



Don't believe we've heard so much comment about any one thing in Sparta in a long time as the cutting of the oak trees in front of the Four Oaks Tavern. The property on which the old hotel stands was sold recently and the new owners, Reid Poole and Beale Poole, plan a new building there. This involves tearing down the old hotel and cutting the oaks, which has already been done . . . it really seems a shame that the fine old trees had to be cut. To old-timers and young folks alike they are as much a part of the town as the court house, the bank or the drug store . . . they have seen generations come and go; they have weathered the storms of many years and have raised their branches to lofty heights . . . but as all things pass, so have three of the oaks. A lone tree, one of the four original Four Oaks stands in the opposite lot, keeping its silent vigil until the time comes for the woodman to swing an axe into its aged trunk. Mrs. H. K. Boyer, who for many years has made her home at the Four Oaks Tavern during the summer months, told us recently when she

left Sparta for her home in Charlotte that she was glad she would not be here to see the oaks fall, that it would be like parting with an old friend.

On our vacation recently we saw a new motion picture, "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," the story of a small town and the surrounding countryside of farms and the people that lived and worked there. We remembered a line from that story in which a farmer told his young daughter after she had asked him what he wanted more than anything else in the world that he supposed, above everything else, a farmer would rather have a good barn. . . . We remembered that line when Mack Holloway, of the Pine Swamp section, came into the office the other day to tell us about "two of the best barns in the county."

One, a bankment barn owned by Glenn Wyatt and the other a two story barn owned by Arthur Gambill, two prominent farmers of that section, are modern in every respect, Mr. Holloway declares. And he should be one to know, because along with Mack Edwards and Robert Taylor, he constructed both barns. The Wyatt barn, a 40x40 structure painted white, is equipped to take care of 19 dairy cows with a huge hayloft in the second story. Both barns have concrete foundations. "I wish every farmer in the county could see these barns," Mr. Holloway stated and added, "I wish every farmer in the county had a barn just like them."

U. S. Myers, of Laurel Springs, showed us a sheet of music he had composed the other day. We thought it was fine and complimented Mr. Myers on the achievement until he told us that he could not play a note of music

. . . and then we almost fell over. The grey-haired Laurel Springs man, who, by the way, writes his own lyrics, can write music and yet he cannot play a piano. Speaking of not being able to read your own writing . . . well, we're afraid Mr. Myers qualifies.

We dropped in at the American Legion square dance Saturday night and along with several other spectators were enjoying the "swing your partner," "ladies in the lead" dance when we beheld a most distressing sight. It the change of partners a bewitching little blonde suddenly found herself without a partner. "Oh, I've lost my man, I've lost my man," she cried in dire distress. However, some gallant gentleman soon came to her rescue and all was well again.

Bill Sprinkle, you all know him, the manager of Kay's 5 and 10 cent store, was enjoying the movies the other day when someone went in to call him out. The boy who was taking up tickets stuck his head inside the theatre and called in a loud voice, "Bill Sprinkle" . . . Bill came out all right . . . and the boy never knew the difference . . .

Sorry to lose some Sparta residence this week. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hickerson and daughters, Sarah Ann, Eugenia and Cindy, have moved to Greensboro. We know we'll miss them and we hope they remember to come back to visit the home town once in a while.

Claude Miles, in addition to managing the Miles-Waddell-Thompson Firestone Store here, is running a sort of match-making bureau. Any of you girls who can't seem to get just the date you want, might see Mr. Miles and we feel quite sure he will be able to fix you up. We peeked at his list of "eligibles" the other day when he wasn't looking and believe us, it was quite a list . . . in fact, we'd say that Mr. Miles could get in touch with almost any unattached man in the county . . . he gave as reference his secretary, Miss Eula Parsons, and said that anyone who wanted his record on match-making could just ask Miss Parsons . . . (Confidentially, we think Mr. Miles made a mistake there . . . because from all we could gather Miss Parsons was not at all enthusiastic over the match he suggested for her.) By the way, the suggestions Mr. Miles makes, are merely suggestions . . . nothing compulsory about them. And as far as fees as concerned . . . they run about

**Pine Swamp News**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown and family, of Perryman, Md., recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Evans and daughter, Margaret Ann, of Sparta, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans, during the week end.

Miss Virginia Wagoner spent Sunday night with Miss Ruth Richardson, at Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, Mrs. Henry Evans, Miss Naomi Andrews and R. N. Joines visited Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Richardson, Sunday. Mr. Richardson shows little improvement from a recent illness. His children, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sigman, Mrs. Edmond S. Cook and Ray Sigman, of Willow Springs, Montana, and Mrs. Ed Kentch, of Overbrook, Kansas, returned home last week after spending sometime with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaiter Evans and sons, Rudy and Dennis, visited

the same as those of Miserable Jones who runs the date bureau in Dogpatch . . .

her sister, Mrs. Cary Brown and Mr. Brown, Sunday afternoon. Miss Avis Toliver spent the week end with Miss Bertrice Pruitt. Buy by the pound whenever you can instead of by the dime's or quarter's worth, or by the basket. Always watch the scales to make sure you get all you pay for.

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Open three gaited -----

Open five gaited -----

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Cart races -----

Open three gaited ponies -----

Open five gaited ponies -----

Childrens horsemanship -----

Ladies horsemanship -----

**Evening Show**

Childrens horsemanship under 16 years -----

Local walking horses -----

Pony races -----

Model three gaited shown in hand -----

Open side harness -----

Cart races -----

Open walking horses -----

Model five gaited shown in hand -----

Ladies horsemanship -----

Championship three gaited -----

Championship five gaited -----

**Saturday, Oct. 6**

**SPARTA TRACK**

Sparta, N. C.

All entry blanks should be returned promptly to R. L. Joines, Secretary Sparta Lions Club, Sparta, N. C.

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