

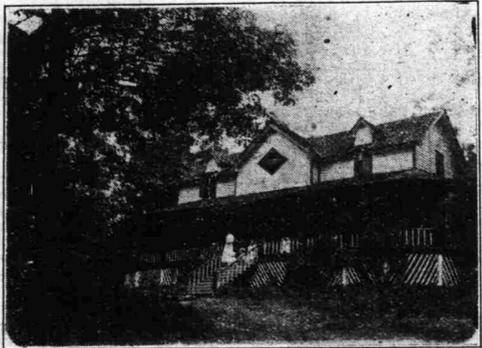
SALUDA

A Short Historical Sketch of Polk County's Popular Summer Resort In
"The Land of the Sky."

The name "Saluda" takes one back to the days of long ago, when the Red Man wandered through these mountains, pitching his wigwam in sheltered places, hunting the bear and wild turkey and fishing in the mountain streams. But the happy, attractive summer resort at the top of Saluda mountain did not come into existence until years after, even centuries, after the Indians, for whom

South Carolinians suffering from their intensely hot summers, came tried our wonderful climate, and came again, bringing more people with them. Among early visitors were Rev. Mr. McCullough, Bishop Howe, Dr. Geddings, of Augusta, Stephens Wimers, Mr. Wm. Hinson, Dr. Golet, the Alldrich family, Col D'Arcy Duncan and Dr V. V. Moore. Dr. Golet decided to settle here

third. Mr. J. B. Cullipher is now the genial postmaster, and the imposing brick postoffice is a great improvement on the first office of not so many years ago. In 1893 the Misses Herriott, of Charleston, S. C., built Melrose Inn, still the largest summer hotel in the town. Every season large crowds, many of them people of Charleston, visit this hotel. In 1901 Mrs. J. K.



Baby Hospital, Saluda, N. C.

it was named, had departed to their Happy Hunting Grounds.

Many living in the town at this day remember when its pretty homes and lawns were silent woods, owned by the Thompson's and the Paces, and known locally, as Pace's Gap. Only two houses stood in what is now the corporate limits of Saluda, and the surrounding country was very sparsely settled.

One of the oldest inhabitants is Mr. R. W. Pace, 83 years of age, a man who has lived a long and useful life, respected by all his neighbors. In his boyhood days there were subscription schools at Friendship church, Macedonia and Mountain Page, which he attended. He remembers how the people did their trading at Flat Rock, Spartanburg, Greenville and Asheville, traveling in wagons.

In 1878 came the railroad blazing the way for the town that was to come. The railroad was built by convicts, in charge of Col. A. Tanner, who was one of the most public spirited of the town's founders. He had a breakfast house at the top of the grade, and a commissary to supply his employees. Many still living remember the great July 4, 1878, when the first train came up the grade to what is now Saluda. An excursion was run from Spartanburg, and the people from the country came for miles in vehicles, on horseback or on foot, to celebrate the event. Until the road was completed in 1880, stage coaches carried passengers from the head of the grade to Hendersonville and Asheville, the drivers and horses being boarded by Mr. R. W. Pace.

The first store in the present town was run by John Forrest, who built the "Saluda House" for boarders, then followed the "Mountain House," built by Col. Tanner and run by him as a hotel as long as he lived. Thus Saluda began as a summer resort and

permanently, and so became the first resident physician. Before he came, doctors at Hendersonville, were sent for, and with no telephones or automobiles in those days Saluda's healthful climate was a blessing indeed. Julia Golet, a deaconess in the Episcopal church, did much good work among the mountain people.

The first church built was the Methodist. Mr. H. C. Tanner gave the lot and was the largest contributor to the building. The Baptist was the second, Mr. R. W. Pace donating the lot and contributing liberally. The Episcopal people of the place, under the leadership of Bishop Howe, erected a church, and summer visitors built the little Presbyterian church which is open for services every summer.

The town was incorporated in 1889, to protect the schools and churches from whiskey disturbances, and so is now thirty years of age. The first mayor was Col. A. Tanner.

