

News. The two strains are 175 years old—but we are all going to the Alderman re-union this week, July 18th.

A. B. Alderman has been superintendent of the Greene schools for three years. I can remember A. B.'s father, from my childhood visits to the Moore's Creek relatives. He was Franklin Pierce Alderman. He married a sister of the patriarchal J. T. Kennedy of Sampson County, and A. B. Alderman and my good friend Connor Kennedy, Clinton attorney, are first cousins. Frank Alderman, another son, is the Elizabethtown poet. L. K. is in business at Rose Hill. A. B. is an A. B. from Wake Forest College, class of 1924. Seven years he taught at Cedar Creek, Cumberland, and at Beaulaville, Duplin County, before coming to the superintendency of the Greene schools.

I hadn't known whom A. B. Alderman married, but a visit to the home introduced me to a daughter of the Howards and Fishers, true-blue Sampson stock, though she herself and her mother were reared in Cumberland County. Mrs. Howard, the mother, lives with her daughter and is sprightly and interesting. I found her to be a niece of that fine old gentleman of my Robeson days, Mr. Harrison Fisher of Tolarsville, and her deceased husband a brother of my old Robeson friend George Howard and of Mrs. W. S. Johnson, mother of former Representative Mac Johnson of Enfield. It is evident that my first visit to Snow Hill was not one to strangers only. The Aldermans have one of the old homes conveniently and pleasantly located.

Another Old Friend.

But there was still another old friend to see—Principal R. W. Isley of the Snow Hill school. I knew Mr. Isley intimately while he was superintendent of the Sampson County schools. After leaving Sampson he served as superintendent of the Tyrrel schools and of the Caswell schools. But he preferred to return to the school room before he should be left high and dry one day without a superintendency and with no prospects of entering the school room as an active teacher. He acted wisely. I have seen such tragedies occur. Public office is an uncertain proposition. As many men are ruined for life by being officers for a time as ever profit from their jobs. They are finally left in the lurch, out of touch with all other jobs. Not only was Mrs. Isley wise in returning to class-room work but also fortunate in going to Snow Hill as principal. There he has been for several years and seems a fixture.

He is one of the Alamance Isleys, a remote kinsman of Mayor Iseley of Raleigh, even if the Mayor does have an extra "e" in his name. R. W. is a graduate of the University and is, all in all, one of the finest of fellows.

At the Relief Agency.

Another I shall list among my former friends, Mr. E. J. Harper, though I had met him only once before. But as he has been reading The State's Voice more than a year, he certainly knows me pretty well if I don't know him so well. I found him one of Mrs. M. F. Palmer's chief helpers in the county relief work, of which Mrs. Palmer is superintendent and evidently an efficient one. At that office I also met Miss Mildred Taylor, emergency home demonstration agent for the county, who reports much canning already done in the relief homes and a real interest being shown in gardening by the poor or unemployed. Here, too, were Misses Moye and Moseley, two more charming young ladies. To my regret Mrs. Palmer was not in. I discovered that she is a sister of the well-known former legislator, D. F. Giles, generally called "Fatty Giles" by his many friends.

At The Court House.

At the court house we find Mr. George W. Hart finishing a 24-year period as clerk of the court and retiring voluntarily. Only once during the 24 years has he had opposition for renomination and that was not serious, as can be judged from the fact that he got a majority over three opponents. Such a record bears its own commentary. Mr. Hart is not yet worn out, by any means. He is strong and robust and good apparently, for many a year yet. He owns a large farm, on which he produces long-staple cotton, tobacco, and corn. He has also had experience as a merchant. He is a fine gentleman.

Mr. E. E. Edwards, is serving his third term as register of deeds and is the nominee for the next term. He has had no opposition since his first election. And that is a record hard to beat. Mr. Edwards was a bookkeeper before becoming register of deeds, having much experience in railroad service, with the old Tobacco Coop. Association, and a bank.

Sheriff H. K. Cobb was nominated for his second term without opposition. It seems that those fellows down there must be the finest kind of officers or the rest of the men are not as hungry for office as they are in other counties. He was superintendent of a convict camp before becoming sheriff. Sheriff Cobb was quite busy the day I was in Snow Hill. It was his job to see that the monthly Masonic barbecue

dinner was just right and on time. No Mason am I, but a good judge of barbecue, and that that was good. I can testify, for I was graciously a guest upon the pleasant occasion and was rather heavily served.

Mr. G. W. Edwards is auditor. He is a lawyer too, having studied at both Wake Forest and the State University. He received his license in 1927, practiced one year and then became auditor, holding the job continuously since 1928.

Other Lawyers of the Greene Bar.

Here is County Court Judge J. G. Anderson, an A. B. graduate of the class of 1906 at Wake Forest. He is a native of Halifax, and began his practice in the old town of that name. From there he went to Elm City, but settled in Snow Hill in 1909, where he successfully practiced till chosen recorder in 1932, succeeding Judge Morrill. Judge Anderson is a very genial gentleman.

Here is the baby lawyer of the bunch, young Lowell G. Taylor. He is a native of Northampton. He got his LL. B. degree at Wake Forest in 1935, but had already secured his law license the year before. He began his practice in Northampton, but moved over to Snow Hill in 1932. He is a bright youngster and seems to have hit the right place for a career.

Attorney W. G. Sheppard moved over from Farmville, Pitt County, when Judge Frizzelle became judge and occupied the office vacated by that officer. He is a Trinity man, class 1914. He seems to be the only lawyer in Snow Hill who did not study at Wake Forest, unless it is Judge Frizzelle, whose alma mater I do not know. The further we go the more apparent it becomes that Wake Forest men are largely monopolizing the professions of law and medicine in at least half the State, and the same in a great measure, is true of teaching.

