

ABOUT JOHN N. THORNE

Mr. Thorne. He prides himself on the fact, however, that he has the reputation of having helped more young men to get a start in the world than probably any other man in Polk county. Having had to work his way to the top by the sheer weight of his character, he was not unmindful of the difficulties that beset the average young business and professional man, and whenever he was convinced that there was character, coupled with energy and initiative, he has always lent a helping hand.

In addition to his activities in the banking field, Mr. Thorne is president of Lewis & Thorne, Inc., one of the

largest building material corporations in the city; he is a stockholder in many hotels both here and in other Florida cities; he is president of Thorne Estates, Inc.; he is a member of Kiwanis Club and several other local business men's organizations of the city. Mr. Thorne is yet a comparatively young man, and while he has become an integral part of the up-building, development and beautifying of the city of St. Petersburg, as well as a model to men who labor, the greatest, if not the best, of his history probably remains to be written in the future.

While John N. Thorne has made a great financial and business success in St. Petersburg, he is scarcely more conspicuous than some of the other members of his family, who caught the gleam of greater things about the same time that he did. Claud G. Thorne and Robert T. Thorne, brothers, have also made tremendous successes in business and real estate. Their holdings are scarcely less noticeable than that of their older brother. Robert T. Thorne is now general manager of the Pheasant Hotel, decidedly the tallest building in the city. Miss Myrtle B. Thorne, formerly of Saluda; Mrs. Beatty Lewis and Mrs. Maud Stanley, sisters of the above mentioned brothers, have all of them taken an important part in the social and benevolent aspect of the city's development, as well as having been blessed with the good fortune of sound investment. Thomas Franklin Thorne, of Landrum, S. C., is a brother of the above mentioned brothers and sisters.

Note: Miss Myrtle Thorne is also the leading light in the religious and social activities at Grace Baptist Temple, the outstanding Baptist church in the city.

Big Game Vanishing From Belgian Congo

It is reported that 30,000 male elephants are being killed every year in the Belgian Congo, and the native custom of elephant trapping has resulted in the death of a large number of female and young elephants without tusks and therefore useless for the ivory market. Natives were leaving agricultural work in order to look after elephant traps, which captured, of course, all classes of elephants and not merely ivory bearers. As a result the whole breed is being reduced, the average weight of tusks being eight pounds less today than before the World war. Hippopotami and rhinoceroses, gorillas and antelopes were also fast disappearing from certain districts, while certain varieties of small and gay-plumaged birds formerly plentiful in the Congo are now seldom seen except on women's hats. More severe enforcement of existing hunting regulations and the taking of new and stronger measures for the preservation of big game by marking out forest reserves where hunting would be forbidden, is being advocated.

High-Grade Kangaroos

The most intelligent variety of kangaroos live in trees and are found only in north Australia, according to a writer in the Sydney Bulletin. "Scientists say the 'roos came from Asia, then connected with Australia," says he. "The tree-climbing 'roos boards in north Australia only and is exceedingly intelligent, having developed the art of thoroughly and prettily clothing himself. He understands the benefit of living in little communities and intelligently chattering about the weather, and is so physically developed that he can live in trees better than on the ground."

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TWO SPLENDID PERFORMANCES

Another successful dramatic reading was given at the Parish House last Wednesday evening, when under the direction of Mr. J. Foster Searles members of the Drama Fortnightly gave spirited performances of two one-act plays by A. A. Milne. In "The Stepmother" Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mr. Harold Crandall and Dr. Palmer displayed starting talent in their respective parts. Mrs. Wilson in the title role, Mr. Crandall as the Stranger, and Dr. Palmer in the dual parts of the Husband and Butler.

In the second play, "The Camberly Triade," three decided hits were achieved by Miss Lindsey, Julian Hester and Dr. Bishop, the performance eliciting continuous merriment from the audience by the witty lines and the whole-hearted way in which the actors entered into the spirit of the play. There was an enthusiastic curtain call for the creators at the end of the play.

