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TOWN LOSES GOOD CITIZEN

R. S. Durant leaves this week with Mrs. Durant for Newton, Iowa. Mr. Durant spent a month in getting established in his new place of business before locating with his family permanently.

Mr. Durant came here to build up the Central Carolina Telephone Company. He accomplished the job and is now sent on to a much larger field. The town will feel a serious loss in Mr. Durant's going as he was a citizen who always had an active hand in the building and development of every worthwhile growing concern. His enthusiasm, his interest in the condition of the town, the church, the school, the expansion of the telephone company and his cordial friendliness toward everybody will be felt by every townsman. Southern Pines has lost one of its most useful men.

Mr. and Mrs. Durant returned the warm friendship that existed among the people of the town and leave with reluctance. They will settle down in their new location with the same community enthusiasm, exercising their honest principles. This will be seen by the following editorial taken from the Newton Daily News:

"Among the newcomers during the past few weeks, and we have been fortunate to receive numerous fine ones in this time, there is one whom all who have met him are particularly glad that he has been selected to reside in this city.

"He is R. S. Durant, new manager of the Iowa State Telephone company.

"Mr. Durant fills the place made vacant by another well-liked citizen, H. R. Christiansen. But he bids well to fill it in fine shape.

"Mr. Durant was serving as president of the chamber of commerce at Southern Pines, N. C., when he was transferred from a telephone management there to head up the phone companies headquarters here. Also while there he had a very important role in the organization of a new Presbyterian church in that community.

"These two incidents or connections serve to indicate in a way the sort of community spirit which he brings to Newton. People here are glad to see folks of this type come to our city. They are most heartily welcomed, and their city and community as well as their business will become more and more manifest as the years pass."

OUR NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

The Southern Pines Baptist is one of the fine institutions of the community, and it is a source of community pride and satisfaction that it has reached the stage in its development whereby it finds itself in a new home of its own. Its progress merits the congratulation of the citizenry of all denominations. It enters upon a new chapter in its career with the well wishes of everyone.

The splendid spirit of cooperation between the churches and churchmen of the various denominations in the Sandhills bespeaks a healthy religious atmosphere, a lack of bigotry which stultifies the moral growth of many cities and villages. Here we have preachers of one sect filling the pulpit of another on frequent occasions, the followers of one faith attending services in the houses of worship of another, the holding of union services, the working together in the spirit of Christ. The advancement of any church is the interest and pleasure of all. In his eight years as pastor of the Baptist Church here the Rev. Mr. Stimson has done a splendid work. He has built up both church and Sunday School to a point where they have outgrown the edifice which has served for

CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES, JR



TRYON
THROUGH MY NEWSPAPER IN MY POCKET

THE "DAILY BULLETIN" IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE SMALLEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN THE U.S.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?



PRIVATE MOUNTAINS
PRIVATE MOUNTAINS KEEP OFF STOKES CO.

STOKES COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE U.S. THAT HAS A MOUNTAIN RANGE OF ITS OWN - THE SAURATOWN MOUNTAINS

NO SMOKING
birth certificate



IN 1908 IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW IN N.C. FOR A CHILD UNDER 17 TO SMOKE

DID YOU KNOW THAT CAPT. JAMES JACK CARRIED THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION TO THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA ON HORSEBACK? HE IS THE "PAUL REVERE OF THE SOUTH!"

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

GRAINS OF SAND

The final service has been held in the old Baptist church. The first sermon has been delivered in the new structure. When the town was a mere handful of people the Baptist built their first church. The old church was becoming inadequate. Facilities were hampered in the crowded Sunday school rooms. The church was growing and the urgent need of more room was felt. Weddings, funerals, baptisms took place within through the long period of years. The old church saw the beginning for some of the towns citizens, likewise the end for many others.

Many ties were woven into the old church the older members keenly felt in the final removal from the familiar corner.

The Seaboard has been showing an interesting increase in business according to Ernest Bailey, ticket agent. During some of the spring months he said they were running around a hundred per cent above their former business. The summer months have held up surprisingly high. Extra coaches were put on for busy week-ends and as the demand continued through the week they were not taken off. The mid-night local has had an addition of two or three coaches. Occasionally northbound passengers had difficulty in finding reservations on the night trains.

Travel by rail is attracting people as in former days. A safe and sane method of transportation appeals to travelers who are beginning to appreciate more and more the hasty, needless and careless action of drivers on the highways.

Surely we live in a great land of opportunity. The emphasis of it is felt in the daily mail. This time Fido's name alone is mentioned. Along comes a bulletin from a fashionable school for dogs. For only \$4.80 a week you can send your dog off to college. If you are not interested in a full four year course, shorter terms may be arranged for, with summer schools or periods of several months longer offered patrons for consideration. The bulletin stipulates what you may send and what not to send to eat, as a strict diet is enforced. They also state what form of exercises and athletics are indulged in. If necessary to visit on Sunday it is to be arranged by suitable appointment only. For people of the Carolinas who plan to be away for the winter months special rates are given for boarding canines.

