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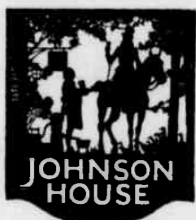
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The Climate Here and Elsewhere By One Who's Been Everywhere

Range of Temperature Less in Sandhills Than in Most Places in Country

By Bion H. Butler

Is the Moore county climate a myth?

Occasionally a visitor from the North undertakes to argue that this climate is sadly overated, and it never makes me blush to hear the demonstration of the proposition, for my wandering foot has led me into so many quarters of the United States that I have the familiarity with climate from ocean to ocean and from Gulf to the St. Lawrence which enables me to stand the bluff and to recall some figures.

To begin with there is no perfect climate on the wide earth that I know of, and I have sampled a lot of it in this country and abroad. No place is more joyous in summer time than the New England region. Yet as far south as western Pennsylvania I last winter saw in the papers from that section that the thermometer had gone down to 35 below zero. If I recall correctly we had here last winter a night of five above zero, and we admitted that it was cold, but forty below that IS cold. And what is worse forty degrees down at the bottom of the record is a bigger contrast than forty degrees farther up. The North is delightful in summer, but in winter it is different.

I know all about sleigh bells and bracing weather and the pleasures of winter where winter is developed to its highest. I know about snow-balling in August on the Rocky Mountains and falling on the ice in June in California, and I know the infinite pleasures of White Bear Lake in Minnesota in summer, and the fresh and ruddy complexions of the Wisconsin girls in February and on throughout the entire year. And I knew when I was a printer in San Francisco years ago how blooming cold the nights were as we left the office after the morning paper was ready for the presses, for although we came to the shop in the afternoon in alpaca coats we also carried overcoats to wear home at three in the morning when the cold fogs rolled in off of the ocean. And I recall the northerners that swept down over the Sacramento valley in summer with the thermometer at 110 as we tried to sleep through the night of torment, and the desolation in the desert country when the next water hole seemed a thousand miles away and our tongues as big as an automobile tire.

High and Low Figures

Then there is the blizzard of the North and the wind and dust storms of the West and Southwest, all of them masterpieces of their art in their line. And the terrible alkali that kills the water and that burns the skin off your face out on the plains, and the black mud of some of the prairies from Nebraska to the Rio Grande. And from the government weather reports I gather a few facts. Weather is a general average. The extreme in Moore county as far as I can read the records seems to be about 103 maximum and 5 below for a minimum. Western North Carolina is colder. All of the North is colder than here in the Sandhills, and most of the Northern states have a higher summer record. Every state on the northern boundary of the United States from New York to Washington has a higher maximum summer heat than Moore county, while the winter figures that make the records for them are fierce.

Some time ago H. B. Emery of Pinehurst gathered some climate figures and the spots that he found in the class with Moore county were the Bermuda islands and the country around San Diego, in California. It is not a point of argument, but of reference to the government weather statistics, and anybody who wants to argue the question can find the whole case presented in simple fashion on the pages of any government publication that deals with national statistics, and likewise in condensed form in the New York World Almanac. Our summer high is about 103 and our winter low about five below. That is a range of 108 degrees. Massachusetts has a range of 118 at Boston and probably greater in the interior, Vermont's range is 128, New York about 140, Pennsyl-

How's the Weather?

Official Temperatures for Four Decades Reveal Mildness of Winter Climate

Official temperatures in Southern Pines for the months from November to May, as shown by the records of nearly four decades, follow:

	Max.	Min.	Aver.
November	64-5	41-3	52-8
December	54-6	34-6	44-8
January	54-6	33-2	44-
February	55-1	33-6	44-3
April	73-6	48-9	61-3

Rainfall, November, 2.34 inches; December, 3.45 inches; January, 3.42 inches; February, 4.03 inches; March, 3.86 inches; April 3.44 inches; total for six months, 20.54 inches.

vania about the same, Maine 124, and what makes it worse with all the northern states is that it is the low figures that make the records. Their cold winters hang up the terrifying figures. Think of Montana at 50 below zero. Two or three times as I recall we have had below zero in this section. We have pulled through the winter with weather but a little lower than I have seen in Pennsylvania in the latter part of August, for I have seen ice frozen in August up there. It is plenty cold enough here for me, but I don't know another climate that tempts me in the slightest degree to move, for other places have disadvantages that we escape. Our real cold days and our real hot days are few and far between.

Fine 36 Year Record For Volunteer Firemen

Markedly Efficient in Keeping Fire Losses in Southern Pines at Minimum

The Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Company, now entering its 36th year of honorable service to the community, has been markedly efficient in holding fire losses to a low minimum despite the many frame buildings within the city limits, and of great assistance to surrounding towns. Equipped with motor driven pumper and motor chemical apparatus the company is housed in commodious quarters on New Hampshire avenue with a paid fireman always on duty. L. V. O'Callaghan, a city commissioner, is chief, Walter Blue assistant chief, A. L. Adams and Clyde Dunn drivers of the chemical apparatus. Volunteers on the company roll are N. W. Crain, L. S. Rowell, H. McNeill, Stanley Dunn, C. J. Simons, T. C. Vann, Norman Day, R. T. Mills, J. T. Clarke, O. Michaels, J. Ferguson, E. J. Davis, F. Viell, Elmer Renegar, J. Cashion, J. Absher, Ben Braden and Peter Freeman.

Surviving members of the original companies now retired are Lawrence Grover, C. L. Hayes, A. S. Ruggles, M. N. Sugg and James Patch, while Walter Blue and N. W. Crain are still in active service.

Two of the surviving members of the original companies, Angus Kelly, and T. S. Burgess, died during the year.

Police Keep Crimes Here at a Minimum

Light-Fingered Gentlemen Find It Doesn't Pay to Ply Their Trade Here

The police force of Southern Pines, under Chief Jasper A. Gargis and C. E. Newton, has proved most efficient, property owners suffering but little loss from the nuisance of petty pilfering and criminals of a bolder type being promptly apprehended and brought to book.

During the year several light-fingered gentlemen have been arrested, tried, convicted and are now working for the state. Chief Gargis is on day duty, which includes the protection of children crossing the highway at the close of school sessions, and Officer Newton on night duty assisted by his famous dog. The police committee of the Board of Commissioners consists of three members, A. B. Yeomans, Charles S. Patch and Frank Welch.

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