

Bishop and Pleasants Pulled First Train into Carthage Back in 88

Mrs. Minnie Tyson, a Passenger, Recalls Initial Trip on What is Now the Moore Central R. R.

One of the most exciting events in the history of this part of Moore county was the operation of the first scheduled train over the railroad between Cameron and Carthage. In August of 1888, according to Mrs. Minnie Tyson, who was a passenger. She was a little lass then, and her father, the late S. G. Holleman, was the engineer in charge of the construction of the branch line that has since come to be known as the Moore Central. It then, as now, connected with the main line of the Seaboard at Cameron.

Court week always attracted hundreds here in those days, and the officials decided upon the first Monday in August, when the criminal term of court began, as the date for the first scheduled train over the road, and by dint of hard work, Mr. Holleman had everything ship-shape on the line by that day. The train left Cameron at 10 o'clock and was composed of one coach, with two compartments—one for the passengers, the other for the mail and express. A little "dinky" engine furnished power.

The crew that manned the train, Mrs. Tyson recalls, was composed of W. R. Pleasants, a brother of Mrs. N. A. McKeithen, fireman; W. R. Bishop, engineer, who also acted as conductor, collecting the fares before pulling the throttle that sent the little engine puffing on its way to Carthage. Besides Mrs. Tyson, the judge who presided at the August 1888 term of Moore County court, several lawyers and a few local people, who took the ride for the thrill of the experience, were passengers.

First Iron Horse

Both sides of the track between Cameron and Carthage were lined with people to see the train pass, says Mrs. Tyson. They reached Carthage without mishap, about 11 o'clock. People had come all the way from upper Moore county to see the iron horse, and they were so impatient that when it did not arrive when they expected, they ran down the track to meet it. They were wild-eyed, bewildered folk when the train came pulling in.

R. A. Honeycutt was the agent at Carthage and Mr. Holland had charge of the upkeep of the road. Only four men were required to run the railroad.

A few years later the road was leased to the late Major W. C. Petty, then of Manly, for a term of 99 years. Mr. Petty was an extensive turpentine operator and conducted a large mercantile business, but after taking over the railroad, he disposed of his Manly holdings and moved to Carthage.

One of the new owner's first acts was to send to New York and have a special engine made to order. It was often referred to as the "little coffee pot." Its whistle was very shrill. It could be heard a long distance and the engineer took great pride in blowing it loud and long. The fireman took equal delight, too, in ringing the little bell. In those days cattle ran at large and the train would have to stop occasionally to let a cow or hog pass before it could proceed on its way.

A Thriving Business

During Mr. Petty's management the road was extended to Hallison, giving rail facilities to the people of that section. The road did a thriving business. There was much timber shipped in those days, and the dewberry business was at its zenith. This accommodating little train would stop at any point to take on a load of berries.

Following the death of Mr. Petty the road was taken over by W. T. Shedd of New York, then R. M. Caldwell of Concord, father of Ralph Caldwell of Aberdeen, who worked as conductor during his father's management. It later fell into the hands of Judge McConnell of New York, who extended the road to McConnell. Judge McConnell managed the road for many years, and while here he made many friends and he was living in Carthage when his son, Jim McConnell, enlisted in the French army. Lieutenant McConnell was killed in action while flying for France, and there is a fine monument erected to his honor in the county.

Mr. Holleman was superintendent of the road during most of its existence, quitting only when advanced age incapacitated him for active work.

PIQUET TO LEAD ALL FAYETTEVILLE CHOIRS

Charles W. Picquet of Pinehurst, manager of the Carolina Theatres, is to lead the combined choirs of all Fayetteville churches in a joint music service to be held in the Methodist Church at Fayetteville on Sunday night, May 10th.

Fewest Aliens

North Carolina Maintains Record for Small Number of Foreign Born Citizens

The Census Bureau at Washington issued a report on the population of North Carolina by color, nativity and sex. The State maintains its record for the fewest aliens. The percent being 0.1.

An interesting fact is that negro women outnumber negro men 25,647, indicating that many colored males come North to work and leave their wives and other womenfolk behind. The surplus of negro females gives North Carolina more women than men.

