

**THE PASSING YEARS**

BY CHARLES MACAULEY  
Second Week of January

**1941**  
Telephones out after Exchange Building blaze. Firemen prevent serious damage and service is resumed after brief suspension.  
No revaluation of real estate in county in 1941.  
Ben Morgan family burned out third time in Niagara.  
Mrs. D. J. Welch was hostess to the members of the Business Woman's Circle of the Brownson Memorial Church at her home on Monday night.

**1937**  
Air service for Sandhills from principal cities of country expected soon.  
Mrs. Carrie M. Viall, one of Southern Pines early settlers dies.  
Misses Isabell Wicker, Caroline Lewis, Susan Sweet and Eleanor Harlow left Monday for the Women's College of the U. N. C.

**1932**  
100 guests of Highland Pines Inn at Annual Churchmen's Dinner.  
Forced landings feature visit of airplane pilots. Heavy drizzle downs planes to earth on golf courses and fields of the Sandhills.  
Miss Vera Chase has returned from a visit to Vermont.

**1927**  
Scout entertainment draws large audience. The cast of "Cupid Up To Date" included the Misses Jane Henderson, Algene Edson, Isabel Marrow, Doris Eddy, Mildred Marrow, Doris Eddy, Wallie Plaschander and Donna Bredbeck, and Messrs. Bredbeck, Gregory, Wilson, Adams, Fisher and Eddy.  
Every pine, holly, cedar and magnolia cloaked in two inches of beautiful snow.

**1922**  
The Swift island bridge spanning the Yadkin river between Montgomery and Stanley counties is now open for traffic. Residents of Southern Pines can now reach Charlotte via Biscoe, Troy and Albemarle.

**1915**  
The Southern Pines Gun Club. That's a new one on nearly everybody but it is already a success of no mean sort. Pistol practice, target and clay pigeon shooting are the specialties. The range is on South Bennett street and so great is the interest that 36 gunners took part in last week's shoot.

**1912**  
The News swallows the Blade. After a career of 33 years the Carthage Blade is sold to the Moore County News.  
Theodore Stearns, general musical director for the Shubert's Broadway productions is spending the winter with Charles W. Picquet, at Brookdale Farm.

**1907**  
J. N. Powell and H. J. Betterley, of Brattleboro, Vt., went to Thagard's for a few days fishing and came back with so many fish that Mr. Powell contemplates opening a fish market in connection with his grocery store.  
C. C. Stevick has rented the spare apartment in his house, on Vermont avenue, to Mr. Yocum of New York.

**1902**  
The novelty of a chase with the bloodhounds is witnessed by hundreds of Northern people who came down for amusement, and after the convict has made his rounds, the dogs are turned loose and his trail is followed after he is securely out of the way. Such an entertainment was given to quite a number of visitors, by McQueen and Elliott, at the famous Ray's Pine Forest last Tuesday.

The North Carolina strawberry market is conducted much the same as the tobacco market—the selling is done by auctioneers whose chant sounds like gibberish to the untutored.

**Pinehurst Paragraphs**

Miss Haasie Mae Sherrill has returned from Forest Hills, N. Y., where she visited Mrs. Marie M. Brown.  
Friends will be sorry to learn that Miss Kitty Carter is seriously ill at her home in Sanford.  
Mrs. Wade H. Coffey of Lakeview is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Johnson.

The circles of the Community Church met Tuesday, the Afternoon circle meeting with Mrs. Raymond Johnson, the Night circle with Mrs. Annie Kelly and Miss Fannie Gray hostesses, and the Business Woman's circle with Mrs. Robert Barrett at the Thistle.  
W. P. Morton, Jr., has returned to Nashville, Tenn., after spending several days with his aunt, Mrs. Ethel Journey.

Mrs. D. P. McKenzie is at home after being a patient in the Moore County Hospital, having injured her knee in a fall at her home.  
Miss Ann MacNab is leaving this week for Boston after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. MacNab.

Miss Lillian Moore, second-grade teacher, is a patient in Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte. Mrs. Hinson Maples has been supplying for her at school.  
Capt. and Mrs. J. S. Sauer and daughters have returned to reside here and are at their former residence, Sunnyside Cottage. Capt. Sauer is stationed at Fort Bragg.

Mrs. Norman Calcutt and infant son have returned home from the Moore County Hospital.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eberhard Faber have returned to New York after spending the holidays at their home, Twin Gables. Their guests during the holidays departed for their homes Saturday. These were Mrs. F. H. Froman and Miss Bessie Helm of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeWitt Clapp of Colorado Springs and Mr. and Mrs. John Evans Love and young daughter of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston L. Biddle, II, went to New York Sunday night. They were accompanied by Mrs. Biddle's son, Fay Neville, who returned to school in Southville, Mass.  
Among other students returning to school after the holidays with their families were Billy Gifford and George Razook to Taft School, Watertown, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Quigley have returned to New York after spending the holidays at their home Column Lodge.  
Mrs. Richard Pippitt and baby of Boston are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Ross.

