

'Living At Home' Started Here When Woodys Built Cotton Mill

Monuments Should Be Built To Them, To A Cameron, to J.R. McQueen, Says Mr. Butler

By Bion H. Butler
This talking of living at home did not originate with Max Gardner. Long before he had reached the football team at State College the prophets were calling on the people to live at home, and even as far back as 1818 a cotton mill was built at the Falls of the Tar River, in Edgecomb county, and in 1837 Gov. Edwin M. Holt up on the Haw built the first mill south of the Potomac to manufacture colored cotton goods. In Randolph, Montgomery, Cumberland and other counties the cotton factories sprung up, and North Carolina began to live at home on a broader scale than the old home-spun had made possible, for a new day dawned. Unfortunately war created havoc and the number of spindles in 1870 was much smaller than in 1890. War is a deadener. But the revolution had commenced, and now North Carolina has more spindles than any other state of the Union.

So much for one branch of living at home. North Carolina has more acres producing tobacco than any other state, is one of the great furniture states of the country, and in other ways is living savagely at home.

Mill at High Falls

And with it Moore county is living at home. With the establishment of the cotton industry along the Deep River valley Moore joined in, and although not on a large scale at any time, and not as soon as some of the others. Moore has been living at home for a century and a half. Of the cotton mills now in existence the first was built by the Woodys, father and sons—over at High Falls, and it has been rather a model mill up to recent years when bigger mills overshadowed it in the matter of greater production, but not in its wholesome relation to its community. Tom Woody one of the sons, was a big man in many ways and his death was a grave misfortune for the county and the community. But the mill continued. Tom Woody and his brothers made there a model village and mill plant, a market for the country folks, a source of employment for the farm surplus labor, a progressive settlement that built and maintained good schools, provided water, telephones, and the conveniences, encouraged good roads, and brought their Deep

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Turns to Wheat

Kenny McCrimmon Joins the "Live-at-Home" Campaign on His James Creek Farm

Kenny McCrimmon is a farmer who came out from Piney Bottom when the government took the land in that section for Fort Bragg. He located on James Creek just over the Moore county line in McNeills township, and cleared a new farm and built a home. He has been making cotton and other similar crops, but this year he concluded things to eat would be worth more to him than cotton, so he is planting wheat on his bottom lands, where he has been making corn, sweet potatoes and similar dependables for several years. This fall he has a big field in which he has been growing vetch, and figures the ground will make wheat for him for next year. His boys work the farm when it is necessary, and when they are not needed there they find employment elsewhere, and the McCrimmon home is one of independence and a good bunch of neighbors in a good community.

River country up to a rather ideal rural spot. That influence still is felt all through the upper section.

In beginnings of that sort was the creation in North Carolina of the great textile industry that grew out of such a mild start. It was found that the mill could provide employment for the surplus farm labor, and in doing it give to that labor a wage better than the farm afforded. Much has been said about moving the cotton industry to the South because of cheap labor, and the exploitation of cheap labor, but the bold fact is that the labor that is called cheap labor is a labor ratio that is better paid than the farm labor that it has lifted to a higher plane. Without the mills and factories that have called on the surplus farm labor at better wages than the farm could pay the plight of the farmer today in the South would be pitiful. And the Carolina mills widened the horizon of farm industry not only in the employment of farm people in the mills, but also in the utilization of farm products in the mill settlements, and these growing mills have wonderfully broadened and enlarged the world of comfort and progress within the reach of the whole area south of the Potomac river. In spite of the harsh criticism made by those who complained of the wages of the mill people of the state, the multiplication of cotton and other mills, in affording an outlet for farm labor at higher than farm wages, has been one of the most helpful agencies that can be imagined in lifting the whole South to a wholly new and beneficial level of existence. The Woodys were missionaries of progress and enlightenment, like many other small mill men of their day, and they deserve the most grateful remembrance.

The Vass Cotton Mill

Over in the Little River section Angus Cameron had been operating a saw mill. When his timber was exhausted, with much courage and interest in his community he built a cotton mill, and while it is not as big as a mountain, it has made of Vass a prosperous, happy and progressive neighborhood, with a school that is the apotheosis of riches and knowledge as compared with the schools that existed in the county before the days of the Vass Cotton Mill. Vass is a thriving village, not big, not wealthy, not to be compared with some of the great industrial or educational centers of the world. But Vass is incomparably farther along than in the days before A. Cameron built the Vass Cotton Mill. Some day Vass should build to Angus Cameron an imperishable monument in memory of what he has achieved there, and likewise another one should be built to the elder Woody at High Falls, that the influence they exerted might be under-

POULTRY FLOCKS PAY DAVIDSON COUNTY FARMERS

By keeping a few simple records through the past year, several good farmers of Davidson County have found that poultry pays them well. The flocks were kept under average farm conditions and proves the contention of agricultural extension workers that no farm in North Carolina should be without at least 100 hens of a standard breed.

"On November 1, 1929 four poultrymen of this county decided they would cooperate with me and keep accurate records on their poultry flocks to determine just how much they would make when poultry was cared for as any other crop is looked after," writes C. A. Leonard, county agent of Davidson County. "Each of the flocks was housed, fed and handled according to our recommendations. Two men mixed their feeds at home according to the college formula and the others fed commercial mixtures. The records of the returns from the eggs sold are interesting."