During this same year the Saluda Seminary was organized and building erected by the American Missionary Association of the Congregational church, located in New York. Miss Prudens was founder of the school and managed it for some time. Mr. Rogers, a northern man, and Miss Jane Hicks, of Lenoir, N. C., were the first teachers. Many of the first pupils were so eager to attend school that they did light housekeeping. Others boarded at the Pace House. After two years it was turned into a boarding school. Principals of the have been Miss Parsons, Mr. Hollis, Miss Glass, Mr. Burrage, Miss Peck and Mr. Stevens, under whose able management it flourishes at present.

The first postoffice in the township was at Mr. Berry Thompson's. Mr. James Tanner being the first postmaster. Mr. J. L. Hart was the second postmaster, and Mr. Cannon the

Campbell, of Chester, S. C., purchased a beautiful location and erected the "Escola", an ideal boarding house for those who like to get "far away from the maddening crowd" of city life. The Charles Hotel was built in 1902 by Mr. Estes, former mayor of Augusta, Ga. The village has grown each year, more houses being built each season, and there is an ever increasing demand for cottages.

After the death of Dr. Golet, in 1908, Dr. E. M. Salley, of Orangeburg S. C., moved to Saluda, and has successfully practiced medicine ever since. The population has increased so that there are now two resident physicians, and in the summer a Baby Hospital is conducted by Dr. Smith, of Spartanburg.

Saluda has a permanent population of 600, and a summer population of 3000 or 4000. Electric lights and waterworks have been installed. There are good stores, meat markets, two banks, a public library and social hall, tennis courts, movies and other attractions.

With her delightful climate, picturesque walks, magnificent views and wonderful waterfalls, Saluda has drawn many people here during past summers, and now that the great Green River dam and lake will soon be completed, the town should be an ideal place for young people, as well as for the women and children, who have already found out its benefits. Some years ago a prominent citizen offered the following welcome to Saluda's visiting friends, and it still will ever hold good.

"Come in the evening;
And come in the morning,
Come when you are looked for
And come without warning;
Come when you will,
There's a welcome before you,
And the longer you stay
The more we'll adore you."

POLK COUNTY FAIR

The Fair This Year Will Be the Biggest Event of the Entire Year. Premium List Shows Liberal Appropriations on Almost Everything Grown or Made in Polk County.

The Polk County Fair Association is arranging for the Fair which will take place at Columbus, on October 8 and 10. The premium list has been compiled, and will soon be in the hands of the printer.

In the meantime, however, it behooves everybody intending to enter anything to begin planning now. Take extra pains and select only the best and finest of everything and take it to the Fair.

There is some advance information that may be worth while to give out, as the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture is a joint partner in our Fair, and has made certain rules and regulations which we are compelled to abide by.

Corn is divided into three different classifications, and you can enter in either one or all three. One class requires ten ears accompanied by stalk with ears attached; another for best ten ears; another, for the best single ear.

Cotton exhibit, one stalk with open bolls attached.

Cowpeas, for best peck.

Hay, for the best bale, to weigh not less than 50 pounds of pea, red clover, mixed grasses, mixed grasses and legumes, orchard grass, corn stover, oat straw and oat hay. County Agent Sams will tell you in these columns how to make a hay baler at very little expense.

Oats for the best peck of oats, accompanied by sheaf measuring 15 inches in circumference, and no premium will be awarded unless the sheaf accompanies the oats.

Rye, same regulations that govern oats.

Wheat same rules governing oats and rye.

Peanuts, best peck.

Soybeans and velvet beans, best peck of each.

Apples for best plate.

Grapes, best plate of bunch or scuppernon.

Pears, best plate.

Canned Fruits and Vegetables: all canned fruits must be in quart jars;

canned vegetables must be in pint jars.

Jams, must be in quart jars; jellies in glass, of any size.

Preserves and Pickles must be in quart jars.

Liberal premiums will be awarded on Ladies' Handiwork; plain sewing and hand weaving; hand knitting; wood and basket weaving; curios and relics; minerals, quarry and forest

products.

Special attention will be given this year to secure a good exhibit of live stock and poultry.

Everything is being done that can be done to make the Fair a success. The officers and directors will do all in their power, but they cannot do all of it. The success or failure of the Fair is in the hands of the people of Polk county. We have no fear of the results.



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