**Community Church Tea**  
The Woman's Auxiliary of the Community Church gave a tea Friday afternoon at the manse in honor of two members who are moving away Mrs. David Coffey who will join Mr. Coffey in Charlotte soon and Mrs. T. G. Ragsdale who will leave tomorrow, Saturday, to join Mr. Ragsdale at Brandy, Va. Mrs. A. J. McKelway greeted the guests and receiving with the honorees was Mrs. True P. Cheney, Auxiliary President. Red candles and poinsettias were used effectively in the dining and living rooms. The tea table was covered with a lace cloth and pouring during the afternoon were Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Mrs. Eric Nelson, Miss Eloise Wicker and Miss Helen Cole. Mrs. A. P. Thompson and Mrs. Kate Gibbon assisted in receiving.

Mrs. Eric Nelson had as bridge and tea guests Saturday afternoon Mrs. Bert Nicolls, Mrs. Thomas R. Cole, Mrs. Purvis Ferree, Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Mrs. Wesley R. Viall, Mrs. A. P. Thompson, and Mrs. W. R. Johnson.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rudel of New York and Jack Rudel of Montreal, Canada, have returned to their homes after being called here on account of the death of their brother-in-law, Frank McCluer.

Among students returning to college this week were Misses Nancy and Clarise Richardson, Greensboro College, Misses Eloise Wicker, Olive Hennessee, Bill Viall.

Jesse Cole, Joe Montesanti, Jr., Carolina, Misses Margaret McKenzie, Betty and Watson Smith, Jr., Duke, John Taylor, Malcolm McMullen and Paul Miller, Jr., Oak Ridge Military School, Peggy Ewing, Chatham Hall, Bill Tate, Mars Hill Junior College, Misses Katherine Sledge and Carol Hennessee, Woman's College, Greensboro, Jack Taylor, Darlington Preparatory School, Rome, Ga., Miss Helen Fields, Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, Miss Marie Kennedy, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., also Miss Nancy Modlin, Pfeiffer College, Tonawanda, Wake Forest, and Peter Tufts, Staunton Military Academy.

**\$500 FINE LEVIED IN HIT-RUN CASE**  
Rocky Mount Man Found Guilty in Accident Involving Local Woman

Henry T. Morris of Rocky Mount was found guilty in Recorder's Court Monday of careless, reckless and hit-and-run driving and given eight months on the roads, suspended upon payment of the costs and a fine of \$500, the fine to be applied by the Clerk for the payment of the hospital and medical expense of the victim, Miss Eva Hammond, elderly resident of Southern Pines, and the balance remaining to be paid to Miss Hammond. Morris paid the costs and \$325 of the fine and is to pay the remainder at the rate of \$25 per month beginning in February.

Miss Hammond was struck near Manly on the night of Dec. 19 while walking toward Southern Pines, and sustained a broken leg and shoulder and severe lacerations.  
Patrolman McKenzie radioed to Sanford, where Morris was arrested, held in jail overnight and released on bond.

In court he testified that he was blinded by lights; that he knew that his car struck something, but did not think that it amounted to anything.  
**Lacy Scott Sought**  
The Court ordered a capias issued for Lacy Scott of Burlington, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and subpoenas for State witnesses and the case was continued to next Monday.

Scott is under \$1000 bond for the shooting of James White at the Aberdeen fair last fall. Sheriff McDonald has recently received a letter from one of the witnesses in the case who is at Carlsbad, New Mexico.  
Dink Core, Pinchurk Negro, pleaded guilty of unlawful possession for sale and transporting illicit whiskey for sale and was given three months at the county home, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and good behavior during the next two years.

David Turner, Southern Pines Negro, found guilty of bastardy, was given four months on the roads, suspended upon payment of costs and \$3.50 per week to Bertha Campbell, for support of the child.  
Sam Burgess of Baltimore, Md., failed to answer to a charge of drunken driving. His cash bond of \$75 was forfeited and the balance remaining after payment of the costs is to be turned over to the school fund.

Mamie Ruth Briggs, Aberdeen Negro, pleaded guilty of violating the State health laws and was given 30 days in jail, during which she is to submit to such treatment prescribed by the county health officer.  
John Marsh, Aberdeen Negro, was given six months for public drunkenness and resisting arrest. Marion Brown of Hemp was found not guilty of careless and reckless driving.

A capias returnable next Monday was issued for Norris Upchurch of Vass, charged with drunken driving, and another in the case of Joe Palmer Brannon of Sanford, on a similar charge. Cases against Joe Alston and Mary Cagle, Ben H. Wood and Norman Hussey were continued.

**Monoxide Poisoning Given as Death Cause**  
Duke Hospital Authorities Say Car Fumes Brought Death to Negro Woman

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Officers suspected foul play and upon the advice of a Carthage physician sent the body to the Moore County Hospital to be x-rayed to find out whether the neck was broken. No injury to the neck was found, and the coroner then carried the body to Duke Hospital at Durham. There, no injury to the body was found that would have caused death, and no poison was present in the blood except a large percentage of carbon monoxide.

