

### As Facts Are Told the Mystery of Moore's Deserted Village Dissolves

A little over a year ago John Leland, a brother-in-law of Edwin McKeithen, business manager of the Moore County Hospital, wrote a feature article for The Pilot on the "Deserted Village of Moore County," Parkwood, up north of Carthage. Since then much interest has developed in the old abandoned mill town, numerous North Carolina papers have "played it up," and the Associated Press carried it in its feature service.

Interest in Parkwood led to investigations on the part of various individuals, and much information has been brought to light since The Pilot's original article. Here are some of the points brought out:

The village was never incorporated but remained the private property of the North Carolina Millstone Company, composed of Louis Grimm, Ed Taylor and George Taylor, brothers.

The Taylors were manufacturers of stationary boilers and engines, their business being located at Chambersburg, Pa. They sold a large boiler and engine to the Tyson and Jones Buggy Company, of Carthage, in the late 70's and sent Louis Grimm, then a machinist, down to install the equipment.

#### Rich Quarry

Grimm was a young man, a big blond fellow with a great deal of intelligence and personality, quite handsome and very practical. He was an agnostic of a very pronounced type, one of the first every known in Moore county and therefore a sort of curiosity to the natives. Moreover, Grimm possessed an extremely inquisitive mind. Being a native of Indianapolis, Ind., the South held a certain fascination for him and at each opportunity he made exploration trips into the country.

One of these trips carried Grimm to an old millstone quarry about eight miles northeast of Carthage. For years millstones had been manufactured there in a crude way, still the place was not considered important. But Grimm's Yankee eye saw money in those rocks. He went to see his employers, the Taylors.

Ed and George Taylor were shrewd business men and quite wealthy. They listened to Grimm's account of bigger money possibilities and were sufficiently interested to form, with the machinist, the North Carolina Millstone Company.

#### Did Big Business

For several years the industry did a bonanza business, making and shipping corn mills to all parts of the country. Its management established a postoffice and named it Parkwood. It built a hotel, the finest in the country, and established a

big department store. A church and school were built. Many men were employed, and for each family was erected a dwelling house. Grimm was responsible for a telephone line from Parkwood to Cameron which, inasmuch as 18 miles separated the towns, was said to be the longest in the world.

During its most prosperous years, the North Carolina Millstone Company was the biggest single industrial plant in Moore county and afforded a market for an abundance of farm and garden crops grown in the locality. While the owners were Northern men they employed, almost exclusively, white native help.

In the late 80's the millstone business began to decline, perhaps because there was no repeat sale, one set of stones lasting forever.

There is a suspicion that company deliberately planned and effected bankruptcy. Be that as it may, the fact remains it purchased the largest stock of goods, wares and merchandise ever seen in Moore county.

#### Bankruptcy Ends Career

Figuring on developing an extensive territory through its store and property, the Taylors and Grimm ordered saw mills, steam engines and boilers, threshing machines, sewing machines, wire fencing, and all kinds of hardware, crockery, tin ware and cooking utensils. They even ordered a solid carload of toilet soap and unheard of quantities of dry goods and notions. Their credit was A-1; they got what they called for and made an assignment. The assignee later arranged a public auction sale which continued from day to day for weeks. Thus ended Parkwood.

The little town had no charter, no incorporation. During its existence, the execution of law was mainly vested in Justice of the Peace Bill King, a very interesting and eccentric character. But law violations were remarkably few and His Worship had very little judicial business.

Other interesting characters, among them Mann Hicks, Armstrong Maness, Bill Lakey, Tom Donnell and Quinn Stutts, were citizens of Parkwood. Quinn Stutts now lives at Lakeview. The others mentioned, including Bill King are dead.

Louis Grimm married a daughter of old Colonel Bill Richardson in Moore and has several children living there now. He died about 1893.

Ed Taylor drifted back to his old home in Chambersburg and lived a number of years after Parkwood. George Taylor became interested in a business in Baltimore and resided there a few years ago.

