

LOOKING BACK SEVENTY YEARS

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One of the first things I remember in my early youth was sickness, Diphtheria in our family. Three of our children had it about the same time. We were critically sick and my only brother and one of my sisters died. The next thing I remember was when my father returned after the cruel Civil war. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Petersburg and carried to Point Lookout in N. Y. where he had a long hard case of pneumonia. He came very near dying; and wanting to come home so bad he started back before he was well and strong enough to make the trip. He took cold on the train which caused consumption, this was in June 1865 and he died the 19th of September following.

This was one of the greatest and most far-reaching troubles that ever came to our family. Well do I remember the day my father was buried. Rev. J. P. Moore conducted the services at the grave. Well do I remember one statement he made, saying, "Mr. Jones was a good man and we believe he has gone to rest." This left us in unfortunate conditions. Our mother, a poor widow with three small children. My oldest sister was about ten years of age. I was five and the youngest girl. We had a hard, rough way to travel. The neighbors and kindred were kind and helpful, but there is often some degenerates who will impose on the weak and helpless and we suffered imposition and privation.

My next experience was going to my first school. This was in 1867, when I was 7 years old. My teacher was Mr. Tom Satterfield. He taught in an old-time log school house, near where Mt. Harmony church stands. This was a subscription school of about three months and as I was not big enough to do much work, I went nearly all the session. I did not like to go at first, but soon became attached to it and loved to go to school when I could, but I had much work to do and not much time for school. I went a little nearly every winter when the weather was cold and farm work was not so pressing. Well do I remember starting to school on New Years day of 1877, to Mr. R. B. Blalock, who taught in a log-house near where Mr. W. C. Pixley now lives. I walked through the snow three miles knee deep to get there and loved to go if it was a long rough way and cold weather. There were more students in this school than any other I ever

attended. Several walked four miles to this school, some came from other communities, and boarding at homes near the school. There was a number of young men and several boys nearly grown who attended this school. Nearly all of these have now passed away. McGuffies reader, Emersons arithmetic, Smith grammar, elementary geography and Websters old Blue Back spelling book were about all the books that were used.

Mr. Blalock was very fond of the Blue Back speller and he taught us something else beside what was in our books. One thing I will mention. He warned us against tating and backbiting, saying if we could not say any thing good about people to say nothing. I went to school for a short time to several teachers and not much to any, I was needed at home to work, therefore, my education was quite limited. There was discipline and obedience in the schools of that time. Students were content to play on the school house grounds and no costly playhouses were erected at the public's expense. One of my teachers was a Primitive Baptist preacher and nearly all of them were good Christian people and their influence was elevating and uplifting. Considering outward appearances, there has been some progress in our school business in recent years, but we are commanded not to judge by appearances, but judge righteous judgment and there has been considerable progress in farming and financial affairs since 1865. Several years after the war was over many of the women folks had to work hard on the farm. This was hard on them but no disgrace. I knew an honorable widow of energy, intelligence and good management, when the war ended she was left with eight children and all girls except the youngest, a small boy, and the oldest girls ploughed and did most all kinds of farm work. They lived well and raised good crops, had plenty and some to spare. The Old Lady kept good stock and knew how to manage them. I remember seeing her going to mill driving two nice horses, and she sometimes carried her tobacco to market. When the war was over there was only two stores and a post-office on this side of the county. One at Moriah and Mt. Tirzah. About 1870 Messrs. J. T. Hunt and J. L. Thomas began merchandising at Centre Grove about three miles east of our home. They also established a post-office which was the only one for miles around. Well do I remember riding behind my mother on horse back to this store and postoffice. Now nearly every family has their p. o. often in fifty steps of their home, this is another great convenience.

About 1870 Messrs. Reade Moore & Co. built a saw and grist mill on Deep Creek at the place where Webb's

sawmill once stood. This was a great convenience and also a necessity to many people for miles around. Before this we had to go four miles to Swaneys Mill over a rough and mountainous way or seven miles to Moore's Mill on Flat River. Neither one was a pleasant task. This was about my first experience as a mill boy, going on horseback. Often it was hard work to keep the sack from falling off. Once it did fall and Mr. Crock Lunsford came along and put it up for me. I yet remember his kindness. I was about ten years old at this time. About 1873 Messrs. Yancey Bros. built a store and postoffice near the new mill. They carried a good stock of merchandise and did a thriving business and the postoffice was a great convenience to our people. Well do I remember Mr. Sid Young was our first mail carrier, carrying the mail from Yanceys Store to Raleigh, N. C., making one trip on horseback a week. It usually took him about four days to make the round trip. The coming of the mail was quite an important event, but alas, so fleeting and frail are earthly things. About 1901, high water carried away the mills, the store was burned and they have never been rebuilt. Some one has said: profit by the past, but do not dwell in it, and it is well for us to glance back occasionally to the times of our youth and note the different conditions and environments of things then and now. Several years after the war many people made their own clothing. The clatter of the loom and the hum of the spinning wheels were heard in the homes of most country people. People had to wear home spun clothes and home made shoes, go to church and elsewhere walking, riding horseback and on wagons. The covered wagon was a favorite vehicle at that time and in this time there was more true virtue, piety and charity than there is now. People then attended church more often. I have seen churches crowded at their monthly appointments. People had church and character pride and now it is a pity these great essentials of life and eternity are dying out.