It doesn't mention educating Mr. Armageddon, the old tom cat or offer him any advantages. But as he is scotch and sometimes spells it R. McGeddon he may have been around enough.

"Rambling Around The Roof of Eastern America" is the title of an article in the August Geographic. Those of us who have reached that roof found tremendous sweep and depth that was a revelation. The official figures of the National Park service says 106,000 persons visited the park in July. Cars registered from forty-five states. Alaska, Mexico and the Canal Zone were noted. Nearly half a million people were listed last spring from various states. With Cincinnati, Atlanta, Birmingham, Louisville and Raleigh within a 300 mile radius our North Carolina mountains within a days journey. The short distance and accessibility to those hills

There are those in Southern Pines who have long maintained, however, that we do not need to advertise, that the town will thrive and grow anyway. It's a moot question.

afford a land of great scenic beauty for Sandhill folks who have found it a popular vacation spot. And the nicest part of it is that they belong to us.

Dick Banks in the Charlotte Observer says the primitive grandeur of the big hills is much against their ever becoming popular as an American resort. It would take billions of dollars, he adds, to put up advertising billboards, the filling stations, the hot dog stands, rotary emblems, strings of red and yellow lights and so on to make us feel at home. And we would miss the hill-billy music as radios are far between.

We saw a religious sign that required something of an engineering feat. A wire was run across a deep valley from one mountain side to another, suspending the sign in the center of the ravine. Struthers Burt should hurry up there and enjoy the roads before they overcome all advertising obstacles.

Every day on the street you either see familiar faces that have returned or find a gap with others gone. They return from the coast, brown or peeled. From the mountains exhilarated and expansive over the cool air and soaring heights.

For those who are home-minded and don't care to drive three hundred miles for an afternoon's outing there is McPherson mountain about eight miles away, the highest point in the reservation. An expert mountaineer can make the ascent to the summit in about forty-five seconds. The view commands a sweep of the entire horizon line and a survey of that immediate world. The scheme is operated on the same principle as in the Great Smokies.

HOUSE IN WEST SO. PINES BURNS SUNDAY EVENING

While Max Davis and family were attending church services about 9:00 o'clock Sunday night, their dwelling, a frame house located in West Southern Pines was found to be in flames, and a delayed alarm brought the Southern Pines fire company to the scene too late to save the house which with all its contents including a sum of money were totally destroyed. A nearby church showered with blazing embers from the fire was saved.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to the following: Thurman F. McPherson and Tacy Lee Phillips, both of High Falls; Verlis M. Barber of Vass and Lena Buie of Lakeview; Arnold Ray and Mary Ann Blue, both of Raeford; Grady Green and Daisy Jenkins both of West End.

TO PRESENT BIBLICAL PLAY

On Thursday, September 3rd, the Young People of the Church of Wide Fellowship will present a Biblical play entitled "Cleopas" in the Assembly room. This was written by Alice Lee Barton and was awarded the Religious Drama League prize in 1928 as the best religious play of that year. The play is under the direction of Arthur Wells who plays the title role, and enlists the services in its cast of the Misses Evelyn Edson and Dorothy Tate, and of E. J. Austin. It is planned to charge no admission to this drama, but rather to take a silver collection at the door to meet the expenses of the production. The play has a very strong message for all, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to share in this religious experience.

CORRESPONDENCE

"THE GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS"

Editor of The Pilot:

A few days ago there appeared on the front page of the Greensboro Daily News and several county papers an article written by a man named Bost, which painted in glowing terms the enormous profit which we peach growers are making this year. Because I believe that the effect of such an article, written by a man who obviously knows nothing of the subject or else conceals what he does know, to be fraught with disastrous possibilities, I am going to attempt in a few words and with a few figures to show the true situation. I ask you to give this, my first literary attempt, the same publicity and the same size headlines, as that written by Mr. Bost and I earnestly hope that any present landowner or any prospective purchaser of land in these Sandhills may let what I have to say sink deep into his mind before he plants peach trees, through whose roots he may so hopefully expect to extract the "Gold In Them Thar Hills".

First, let me picture the situation this particular year and the reason why a few of us, who have been so blessed by God Almighty as to have a good crop of peaches, are making a reasonable profit.

In May the United States department of agriculture came out with its estimate of the peach crop in the southeastern states, including Arkansas. This estimate forecast a production of 11,500,000 bushels in these states as contrasted to a production of over 15,000,000 bushels in the past several years. The decrease in production was caused by extreme cold weather during the winter and by a sudden cold wave during the blooming period this spring. A return to a normal production of 15,000,000 bushels and more may be expected for next year. The spring cold wave struck heavily in the Sandhills, particularly in the region along the Seaboard railway from Hoffman south to Hamlet. Ask my friend Buchanan at Marston if he found any "gold" in his sandlot this year and ask scores of other growers throughout this section whose crops were cut so heavily this spring. If Mr. Bost knew what he was talking about he would not speak so lightly of the "Gold In Them Thar Hills". It's pretty tough for a man who has worked for a year to be faced by growing debt. And it's not so pleasant for his neighbor either to see his good friend losing his hard earned "shirt. This situation is plain to anyone who has a ray of sense. No more need be said of it for the present year. Some of us will make enough to pay off some of our debt. I still owe \$7,000.