The final word in regard to this interesting bit of local history is furnished by Charles Macauley, who visited the site a number of years ago:

"Visiting Parkwood—the 'Deserted Village' with the late R. L. Burns of Carthage, years ago when so many of the buildings were still standing that it well deserved its appellation, the writer was informed that Jesse Seawell, grandfather of H. F. Seawell, had operated a small quarry to obtain mill stones northeast of the quarry opened later by the North Carolina Millstone Company which was incorporated by the State in 1855. Their machinery and boilers were unloaded at Cameron, and the late 'Pad' Kelly said it took three days and nearly all the mules in the county to get the big boiler to its resting place on the fork of McCullom's Branch, a part of Richland Creek.

Their first inventory, November, 1883, shows: "Three steam pumps, 1 power pump, and 1 hand pump,

\$200. (These were evidently used to keep water out of the quarry); 1 steam drilling machine, \$300; stationary engine, tubular boiler and pony saw mill, \$900; tubular boiler and 45 foot stack, \$900; 2 derricks \$500. "Sold by the United States Court the company was reorganized and a new charter granted to the Moore County Millstone Company in 1889.

"Their price list for quarry dressed millstones was: 14-inch, \$25.00; 20-inch, \$60.00; 30-inch, \$90.00; 36-inch, \$110.00; 42-inch, \$145.00; 48-inch, \$185.00, and for a portable feed mill with a 30inch stone and a grinding capacity of 20 bushels of corn per hour, \$270.00.

#### A. T. ROBERTSON, JR., IN WHITE MOUNTAINS

Yesterday morning's mail brought a copy of the White Mountain Outlook from Bethlehem, N. H. It was almost like reading a local paper as quite a number of winter Sandhillers are summering in that resort.

A. T. Robertson, Jr, former editor of the Pinehurst Outlook, is associated with S. R. Jellison in publishing the magazine. He is also publisher of the Blowing Rocket, a weekly paper at the North Carolina mountain resort. Both are neat numbers.

#### CARROLL BASSETT AND JANE FOWLER MARRY

Announcement is made of the marriage yesterday in Peopack, N. J., of Miss Jane Fowler, daughter of Arthur Fowler and the late Mrs. Fowler of Peopack, N. J., and Carroll Bassett of Camden, S. C., and Summit, N. J. The ceremony was performed in St. Luke's church, with the Rev. Dr. John Harper officiating. Only members of the immediate families were present.

Mr. Bassett is well known in Southern Pines and Pinehurst, having won fame as an amateur rider in steeplechases.

#### PLAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HERE DURING MONTH OF AUG.

Plans are under way for a daily vacation church school to be held at the Church of Wede Fellowship beginning August 6 and continuing through August 17. The school will be in charge of Miss Priscilla Chase, representative of the Congregational Church Extension Board in the Carolinas.

The morning session will be planned to accommodate children four years of age and older who were in seventh grade or below last year. If there are those in the next three grades, who desire to come, Miss Chase will meet them in the afternoon.

#### TO BEGIN WORK ON WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Contractors will begin work early next week on the extension of the six-inch water main on Highland Road, Connecticut Avenue and Morganton Road. This work should be completed in five or six weeks, and will give more employment to local help. New fire hydrants will be placed along these new water mains at strategic places, which will give not only better fire protection to several home owners, but will actually reduce the fire insurance rates on these same houses.

#### HERE FOR FEW DAYS

Mr and Mrs. Nat S. Hurd arrived Tuesday and are spending a few days at their home in Pinehurst.

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#### MINE STOCKHOLDERS HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

The stockholders of The North Carolina Coal Mining Corporation, in an annual meeting a few days ago, received satisfactory reports of the activities of the company during the year ending June 30.

The following directors were elected: R. H. Heartman, R. H. Adams, E. E. Suttle, J. F. Deaton and N. P. Liles. The officers chosen are R. H. Heartman, president; E. E. Suttle, vice president, and J. F. Deaton, secretary and treasurer.

