THE STORY OF RED SPRINGS

Thriving Robeson Town is Modern Characterization of the Determination of the Scot to Hang to His Traditions and the School.

(Bion H. Putler in News and Observer.)

eady arrived a bill will reach the Leg- | fessions and callings. slature asking the transfer to Hoke county from Robeson county, a narrow grip of land that runs along the bounrural country from Mchas been an agitated land before for before Hoke was set as the objective. ambition to form North were necessary before the peaceful sep-

new county so vigorously that it could The Hoke advocates took what was in sight and concluded to get more when they could. Red Springs agreed to stay in Robeson as they apparently could not get out ,and to make braced by Hoke consented to take what they could get, and so the county was made, hands were shaken over the boundary, the heavens smiled, and Robeson gave Hoke a blessing and they

But when the McMillans and the Mc-Callums and the McLeods and the rest of them from Red Springs go over to foregather with the Mc-Neills, and then go back home and figare that they are of the same fambut live in different houses a manifests itself, and Gaidhael ri Guillibh a chiele, 'and mong a new bunch of them there is continual sense of being at home, and a feeling that presently up the street nay come old Roderick McDonald, or our early days among our

is the story and the Queen's Museum had been chartered doing something. Charlotte just previous to the revol-

within a few days, if it has not al- road to useful lives in the various pro-

Beginnings of the College Some eighteen years ago the Presbyterians of the Cape Fear country arrived at the place where they thought they between the two counties, giving they could establish a Presbyterian Hoke county Red Springs and an college for young evomen, and with all of that confidence in their powers to get what they want they selected to get what they want they selected Red Springs as the site of the institrip reaching practically across the tution they planned, and they com-Hoke county. This nar- menced work. One of the things that compel the admiration of these people is the satisfied way in which they the Hoke county was formed, and for undertake to carry out what they have Red Springs College commenced

with a little wooden building and a very active. few thousand dollars. The main thing much diplomacy and considerable flank is that it commenced. It had not struggling in the trenches progressed very fair until it found Dr. Charles G. Vardell, a Davidson man, and Princetonian, and it was a happy Hoke was finally arranged find, for Dr. Vardell came to Red and as in all other human affairs there Springs with a clear vision, and the proper amount of backbone to take hold a a job that shrdluetaoiSHRDLL Red Springs is only a dozen miles hold of a job that to the average man am Raeford and is twice that far from would have appeared about as invitlumberton, the capital of Robeson, and ing as that of old Sisyphus who struglot of Red Springs folks wanted to gled day after day with that eternal stone which seemed never could be go with Hoke when the new county worked up to the top of the long high But Robeson opposed the hill and there established.

Without a doubt the people of Red mly be set off by taking a limited ter- Springs and the people of the Presbyterian church and the education of the State, and everybody else who knows anything of the story of Red Springs, have been surprised by the swift development of the handsome, commodianother effort later. The members of ous, and modern college from the crude the Legislature from the territory em- little ambition that marked its beginning less than a score of years ago. But the development of the college these Presbyterians have created is not my story. That has already been told and we have all admired the fine persistence and confidence that has accomplished this work. The thing that commands my attention is the plan that this country college at Red Springs has laid out for its work for the fu-Laughlins and the McIvers and the Mc- ture. And now, like the orchestra when it comes to the words "al seg" in the music, we will go back and start again.

This college for women is quite the life and motive of Red Springs and something that looks like "Clanna nan in making a move to unite the Red Springs territory with the young counmeans something like stick together, ty of Hoke it is not only the desire and then the Red Springs Scotch want of the Scotch community of upper country problems, and that the training By the time she has gone over a few to get into the Scotch county of Hoke. Robeson to be made a part of the I like to get down and mix up with more extensive Scotch community on these old Scotch folks, for I was a the other side of the present county an imitation of the training of the girl think you are eating, you begin to nity in Pennsylvania, and when I get ous, progressive movement to be allied city ideals of the superficial things. knowledge this girl possesses. Turpentine Vields to Cotton.

