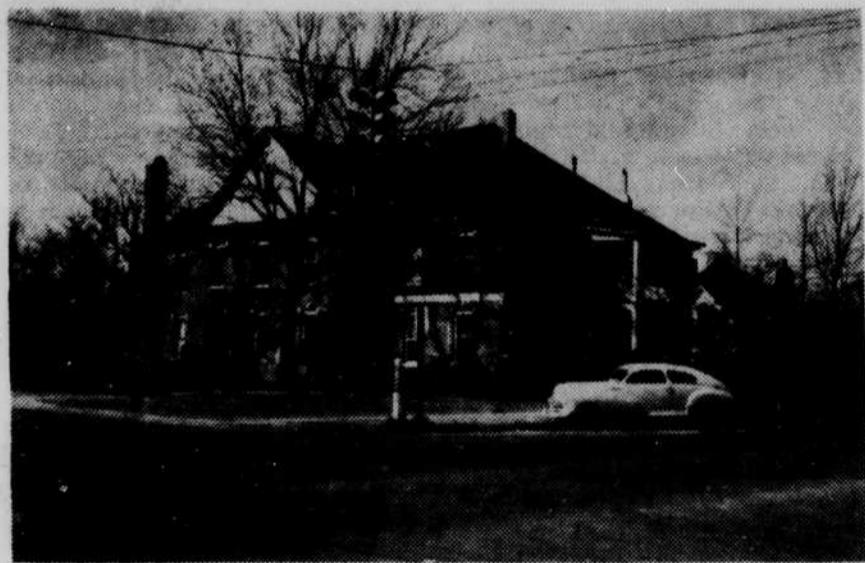


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Wendell's Hotel Riggsbee Closes; Era Ends in Town

Another era died in January when the Riggsbee Hotel in Wendell closed its doors to the transients needing lodging.

For 38 years the 25-room hotel was operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Riggsbee. Mrs. Riggsbee died in 1956 and Mr. Riggsbee continued to operate it until last month.

The Riggsbees took over the hotel in January of 1925, and it was a haven for the many tourists who came to Wendell. It was home for the many tobacconists during the selling seasons. When the "drummers" came to town to show their wares to the merchants, they spent their days and nights in the hotel.

There were school teachers, quarry people when the quarry was in operation, and other persons who stopped in the town after a rail trip before the station was closed for passenger traffic.

"There was never a dull moment," Mrs. R. R. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riggsbee, said. "If the walls could talk there would be some interesting tales."

Mrs. Riggsbee was an excellent cook, planning well-balanced and delicious food for the boarders. It was always served family style, with a bounteous plenty for the hungry stomachs of quarry laborers or the hard-working school teachers.

Her pleasant disposition was a

quality, too, which kept the tradesman coming back to the hotel when he was in town. However, if she didn't think things were going just right, she would give a derelict roomer his walking papers.

"I remember one morning when Mama kicked out a group of men who had been drinking and had been boisterous during the night. Mama would not tolerate drinking," Mrs. Thompson said.

Mrs. Riggsbee was an industrious woman, "and generous to a fault," her daughter remembers. During the depression years, her home was a haven for many of the underprivileged. She would not turn them away, feeding them and lodging them if they needed it.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Riggsbee took over the hotel it was operated by Mrs. W. E. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Riggsbee, however, were receiving boarders before they became the owners of the hotel. They came to Wendell in 1914.

Elsie Horton and Wilson Sion Riggsbee were married October 20, 1901. They met while working in Durham.

"Mama was an independent woman," Mrs. Thompson said. "When she wanted to do something she did it."

Mr. Riggsbee, now 84-years-old, is a retired painter and wallpaper

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ELSIE AND WILSON RIGGSBEE, OWNERS

Flue Cured Tobacco Growers Association Growing Rapidly

It was a cool, rainy Saturday in late November when six tobacco farmers, Walter Dean, Titus Painter, Walter Painter, Russell Taylor, Joe Todd and Willard White met to discuss their favorite topic, tobacco.

Their discussion centered around problems that face the grower of flue cured tobacco and the total industry. The discussion revealed that many problems exist, problems that must be solved if the business of growing tobacco is to make satisfactory gains in the future.

The men talked of problems with all phases of tobacco production, marketing and consumption, both domestic and foreign.

After much discussion the question was asked: How can tobacco growers solve or help solve these problems? This question was discussed from all angles, but there appeared to be no easy answer.