The company, organized a year or more ago, is mining coal from a mine at Haw Branch, in Moore County, and several thousand tons have been mined and sold. At the present time, the company has orders on hand for 5,000 tons.

During the past several months, an extensive development program has been started, and it is the expectation of the officers and directors that the output will reach 100 tons per day in the near future. The coal is of a good grade and much of the product is sold in Sanford.

The mine is located about 15 miles from Sanford and is near the Raleigh-Charlotte line of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

#### MISS MAGGIE BLUE DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME

Miss Maggie Blue, aged 57, died suddenly at her home three miles from Vass in the Cranes Creek community late Tuesday afternoon. She was about her home duties when she suddenly complained of her head and passed away within a few minutes. Dr. Rosser was summoned, but life was already extinct.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in old Johnson's Grove churchyard by her pastor, the Rev. W. C. Ball, and interment was in the cemetery there.

Miss Blue was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Duncan James Blue and spent her entire life at the Blue homestead where she was born. She was a woman of fine traits of character and was held in high esteem. She had been a member of the Vass Methodist church for many years.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Mattie Blue, and three brothers, Dan, Arch and John Blue, all of the home community.

#### MALCOLM GREER STUTZ GETS LICENSE TO PRACTICE

Malcolm Greer Stutz, son of Mayor and Mrs. D. G. Stutz, was awarded a license to practice medicine after successfully passing the State examination of the State Board of Medical Examiners held at Raleigh this week. He was graduated this spring from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Va., and is serving his internship at the New York Polyclinic Hospital in New York City.

## Theatre

A thoroughly modern and entertaining detective story, the chronicle of a charmingly modern and entertaining detective story, the chronicle of a charming, beautiful girl, who single-handedly outwits both the police and her rivals. "The Notorious Sophie Lang" comes to the Southern Pines Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 30, 31, August 1, with a Tuesday matinee. Gertrude Michael, Paul Cavanaugh, Leon Errol, Arthur Byron and Alison Skipworth portray the feature roles. "The Notorious Sophie Lang," is adapted from the original short stories by Frederick Irving Anderson, published in the Saturday Evening Post. Miss Michael plays the title role as the famous international jewel thief who flinches both gems and masculine hearts by employing cleverness and exotic charm. The story opens with a diamond robbery in New York. When the Inspector learns the thief escaped in a Rolls-Royce car, he knows that it is Sophie Lang, one of the smoothest crooks in the world.

Her exploits intrigue Europe's most notorious criminal, Paul Cavanaugh, who intends to beat her at her own game. When Sophie learns of his plan, she sets out to get him, make him fall in love with her and turn the tables on him. With Alison Skipworth as her foil she startles the entire world by her daring robberies, going her rival one better each time. Arthur Byron, as the inspector, sets his faithful assistant, Leon Errol, to trail the European crook, thinking he can land them both, but the manner in which the two crooks, now madly in love with each other, outwit the police and eventually escape on an ocean liner brings the film to an entertaining and unusual climax.

"Old Fashioned Way," which comes Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 2, 3, 4 with a Saturday matinee, featuring W. C. Fields is a hilarious comedy throughout. It never lets the preview audience fully recover from the first laugh explosion until the fadeout.

Not only is this picture to be rated

as a W. C. Fields laugh special, but it introduces a brand new screen personality in the form and voice of Joe Morrison, who will give patrons something to look forward to in a big way. Morrison is the lad who started the vogue for the "Last Round-Up," but all is forgiven for his performance here. Packed with laughs, plus a bit of romance, this concoction of old time theatre hokum will keep any audience in stitches almost continuously from start to finish.

### Carolina Theatre Southern Pines, N. C. PRESENTS



Mon., Tue., Wed., July 30, 31, Aug. 1st Matinee Tuesday At 3:00



Thu.-Fri.-Sat., Aug. 2, 3, 4 Matinee Saturday At 3:00

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