Springs was in the turpentine belt and archie McCullough, or Scott McClellan, the production of naval stores seem- the territory of the Presbyteries which what is better, she is making someor some of the others who have long ed the chief purpose of life. As the established the institution. The col- thing that will be suitable for eating ago left for the unknown country. As I pine tree failed the cotton tree be- lege is a country institution now be- when she is through. I don't for a gan to demand recognition. From cause of its location, but also of the minute believe that an unlettered neold Scots if those persistent fellows buying a few bales of cotton a year determination that it shall be a coun- gro woman who has gained her eduwanted anything they generally went Red Springs now buys ten to twelve try college for the purpose of wing cation peeling potatoes, chopping cotafter it, and if they had to go more thousand bales a year, and fine pro- work for country girls that shall give ton, baking hoe cake on a board, and than once, they went but they usually ductive farms stretch away through the them an understanding of country life in such classes as that can make anyso I reckon Red Springs will arrive were but a short time ago. Handsome and the ideals of country life. at the Hoke county door one of these homes have been created where the days and knock and say, "We have stills were. Cotton gins have sup- stitution is the other of giving to do- of food construction and the chemiscome with the family and the cattle planted tar kilns. Cotton gins have mestic art and science the broadest try of nutrition and the growth of and the rest of the things and we planted tar kilns. Clean streets, good possible opportunity. The education the body. The thought occurred to But this is merely an incident in the oil mill, prosperous banks and business In the early days education was for partment that if every farm home in shifting political geography of the houses of all sorts are in Red Springs, men. It was to fit them for profesthis big State of North Carolina had This section has been pushing ahead sional work. When women, steadily one girl who had put in one season at Red Springs is a new town, as fast as any other part of the coun- forcing recognition for themselves and Red Springs domestic science laboraodern characterization of the ties just to the northwest and the for their rights to a fair chance with tory the reputation of our dining etermination of the Scot to hang to his Red Springs folks have the same rest- men, finally were granted the right to rooms would go from one ocean to traditions and the school. Before the less atmosphere which prompts to be go to school it was a problem what the other in six months time. Bless

tion, Rev. David Caldwell, the young hills Board of Trade, which is the and work a sample was about as household, right here in the training Presbyterian coming down from Prin- next neighbor of Red Springs 2001 harmless as anything. That server, school, and let her get an intelligent opened in Guilford county on the northwest likes to annex to it- Anything is good ift it is a begin- idea of what is taught the girls here, 1767, his school, which served as self all good things that have in them- ning. Once women were accorded the and as a State we can defy all the scademy, college, theological seminary selves the elements of progress. And right to any kind of an education, if and better, as the foundation on which the editor of the Sandhills Citizen has only to learn to count up to ten, the for a properly fed and nourished a growing system of educa- been laying some stress on the propo- rest was certain to follow. in the State, and to start a re- sition that the Presbyterian college Presently the girl was allowed to go for the doctor.

the sponsors of the Red Springs school. men and for men get far beyond where Orange Presbytery, on the map, in they are. cludes the region next above the Fayetteville Presbytery. That is it in-

wider teld than simply Hoke county, come up in farm life experience that put them in school cheaper than they vance farm life if the desire to adcan leave the girls at home, and that vance is in evidence. the school will be one in which they route with each different journey.

The college at Red Springs is starting out on two lines that are interesting and commendable. One of these in the country girl and to help make the country girl a girl fitted for her outgrown the school facilities of tocountry career and one who can help ing. Life in North Carolina is practically country life. Only one out of seven people of North Carolina lives in a place as big as the town of 2,500 people. The other six live in the country or in smaller villages. Half a dozen not very big cities constitute this State's entire city exhibit. Wherefore it is apparent that North Carolina is State in the country. The town of three or four thousand people is a country town. The girls of North Carolina are country girls, and so far as can be predicted North Carolina will continue to be in the country.

Sizing Up the Problems Correctly.

are the same in the country or in the applies a few innocent looking things city. Yet the city habit of life is from a bottle and says, "Corn syrup," superficial and in no way is is adapt- not up to standard. She dips a spooned for life in the country. This condi- ful of jelly from a glass and tells you tion the Red Springs institution rec- that the strawberry flavor in it never ognizes, and it is the purpose of the saw a strawberry, but was made from trustees and the faculty to impress coal tar. Your pure cider vinegar is upon the girls that the big problems acetic acid made in a wood sicohol of life in North Carolina are to be factory in the Adirondack mountains. of the country girl who comes to Red things of this kind and shown you Springs can not be satisfying if it is what you are getting and what you The college at Red Springs is a country college because when it was estab- thing on a stove that is suitable for Fifteen or twenty years ago Red lished there were few cities in the the work she is doing, and she is State, and no city but Wilmington in using equipment that is suitable, and territory where the turpentine camps and a confidence in the possibilities thing like the wholesome and palata-