Mr. Sheppard is county attorney and solicitor of the Recorder's Court, and evidently a capable attorney.

K. A. Pittman is another Wake Forest man, having received his LL. B. degree therefrom in 1916. He is a native of Franklin County. Beginning his practice at Ayden, Pitt County, he was called off to the army. After his army service he returned to Ayden and practiced there till 1931, when he came to Snow Hill. He is a member of the firm of Pittman and Eure. Mr. J. B. Eure, the other member of the firm, lives at Ayden. Mr. Pittman is considered a very bright lawyer and useful citizen.

Other Physicians and Dentists.

I have already told you of Dr. Murphy. Here is Dr. J. H. Harper, who is verging along toward the old-timers age, having graduated at Philadelphia back in 1905 and served an internship in a Pittsburgh hospital the following year. He settled in his own county town in 1906 and has been serving the people of Greene now over a quarter of a century. I was very favorably impressed with Dr. Harper.

Here is Dr. Wm. D. Young, who is termed one of the best dentists in the State. He studied at U. N. C., at the Atlanta Dental College, and at the University College of Medicine, Richmond, but just in the reverse order of that named. The two years at Chapel Hill were given to postgraduate work. He has been practicing at Snow Hill 23 years, but not long enough to find him a wife. Mighty good dentist, but mighty poor judgment—not enough to marry or even to subscribe for The State's Voice.

And here is Dr. D. S. Harper, Snow Hill's veterinarian. That he ranks high as a citizen can be judged from the fact that he has been chairman of the county board of education for four years. Other members of the board are W. E. Sugg, J. S. Whitley, L. C. Edwards, and R. P. Lane. I found the charming Miss Lucy Turnage as Supt. Alderman's right-hand man in the office.

Snow Hill's Newspapers.

Snow Hill has two newspapers, The Square Deal and The Standard-Laonic. Mr. J. E. Debnam, who was a teacher back in our own early days in the school room, is editor of The Laonic. Unfortunately I found him in a rather poor state of health. Mr. G. A. Jones is editor of The Square Deal. Both have been on the job about 25 years. Both are making good little papers. It was interesting to discover that Mr. Jones had once been associated with my own brother in business.

Some of Snow Hill's Business Men.

I did hope to interview all the business men of the good little town, but there are always more of them than one would judge by a glance at business quarters. Here is a good hardware store, belonging to the firm of Dixon and Hicks, with Mr. S. H. Hicks in charge. The latter seems worthy of the name he bears, for the Hicks in the southeastern part of the State are usually considered real folk.

The old drug store on the corner was handed down from the father to the son. Mr. J. S. Harper is the present proprietor. Here is R. P. Mewborn, general merchant, G. L. and B. P. Mewborn, general merchants,—there are plenty of Mewborns down that way. And here is another Pittman, not a lawyer,

but a cafe man. But time was up.

Previously, however, I had met two or three good farmers. Anybody at a glance would pick out Mr. W. T. Eason as a substantial citizen. A question or two revealed that he operates an eight-horse farm out five miles from Snow Hill. He has reduced his tobacco crop this year to 40 acres, but that is some tobacco.

Here is a member of the board of county commissioners, a Mr. Grantham. Of course, he is sprung from the Grantham township nest in Wayne, and so I found him to be a brother of our old friend Black Grantham who lived not so many miles from Dunn over in Sampson. He had "known-but-one Peterson" Mr. Grantham hadn't, "and that was the Sampson editor." But he didn't know that editor over at Snow Hill, but seemed as pleased to meet me as if I had been a long-lost brother when he discovered the identity.

STATEMENT

**ROYAL ARCANUM SUPREME COUNCIL
BOSTON, MASS.**

Condition December 31, 1933, as Shown
by Statement Filed

Balance from Previous Year	\$27,829,420.70
Income—From Members	\$3,813,988.73
Miscellaneous	\$1,326,653.63
Total	5,140,642.86
Disbursements—To Members	\$4,160,941.44
Miscellaneous	\$509,297.39
Total	4,670,148.83
Business written during year—Number of Policies, 4,650	4,235,510.00
Business in force at end of year—Number of Policies, 81,461	113,424,002.90

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate (less amount of encumbrances)	\$ 66,300.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	2,728,689.88
Value of Bonds and Stocks	24,798,818.20
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	861,810.02
Interest and Rents due and accrued	454,477.61
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	404,613.97
Total	\$29,254,707.68
Less Assets not admitted	605,893.18
Total admitted Assets	\$28,648,724.50

LIABILITIES

Death Claims due and unpaid	\$ 12,071.86
Death Claims resisted	13,000.00
Death Claims reported, but not yet adjusted	173,865.90
Permanent Disability Claims	9,488.48
Sick and Accident Claims	306.32
Advance assessments	197,700.60
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	138,272.60
Total Liabilities	\$ 544,705.76

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1933

Policies or Certificates in force December 31st of previous year, Number 1,183	\$1,951,585.00
Policies or Certificates issued during the year, Number 346	419,500.00
Policies or Certificates in force December 31, 1933, Number 1,030	1,695,916.00
Losses and Claims unpaid December 31st of previous year, Number 2	3,000.00
Losses and Claims incurred during the year, Number 42	75,988.48
Losses and Claims paid during the year, Number 42	65,043.25
Losses and Claims unpaid December 31, 1933, Number 1	988.48
Premiums and Assessments collected during the year in North Carolina	56,828.43
JAS. E. NORRIS, Supreme Regent.	
HERBERT F. HOTCHKISS, Sup. Secy.	
A. S. ROBINSON, Supreme Treasurer.	
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
(Seal) Raleigh, July 9th, 1934.**

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above, is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Royal Arcanum Supreme Council, a Fraternal Order, of Boston, Mass., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Order on the 31st day of December, 1933.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.