Between the two, Mr. Mazzanovich sang excellently three songs, accompanied by Mrs. Clemons.

Two weeks from that night "Deburay," a comedy from the French, will be given under the direction of Mr. Dwight Smith, he taking the leading character. The season is proving an immense success, and those not attending are missing evenings of complete enjoyment.



Our Neighbors

Columbus, N. C.

The Outlook Club met with Mrs. Fred W. Blanton last Wednesday afternoon. After a short business meeting a review of club books read during the past year was taken up. Each member named her favorite club book, giving reasons for her choice. "So Big," by Edna Ferber, and Edgar A. Guest's poems proved most popular. New club books were exchanged at this meeting. After two vocal duets by Misses Bodie and Crawley, and special music on the victrola, a clever "Initial Characteristic" contest was enjoyed. The prize, a pretty hand embroidered guest towel, fell to Miss Crawley. At the conclusion of which the hostess assisted by her young daughter, Mary Lillian, served a sweet course to the following: Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb, Mrs. J. A. Feagan, Mrs. H. F. Sikes, Miss Katherine McChesney, Miss Ida Siedel, Miss Bodie, Miss Maywood and Miss Crawley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McDowell moved the latter part of the week into their attractive little house on Miller street. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hall and family from Spartanburg will occupy the place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. McDowell.

Among new comers to Columbus is Mr. C. O. Porter, our new barber. Mr. Porter is a graduate of the Chicago Barber College, and we feel rather fortunate in having a graduate from this school locate in our little town. Mr. Porter and Mr. John Gibson are associated together in running a barber shop, pressing club and a hairdressing establishment upstairs in the Polk County Bank building.

Mrs. Julia Page has returned from Tryon Infirmary, where she has been for the past several months undergoing treatment. While still confined to her bed, it will be gratifying to Mrs. Page's friends to know that her condition is considerably improved.

Mr. Tom Lynch has returned from Shelby, where he has been connected with Suttler's Drug Company of that place.

The many friends of Mr. Herman Walker are glad to see him out again after having been confined to his bed following an operation in the hospital at Greer, S. C., a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bridges and family from Cross Roads have moved to Columbus and are occupying their new house on Wall street.

Miss Lois Holderbaum, County Home Demonstration Agent, returned Saturday from a month's vacation spent at her home in Kansas City, Mo. Enroute she stopped over in Raleigh to attend the Conference which for the past two weeks has been in session there for North Carolina's county agents.

Miss Hildah Burgess and C. L. McFarland spent last Saturday in Spartanburg.

Col. J. R. Sams, who for the past two weeks has been attending the annual County Agent Conference of the state at the State College, Raleigh, returned to Columbus Saturday and reported a most successful meeting. Colonel Sams has been County Agent of Polk county for the past seven years and seldom has anyone endeared himself to the people in a community like Colonel Sams has to the people of Polk county. It is with a feeling of regret to learn that he will no longer be our County Agent; at the same time it is very gratifying to know that he will still be with us and will continue to have his headquarters at Columbus, while he will be engaged in establishing and improving the pasture conditions in the counties of Western North Carolina.

Mr. John W. Artz of Old Fort, a graduate of State College, Raleigh, has arrived in the county and will succeed Colonel Sams as County Agent. Mr. Artz is a young man and has been serving as assistant of that office in Henderson and Macon counties. He comes to Polk county highly recommended for the work in which he is to engage, and we extend to him a hearty welcome.

Col. J. R. Sams had as his guests the first of the week his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Goddner of Knoxville, Tenn., and his grandson, Mr. Joe Huff, of Newport, Tenn.

Mill Spring, N. C. Mrs. Elva Gray was called to her reward January 15th. She was about 73 years old, and had been a member of the Baptist Church for 58 years. She was paralyzed for about a week before her death.

Mrs. Gray leaves one brother, J. C. Griffin, one sister, Mrs. R. L. D. Gilbert, seven grandchildren, and many friends to mourn her loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Womack. He read from the fourth chapter of the Prophecy of Amos, and took for his subject, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." She was laid to rest in Big Level cemetery. She is gone but not forgotten.