People then were more consistent, prudent, contented and cautious than they are now, and behold, and consider what this modern, wild, roaring, rushing, destructive gas age is doing, but I will not say any more on this subject. Dear People, let us heed the Divine command to set our affections on things above and not on earth. Be ye not conformed to this world and be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man may come. I often think of a statement and request that dear Bro. David Peed made in his prayers. Lord help us live as we will wish we had when we come to die, and this applies to both saint and sinner. Dear People, in writing this I lay no claim to wisdom, heroism or greatness. I am an unworthy, unfaithful servant of the Lord. One of the smallest of the small, weakest of the weak, humblest of the humble. I am seventy-five and in the evening of life and my hope is bright. But my regret is I have been so unfaithful, undutiful and have done so little for my Blessed Master who has done so much for me.

Ca-Vel Village School News

Miss Montague's Grades Present Interesting And Entertaining Chapel Program Friday

The regular chapel was held last Friday morning by Miss Montague's grades. The song, "You Can Smile," was sung by the entire school. The school was then led in prayer by Gladys Dickerson, a pupil of the 4th grade. Then a health playlette, "The Magic-Garden" was given by these grades.

It was very interesting to watch Cho-Cho, the health clown, with his helpers, the Healthy Fairies, teach John, the little boy, how to grow up to strong manhood by eating the right kind of foods and forming the right habits.

Those taking part on the program were as follows:

Cho-Cho—Curtis Hamlett
John—Donald Hammock
Milk Fairies: Sara Mangum, Musette, Jones, Doris Smith, Mary Harges, Ellen Chandler.

Vegetable Family: Miss Carrot—Gladys Dickerson; Miss Tomato—Joyce Barksdale; Mr. Beet—Raymond Clayton; Miss Cabbage—Martha Carver; Miss Lettuce—Edna Clayton; Miss Spinich—Doris Dickerson.

Meat Family: Mr. Rooster—Joe Dixon; Miss Hen—Mary Yarbore; Mr. Turkey—Earl Shotwell; Mr. Pig—Oliver Sewell; Miss Egg—Edna Walker.

Other Health Fairies: Miss Soap—Alyse Bivins; Mr. Toothbrush—Wilbur Clayton.

Tempting Trolls: Miss Candy—Louise Singleton; Mr. Coffee—Laddis Dixon; Mr. Chewing Gum—Huel Rhew; Miss Banana—Erlene Clayton; Mr. Cucumber—Herbert Whitte; Mr. Pickle—Garland Blanks.

Dame Sleep: Margaret Davis.

In the contest Cho-Cho and his helpers won over the Tempting Trolls and John was sent safely on the road to health and happiness.

We were delighted to have several of our mothers and relatives out to see this little program, and want them to come more often.

Roxboro Football Squad Has Good Season This Year

Out Of Fourteen Games Played Won Eight, Tied Two, and Lost Four. Beat Three Rivals For First Time

Roxboro High School football team wound up one of its most successful football seasons on Tuesday, November 26 when they played the last game on their schedule. Eight opponents fell before the powerful attack of the local gridgers, while only two managed to tie them, and there were only four teams who could best them throughout the season.

Out of the first six games the gridgers went down in defeat three out of the four times they were licked during the season and tied one game. Other than the first game of the season which was played against Reldsville no team scored more than one touchdown against the Roxboro squad.

Three teams, Mebane, Oxford, and Henderson, were defeated for the first time in the memory of Coach Heffner, who has been connected with the high school since 1927 with the exception of three years.

The squad will lose heavily by graduation this year. The losses will include Captain Harold Wilkerson, regular end, Clinton Winstead, quarter back, Fletcher Winstead, half back, Hubert Roberts, center, Bobby Stephens, end, Buddy Algood, half back, and Ben Broadwell, end. All save the last two players mentioned were regular members of the first team, while the latter two were reliable substitutes.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Timberlake, N. C.

Dear Santa:

I guess you are almost ready to take your trip this year. I am a little girl five years old. I can read and know my ABC's. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I have been very smart. I want you to bring me a doll, a tea set, a pair of sissors, a pencil tablet, and some nuts, fruits, and candy. I hope I am not asking for too much. I am planning to see you at Roxboro the 20th. Hope you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,

Wilma Berry

Timberlake, N. C.

Dear Santa:

I will write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I am a little girl two years old. I go to Sunday School and am very smart. I want you to bring me a big doll, a little piano, a tricycle and some fruits, nuts and candy. Hope you will have a Merry Christmas.