Finally, the idea of a tobacco growers solve or help solves these into the discussion. The group weighed this idea of such an organization, and the more they thought about it and talked about it, the better they liked the idea.

That cool, rainy Saturday afternoon a decision was reached. An organization would be formed and its primary objective would be to promote the welfare of the tobacco farmer and the business of tobacco production. The organization would be run by tobacco farmers in absence of conflicting interests.

The Flue Cured Tobacco Growers Association, Inc., has six purposes. 1) to promote the welfare of the tobacco farmer and the general business of tobacco production; 2) to promote efficient production, curing, grading, packing, handling, storing, processing and marketing of tobacco and to secure and distribute to its members information and trends relative to the operation and management of the tobacco business;

3) to promote research work for the purpose of discovering and developing better methods of production, handling, storing, processing, marketing and disease control; 4) to promote the use of tobacco through public relations, lobby, advertising, service work,

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Insecticide Firm Prexy to Speak

Myron J. Maxwell, president of Maxwell Insecticide Co. of Raleigh and Cary, will address the Adult Farmer Class, C. V. Tart, Wakelon School agriculture teacher, has announced.

Maxwell, who will meet with the group Monday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m., will speak on soil fumigation, soil insects and weed control.

The meeting will be held in the agriculture department and the public is invited.

P. O. Holiday

Zebulon Post Office will be closed all day Friday, February 22, in observance of Washington's birthday. Postmaster Ruby Dawson has announced. There will be no rural delivery or window service; however, special delivery and perishable mail will be handled as usual.



Haliburton Yancey holds "Diamond Joe," his beagle which has become a certified field champion. Joe has competed in field trials in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Yancey's four-year-old son Stan is holding some of Joe's championship ribbons.

Beagle Dog Making Name For Himself and His Owner

"Yancey's Diamond Joe," a two-year-old beagle owned by Haliburton Yancey, is making a name for himself.

Yancey's dog, a certified field champion, has won in field trials throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. His latest win was Sunday at the West Ridge Beagle Club in Rocky Mount.

"Diamond Joe" was a winner in Greensboro where he competed with 42 dogs; in Ronda, S. C., where he ran against 22 dogs; in Marion, S. C., against 37 dogs, in Spartanburg, S. C., against 59 dogs; and Kinston, against 66 dogs.

In order to qualify for the field trials, a dog must be throughbred and registered and measure no more than 13 inches. Measurements are taken over the shoulders of the dog, and "Diamond Joe's" are 12¾ inches.

In the trials a dog has a brace-

mate. These brace-mates are paired off after a drawing is made. There are four places in every trial.

Yancey said the rules are very strict and must be abided by very carefully.

"Diamond Joe's" sire was "Diamond Jim," a 26-time winner of Inman, S. C. His mother was Phillip's Salley. Joe has a solid black blanket with a rich tan and white running gear.

There are five judges at each field trial, Yancey said.

Yancey said beagling is quite popular throughout the country. It has been a hobby with him for about eight years, he said. He is currently serving as vice president of the West Ridge Beagle Club in Rocky Mount.

"Diamond Joe," the only dog in this vicinity which holds field championship trials, had LaMar Laney of Maiden as his professional handler.

Increased Growth Causes Zebulon Brownie Scout Troop to Divide

The membership of the Brownie Scout Troop has become so enlarged that it must be divided into two groups, Mrs. Preston Smith, leader, has said.

The present membership is 28 and Mrs. Smith said more girls are asking to join the troop.

Mrs. Smith said the division of the troop will take place Saturday. The second and third graders will meet from 1:30 to 3 o'clock and the fourth graders will meet from 3:30 to 5 o'clock.

The leader said the division of the troop is necessary in order to accomplish the best work.

Mrs. Smith and the troop members express their thanks to the

parents, relatives, friends and the people of Zebulon and the surrounding communities for helping make the cookie sale so successful.

Members of the troop are Lou Bunn, Kathy Carlyle, Cheryl Chapman, Elliene Chapman, Toni Duke, Deborah Edwards, Linda Gay, Darlene Jenkins, Cathy Johnson, Debbie Jones, Fannie Lou Jones, Beth Liles, Betsy Olive, Nancy Olive, Candace Perry, Nancy Turlington, Annette Smith, Harriett Williams, Nancy Wall, Diane Carroll, Bonnie Pearce, Melissa Beck, Amelia Bryant, Norma Helen Screws, Paula Hewitt, Michele Thomas and Joan Hopkins.