The native white population of the state in 1930 was 70.2 per cent compared with 69.7 per cent in 1920. North Carolina has a scattering population composed of 10 Mexicans, 16,579 Indians, 68 Chinese, 17 Japanese, 6 Filipinos and 1 Korean.

The report of the Census Bureau for the 1930 enumeration gives the total population of the State on April (last year) as 3,170,276, comprising 1,575,208 males and 1,595,068 females. There were in the State 2,234,948 white persons 918,647 negroes, and 16,681 of other races, the last including Mexicans, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, etc. As compared with the number in 1920 (1,783,779), the white population shows an increase of 25.3 per cent, while the negro population (which numbered 763,407 in 1920) shows an increase of 20.3 per cent.

The white population included 2,208,563 natives of native parentage, 17,597 natives of foreign or mixed parentage and 8,788 foreign born. Of the whole number of foreign born, 5,463 were naturalized, 603 had taken out their first papers, and 1,780 were returned as alien, with reports on citizenship missing for 942. Alien foreign born whites represented one-tenth of one per cent of the population in 1930, the same proportion as in 1920.

The population 21 years of age and over numbered 1,542,125, or 48.6 per cent of the total. The foreign-born white population 21 years of age and over amounted to 8,290, of which number 1,549 were returned as alien.

COMMENCEMENT AT ELISE ACADEMY MAY 22 to 26

The program of events at the Annual Elise Academy Commencement is to be as follows:

Friday, May 22th—8:00 p. m.—Musical Recital.

Saturday, May 23rd—8:00 p. m.—Motion Pictures.

Sunday, May 24th—11:0 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon by Dr. H. G. Bedinger, president of Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs.

8:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor Sermon by Rev. R. A. MacLeod, president of Maxton Junior College.

Monday May 25th—1:00 p. m.—Annual Alumni Luncheon.

4:00 p. m.—Baseball Game.

Tuesday, May 26th—10:30 a. m.—Class Day Exercises, "In the Garden of Tomorrow!"

2:30 p. m.—Graduation Exercises, by Dr. Lucy L. Little.

8:00 p. m.—Annual Senior Play, "Mother Mine."

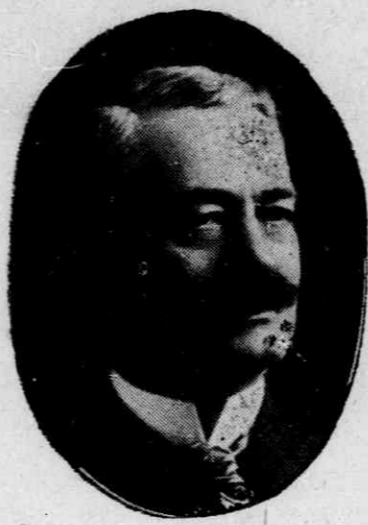
With regard to the Annual Alumni Luncheon, all former Elise students are eligible to attend, as well as interested friends. Price per plate, 75c. It would be advisable to notify the school in advance if you can attend, but failure to do so should not deter one from attending.

MUSICALES TONIGHT AT SO. P. COUNTRY CLUB

Observing National Music Week, which was inaugurated several years ago by the National Federation of Music Clubs to stimulate and increase interest in music, a musical evening will be given this Friday, May 8th, at 8:30 o'clock in the Southern Pines Country Club. There will be no admission charge nor will there be any offering taken and everyone is very cordially invited to be present.

The concert is given under the auspices of the Sandhills Activities and the use of the Country Club was very kindly given by the directors of the club. Appearing on the program for the first time in a number of years will be the Sandhills Chorus, singing two popular choral numbers. Those appearing on the program include the Sandhills Sixteen, Charles Pier, cellist, the Sandhills Women's Double Quartette, Mrs. Raymond Kennedy and Mrs. Grady Burney, sopranos, Mrs. Charles Grey and Mrs. R. F. Beasley, pianists, and Mrs. R. Reid Pleasants, contralto.

