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MR. DUNLAP WRITES OF THE "FLEETING YEARS"

One of the great publishing houses of the United States is that of Grosset and Dunlap. It is a concern in which the people of the Sandhills have always taken a keen interest because George T. Dunlap, present head of the firm, is one of their neighbors and has long been deeply interested in the development of this section.

An interesting little volume now in the hands of a limited few is a book called the "Fleeting Years," by George T. Dunlap of Pinehurst. The book is not for sale, so this review is not in the nature of advertising but offered merely as a bit of appreciative tribute to two great publishers, Alexander Grosset and George T. Dunlap. In his preface Mr. Dunlap says, "My chief excuse for undertaking to write this memoir of an uneventful life is that I have been repeatedly urged by my children to tell the story of the Grosset and Dunlap business, its inception and the various steps through which it has passed during the 38 or 39 years since Alex Grosset and I hooked up our fortunes together in the summer of 1898."

A short genealogy leads into his boyhood days, which are followed by his first business experience. Then comes the birth of the publishing house when \$1,250 of Mr. Dunlap's money and a hundred of Mr. Grosset's were molded together in the modest investment that marked the beginning of a great industry. Their first gross profit was a trifle over fourteen dollars. Mr. Dunlap says, "It was a long way from being a net profit, as expenses were to come out of it, but it was a starter." When the business boasted capital enough to warrant, fifteen dollars a week was drawn from the fund for each to live on. And, as he added, "both of us being of Scotch descent, nothing was wasted." The persistent growth of the company is told in all simplicity, terminating in some statistics that the unsuspecting public is entirely unaware of.

Grosset and Dunlap are the largest selling force in the book publishing business in this country. There is no library, however large or small, that does not have their name across the backs of a large percentage of the books on the shelves. Their two best selling authors, Zane Grey and Gene Stratton Porter, have alone brought their sales totals over seventeen million copies. Their juvenile books have gone far over the million mark.

Mr. Dunlap was looking for a place in the South and came to Southern Pines through the influence of Ed Mott, a writer for the New York Sun and the author of a series of sketches about an old darkey known as "The Black Homer of Jintown." The yarns appealed to Mr. Dunlap and he arranged for their appearance in book form. This was in 1908 and when he drifted into Southern Pines later in the year his first impression was a "shabby down-at-the heel sort of village that was a haven for consumptives and not the attractive, energetic and thriving resort it has since developed into."

Grosset and Dunlap have become famous names in the publishing world. Recognition came to these two men who created a bigger world for much of mankind through the medium of books. They will leave one of the greatest endowments that have ever been left to an appreciative world.

—H. K. B.

GRAINS OF SAND

Very often after we promote ourselves to some new advancement we become aware of a homesick feeling for some part of the old thing deserted. When we move into our new postoffice and everybody is given a nice shiny key to his box the wave of nostalgia will begin its work, for the box that the whole family could open, with a turn of the knob, will now demand a key. One troubled box-holder was speculating how many keys would be needed to outfit his family when an original thinking man proposed a method that would simplify everything. He suggested hanging the key on the outside of the box where it would be convenient for all concerned and be in no danger of getting lost. Of course you can't suit everybody. There will be some, no doubt, who will think the humorist's scheme has its loop holes.

Aunt Malissie remarked to Santa Claus a few days before Christmas that among other things she wanted was some "pock't handk-chifs." When she came in after the old Saint's visit an inquiry was made as to whether she had received her reward. "Yas'm and dey wus so nice, I hid dem fum myself. Ah laid dem away in mah particulahs an' I ain't no ideay how to fine 'em." Quoting from herself, "she ain't by husef in dat." There were others who were confused in the Christmas shuffle.

When Katherine Newlin Burt begins her work with the Ladies Home Journal another name will be added to the list of Sandhills people who have become editors of prominent magazines. Back in 1918 Clyde Davis, a young chap then 34, went from the Moore County News to New York where he became one of the editors of the World's Work, to have his promising career cut short by pneumonia which proved fatal. Mildred Harrington, another member of the Moore County News staff, found way to the editorial rooms of the American magazine.

