

Brunswick Between Bookends

By Eugene Fallon



HURRICANE. By Major Stoneman Douglas. Rinehart & Company, New York. 393 pp. Illustrated. \$5.95.

Here's a well-written story on a powerful subject. And if it is a subject calculated to raise the hackles on the neck of many Carolina coast-dwellers, to be forewarned is, as they say, to be forearmed.

Mrs. Douglas emulates her subject in that she does not stick to one particular point, or place or time. Thus her book never lags, but rushes along like, well, like the wind. And the lady spent some time right here at Southport.

Inscribed on the flyleaf of this book are the following expressions of gratitude and appreciation, dedicated to a Southport resident:

"To My Dear Friend, whose hospitality and kindness in helping me collect material about

Cape Fear, for inclusion in this work, has never been forgotten." It is signed by the author and dated October 27, 1962.

First-reading for most of those who read this book is the terrible hurricane of August, 1893. Mrs. Douglas writes: "The great hurricane which swept from the Cape Verde Islands across to the American mainland and then up the coasts of Georgia and the Carolinas, was one of the worst ever recorded up till that time. For a solid week—from August 22, that year, until the 30th of the same month—terrible winds hurled smashing waves over islands and beaches and homes crowded with vacationing people. A thousand lives were lost. Corpses lay in the mud of rice fields. The city of Charleston was a wreck. Whole families were lost, and damages amounted to ten million dollars."

There was little or no storm warning-system set up 70 years ago. To that fact Mrs. Douglas ascribed the heavy loss in both lives and property. To bring this great disaster to a more localized point, the author writes of the experiences of Dunbar Davis, whom she identifies as "the keeper of the Oak Island Lifesaving Station at the mouth of the Cape Fear River." Seven ships bearing 55 seamen were lost in the vicinity of the Southport harbor bar, according to the author, who identifies all vessels by name, and adds: "Ships, cargoes and men were never seen again." Seems today as if a whole flotilla of merchantmen were making madly for Southport harbor.

The hurricane-hunter then moves forward in time to October of 1954, and traces with exactitude and the courage of second-thought the wild rantings of hurricane Hazel. We will dispense with the scandalous doings of this evil water-witch as she switched past South Carolina and accompany her through her intermediary, Mrs. Douglas, as she flew ashore in Brunswick county.

"In North Carolina," writes Mrs. Douglas, "Captain Fulford of the shrimp boat Nina Fay re-

ported that the eye of the hurricane, about fifteen minutes of calm, passed near Holden Beach at 11 a. m. of the (Oct.) 15. Of Long Beach's 377 buildings, 352 were utterly destroyed. At Holden Beach, 200 was gone. Ocean Isle was swept bare . . . the old town of Southport was devastated by wind and the seas broke in the house doors along the waterfront and crashed huge shrimp boats up to verandahs. Nineteen lives were lost in North Carolina . . ."

Mrs. Douglas, kinder than Hazel, mercifully bypassed Wilmington, to take up the thread of her terrible tale in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York State and eventually in Canada. Hazel was a traveling woman.

Hurricanes Diane and Hilda come in for scrutiny, as well as some lesser blows which did little damage on the local scene. But it is in her earlier chapters, herded together under the heading of Olden Times, that more readers will be most interested. A storm lived through, no matter how bad, excites about as much attention as last month's newspaper. And Mrs. Douglas does well with her description of the ancient disasters all but unknown to modern readers. She writes of great European storms, for example, and hurricanes dating as far back as the latter part of the 15th Century.

If you like your winds in great gulps, this book is for you. Read all about them—why, when and where. Then go out and flaunt the next one if you must—even shaking your fist at the tortured skies. You might even survive it.

Came To See

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Ky. And they reached Floyd Collins. On the twelfth day, he was dead. One of the big news stories of the fabulous twenties. A nation's heart went out to a mountain boy trapped in a cave because he wanted to rescue his dog. They placed Floyd Collins in a niche approaching immortality, when they wrote a sad ballad of those terror-filled last days of his life. In parlors from Savannah to San Francisco; from Bellows Falls, Vt., to Broken Bow, Oklahoma, the phonographs sobbed of the "Death of Floyd Collins."

