

Along The Way

By Emily Kilette

The younger generation often hears stories about places that were once popular in Duplin, but the tales leave only an understanding that the area was well-liked and never mentions the history. Today many of the local young people have heard of Maxwell's Mill near Pink Hill but know little about its history.

Maxwell's Mill enjoyed the reputation as a good place for family, church and civic events during the early- to mid-1900s and today many of the younger generation have heard its stories and seen the old place. The September 26 issue of the DUPLIN TIMES in 1947 published an article about Maxwell's Mill and its owner, H.D. Maxwell. The story explained the events which led the mill to become one of the area's most popular recreational spots.

The story of Maxwell's Mill centers around one person, the owner, H.D. Maxwell and his love for people. The following is the article written about Maxwell and his mill.

"H.D. Maxwell — that's Durwood, the old Doc's boy, or to you old timers, Flave Maxwell's son — has done a lot more during his life than you'd think from his lazy way of talking and moving. He started out as a boy helping his Pa with his doctoring, driving horse and buggy, helping deliver babies, and pulling teeth. He bought one of the first automobiles in this section of the country, a two-cylinder Maxwell with the gear shift over the left running board, and you could see the grown-ups and kids in Chocolate running to get a look at it most any day as Durwood and the Doc went chugging along on their rounds of visiting the sick.

That was Durwood's life work until the day the Doctor died in 1932. Then he had to give up doing for the

Duplin School Menus

April 23-27

Breakfast
Mon., Tues. & Wed. - No school
Thur. - sausage biscuit, cereals, fruit or juice, milk
Fri. - cheese toast, cereals, fruit or juice and milk

Lunch
Mon., Tue., & Wed. No school
Thur. - peanut butter sandwich, burrito with cheese, vegetable beef soup, baked beans, fruit crisp, prunes with marshmallows
Fri. - hot ham and cheese sandwich, fish with hushpuppies, french fries, greens, fruited gelatin, applesauce
Each lunch is served with lowfat chocolate or plain milk.

CLASS REUNION

A 15th anniversary class reunion is being planned by members of the South Lenoir High School graduating class of 1969. Class members interested in helping plan the reunion should contact Mike Taylor in Kinston at 522-2375.

WINNEBAGO CLUB TO HOLD STATE RALLY

The Winnie TarWheels, a state Winnebago camping club, will hold its rally this year in Kenansville on April 27-29 starting at 12 noon on Friday and continuing until noon on Sunday.

Festivities will take place at the Kenansville School on Highway 11. Many units are expected from out-of-state as well as from North Carolina. Activities will include tours of the winery, ham factory and gardens in the local area.

Any Winnebago owner who would be interested in attending is welcome to join in with the fun.

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people of Chocolate. That's where the mill comes in.

He first built the mill on the old Jarman mill site in Chocolate, two miles from Pink Hill, in 1927. The dam broke in 1928 and then the millhouse burned, but he kept building it back.

After the Doc died, he ran the mill as a full-time job.

The present familiar structure houses the mill itself and has space for a lot of other activities. There's a little store where you can get a cold drink and always find somebody to talk to. Folks coming to the mill like to sit around and talk and the slow

rhythm of the rocks furnishes a comfortable background.

One end of the mill house used to be for storage but that's different now. About three years ago Durwood and Sadie (whom he married 32 years ago) converted it into living quarters and moved in. Now there's seldom a time when somebody isn't at the mill, even when Durwood is gone on his frequent fishing trips.

Of course, the most familiar things about the mill are the picnic tables, the barbeque pit and the pond.

Almost everybody thinks of the mill when he starts thinking about a picnic, barbeque dinner, fish fry or

weiner roast, and that suits Durwood fine. He likes to have his friends around him. That's why he built the picnic tables and the barbeque pit, and he's likely to bring a couple of crates of cold pop over from the store and refuse any pay for them when you're gathered around the table.

The pond is a haven for young and old alike. If you want to go fishing, boat-riding or swimming, you're always welcome.

Yes, most people are acquainted with Maxwell's Mill and with Durwood, and we believe that most will agree that he's doing a lot for the people of Chocolate."

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