When Mrs. Burt assumes her new duties the Ladies Home Journal will take on a different meaning to its readers throughout the county, as Moore county people have a feeling of affection and genuine interest in the noted writer. The Journal will arrive with more than its ordinary interest.

When Preacher Stimson and his bride were honeymooning in Cuba they fell in with some traffic methods that were rather bewildering to them, and they were just as well pleased that their own car was safe at home on the mainland. From their report an automobile drive on the island was a stimulating affair. They also added that if a pedestrian is hit by a car, it is the pedestrian who is fined for bumping into the automobile. At first thought that might seem a heartless way of disposing of the man on foot, but if the man on foot would assume more of the responsibility that spells safety to pedestrians, the troubles with the man at the wheel would be lessened and the death rate materially reduced.

When reliable figures indicate that 55 per cent of all pedestrian deaths are due to the fault of the pedestrian it might not be untimely advice to offer some of the simple suggestions from the National Safety Council. "Obey traffic signals the same as good drivers do. Learn the laws and ordinances in effect in state and city to regulate traffic from the pedestrian's point of view—his rights and duties. Having done this the pedestrian is in a position to demand a

AN ELOQUENT TONGUE

(Third in series of "Go to Church" editorials, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.)

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue.

Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear. To the preacher, the empty pew says: "Your sermon is not worth while."

To the visitor it says, "You see, we are not quite holding our own."

To the treasurer it shouts, "Look out for a deficit!"

To a stranger looking for a church home, it suggests, "You had better wait awhile."

"Why don't you go visiting, next Sunday, too?" it asks the members who are present.

To the sinner who happens to wander in, it scowls, "I am not interested in you."

The empty pew speaks against the service.

It kills inspiration, smothering hope, dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing.

better acceptance of his obligations by drivers. And last take a greater interest in traffic problems and especially in the place and operation of traffic signals and pedestrian islands."

The Charlotte Observer recently printed the picture of a log cabin with an article that spoke of the vanishing monuments to early pioneers, and said that only a few of them are standing today. That statement comes as an interesting challenge to those who think of North Carolina as a land of log cabins. The log cabin has played its part and is now fast disappearing, as any survey will prove. Fire has been one of the destructive agents as it is no respecter of age nor sentiment and where no protection has been given it has taken heavy toll of the log buildings.

On the Pinehurst road leading out of Manley, standing in dilapidated ruin, is one of the most ancient of our old timers. Rays and Monroes were wed and born there years before the Civil War was even dreamed of. It was a fine old place in the day when towns and railroads were unthought of. A contemporary was the Sandy Monroe home east of the Ark school.

The Week in Carthage

Circles Meet

The regular monthly meetings of the circles of the Presbyterian auxiliary were held Monday. Circle No. 1 met with Mrs. J. L. Currie, Circle No. 2 with Miss Marie Clegg, No. 3 with Miss Johnnie Redding and No. 4 with Mrs. R. G. Wallace.

Dance A Success

Another successful dance was staged in the High School gymnasium Thursday night. Agnes Hudson and her orchestra furnished the music. A large number of visitors and out of town guests were among the attendants.

Mrs. Durham's Father Dies

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. E. C. Durham's father, R. P. Womble of Sanford Route 5. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Moncreur Methodist Church.

Hostess at Tea

Mrs. U. L. Spence was hostess at a lovely tea on Wednesday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Temple Dalrymple of New York City.

Mrs. Dalrymple Honored

Mrs. Temple Dalrymple was guest of honor Thursday evening when Mrs. John Beasley entertained at bridge. High score was awarded Mrs. W. D. Sabiston. The visitors prize went to Mrs. R. G. Wallace and an honor gift was presented Mrs. Temple Dalrymple.