Quite closely affiliated with this in- men can who have studied the theory country roads, well stockyd stores, an of women has been a haphazard thing. me there in the domestic science dewomen might be taught that would your souls, you put an intelligent That ubiquitous institution, the Sand- benefit them. To play the harpsichord white girl, one who is of your own

narkable number of young men on the is one of the adjuncts of the sunshine to the training school to become a

The Colony, New York's Millionaire Women's Club

belt and it looks as if there would be teacher. Yet to merely teach girls how young folks and old folks will be turn- vidual states shared evenly in the rean alliance presently not only of the to teach others to teach otherh, did not ing to the farms from everywhere in imbursement of owners of the cattle college town with Hoke county, but fulfill the purpose of having girls in droves. with the whole territory that the school. So something more had to college has been established to repre- come and something more has come, NO CONTAGIOUS DISEASES sent for Orange Presbytery is one of and keep coming until schools for wo-

Recognizing the New Education. At Red Springs this was recognized. cludes the Presbyterians of that terri- and one of the most complete courses tory. The Sandhills Board of Trade in domestic arts and sciences was inknows no distinction of religions or troduced. When these lines were first its bailiwick if they live within its ured that education meant a certain limits. So the Reverend Doctor Foss, polish for the girl, and an unlettered writes to the Reverend Doctor Var- physical requirements of the family, dell of the Presbyterian college, that so unimportant a thing as preparing your school is ours, and there you are. food being too undignified for an edumake an attractive proposition to pre- cation for women far ahead of "the demic of a couple of winters ago, it is germ has not been isolated, principally sent to the possible newcomers the field. This college will come up with seldom that there is a time in any com- in Illinois and Pennsylvania." college for women and that it is a col- servatism. An interesting incident is some kind or another. lege which is making a name for itself disclosed by the possession of a farm

Dr. Vardell, like every other pio-

tirely likely when the progress the than Here are now fine brick buildings, all and modern comforts and conveniences, The that make life physically agreeable, and for the moment everything seems is training the country girl to believe available that is to be desired. Of course the school tomorrow will have day, and that is why the new things herself and the country by her train- will be overtaken before anybody is aware of what progress is in the air.

Oh, no, domestic science does not mean going into the kitchen and washing dishes. The first thing that will strike the practical man who drops into the domestic science department at Red Springs is the big collection of chemical devices and implements. There he will begin to be interested. The girl at Red Springs learns to take a handful of flour and put it under the microscope and see that it has too large a percentage of middlings in it, or whatever may get into flour. She has a jar or two The general principles of all things that she puts a little syrup in, and she

ble food that one of these young wo-

household does not have much call Same way in the other departments that train girls for practical lines. The girls who are making dresses here are not simply learning to sew. They begin with the wool and the cotton and the flax. They learn materials, and the value of materials. The girl who stays a year at Red Springs will buy supplies for her family with an entirely different idea of things than the girl who does not know shoddy

from wool or mercerized damask from clothes are cut and fitted properly if she does not make them herself. She will know why two colors are selected to go with each other, why one why another is objectionable. She will know that she is not a fright when she arrays herself in a new gown, for she will know what are the rules that govern presentable arrangements. She will know how to clothe her family in a way that gets the best results for

Taking the Broad View. The girls at Red Springs are facing a broad view of life. We heard them play the big pipe organ, the piano, and a month of the Sundays was a trifle in which one of the young women showed remarkable control muted down to a low tone to give expression to skill in the higher positions and with the harmonious. 'They are broadening in all directions, and where you see some in wash drawing and in oils you see some in flour and some in Latin, and some in English poetry, and some untying the hard

knots of logarithms. Like Sisyphus Dr. Vardell is rolling the stone up the hill, and it is a task. But fortunately this particular hill will have a slighter grade as the days go by, and the John the Baptist who is proclaiming new truths in the wilderness is bound to have his warnings heard. Red Springs is pressing the cause of the women of North Carolina, and because the women of North Carolina are the home-makers and the homes are the makers of the State, Red Springs is slowly, but most persistently leavening a vast lump with a powerful leaven that will short-

There is an old question of how to keep the young people on the farms. My idea of the answer is to pay a girls are going away from here to "There were a lot of women around make a lot of farms more attractive. The boys of North Carolina are learning at their colleges to make the

farms you cannot dog them away, and

City Health Officer Reports Unusual Condition-Dr. Jennings Returned.