Scores Legislators



HON. ROBERT N. PAGE

DREAD TOBACCO DISEASE DISCOVERED IN STATE

Downy mildew, known scientifically to plant disease investigators as "tobacco blue mold" has made its appearance in North Carolina, having been recognized in at least two counties, Green and Robeson, says Dr. S. G. Lehman, plant pathologist for the North Carolina Experiment Station. The disease may be in plant beds of other counties but as yet has been unrecognized.

"Growers should watch their beds closely for the appearance of a bluish mold on the leaves of the young plants," says Dr. Lehman. "When this is seen, prompt measures should be taken to prevent further spread. Usually the disease appears in spots. Under conditions of rainy weather, or under cool dewy nights alternating with warm days, the disease spreads rapidly through a bed killing the plants about the time they are ready to set in the field. All plants in the diseased spots should be destroyed."

The best way to destroy the effected areas is to soak the plants and the soil in the diseased area and a few feet around it with a solution made by mixing one part of formaldehyde to 25 parts of water, recommends Dr. Lehman. Cover this area with soil. Next spray the entire bed with Bordeaux Mixture, made up by mixing 2 pounds of Copper Sulphate and 2 pounds of Stone Lime in 50 gallons of water.

Dr. Lehman says this protective spray should be applied daily during the rainy weather and every two or three days when it is not raining. Also give the young plants plenty of air and sunlight and transplant to the open field as soon as possible. However, no diseased plants should be put in the field.

DENTAL SOCIETY MEETING BEST YET, SAYS MEDLIN

Dr. I. M. Medlin of Aberdeen reports the most successful meeting at Winston-Salem the N. C. Dental Society has ever held, both in attendance and type of program. Taking into consideration the North Carolina State Society is considered one of the most progressive in the union, this is saying a good deal.

The out of state clinicians were Dr. Bunting, authority on diet, University of Michigan School of Dentistry; Dr. Ivey of Philadelphia, internationally famous for Oral Surgery; Dr. J. Ben Robinson, Dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Maryland; Dr. William Souder, Chief of Dental Laboratory, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Holliday, on Radiodontia (X-ray), from Columbia University.

Dr. Medlin states that it was his privilege to discuss the lantern slide lecture of Dr. Holliday, and to give his clinic on Radiodontia Tuesday a. m. He regrets to report however, failure in an effort to get the next State meeting to be held in Pinehurst by 6 votes. The vote was 75 for Elizabeth City to 69 for Pinehurst. All the Sandhills dentists attended the convention, Drs. Herr and Daniels of Southern Pines and Dr. Henderson of Pinehurst in addition to Dr. Medlin.

NIAGARA

The Rev. M. M. Adams and wife, who have spent some time in Niagara as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Williams, left Saturday for a trip north.

Miss Nettie Williams has returned from a trip to Orange, N. J.

Millard Reynolds and family spent a day or two in Charlotte the past week.

J. V. Snipes and two boys, Robert and Leroy, and John Smith went to Raleigh on business Saturday.

W. F. Smith and Miss Mabel Smith of Raleigh spent the week-end with relatives in this section.

Mrs. Hartford and daughter, who have spent part of the winter in Pinehurst, and Miss Leona Patten, who has been in Southern Pines have now returned to their home here in the New York cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Blake left Monday for a motor trip to Vermont for a few weeks.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE LAW SLAIN TO KEEP COMPANY WITH HIGHWAY VICTIMS

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the club. What the committee was able to accomplish is best told in Mr. Page's report, which reads as follows:

To Directors, Aberdeen, Kiwanis Club:

Your committee on Automobile legislation, a standing committee, that, insofar as its chairman is concerned, has stood a long time, and accomplished very little, begs to submit this report of its activities during the now happily expiring General Assembly.

Two of the three members of the Committee are also members of the General Assembly; the third member has spent the winter in Raleigh during the entire session; it would seem to have occupied a strategic position for favorable approach to the Solons.