Mr. Robert Lynch and mother of near Rutherfordton are visiting at the home of R. L. D. Gilbert.

Clara Womack spent Monday night with her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Elliott.

William R. Fowler of Mill Spring spent Sunday with friends in this section.

H. H. McCane of near Mt. View attended the funeral services at Big Level Sunday.

Sunny View. Rev. R. M. Womack filled his regular appointment at Cooper's Gap last Sunday (as he is fulfilling the former pastor's place, Rev. J. J. Ruppel). A very large crowd was present.

"Aunt Elvie" Griffin, as she is known in our community, was buried at Big Level Sunday, January 15th. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

Misses Lela Gibbs and Ethel Wilson of Columbus High School spent the week-end at home.

Maggie Jackson, who has a position at Spartanburg, spent Saturday night with her father, J. L. Jackson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey, a fine boy.

Clara Wilson, who had a position near Spartanburg, is visiting home folks.

Mr. Fred Taylor has returned home after a short stay in Georgia. He will now take up a position at Lake Lure as engineer.

Charlie Brown has returned after a short stay in Columbia, S. C.

Rev. R. M. Womack spent Saturday night at T. N. Wilson's. Odell Denisdall spent Saturday night at U. S. Gibbs'. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Ruff spent the week-end in Inman, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Whiteside and little son, Hayward, was returning from Spartanburg when they had the misfortune of their car turning over. Glad to say not anyone was seriously hurt.

Mr. G. L. Taylor is going to be one of our earliest farmers this coming year, as he is already beginning to make preparations by cleaning off his farm.

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An Informal Talk to Carolinians from a Carolinian about Carolinian Land Investments

PRIMARILY the true worth of a piece of land is in proportion to those natural physical qualities which make it attractive to mankind for the purpose for which he intends to use it.

The property in which I am interested is essentially home-site property. I am buying with that in mind and selling it for the same purpose. But whether a man buys for his own home-site or for an investment the elements governing its basic value are the same. He buys because of the intrinsic worth.

Compare for a moment the natural home-site advantages of Western North Carolina and Northwestern South Carolina—this Blue Ridge Mountain section—with the natural qualities of even that part of the country where the greatest land boom of the times is now under way.

Here we have a mountainous section, admittedly beautiful all seasons of the year; a country which has a year around moderate temperature—no prolonged periods of excessive heat or cold. Our low humidity—the dry air that minimizes the discomforts of both heat and cold—gives us a climate suited to out-door sports of every description, a playground that induces thousands to visit this section even for short vacation periods.

Then consider our developments—our fine hard-surface roads even in the most mountainous parts—and our liberal appropriations for additional roads; our artificial lakes in the heart of the mountains; and not of least importance, our railroads making accessible our most rugged country.

What have we wanting in the way of natural or man-made advantages? Have we not, right here in the Carolinas, a country of exceptional and true value—basically valuable—and with unlimited possibilities for development? Is there not every reason, in your analysis of this country, to expect a liberal harvest, indeed, a greater earning power per dollar invested than from any other land investment which you know?

I, personally, am "sold" on Western North Carolina and Northwestern South Carolina—sold on their natural physical qualities. They have held me to my own country just as they have attracted out-of-state realtors and home-seekers. I believe that our standard of land values here are high—above the average—that investments here are sound and safe.

I invite you to visit this section. See it and make comparisons for yourself. Visit competitive developments and then come and see Druid Hills at Hendersonville, Lake Lanier at Tryon, and Happy Valley Lake Estates at Lenoir.

I offer these properties not as the greatest of all developments but as second to none in true value per dollar invested. But I ask you to judge for yourself after you have seen for yourself.

It is my ambition that every investor in any of these developments can eventually proclaim his purchase as having been at the very least a "very good" investment, and more likely a "highly profitable" one.

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