The four flocks produced 14,414.9 dozen eggs that sold for \$4,768.87. The total feed cost was \$2,679.57 leaving a return above feed cost of \$2,089.30. The average number of eggs produced a hen was 153.6. At the beginning of the record keeping there were 1,647 birds in the four flocks and at the end of the test, one year later, there were only 602 birds. The others were culled out because they were found to be unprofitable.

Of the four growers, H. G. Early of the Mills Home near Thomasville reports a profit of \$1,122.36 above feed costs on his flock of white leghorns. He also got a profit of \$189.66 from a small flock of Rhode Island Reds. A small flock of white leghorns owned by H. A. Leonard of Lexington, route 3, paid him \$198.44 above feed cost, and G. F. Johnson of Linwood, route 2, made \$477.18 profit above feed cost with his flock of white leghorns. The remaining grower, C. A. Tranthan of Linwood, route 2, made \$131.62 from a small flock of Reds.

PINEHURST

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Beavers of Durham were guests on Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

Mrs. Alma Taylor left last Wednesday for a visit of several days with her daughter, Mrs. Allan Watson in Greenwood, S. C.

Herbert Ehrhardt and Cecil Adair, students at U. N. C., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with home-folks here.

Other holiday visitors were Rodrick Innes of Oak Ridge, Miss Lerrora Sally and Miss Elizabeth McDonald, N. C. C. W., Greensboro, and Miss Thelma Bliss and Peggy Brawley of Salem College, Winston-Salem.

Donald Currie, Jr., has entirely recovered from a rather severe attack of pneumonia and was able to return to school last week.

stood as Moore county grows older and more advanced.

And another night with proper fitness be built to John McQueen and Capt. Cowgill at Hemp where the growing silk mills was established some years ago through their efforts. John McQueen, always with the kindest consideration for all the people of his bailiwick, has been foremost in spreading the gospel of human helpfulness, of schools, of opportunity for men and women to be of greater use to themselves and to their community. While much is said by the older folks of his father, long engaged in pastoral and paternal herding of his flock in this section, nothing that the honored pastor of Union Church has ever done reflects greater credit on his name and work than to leave the type of sons and daughters that bless his name in this community. John McQueen helped in the planting of the silk mill at Hemp, and there the folks are living at home, making silk for themselves and to sell, and in making the silk fabrics making their community broader, and prosperous and progressive.

In the northern part of the county Colin Spencer is carrying on one of the biggest lumber industries of the South, employing many hands, utilizing the growing crops of pine timber, paying money to farmers for their trees, and to their surplus labor for mill help and for their products of field and garden. He is enabling many to live at home and with comfort and satisfaction. And the story could be continued to great length.

Moore county is living at home, and will live at home more and more as the days go by, for here is a people of intelligence and faith and energy, who are not walking about with their eyes closed, nor with their ambitions stifled, but who are working out their destiny and making of their county one of the most wonderful successes to be met in any county of the state.

HORSE RACES DEC. 10TH

Another day of races and equestrian sports is scheduled for the Pinehurst track on Wednesday, December 10th, at 2:45 p. m. at which time additional Grand Circuit trotters and pacers from the H. Stacy Smith stables and from the Pine Needles Stable, will be seen in action.

With the arrival also of guests to the Sandhills who are interested in horse back riding, a full program of equestrian specialties has been arranged.

Lovers of good sport are assured of an enjoyable afternoon at the Pinehurst race track next Wednesday afternoon.



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Credit is a peculiar commodity. We are constantly reminded that overproduction is the cause of business depression. Undoubtedly it is; one of the causes. But it is also one of the effects, for, when more material is produced than is consumed business must eventually slow down until the surplus is used up, and the slowing down of business decreases consumption. That looks fairly simple.

But while credit is bought and sold like other commodities, the demand always keeps pace with the supply, for when business is active the demand for credit is keen and when it is bad it is still keener. Notwithstanding the fact that money is quoted at 2 percent in financial centers, there is a pressing demand for credit by merchants, farmers, and in fact by nearly everybody. Apparently, therefore, when the supply of credit increases the demand increases and when the supply decreases the demand keeps on increasing. That is not simple.

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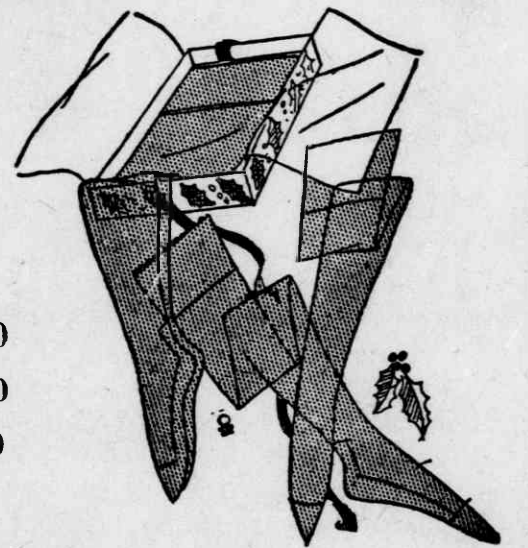
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