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## SOUTHERN PINES LIBRARY

By K. L. B.

When I first came to Southern Pines to live I was invited to join the Library and was subsequently made a trustee. I was glad because of my interest in books to join in the work. I was put on the Book Selection Committee and I think I have been on it ever since.

In those early days the Library was a lively affair. Everybody was working to get books, to get members; everybody was squabbling over his or her choice for librarian, over the decoration of the rooms, over every imaginable issue. All the trustees joined in cheerfully and heatedly with every committee. The Book Committee seemed to be the target of their interest. I know a strict censorship was exercised over it. I remember one entire Trustees' meeting passed in angry debate over the question of admitting to our pristine shelves a copy of "The Little French Girl." Incidentally the no's won, by a big margin too, and Mrs. Sedgwick waited several years before she gained a place beside Temple Bailey and Maria Edgeworth. Every Trustees' meeting lasted for hours and usually ended in some sort of ruckus with half the folks threatening to resign, and the other half daring them to. I suppose actually no fists were shaken and no hysterical females dragged out by the heels, but I have dim visions of both those happenings. At any rate, I know Mr. Macauley, Mr. Westbrook, Mrs. Walker and others will bear me out that those were exciting days for the Library. But amusing as it is to look back on them, one must admit that though we all fought most of the time, we got away to a good start. On the whole good books were chosen. The Library filled an important place in the community and the organization ran it, if not harmoniously, at least most effectively.

There finally came one last glorious upheaval and the Board collapsed into an exhausted, but tranquil, state. Things grew more placable. The meetings now are not nearly as exciting as they used to be, but I think things run as well. At least, the Trustees spend more time on books and less on politics. But if the excitement has died down, so in a way has the Library; at least, it has not grown as we hoped into a vital force in the town. For though it seems to me to have been growing consistently in usefulness, the people for whom it exists seem to be growing more and more indifferent to it. Even in the old days practically no one ever attended the annual meeting; none at all have come for several years. In the meantime various lending libraries have been started in town. Some ladies, I am told, are forming a club to buy books and lend them to each other. While this is going on, one hears on the other hand a deal of criticism of the administration of the library, of the choice of trustees.

None are quicker than the Trustees to admit grounds for criticism. We are dissatisfied with the building, the system of organization, inefficient methods; we would like to buy ten times as many books; above all we would like this to be a public library. But how can we hope to overcome any of these handicaps if the people whose library it is take so little interest in it? The general meeting of the Library is to be held Monday at five o'clock. I would like to ask, even to beg with all earnestness, the members of the Library Association and others interested to attend this meeting. Please, fellow townsfolk, don't criticize behind our backs, don't get up rival organizations. Come to the

# CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES JR

**JUSTICE & COMMERCE**  
"SIXTY DAYS" "BUT ALL I WANTED WAS SOME BIRD SEED"

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?**

**TRADE**  
"WELL PAY YOU TUESDAY"

**MAYODAN**  
CLAY COUNTY HAS A GROCERY STORE AND A FEED STORE IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**DID YOU KNOW THAT UP TO A FEW YEARS AGO A LARGE FRUITFUL ORANGE TREE GREW ON THE BANKS NEAR CAPE HATTERAS? IT HAD GROWN FROM A STRAY SEED**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE WERE SO SLOW ABOUT PAYING THEIR CHURCH OBLIGATIONS IN 1763 THAT GOV. DOBBS THOUGHT THE SALARIES OF THE PREACHERS OUGHT TO BE PAID FROM THE PUBLIC FUNDS**

THE ONLY TOWN IN THE WORLD WITH THAT NAME - IT LIES AT THE JUNCTION OF THE MAYO AND THE DAN RIVERS

OVER 1/2 OF THE BUSINESS DONE BY M. C.'S RETAIL STORES WAS ON CREDIT

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meeting and help us to make the good Library we already have into a better one.

## THE BOYS OF YESTERDAY

A few short years ago three small boys of Southern Pines were boon companions. Almost any time you drove down Maine avenue you could see them out on the street where they lived, waving a white flag, in wig-wag signals. They were learning the language of the Boy Scout flag, and they were most persistent in their ambition. The trio went to the town school. The first thing you knew those youngsters were out and gone, Tommy Walker, William Moore and Lincoln Nott. Titles of greater dignity soon replace the abbreviations familiar terms used in addressing them as children.