For the first month of the session all indications seemed most favorable to the enactment of a Driver's License law, and in fact it did pass one body, the Senate; but the House would have none of it, very promptly defeating it in spite of the earnest and eloquent pleas of Representative Spence. The majority of the membership became so worked up over the plight of the poor down-trodden taxpayer, he could not bear to think of charging fifty cents to the owner of a \$50 second hand Ford that he was licensed to operate a deadly weapon on the highway. So the timid Solon, more concerned about the vote of the said Ford owner, than for the lives of men, women and children, shouted; "On with the Slaughter," and the License law was slain, to keep company with the victims of the highways.

The same fate was meted out to the bill increasing the patrol. Therefore, your committee has shamefacedly to report no progress and asks to be discharged. Respectfully submitted,

—ROBERT N. PAGE, Chairman.

For the Committee.

May 5, 1931.

RECORDERS' COURT SUSPENDS; MAYOR TO TRY ALL CASES

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act provided for the referendum, but no act of the legislature was necessary for the court's establishment. The general laws of North Carolina permit any town with a population of 1,000 or more to create a municipal recorder's court, without special act and without appeal to the voters. It will be of interest to recite here the law of the state bearing upon the question.

Sub Chapter 4, Article 18, Section 1536 of the General Laws of North Carolina reads:

In each city and town in the state, which has acquired a population of one thousand or over by the last federal census, a recorder's court for such municipality may be established, which shall be a court of record and shall be maintained pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter.

Sec. 1537—The court shall be presided over by a recorder, who may be a licensed attorney at law, and who shall be of good moral character and, at the time of his appointment or election, a qualified elector of the municipality. The first recorder, upon the establishment of such court, shall be elected by the governing body of the municipality, either at the time of the establishment of the court or within thirty days thereafter, and he shall hold office until the next municipal election and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. If a vacancy occur in the office at any time, the same shall be filled by the election of the municipality, at the regular or special meeting called for that purpose. After the first elected recorder each succeeding recorder shall be nominated and elected in the municipality in the same manner and at the same time as is now provided by law for the elective officers of the municipality, and in the general election for such officers. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the recorder shall take and subscribe to an oath of office as is now provided by law for a justice of the peace, and shall file the same with the clerk of the board of the city or town.

The salary of the recorder shall be determined and fixed in advance by the governing body of the city or town, and shall be paid out of the funds of the municipality; Provided, that the governing body of such city or town is hereby authorized to provide a schedule of fees to be charged by said recorder; Provided further, that the recorder may also be the mayor of the municipality.

Section 1541 deals with jurisdiction, as follows: The court shall have the following jurisdiction within the fol-

lowing named territory:

1. Original, exclusive, and concurrent jurisdiction, as the case may be, of all the offences committed within the corporate limits of the municipality which are now or may hereafter be given to justices of the peace under the constitution and general laws of the state, including all offences of which the mayor or other municipal court now has jurisdiction.

2. Original and concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace of all offences committed outside the corporate limits of the municipality and within a radius of five miles thereof, which is now or may hereafter be given to justices of the peace under the constitution and general laws of the state.

3. Exclusive, original jurisdiction of all other criminal offences committed within the corporate limits of such municipality and outside, but within a radius of five miles thereof, which are below the grade of a felony as now defined by law, and the same are hereby declared to be petty misdemeanors.

4. Concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace to hear and bind over to the superior court all persons charged with any crime committed within the territory above mentioned, of which the recorder's court is not herein given final jurisdiction.

5. All jurisdiction given by the general laws of the state to justices of the peace, or to the superior court, to punish for contempt, to issue writs ad testificandum, and other processes to require the attendance of witnesses and to enforce the orders and judgments of the courts.

BUMPER PEACH CROP IN PROSPECT FOR 1931 SEASON

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drop. Nevertheless growers will have to thin heavily if they are to produce quality fruit. The increased production will be largely Elbertas and some early fruit and will come principally from the Thomaston-Macon sections and south through Ft. Valley. The Cornelia section will have about a 300-car increase over last year.

As indicated by the present development of the crops in the various sections it would be the writer's opinion that the Cornelia section is about 15 days; Newnan-Woodbury section about 10 days and Thomaston section about 5 days behind Ft. Valley.

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