

Hugh Dave MacWhirr Writes to the Pilot

About 10 days ago we received a letter from out in the county. It said: "Dear Sirs: "Why do you all not right a piece about the N. Y. and A. Rspfully, H. D. MacWhirr."

So the next time we were by his place we stopped in. Mr. MacWhirr left his cross-cut saw in the black gum log and came up to the big sycamore that shades his house in summer. On the porch Old Puzler thumped his tail twice and closed his eyes.

"Mr. Hugh Dave," we said, "what about the N. Y. A.?"

"Why," he said, "didn't you get my letter?"

"Yes, sir," we said, "mighty proud to get it."

"Well, then," he said, "write about it."

"Yes," we said, "but—"

"It's time," he said. "I see they're arguing about it in Congress right now."

"Yes," we said, "but—"

"This is the time," Mr. MacWhirr thumped the sycamore, "for us fellows to know The Pilot's weight into the scale."

"Yes," we said, "but which way?"

Mr. MacWhirr looked at us. Then he pulled a piece of bark off the sycamore and looked at it. "Son," he said, "Ain't you ever seen them folks?"

"No," we said.

"I have," he said. "Once. You remember the maneuvers last fall?"

"We'll never forget them," we said.

"Well, sir, up there in town," Mr. MacWhirr pointed vaguely to the north, "when the maneuvers come, they got up a place for the soldiers. They had books and games and writing tables and a piano, and the ladies was to take turns running it. But that's where the N. Y. and A. come in."

"How?" we said.

"Took charge," Mr. MacWhirr said. "Run the ladies out. It beats all how folks on the government payroll get in taking charge of things."

"What did they do?" we said.

"Hired half the girls in town to look there," Mr. MacWhirr said. "Then went off and left them. Some did the work and some figured that they just set there that was enough. The ladies of the town come by now and then and tried to get the girls

to help them clean the place up. Didn't get much help."

"So the place was kept clean by the people who weren't paid, not by the people who were."

"Mainly," Mr. MacWhirr said, "not entirely, but mainly. Some folks," he observed, "when they start figuring that the Government owes them a living end up by figuring that's all that is owed: that nothing is owed by them at all. But that wasn't the most peculiar thing."

"What was, Mr. Hugh Dave?" we asked dutifully.

"The most peculiar thing was that half of them girls didn't need the money in the first place. They was well off, better off than us. I know their daddies."

"How did they get in it then?" we said.

"When the N. Y. and A. come in," Mr. Hugh Dave said. "They told it that to have a project they was obliged to have so many girls. That was the rule. So since they couldn't find enough girls that needed help, they filled up the list with them that didn't."

"How did the ones that didn't need it feel?" we asked.

"Well, my daughter, Sally Mae, talked to them. Some said they felt foolish but done it to help fill up the list. And then there are others who are always glad to get their feet in the government trough no matter why or how."

"It certainly don't make sense," we said.

"All I mean," Mr. MacWhirr said, "is that the N. Y. and A. may have been needed some time back. No doubt was." He threw the piece of sycamore bark on the ground. "But if indigent youth have now got so scarce that the N. Y. and A. has to manufacture them to stay in business, then it's time for Congress to close the business up."

"Sounds all right, Mr. Hugh Dave," we said. "We'll write a piece about it."

"Why certainly," Mr. MacWhirr said. "Ain't that what I told you to do in my letter?"

"Mission To Moscow," "The Pied Piper," and a new good book by John Wells, "Sabbath Has No End" at Hayes."

Pilot Want Ads Pay.

THE PASSING YEARS

BY CHARLES MACAULEY
Fourth Week in February

1941
Struthers Burt warns Kiwanians that Senator R. R. Reynolds, opposing lend-lease bill may become "Quisling" of North Carolina.
Miss Eleanor Grover was one of six sponsors for a fraternity pledge dance at the University of North Carolina. She was guest of Louis Schepp, Jr.
Southern Pines Red Cross sponsoring First Aid classes, noting particularly need for first aid knowledge because of "alarming increase in automobile accidents."

1937
Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce seeks alternate routing of U. S. Highway No. 1 through business section, from the North.
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace S. Speers of Montclair, N. J., are guests of Mrs. Speers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Kelsey.
"The Father of His Country Looks Again at America" is the caption of a Carolina Power and Light Company advertisement, showing George Washington surveying America.

1932
Friends of W. H. Goodman are pleased to know that he has so far recovered his health as to attend the races with C. H. Durgin.
Mrs. Emma M. Chase dies.
"The Unique Supper Club. Love, joy's Log House. 5-piece orchestra." Adv.

1927
The Church of Wide Fellowship breaks ground for new church edifice. Work starts on Pine Needles Inn. J. M. Garrett appointed Water Superintendent; L. L. Hedgepeth resigned.
Senior class elects officers. President Virginia Chatfield; vice president, Richard Sugg; secretary-treasurer, Katherine Wiley.

1922
What are we coming to? A recent sight on Broad street happened to be no less than two women attired in men's trousers.
A mystery of Pennsylvania avenue. Some insidious miscreant removes a landmark—or watermark. Monte-santi's famous alligator gone.