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**Cameron Party**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean of Cameron and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McLean of Orangeburg, S. C., entertained a number of friends at a New Year party from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock Wednesday night of last week at the Cameron home of the McLeans.

The home was attractively decorated for the occasion. In the dining room was an especially beautiful arrangement of magnolia branches with white electric lights forming "buds."  
A full program of fun ended with a spelling match in which L. B. McKeithen won highest honors. He and Mrs. Ed Mann, the last lady to fall out of line were presented prizes.

**First Prize—"Preview—U. S. A. versus Hitler"**



First prize winner of photographers at the annual Carolinas Press Photographers Association was this action shot taken by Jack Dickerson of Monroe during the recent maneuvers. Judges selected this as an example of good and timely photography. The pictures were on exhibit at the Highland Pines Inn and awards were made at the dinner there.

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**REPORT OF CONDITION OF**

**The Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Southern Pines**

of SOUTHERN PINES IN THE STATE OF N. C. at the close of business on December 31, 1941.

**ASSETS**

Loans and discounts (Including no overdrafts)	\$327,770.68
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	68,500.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	56,247.43
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	11,125.00
Corporate stocks	650.00
Cash balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	472,738.10
Bank premises owned \$20,627.11, furniture and fixtures \$4,959.94	25,587.05
(Bank premises owned are subject to No liens not assumed by bank)	
Real estate owned other than bank premises	9,456.69
Other assets	4,823.11
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$976,898.06</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$574,818.70
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	258,453.48
Deposits of United States Government	9,706.25
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	44,165.26
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	2,633.98
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$889,777.67</b>
Other liabilities	7,230.63
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)</b>	<b>\$897,008.30</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

Capital*	\$ 49,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Undivided profits	745.84
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	10,143.92
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>79,889.76</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$976,898.06</b>

\*This bank's capital consists of first preferred stock with total par value of \$24,000, total retrievable value \$24,000; and common stock with total par value of \$25,000.

**MEMORANDA**

Pledged assets (book value):

U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	5,000.00
Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	49,713.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,713.09</b>

Secured and preferred liabilities:

Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	54,713.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,713.09</b>

On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was 107,226.00  
Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to 210,238.00

I, N. L. Hodgkins, president of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N. L. HODGKINS.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MOORE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1942, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

GENEVA HALL,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires July 17, 1943.

GEORGE C. MOORE

J. C. BARRON,

FRANK W. WELCH,

Directors.



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**Leaf-Burning 'Burns Up' Writer; Why Waste What Nature Makes?**

By Helen K. Butler

One of the great tragedies of Autumn arrives on the heels of the first frost. And then we thoughtless human beings perpetrate against Nature such a travesty as to make her ridiculous. We open a season of ten thousand smokes, plus ten thousand. All over our state, we have sent rakes into action and then applied matches to piles of leaves, yeast tons of leaves, and into that man-made smoke, we destroy in a few minutes in wanton waste, what wise old Nature has accomplished in months of consistent work.

The falling autumn leaf tells a mighty interesting story. The growth of the leaf from the small brown scales of the tight bud of winter to the mature mass of expanded cells that separates from the branch of the tree after frost isn't a commonplace event, at all. Leaves don't tumble down by pure accident. The entire scheme is a prearranged affair. All summer long the leaf has been busy swallowing up carbonic acid from the air. Then its business with the influence of sunlight was to digest and convert it into starches and other living material which in turn will be drawn into the tree and stored there in layers of bark for future use.

The release of the leaves was prepared for by the tree in the arrangement of empty cells where the leaf-talk joins the stem or branch and, when frosts arrive, the separation takes place that sends the brown car-

pet showering down over lawns. This is a decided annoyance to many gardeners. So leaves are immediately swept up and destroyed, and all there is left is a handful of ash resting on our pitiful sterile land. All over our villages, where yards join the street, smoldering fires or remnants of charred leaves tell the tale.

Leaves Have Great Value  
Some farmers estimate a ton of rotter leaves have about the same value as a ton of manure. In our illogical way, we burn one and buy the other. We seem happier paying out money for artificial fertilizers. Stable manure becomes increasingly hard to get, and in some places is an unobtainable luxury, but that needn't worry the gardener who salvages the luxury that falls free at his feet. With little effort or cost, he can turn into a few furrows or a compost pit, a fertilizer that will show a replacement of fertility, the most important factor of all.

We learn about that mysterious thing called protoplasm. The gifted tree manufactures the stuff, and the man destroys it. Humus, the organic material the leaves gives us every fall, is the answer to the worn out garden of sand clay soil, as it is the only agency that restores to the soil the thing we have robbed it of, and produces the loam we in this section are so fond of.

Our Sandhills would be less fertile, less porous, could better withstand our summer droughts if we were a little slower in applying the match to our underestimated leaves.