New Year Party

Miss Helena Blue entertained at a New Year party last Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Blue. Games and contests were enjoyed until the bells tolled the old year out.

Book Reviewers' Party

Miss Meade Seawell was hostess to the Book Reviewers and a number of invited guests on New Year's afternoon. Mrs. J. L. McGraw read several poems on Negro life. A short story, "The Waltz," by Dorothy Parker was read by Miss Johnnie Redding. Godawsky's piano composition, "Alt-Wien," was rendered by Miss Roselle Williamson.

Personals

Miss Mary Worthy Spence has returned to Salem College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Dalrymple of New York City visited Mr. Dalrymple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Dalrymple last week.

Misses Lorraine and Claire Willcox and Miss Hilda Blue returned Friday after attending the Southern Presbyterian Young People's Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Alice Symington of Greenville, Conn., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Symington.

Misses Corrie and Janie McLeod have returned from Granite Falls where they spent the Christmas holidays with the Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Billups. Many delightful courtesies were extended them during their stay in Granite Falls. The Rev. and Mrs. Billups and small son, Edgar accompanied them home and will spend several days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Blue and family spent New Year's Day with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Pinkerton of Mooresville.

where another relationship of Monroes and Rays established one of the pioneer log homes and school houses.

The cabin that inspired the song writer and the romantic author and prowling tourist hunting local color is about to go into the classification of vanishing has been. The remaining log cabins are few and scattered, reminders of the early days.

Last month the Rockingham Post-Dispatch, edited and published by Isaac London rounded out its 20th year of publication under Mr. London.

This paper has the unique distinction of never having missed an issue, or never having fired an employee, and of having two men with it ever since the paper was started back in 1917.

The first issue was on December 7, 1917. Editor London operated the Siler City Grit from April, 1909, to November, 1917, when he went to Rockingham and bought the two papers—the Post and the Dispatch. He consolidated the two into the one Post-Dispatch. W. H. Covington, a veteran printer and his son, Jesse, were the two who set the type for the first issue, and both have been with the paper ever since.

Tommy Barber returned to Charlotte Friday after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Mittie J. Kelly spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. R. P. Umstead in Rougemont.

Mrs. Charles Barringer and children returned to Raleigh Monday after spending the holidays at their home in Carthage. Charles Barringer is a student at State College. Ruth is studying at Peace Institute and Betty goes to Needham Broughton.

Miss Mary Wycoffe, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Symington, has returned to Columbia, S. C.

Miss Mary Gilbert Cole has returned from a ten days trip to Florida.

Miss Thelma Frye has returned to her home after undergoing an operation at the Moore County Hospital and is rapidly improving.

The Thursday Bible Class met at the home of Mrs. H. F. Seawell Thursday afternoon. A most interesting discussion was conducted by Miss Meade Seawell.

Miss Alma Edwards, instructor at Queens-Chicora, has returned to the college after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Edwards. A. C. Frye of Washington, D. C., spent several days with his mother, Mrs. T. K. Frye last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lineberry have returned to their home after spending the holidays with relatives in Mebane.

Miss Mary Dare Haitcox of the Carthage School faculty returned Sunday after visiting her father, E. C. Haitcox of Raleigh.

Phil Roberts of Roanoke, Va., is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. K. Roberts.

Mrs. Norman Graham, Mrs. Tully Blair and Miss Reessie Wicker of Winston-Salem were guests of Mrs. John Sinclair and Miss Mildred Sinclair Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carter left Saturday for Morristown, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Withers and children of Detroit, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Withers' mother, Mrs. Mae Gardner.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Watts spent last week at Mrs. Watts home in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currie have returned from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Carter and family are spending this week in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Miss Rica Griffin of Raleigh visited Miss Mary Worthy Spence last week and attended the New Year dance in Carthage.

Miss Margaret Clegg left Sunday for Richmond, Va., after a visit with her father, the Rev. I. N. Clegg.

Miss Jack Yow was the week-end guest of Miss Beatrice Yow in Oxford.