(Special Star Correspondence.) usual, even in Kinston, with its unus-

Red Springs will be introduced to the the girl who comes from the farm ease, talks interestingly of the epidevisitors from the North and New Eng-might go back to the farm with a land, who will be shown that they can more intelligent and scientific under-mic which swept through the stock. That a note of warning was sent by bring their girls to North Carolina and standing of what may be done to ad- yards, dairies and herds of the Middle the United States to the leading na- Phone 41 West and parts of the East and North, tion on each side of the great war on late in 1914.

can feel a constant confidence and neer, is a little ahead of his time. But cost the government in excess of \$2,- tion that American neutrality is offipride, and to which they can go in an that he will be overtaken seems en- 000,000," Dr. Jennings said. "More cially sure enough neutrality. This best roads in the State, picking the college has made is remembered. slaughtering the affected animals for the belligerents and some Amerigovernment and the indi- mind .- Savannah News.

killed. Think of it, 101,176 animals slaughtered, eitheor because they were diseased or had been exposed to conta-ARE FOUND IN KINSTON gion. Of the animals despatched by the government and state veterinarians 46,268 were cattle, 47,735 swine and the remainder sheep and goats. Under the recent urgent deficincy act, which was signed by the President on January 25, \$2,500,000 is now available for the work Kinston, N. C., Feb. 14. — Dr. Geo. \$2,500,000 is now available for the work that remains. The loss in Illinois was Irish Potatoes25C anything else. All people are part of proposed at Red Springs the world fig- E. Kornegay, city physician, says there larger than in any other state. Altois not a single case of contagious dis- gether, 36,758 animals were slain of the Methodist Episcopal church, negro in the kitchen to attend to the ease in Kinston. This condition is un- there. Pennsylvania and Ohio followteen other states were affected. Enerually low death rate. Although there getic measurers are now being used cated woman to deal with. Red has been no great amount of contagious which will soon stamp out the pesti-In the enthusiasm and eagerness to Springs has set the standard of edu-sickness here since the smallpox epi- lence in the few localities where the Three Cans Tomatoes...25c

Board of Trade sees just one thing, and that standard some day, but it has yet munity of 13,000 souls when there can- Dr. Jennings, who is engaged in the that is that fust across the line is a a struggle with the old habit of con- not be located a "catchable" case of cattle tick eradication work in Lenoir Oranges, dozen 200 county, had his headquarters with 21 Dr. J. A. Jennings, agent of the bu- other experts who had charge of the along some new lines. A good college a short distance from town which Dr. reau of animal husbandry of the Unit- situation in Allegheny county, Pa., in for women in a good climate in a Vardell bought with the state beganning healthful location, which is doing good tablishing on the farm a feature of the who recently returned to his station work, is a valuable asset. So a wel-college training. He had hoped to here from Western Pennsylvania, where he was sent to assist in the whore he was sent to assist in the whore he was sent to assist in the faction. for women in a good climate in a Vardell bought with the hope of es- ed State Department of Agriculture, Pittsburg. Although when he left the

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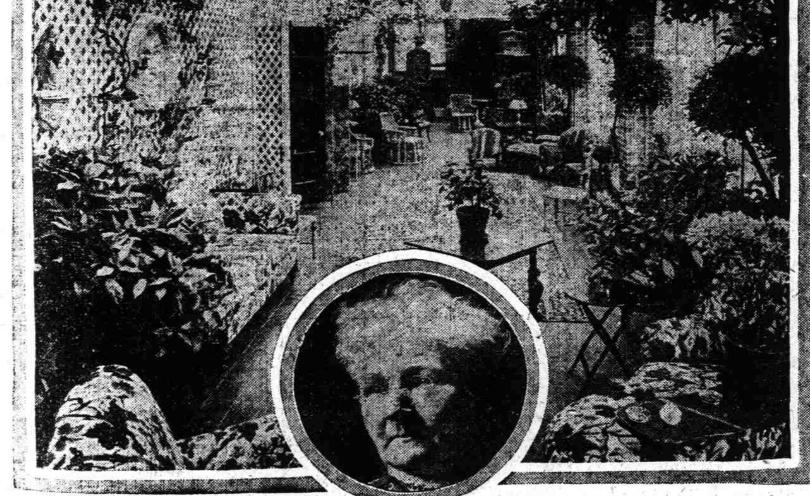
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