In a neat six-room home at Tranquil Harbour-Long Beach, many now retired, have stories to tell. Ed Morgan is too busy making a story still far from complete to think of retiring. But he is doing his utmost to find the right lot on the right beach property for the right people.

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High Times

Hi, here is your reporter again giving you news and happenings around the Dolphin home.

Well, all of the plans are made except for the last-minute added touches, for the Junior-Senior banquet and prom. Everyone who goes to it be sure to have lots of fun.

In the baseball line this week the Dolphins play the Bolivia Bears on Thursday. Be sure to come out to watch a good game.

Your Roving Reporter's question this week is: "Do you think the twist is here to stay or will it go out like other fads?"

Chuck Smith: "I think it's going to stay as long as other dances have."

Joe T. Reaves: "No, because I can't twist."

Craig Caster: "Don't make no never mind to me."

Mary Belle Holden: "I think it's here to stay."

Foxy Howard: "Yes, I think it's here to stay as long as people dance."

Seen Around: Mr. Bowmer trying to get to Raleigh . . . Seniors debating . . . Robert H. how are things down the battle-ship road? . . . Linda K. being impossible to find Thursday night . . . Good to see Sonny home . . . Sally always saying "let me in" . . . Steve celebrating his anniversary.

Well, that's all for this week. See ya'll around S. H. S.

With The Men In Service

Wayne Lewis, Bolivia, N. C. recently enlisted into the United States Army according to M-Sgt Richard F. Hand the local Army Recruiter in Wilmington. Wayne attended Bolivia High School prior to enlistment. He qualified to enlist under the Army Choose-your-training program and selected the Airborne as the field to receive his guaranteed training in. After being sworn in the Army at Raleigh he was sent to Ft. Jackson S. C., to start his basic training. Upon completion of approximately 22 weeks of training he will receive his wings.

Airman Basic Maurice T. Caison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Caison of Supply, is being assigned to the United States Air Force technical training course for air armament mechanics at Lowry AFB, Colo. Airman Caison, who has completed his basic military training here, was selected for the advanced course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes. A graduate of Shallotte High School, the airman attended North Carolina State College.

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Fireball Roberts Again Tries For 3rd 500 Win

By RUSS CATLIN

DARLINGTON, S. C.—Fireball Roberts, Daytona Beach winner of the February Hickock award as the athlete-of-the-month and only two-time winner of the Darlington Raceway Rebel 300 convertible classic, has entered a 1962 Pontiac for the sixth running May 12.

Roberts won the inaugural Rebel 300 in 1957 and repeated two years later, after sandwiching a Southern 500 win in between. In the 17 classic races held at Darlington, since its founding in 1950, Roberts has set or broken a total of 258 competition records.

His latest being the world's 24-hour stock car mark, set at Darlington last December. Roberts was at the wheel of a 1962 Pontiac that a six-man driving

team had averaged 109 miles-per-hour with over the daylight-dark span.

Besides his two Rebel 300 victories, Roberts has finished fifth twice and had mechanical failure after leading the 1960 race.

With the Atlanta 500 now rescheduled for June, the Rebel 300 becomes the second stock car classic of 1962. Roberts won the first, the Daytona 500 in February.

Already entered in the \$40,000 event are Dave Pearson, three-time classic winner from Spartanburg, S. C., and Ralph Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N. C., also in Pontiacs. Nelson Stacy, Daytona Beach and winner of the 12th Southern 500 has signed with a Ford and national champion Ned Jarrett, Conover, N. C., a Chevrolet.

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Registrars will be at their stations in every Precinct on the above dates and at their homes on week days during this time.

PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 26, 1962

New Voters Must Register on one of the above dates to be eligible to vote in the Primary.

SATURDAY, MAY 19th IS CHALLENGE DAY

Persons now registered will be allowed to vote in the May Primary of his or her party as shown by the affiliation on the Registration Books.

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