

The Passing Years

BY CHARLES MACAULEY

Second Week of May
1941

W. D. Matthews new Mayor of Southern Pines, R. F. Tarlton and M. F. Grantham new members of the Board of Commissioners.
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pottle, their son, George, and grandson, Bobby, left Tuesday for Jefferson, N. H. for the summer months.
Mrs. George London is visiting her parents at Elizabeth City.

1937

D. G. Stutz reelected Mayor. Commissioners L. V. O'Callaghan, C. S. Patch and E. C. Stevens reelected. H. J. Betterley and R. L. Hart new members of the Board. 227 votes cast. Causus votes for purchase of land for civic center.
Miss Margaret Gifford bride of J. D. Hobbs.

1932

John N. Powell, Southern Pines postmaster and one of its leading citizens, dies.
Ceiling of town headquarters in Municipal Building falls.

1927

Roy Pushec has bought the Halliwell tract on Highland road and will reconstruct the log cabin now on the property into an attractive bungalow.
George Richardson, Earl Merrill, J. T. Dillehay and Frederick Cole spent the Easter vacation at their homes in Southern Pines.

1922

S. B. Richardson reelected Mayor. Board of Commissioners C. A. Maza, A. C. Grover, J. F. Cole, D. G. Stutz and Dr. W. C. Mudgett.
The laundry has closed for the summer.
George Colton is building a home on Bennett street near Illinois avenue.

1912

By a very small vote the Mayor and Board of Commissioners are all reelected without opposition. 32 votes cast. Mayor, R. E. Wiley, Commissioners, W. C. Mudgett, C. L. Hayes, T. S. Burgess, S. B. Richardson, G. S. Burleigh.

Saturday afternoon, not far from two o'clock, the fire alarm sounded for a slight blaze on the roof of Pembroke Lodge. In just two minutes by the watch the firemen were on the spot and had the fire under control.

1907

Tuesday, May 7th, election day. Results, Dr. K. M. Ferguson, 57 votes, G. S. Burleigh, 50 votes. For Commissioners, G. S. Kimball, 105; J. N. Mills, 62; L. P. French, 58; C. T. Patch, 55; S. N. Whipple, 54; H. C. Flint; H. Weber, 51; D. F. McAdams 45.

1902

Charles B. Grout re-elected Mayor. Commissioners, H. L. Thurston, F. H. Weaver, C. W. Shaw, Peter Beck, R. E. Geyer.
Take a look at Dr. Swett's cottage and surroundings if you wish to see how nice a place looks. Foliage enough to convince any one that the cry of no growth in our sand is silly and absurd.

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3:30 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Hugh Dave MacWhirr Combines Public Spirit with Possible Future Profits

"Well, gentlemen," Mr. Hugh Dave said, "you know how it is: a man's got to get in his crop. Otherwise, I'd been by long before." He moved the telephone off the desk and sat down on the place. "But now with this drought we been having, I said to myself, 'If the Lord won't do His part why should I do mine?' So I hitched up Jug and come on down. Taken the best part of the morning." We looked out the window and saw Mr. MacWhirr's old buggy and the long face of the mule, Jug, who was sadly chewing the back off The Pilot's locust tree.

"What's become of your model T, Mr. MacWhirr?" we said.
"What ain't you heard about it?" he said. "How do you fellows figure to run a paper if you don't keep up with the news? I sold it."
"Who to?" we said.

"To Wesley Tolver, the very fellow that sold it to me 10 years ago. Have some?" Mr. MacWhirr held out a plug of eating tobacco and a horn-handled case knife.
"Much obliged," we said. "We've tried it twenty times and can't make a go of it."

"Too bad," Mr. MacWhirr said. "Them cigarettes." He shook his head. "Yes, I figured that the least I could do to help out Uncle Sam was to give up the rattler."
"Give it up?" we said. "I thought you'd sold it."

"I had it," Mr. MacWhirr said, "and now I ain't got it. Ain't that giving up?" He cut himself a slice of tobacco fiercely. "You ask my wife and children if it ain't been given up."

"It's too bad Mr. Tolver will be running it when you have given it up," we said.
"Well, it loks like that for a while, but in the end it will be all right. Wes just wanted the tires and so I bought the old rattler back

without tires for eleven dollars. Only the family don't know that. Otherwise, they would be after me to get tires and there would no be a dust of peace in the house."

"How are you going to get tires? You can tell them that," we said.
"Son," he said, "how long have you been married?"

"Yes," we said, "I expected you'd be expected to get tires somehow."
"And—I will get them," Mr. Hugh Dave said. "But all in good time. Just as soon as they're cheap and plentiful."

"Looks like a long wait," we said.
"Oh, no," Mr. Hugh Dave said. "I look for it any day now."

"Do you think the war will end?" we said.
"Oh, no," Mr. Hugh Dave said. "I look for a long war."

"Well, then," we said, "what about it?"
"This country," he said, "does not really need tires. The MacWhirrs have gotten where they are without tires. In fact, we was better off before I ever bought rattler. But the country thinks it needs tires and therefore," Mr. MacWhirr wiped one corner of his mouth with his handkerchief and shook it at us, "therefore, tires will be invented. Yes, sir, I bet they's ten thousand fellows working on it now and any day some little old man will come out with a way to make tires out of something, cotton stalks or salt water or something better and cheaper than ever before." He put his handkerchief in his hip pocket. "And when that day comes, I'll have the satisfaction of having helped out Uncle Sam, like a good American, and also of having sold my old tires at the peak of the market."

NIAGARA

The Rev. T. D. Mullis spent Tuesday in Raleigh.
Bill Williams of Fort Jackson spent the week-end with home folks.
Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron of Grovetown, Ga., visited relatives here during the week-end.
Burney Garner and family, who have lived here for many years, are moving to Southern Pines this week.

The Rev. J. L. Foster of Elon College filled his regular appointment here Sunday and was entertained over the week-end at the Rhodes home.
Mrs. W. D. Monroe who has been quite sick is improving.

DRIVERS' LICENSES REVOKED
The State Highway Safety Divi-

on this week reported the following drivers' license revocations for Moore County:

3Clark H. Daugherty, Southern

Pines, on March 21, for drunken driving; Charley L. Thomas of Steeds, on March 2, for drunken driving; Frank Upchurch of Hemp

March 9, for drunken and reckless driving; and Ernest B. Wiseman, of West End, February 16, for drunken driving.

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