What about the past? I give below a few figures of my own operations that cover 12 years of production and also those of my neighbor John Tuckerman, (who has long since gone back to earn a living in Boston where the "gold" lies closer to the surface). These figures are the only ones of which I am certain and they don't lie.

I came here in 1920 and planted 40 acres in peach trees. These came into production in 1924, and the cost of the development stood on my books at about \$16,000, including necessary buildings and machinery but not including the cost of the land or the home in which I live. Here are my figures:

	Operating Balance.	Profit.	Loss.	Depreciation.
1924			\$1,390.74	\$ 814.54
1925	\$ 2,282.44			977.03
1926		236.36		1,198.39
1927	1,203.52			1,079.48
1928			1,035.70	1,280.55
1929	84.27			1,193.18
1930	5,929.61			1,218.75
1931	642.42			1,141.92
1932	5,994.33			1,010.76
1933	1,200.00			976.24
1934	2,643.98			364.59
1935	1,200.00			364.59
1936	3,500.00*			600.00*
	\$24,680.57	\$2,662.80	\$12,220.02	
		2,662.80		

Net \$22,017.77
*—Estimated.
Net operating balance for 13 years \$22,017.77
Less Depreciation for 13 years 12,220.02
Net earnings for 13 years \$9,797.75
Average annual earnings, 13 years 753.67

These figures include no allowance whatever for my own labor, or expenses of owning and operating an automobile.

The profit shown for the year 1932 really should not be included. I sold my crop in May at high prices. The buyer lost nearly \$7,000 on his purchase.

I took over the operation of John Tuckerman's orchard in 1932. He had planted 100 acres in 1919, and at the

time I began to take care of it for him he had a deficit, including proper charges depreciation of \$39,170.60. These figures do not include fall in land value. I have received a moderate salary and I consider that I have earned it, for after four years I have succeeded in reducing the deficit from \$39,170.60 to \$37,298.38! These figures are the figures of a corporation, audited by a public accountant and agreed to by officials of the United States internal revenue department.

A little more about the past: Many faces I used to see, I see no longer in these "Golden Hills", Raphael Pumpelly, Clem Ripley and Mrs. Ripley whose splendid story "Sand In My Shoes" painted the picture so vividly, and the Pages, where are they and the gold in their respective sandlots? What about "Broadacres" and its "gold-mines"? It was all bought for a song by the federal government. Has a cent ever been paid on the half million dollars or more lent by the Page Trust Company to peach orchards and have the unfortunate depositors of that institution yet been paid more than 20 cents on the dollar (100 cent dollars) in the new 59 cent ones? It's not a pretty picture and I'm surprised that Talbot Johnson who knows so much about all this would allow his name to appear in Mr. Bost's oratory. And there have been times when all the ice in the world couldn't persuade the "Damn yankees" (and I am one of them) to part with their hard earned savings for a trainload of peaches. What did Hawley Poole do then? At his own peaches I suppose. Lots of us wished that we could have and need not have bought the ice! Ask Hawley! Let Talbot tend to his law business.

What of the future? The United States department of agriculture in its careful publication has stated for two years that "moderate plantings now seem justified", because of the dying out of old orchards and the lack of new plantings in recent years. I have planted sufficient trees to keep up, if possible, my regular production of 10,000 or 12,000 bushels and many other growers have done the same. There is a new section in the southeast around Spartanburg, S. C., which has about 750,000 Elberta trees coming along into production. This crop will mature and be shipped at approximately the same time as ours. The soil there is stronger than ours, produces larger and more long-lived trees. Five years from now I predict that all the ice we can buy will not sell peaches at a dollar and a half a bushel.

Why take the trouble to write all this? I do it for two reasons, the first might be regarded as selfish. I am in the peach industry and I want to see it profitable. I take great satisfaction in the work, the product is a beautiful one and I want to live here to the end of my days if I can manage it.

The second reason is that I do not want to see uninformed or improperly informed persons fooled into buying land or planting peach trees because of exaggerated statements and the false hopes that arise from them. People who are misled in this manner will find the "gold" buried mighty deep.

This industry is a valuable one to the communities in which it exists and so to the state and nation. No effort should be spared to maintain it on a stable foundation.

RICHARD S. LOVERING.
Jackson Springs.

Editor's Note: The above letter is a reply to an article written by Tom Bost which appeared in the Greensboro Daily News recently.

World's ONLY Water-proofed Toothbrush —keeps teeth REALLY WHITE

Does your toothbrush turn limp when wet? Then it can't keep your teeth clean! THROW IT AWAY. Use the brush with the water-proofed bristles—DR. WEST'S. Can't get soggy; gives 60% better cleansing. Sterilized, sealed germ-proof in glass. 10 colors.



Dr. West's
Water-proofed
Toothbrush 50¢

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