1915
Mrs. Orin M. Day has gone to Baltimore to purchase her spring millinery.
Mrs. Bettie Crain Cameron left for New York to study the styles and select the best for her customers.
Mrs. J. J. Farrey is at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.
"Little Mary Pickford as 'Mistress Nell' last appearance this season." Adv.

1912
Postmaster J. N. Powell took over the postoffice Monday and is now in position to receive the usual remarks of patrons of the office when they find somebody else's mail in their box or miss some piece of mail that they are sure must have been put in another's box.
Mrs. M. D. Rush, of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Picquet, at Brookdale Farm, for a few weeks.

1907
Work has progressed sufficiently at the Country Club grounds for friends of the sport to play six holes or nine by playing numbers 1, 2 and 9 twice.
Opie Read, the famous lecturer and raconteur, appeared at the King's Daughters' Hall, Monday evening under the auspices of the Southern Pines Country Club.

1902
Dr. Harry McKnight, charged with practicing medicine without a license, was tried before Squire Shaw yesterday. It appears that the doctor convinced the Court that he did not use medicines of any kind in his treatment of sick people and was therefore discharged.

The early trolley car from Pinehurst narrowly escaped being wrecked in the darkness about 5 o'clock this morning. The motorman detected an obstruction on the track and brought his car to a standstill, but not until the front windows had been broken by the branches of a tree which had been blown across the track.

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Mrs. J. Halbert Todd's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Albert F. Barker of Larchmont, N. Y., and her sister Mrs. D. Y. Brooks of Yonkers, N. Y., have returned to their homes after being her guests for two weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCaskill entertained at bridge Friday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Willard L. Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. F. Shelby Cullom, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ehrhardt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Barbour.
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Burdette of New York City and Judson Greegan Brown of Forest Hills, N. Y., were recent guests of Miss Hassie Mae Sherrill Miss Sherrill and her guests went to Statesville to spend the week-end with her parents there.
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. White of New York spent a few days at their home on the Linden Road.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tufts had the following week-end guests: Donald Brower, Red Bank, N. J.; Leffert Strebeigh, Milton Scharfman, Edward Sweeney and Charles Weed of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnes of Monticure were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gouger.
Peter DuPont who signed up with the Navy and was stationed at Norfolk has been sent to a trade school in Chicago.
Miss Betsy Carter was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party Monday at her home, The Play House. Guests were Sally Gifford, Sandra Zelle, Jackie Razook, Patty McGouldrick, and Janet Cornwell.
Miss Althea Brooks has returned to the Cloverleaf from a visit to Chicago.

Eberhard Faber had as guests at his home, Twin Gables, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Finck and George Pfann Mr. Faber and guests returned to New York Monday night.
Mrs. A. P. Thompson entertained at tea Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. W. S. Golden, Mrs. Sam Miller, Mrs. O. D. Wallace, Mrs. Edward Muse, and Mrs. Nella Black of Carthage and Mrs. C. C. Kennedy.

Mrs. Henry Butler had daughter, Mrs. Peggy and Janice of Elkin are guests of her mother, Mrs. A. E. Leavitt.
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Hewlett of Frenort, L. L. are guests of Mrs. Hewlett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Waterhouse at Sleepy Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Crocker have as guests at Pineville Farm Miss Emma Florence of Short Hills, N. J., Mrs. William Crocker of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
Mrs. F. H. Peckham of Chelmsford, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Abram, at Mimosa Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Cole and family have returned from New Bern where they were called on account of the death of Dr. R. L. Daniels. Mrs. Daniels is the sister of Mrs. Cole.

Woman's Exchange Opens House
The Sandhills Woman's Exchange entertained Tuesday evening with an open house for merchants of the Sandhills. Despite the snowstorm a number of friends called during the hours from eight to ten o'clock.

Beer License Revoked For Place Near Vass

At a special meeting of the Moore County Commissioners held Monday for the purpose of hearing discussion for and against the revocation of the beer license of M. E. Poindexter, operator of the Underpass Service Station near Vass, an order was passed revoking the license, effective at once.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Southern Pines has this day adopted an ordinance entitled "Code of the Town of Southern Pines, North Carolina, 1941," which said ordinance comprises the codification of, addition to, and repeal of the existing ordinances of the Town of Southern Pines, which said ordinance is filed in the office of the Town Clerk and open for the inspection of the public, this the 14th day of February, 1942.
HOWARD F. BURNS,
Town Clerk.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE
Having qualified as executors under the Last Will and Testament of Anne Fleming Popham, deceased, late of Pinebluff, Moore County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned of Pinehurst, North Carolina on or before the 20th day of February 1943 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 13th day of February, 1942.
PAUL DANA,
LOUISE POPHAM GUNNING,
Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Anne Fleming Popham,
Deceased F20-M27

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Lillian Gaines Leatham, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at Carthage, N. C., duly verified, on or before January 30, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment. This January 26th, 1942, S. R. Hoyle, administrator of estate of Mrs. Lillian Gaines Leatham, deceased. J30-M6.

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