Misses Keene Way and Mary Helen Watkins of Raleigh visited Miss Ruth Barringer last week. While in Carthage they attended the New Year dance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hart, Jr., of Snow Hill arrived Sunday to visit Mrs. Hart's father, the Rev. I. N. Clegg.

Miss Emma Muse Burns has returned to Greensboro to resume her studies at the Greensboro Woman's College after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Burns.

Miss Catherine Dowlass of Thomasville arrived Sunday to spend the

JACKSON SPRINGS

Miss Evelyn Holliday returned Sunday to Belmont to resume teaching after having spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clark.

Douglas Matheson returned to Raleigh Sunday, accompanied by J. E. McCall, who will resume his studies at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Fayetteville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnette. Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Agnes Barnette.

Mrs. S. D. Thomas of Eagle Springs is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dilling of Kingtree, S. C., spent part of last week visiting Charles Dilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris returned to Kings Mountain Saturday after a week's visit with A. C. Carter and M. R. Morris.

Don Matheson is the guest of friends in Kingtree, S. C.

Mrs. Maude McDonald and son Carlton of Raleigh were in town Sunday.

Meek Barnette has returned to C. C. camp, having been transferred from Southern Pines to Albemarle, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch F. Thomas and daughter Margaret have been visiting relatives in Albemarle.

Miss Johnnie Gibson has returned to her home in Laurel Hill after a week with her grandmother, Mrs. Geo. P. Markham.

Miss Floyde Richardson of Thompson Memorial Hospital, Lumberton was home for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Richardson, returning to Lumberton Monday.

The Rev. W. H. Brown filled the pulpit at Vass and Aberdeen Sunday in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Starnes, the new pastor of the field who was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hinson, Mrs. Sallie Hinson and Miss Florence Hinson attended a birthday dinner Sunday at Mrs. John Ray's in the Eureka Community.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thomas, Ralph and Margaret Thomas and Mrs. C. J. Britt were dinner guests of Mrs. Walter Hogan in Ellerbe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. King of Southern Pines were guests of Mrs. R. E. Henderlite Sunday.

Miss Lillian Patterson is spending some time with her grandfather, C. A. Thomas.

Correspondence

BEAUTY IN SIMPLICITY

Editor, The Pilot:

As I passed "Mrs. Hayes' Shoppe" on Broad street, Southern Pines, last Friday, my attention was drawn to the display windows, not by articles for sale, but by "Beauty in Simplicity." I was told that these windows were Mrs. Hayes' idea executed by Miss Catherine Pierson, the clever interior decorator of Southern Pines.

These windows, one depicting a famous painting of Madonna and Child, the other a single Christmas Star, are such as one might expect Tiffany, Black, Starr and Frost, or the Metropolitan Museum to display, and I feel that these two women should be complimented for bringing this gorgeous beauty to us at Christmas time.

—ADELE SHAW BOONE.

week with Mrs. Ida Tyson.

Miss Carol Graves left Monday for Charlotte after spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. George C. Graves.

Miss Sara Louise Thompson has returned to the Carthage Hotel after spending the holidays at her home in Burlington. Miss Thompson is Vocational home economics teacher in the Carthage schools.

Miss Nancy Butner has returned to Elon College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eutner.

The Rev. and Mrs. D. McL. McDonald of Columbia, S. C., are visiting Mrs. P. H. McDonald.

Misses Sara and Mayo Jenkins returned to their home in Laurinburg Sunday after spending several days with their grandmother, Mrs. Bell Jenkins.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Porter and children of Durham visited Mrs. Porter's mother, Mrs. J. E. Waddell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ledbetter and family of Rockingham visited Mrs. W. T. Jones during the holiday season.

Quentin Reynolds is a patient at the Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. Lilly May Hall left Monday for Washington, D. C., where she will visit her brother A. C. Frye.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Society of the Church of Wide Fellowship will meet in the church parlor at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday, January 12th. Group II will have charge of the program.

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