

Regatta Recalls Relationship of Many Years Ago

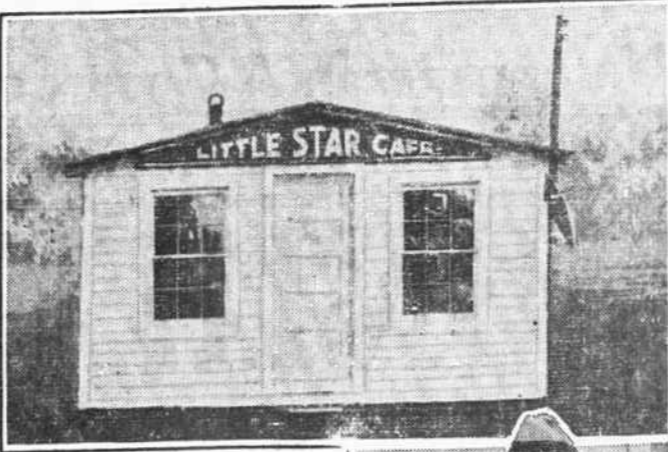
(Continued From Page 1) tally, generosity and a patron of learning in his state.

"The south Atlantic and North Western railroad has run its engine over and across and around the memory of this man, whom our sons are, I hope, learning to know and honor, as they walk beneath the trees and through the academic groves of the University at Chapel Hill.

around the table of Mrs. John Walker, or Mrs. Cowan, or Mrs. Owen D. Holmes, and many others, and partake of the delicious viands they knew so well how to set forth and preside over. Truly, they were cooks in those days, taught by adepts in the art of tickling the palate, and not hampered by the rules of Mrs. Parloa, or any other professor of the culinary art. They just simply did it, and that was all there was about it. Then, after the feast, came the evening drive, and then the dancing. Duke Walker was the fiddler. This venerable colored gentleman enjoyed a high reputation, first as the major domo of Major Walker, and second, as the fiddler at all impromptu social gatherings. But, alas (for the degeneracy of human nature) having spent long and useful life as above enumerated, he finally accepted a position as "boss" of the First National Bank, of Wilmington, and went out with that institution.

so firmly bound that, after four years of a bloody war, they were not forgotten. "One hesitates to ring down the curtain and hide forever the peaceful life of these people at the favorite and only resort in the Cape Fear section. For, be it remembered, this was in the days of slavery, which assumed in these days and in this place a rather patriarchal character. None of the evils of slavery, so much talked of and written about in the northern and anti-slavery points were known to exist; and it seems now that about the only obstacle to entire freedom was the patrollers, who were a terror to wandering negroes away from home after 9 o'clock at night. But even this did not amount to much deprivation of liberty, because any of them could get a pass merely by asking for it. Many of the families residing in the town for the summer kept from ten to fifteen servants, whose principal occupation must have been to get out of each other's way.

Boom of Southern Industry Aids War Veteran, Gassed at Verdun



WAR-SCARRED Bill Holcombe of Cedartown, Ga., credits the growth of Southern industry for putting him back on the comeback trail today after he had spent hopeless years in a United States veteran's hospital.



Gassed at Verdun during the World War, Holcombe spent several years in the government hospital here, where he received medical care with his efforts to eke out a living and his responsibilities were increased when a daughter, Nellie May, nicknamed "Little Star," was born.

has a way with hamburgers, too. But pretty Nellie May has scored more of a hit among the men than her father's hamburgers. After school she takes orders, acts as a hostess and sometimes sings and dances for her favorites. She has aspirations for the stage, she confessed.

The ladies were the dispensers of generous hospitality, and happily were they who could gather

ers and our people did become

filled, and ready to be lighted from a blazing coal from the kitchen fire. But in a town where most of the pilots of the Cape Fear river had their homes it was not expected that absolute quiet would long prevail, and even the summer residents and members in good standing of the Lazy Club, could not resist the excitement which naturally pertains to the business of piloting. A white spot about the size of a man's hand will appear in the offing, discernible only to the practiced eye of a pilot. The cry of "a ship off the bar" would arouse the town to life, energy and activity. In less time than you could think, from two to a half dozen boats would put off from the shore, the steersman always in his place, the oarsmen pulling off their coats, others clearing away to set the main-sail and jib, and before they had got 100 rods from the shore all would be settled in their places for the chase, which might be five to ten miles long. Then the excitement of the race would pervade all classes of people, even women and children alike. And so it was all the time, for commerce was then entirely coastwise, and transacted by sailing vessels. It was not uncommon for ten or twenty vessels to appear off the bar in a single day, and often twenty or thirty would hoist their white sails and go to sea on a single tide. So it is always and everywhere. An intense interest and excitement attached to all transactions upon the mighty ocean. Wherever in pursuit of their avocations pilots race over smooth waters or stormy seas, there is daring and danger, which requires a fierce activity and constant watchfulness, attracting the attention and sympathy of all observers.

continent or any other can there ever be such a place. The struggle for life and political liberty and money, and social position is fierce. There is strife and bickery and new social and political ambitions, which cannot be satisfied. The bottom sail has got on top, and don't know what to do with itself. None of these troubles existed in old Smithville, where everybody occupied the position intended for him, or her, from the foundation of the world, and were satisfied with it. "Farewell, ye happy valley, for this present writer is going to the new Southport, on the Cape Fear and Cincinnati railroad. Train starts at 9 o'clock sharp.

Welcome to Southport

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Friendly co-operation between the Citizens of Southport and Members Of The Carolina Yacht Club, of Wrightsville, has characterized every effort to make the 1937 Yachting Regatta a success. May this event bring about a better understanding between Wilmington and Southport citizens so that, together, they may work for the development of this Lower Cape Fear country.

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new city at Southport some time in the future. The situation is too beautiful to be ignored. Its commercial position will command business. New productions of the mines and forests will be brought to Southport for shipment. As a city, it will be a younger brother to Wilmington, and the relation between the two places ways to be intimate and friendly.

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LUMBERTON MAKES THE GREATEST GAINS

Lumberton was the only large tobacco market in the world to show an increase in sales last year. Lumberton also led the Border Belt markets in average price gains. Here are official figures taken from the reports issued by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Bureau at Raleigh.

Table with 3 columns: MARKET, 1936 AVERAGE, 1936 AVERAGE GAIN OVER 1935. Rows for LUMBERTON and Fairmont.

What do these figures prove . . . Just this. Lumberton is a stronger market. It means that the rapid growth and expansion of the Lumberton market has increased competition and the upward trend of prices is greater on the Lumberton market than on any other market in the Border Belt.

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