Dr. Thomas E. Walker will graduate from the Lincoln School of Chiropractors in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Rev. William Moultrie Moore emerges from a South Carolina seminary, and to Lincoln Nott goes the honor of being made one of the King's Guards, the elite of the British troops. Lincoln Nott, the son of Harry Nott, for a long time in charge of the Moore County Hounds, was an Englishman. The son went back to the land of his ancestors and became a body-guard of the former sovereign, Edward VIII.

Time has a strange way of doing curious things to the small boy of yesterday.

## REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD ONE?

Last week, North Carolina's most prominent city, Winston-Salem, celebrated the demise of its last street car in a colorful pageant. North Carolina has been right progressive in a great many things. Forty-six years ago, when the entire United States and Canada combine had only 48 miles of track, Winston-Salem was running street cars through its town. Last week she discarded with pomp and ceremony the street railway and marked the substitution of the modern buses.

Street car service once connected Southern Pines and Pinehurst. That was so long ago only an old settler can tell you where and when the forgotten trolley made its entrance into the village and about when it made its final trip. The street car played an important part in the romance of transportation. Our hard surface roads and fast turning motor wheels of today are the development of the retired vehicle.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Robert Yow and wife, Canary Yow, to W. J. McNeill, property in Moore county.  
Carolina Bible Training School, Inc., property in Ritters township.  
Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks, ex-rel Page Trust Company, to J. D. Parker, property in Moore county.  
A. L. McNeill and others to Robert Yow and wife, property in Moore county.  
Walter Dunlap and others to W. J. McNeill and wife, Lona McNeill, property in Moore county.  
Arthur W. Page and wife to O. Leon Seymour, property in Aberdeen.  
Pinehurst, Inc., to Orchard Investment Co., property in Mineral Springs township.

## Grains of Sand

The News and Observer made a survey of how North Carolina ranks among the states in regard to many of her outstanding features. The approximate rating disclosed some interesting information. According to their figures she leads everything in the Union by being first in the homicide list. And we thought we lived in a land of the utmost peace and tranquility.

If our state distinguished herself by such a startling lead on one count, she drops to 47th place in per capita expenditure per school child. Another record we will not go around boasting of.

A warning from the Department of Agriculture says the price of food may rise ten per cent. Whether it does or whether it doesn't, there are a lot of back yards and plenty of vacant ground that could be profitably converted into vegetable gardens. The seed catalogue are being scattered around grously in the mail boxes and they have a lot of worthwhile material that is worth more than a casual glance. It will soon be time to put in the early seeds of hardy plants, and they might overcome some of the anxiety of soaring prices, although our popular theory is to avoid too strenuous tasks, dodging the hoe and applying more pressure to the gas lever.

A group of Sandhillers found themselves in the Capital city one day this week. As has been the custom of late, the Weather Man sent rain. An attempt was made in three or four of the big department stores to buy an umbrella. They were very sorry, but the stock couldn't fill the demand. After discouraging attempts the quest was dropped. Competing with the elements isn't any task for our village department stores.

The local telephone is a great distance compressor. It did more to unite those who were separated from the group around the Christmas tree than any other thing we can think of. On Christmas eve, up until midnight, the Southern Pines telephone office despatched 594 long distance calls. The day following 400 more were sent out. The incoming ones averaged about the same number. From our small village the town office was responsible for over 1200 happy connections.

Two for California and one for St. Johns, New Brunswick were the most distant points touched. Messages were scattered over the middle western states, those south of us, states adjoining us, and most of the northern and New England states. The Monday following Christmas the number of out-going calls reached 600. These were of a business nature generally. The office served not only the business world, but it did far more than that. It provided one of the greatest gifts of the entire joyous season, the reunion of members of families who could not have been included otherwise. The telephone company was influential in making the Christmas holidays decidedly happier by its ability to tie in the home circle a little closer. Its far reaching and sweeping contacts surely rivaled some of the noble work of old St. Nicholas himself.

## GET FIRST 1937 LICENSE

Marriage license Number One for 1937 in this county was issued to C. W. Brewer and Osha Morgan, both of Eagle Springs, Route 1.