Your little friend,

Josephine Long

Timberlake, N. C.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl two years old. I am very smart. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I want you to bring me a big doll, a book, a tea set, some nuts, fruits and candy. Don't forget mother and daddy and all the other little boys and girls. Hope you have a nice Christmas.

Your little friend,

Joyce Dickerson

Roxboro, N. C., Dec. 10, 1935.

Dear Santa:

I hope you won't forget me this time, as you have a lot of houses to go to in one night. I want you to bring me a wrist watch, a Webster Dictionary, a book sack with a key, and nuts, fruits and candies. I want sparklers too. Don't forget my mother who is sick.

Best wishes, Eliza Jones.

Roxboro, N. C., Dec. 10, 1935.

Dear Santa:

I am nine years old in the fourth grade, Miss Elizabeth Tillett is my teacher. I like her very much. Don't forget her and my other friends.

I want a doll carriage, a pencil box, a nice ring, and fruits, nuts and candies. I want some sparklers too.

Love to you, Aleine Jones.

Roxboro, N. C., Dec. 10, 1935.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old. I want you to bring me a tricycle, a little car, a knife, and fruits, candies, and nuts. I want some sparklers.

Good-bye, Carl Berkley Jones.

NEW LICENSE PLATES GO ON SALE SATURDAY

Sale of 1936 automobile license tags will begin Saturday, December 14. By law the sale starts usually on December 15 but as that is a Sunday this year, plates will go on sale a day earlier.

Plates will be sold here and from 45 branch offices.

At present more than 511,000 pairs of 1935 licenses, a record for a single year, have been issued.

It's not too early to be talking up new resolutions for 1936 — you will probably need them.

Fighters Training Hard For Tough Battles Friday Night

Nightly Training Sessions Held In Factory Building On Foushee Street. Scrappers Are In Good Shape

Though the seats are bare of spectators the local fighters who will take part in the fight card to be staged here Friday night are holding nightly training sessions and there is plenty of fire in the fists of those boys. Punching the bag, skipping rope, sparring in the ring are all a part of the training that these boys are getting. They are preparing for anything their opponents may have, any surprise they may spring.

Howard and Oakley are in top shape for their fight with tough fighters. The other fighters, some who are newcomers to the ring here, are also preparing for their fights here on this card.

Fighting will begin at 9:00 P. M. sharp. Admission at usual scale of 25c with reserved seats at 25c.

INJURED FOOT

Mr. Marvin Clayton had the misfortune to slip and injure his right foot. Though he is able to be about he has to employ the use of a cane to help him.

The best way to improve Roxboro is to improve yourself. This applies to problems of finance, as well as other matters.

Tobacco Market Will Close With Tomorrow's Sale

Market Shows A Healthy Increase Over The Past Season

With tomorrow's sale the tobacco market will close for the Christmas holidays, in fact until the 13th day of January, 1936. While the price has not averaged near what it was last season, it has been so much more than the most optimistic dreamed possible after it opened up as it did. While we do not happen to have the figures we believe the market has averaged very near \$23.00, and with the extra amount raised our farmers will receive more money for the crop than for last season.

While the market has not sold as much tobacco as it should, considering the amount raised in the County and the price paid, still, it has made considerable advance and we are still hoping that we will again get to be considered one of the big markets.

IN WASHINGTON

Dr. E. J. Tucker and C. C. Garrett left Tuesday afternoon for Washington, D. C., where they will look after some post-office matters.

SENTENCE REMITTED

Male Straphanger: "Madam, you are standing on my foot."
Female Ditto: "I beg your pardon, I thot it belonged to the man sitting down."

PENDER

Marching Ahead!

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PLAIN OR SELF RISING

Triangle Flour

12-lb. Bcg	49c	24-lb. Bag	95c
SANTA CLARA		DELICIOUS BUTTER	
4 Lbs.	17c	2 Lbs.	25c
LIBBY'S CRUSHED		PHILLIP'S DELICIOUS	
2 No. 2 cans	29c	3 Cans	20c
SOUTHERN MANOR			
Lima Beans			
No. 2 Can	15c		
GIBB'S PURE		PURE FRUIT	
2 Lg. cans	15c	3 Pkgs.	17c
HOMINY		JELLO	
FINEST BULK		KRAFT'S ASSORTED	
2 Lbs.	25c	2 1/2 lb. pkgs	15c
Mince Meat		CHEESE	
Libby's Bartlett Pears large can		21c	
Crisco for better baking, 1-lb. can		21c	
Old Va. Fruit Cake 1-lb. size		49c	
D. P. Blend Coffee 1 lb.		21c	
Our Pride Bread 20-oz. loaf		10c	

Market Specials:

ROUND STEAK	lb.	19c
STEW BEEF	lb.	10c
Pure Pork SAUSAGE	lb.	25c
Tasty BOLOGNA	lb.	15c
FAT BACK	lb.	17c

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MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

- PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.
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