people. Both men and women are alike brave. Women shrink from danger, but let her child become endangered, and you will see no sign of fear. The greatest airmen on earth are Southerners, so they say.

John K. McNeill, Jr., a machinist, was at home for a few days last week. He has been in every state in the Union, and his brother Ed is in New Guinea. It is interesting to talk with John K., and others who are in the service.

Last week I mentioned the fact that

birds are not so numerous as they were in my boyhood days. One winter, I made and set a line of traps, made of split sticks of boardhearts, and I went to mill before I went to look at my traps. When I returned about 10 A. M., I went around and brought in 14 quail, partridges, I called them.

I saw but two falls, when there were pigeons, wild ones. One of those falls there were only a few, but the other fall there were enough to look alarmingly at times. I killed but few.

There is a sentence in Quackenbos' English Grammar that reads: In North Carolinas droves of blackbirds a mile long are seen." Some of our neighbors killed numbers of both wild pigeons and blackbirds. They are both fine meat, but the blackbirds are better.

There is no such word as "wont", or "won't." An apostrophe is used to indicate omitted letters, and in that sense, "won't" is an abbreviation of would not, past tense, but it is always meant for "will not", future time indicated.

This global war has been going on four years, and it will go on indefinitely, if peace is enforced by standing armies. But there is no controlling mad dogs and rattlesnakes but to kill them, and nearly half the folks on earth have acted as such.

The time may come, "when each can feel a brother's sigh. And with him bear a part; When sorrow flows from eye to eye, And joy from heart to heart." But that seems distant at this time. There are now not fewer than 30 million men under arms, the seas working alive with warships, and the skies darkened with airplanes.

We can estimate the total cost of the war in collars, but we cannot comprehend the meaning of the sum, nor can any human place any just estimate upon the heart-anguish suffered by loved ones. "Oh, eternity is too short," to make any conceivable estimate of that.

## Man Who Claims To Be 132, Passes Away

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Sayed Mehrem, who claimed to be 132 years old, died at the County hospital last night following a heart attack.

Mehrem, who said he was born in Egypt on January 11, 1811, believed that life was eternal and frequently reiterated his conviction he would live "a lot longer."

## Hoke Negro Sings In London's Royal Albert Hall

Timberland Soldier, Corporal Herman Morrison, in Engineer Aviation Group Chorus.

(Special To News-Journal) HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS—(Delayed)—Corporal Herman Morrison, 36, of Timberland, N. C., soon will appear in a chorus of 256 colored Engineer Aviation troops on the stage of London's Albert Hall in a concert of American spiritual and patriotic music.

Roland Hayes, the colored tenor, and the London Symphony Orchestra also will be featured in the concert which, under the sponsorship of Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express", promises to be one of the outstanding events of the current season.

The program will be presented on September 28 and 29. Proceeds from the first performance will be divided between British and American war charities. The September 29 concert will be open only to members of Allied armed forces.

Rehearsals are held at night in a Nissen hut theatre near the Flying Fortress airport being built by the Engineer Aviation troops. Trained to handle the huge mixing and paving machines, surveying instruments and other equipment needed for the construction of the huge airdrome, the men work double shifts to rush their vital job to completion. What free time they have had in the past two months was given, voluntarily, to rehearsals.

The chorus will be directed by First Sergeant Alexander Jordan of St. Paul, Minnesota, a former member of the Tuskegee Institute chorus, and Corporal James McDaniel of Kansas City, Missouri, formerly a radio singer with the "Charioteers". Corp. Morris-n, son of Julia A. Morrison, has been in the Army 14 months.

## THE BOYS DIDN'T NOTICE GOVERNORS

Omaha, Sept. 22.—Three governors—John W. Brick, r of Ohio, Prentice Cooper of Tennessee and J. M. Broughton of North Carolina—visited Boy's Town here.

They gained scant attention from a crowd of youngsters.

The boys surrounded Gov. Cooper's chauffeur, clad in the striking uniform of a Tennessee highway patrolman.

## LINE UP BROTHER!



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## D. H. Pearson Has 81st Birthday

D. H. Pearson celebrated his 81st birthday Sunday, Sept. 26th, at his home on Route one, Red Springs.

Those present for the birthday dinner included: Mrs. Sara Smith of Hamlet. Mr. and Mrs. Will Gibson and daughter of Laurel Hill, Mrs. Susan Davis, Mrs. Rex Currie, Mrs. Roland Currie, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hasty, of Red Springs, route one.

Mrs. Pearson, who has been confined to her bed for over a year, celebrated her 83rd birthday in March.

## Prolific Jersey Cow Is Rival Of Mrs. Dionne

State College, Miss., Sept. 27.—James Griffin, young Columbia, Miss., farmer, believes he has a sort of bovine rival for Mrs. Dionne—"Brownie," a grade "A" Jersey cow, who has produced one set of triplets, three sets of twins and two additional calves in the last six years. The butcher has received a share of Brownie's offspring, but she is also twice a grandmother at the age of nine.

## COTTON PICKING CHAMP

Blytheville, Ark., Sept. 22.—Thirty-eight-year-old Buck Wesley, Hornesville, Mo., school teacher who picks cotton in his spare time, is the 1943 national cotton picking champion. The stocky Wesley won the title on a Delta farm near here yesterday by putting together 121 pounds in two hours.

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## VACCINATION OF DOGS

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