## CARTHAGE

Mrs. Roy Butner spent Monday in Sanford.

Mrs. Holt McNeill has returned home after a visit to her mother in Dobson.

Mrs. R. L. Felton and daughters, Misses Flora and Polly Felton of Fayetteville spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Felton, Jr.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Roberts, Jr., of Point Pleasant, West Va., visited their mother, Mrs. J. K. Roberts last week.

Mrs. Ralph Brake, and sons, Ralph and Tommy of Rowland spent Sunday with Mrs. George Muse.

Miss Peggy Hayes is visiting her father, Phillip Hayes in Tennessee this week.

Miss Agnes Evans of Rowland spent Sunday in Carthage. She was accompanied by her mother who remained for a visit with Misses May and Bess Stuart.

Dr. and Mrs. John Symington returned home on Thursday after spending the holidays in New York.

Miss Margaret Kelly of Pinehurst spent the week-end at her home in Carthage.

Miss Dorothy Cole of Raleigh, spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. W. R. Clegg and Mary McKeithen Clegg spent Monday in Raleigh.

Little Miss Margaret Ann Felton returned home Sunday after visiting her grandmother in Fayetteville.

Miss Mildred Petway and Mrs. Edward Sherwitt of Enfield visited Miss Frances McKeithen on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lane returned to their home in Union, S. C., on Tuesday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. R. G. Wallace is getting along nicely after an operation at the Moore County Hospital on Monday. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Larkin of Washington, visited relatives in Carthage last week.

Misses Lama Spencer, and Flora McIver Cox returned home Sunday after visiting Miss Mickey Larkin in Washington.

Mrs. N. A. McKeithen and Mrs. Frances McKeithen visited relatives in Aberdeen last week.

Mrs. H. M. Caviness has returned home after visiting relatives in Virginia.

McConnell Kivette of New York City spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Kivette.

Cecil Appleberry of Wrightsville Beach was a guest of Miss Betty Jane Seawell during the holidays.

Miss Sarah Hurwitz of New York City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hurwitz.

Miss Montie Muse has returned to her school in Greensboro after spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. U. L. Spence visited friends in Raleigh last week.

Mrs. Tom Black of Jonesboro visited Mrs. James Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimm Caldwell, who have been living in the Union Church community have recently moved to Carthage. They are occupying the Asycue home.

Mrs. Frank Wood of Southern Pines visited Mrs. O. B. Welch this week.

Royal Muse spent Saturday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Currie returned home Friday after being the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Woltz of Gastonia. Mr. and Mrs. Currie were forced to remain longer than they intended because of Mrs. Currie's illness.

Miss Recca Frances and Willard Griffin of Roxboro visited friends in town last week.

Miss Mary Fowler Spencer has re-

turned to Huntersville where she is teaching.

Friends are glad to hear Charlie Kivette, who is undergoing treatment at a veterans' hospital in Illinois, is greatly improved.

Miss Gladys Watson was a Carthage visitor Sunday.

J. E. Muse, Jr., has gone to Andersonville, S. C., where he will be connected with the Bowe Construction Company.

Herbert Hultz, who is attending a law school in Washington, D. C., was in town a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Spence spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

## GEORGE R. ROSS ELECTED STATE COLLEGE SECRETARY

George R. Ross of Jackson Springs, near Pinehurst, a member of the class of 1911, was elected alumni secretary of N. C. State college yesterday by the executive committee of the General Alumni association. Ross formerly worked in the state department of agriculture, civil works, emergency relief and resettlement administrations in Raleigh. He is an extensive landowner in the Jackson Springs section, and also owner of the Sandhill Citizen, a weekly newspaper published in Aberdeen.

## CIVIC CLUB TEA AND SOCIAL HOUR FRIDAY

The program meeting scheduled for this Friday at the Southern Pines Civic Club has been postponed until the following Friday, January 15. There will be a board meeting this Friday at 3:00 o'clock, followed by tea and a social hour at 4:00 to which all are invited.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Carrie M. Viall wishes to express its appreciation to all those who helped in many thoughtful and sympathetic ways during her last illness and at the time of her death.

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