

POOLE'S MEDLEY

By D. SCOTT POOLE

Mrs. Lydia Skipper has three sons in the service of our country. W. U. Taylor has a brother-in-law, two sons-in-law and a son in the U. S. Armies.

Hoke county has more volunteers in the U. S. Army and Navy than any county in North Carolina we believe, although we have no statistics at hand. Hoke furnished a residue of men Sept. 16th, 1940. Next to Guilford and Robeson, two of the largest counties in the state.

People are unjust in their criticism, but I do not mean to criticize when I say it would have saved lives and expense money to have met the Japs more nearly on even terms in the East Indies. Why the British are striving so hard to hold desert country in North Africa, when they would give such country not a look in time of peace.

I mentioned a snow on the 17th of April 1871, two inches deep, but it did no harm to peaches big as bird eggs. I believe it was in June, 1912, when some fellow in Raeford saw snow falling. I was so cold for three days we had to have good fires all around.

A graduate of the University came to teach the public schools in Red Springs in the fall of 1894, and he failed to get a certificate at all, even a third grade. Teachers taught under first, second and third grade certificates in those days. An average of 90 and above 80 and above for second grade, 70 and above for a third grade.

The subjects which were taught in free schools, then were Spelling, Reading, History of North Carolina, History of United States, Geography, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Theory and Practice of Teaching, and Physiology and Hygiene. The County Superintendent in Robeson would not endorse a certificate given by any other Superintendent.

The terms of free schools were from two to four months in length. I taught a number which averaged four months. In a school four months, usually the more diligent children finished their studies, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, History, (North Carolina, and of the United States). These subjects were published in series.

Some of the children were studious, and always had good lessons, seemed to enjoy their work; others were never interested, or so it seemed. While I taught we opened and closed school daily with a program of song and prayer. You would be surprised how well the children sang.

Two of the largest snows I ever saw fell in March, and on the 17th day of March, 1885, it was as fair as you ever saw the sky at 10 o'clock that night, and when we arose next morning, 18th, 10 inches of snow covered the ground.

There used to be snow flurries in the fall of the year, and also in the spring. Snow would fall thick as you ever saw it fall for a few minutes from black, low, fast moving clouds. We have not seen snow flurries of late years. I never saw many very cold spells in April.

You may expect much stealing. People who have no way of living except by their labor, and then refuse to work when they might, will feel the pangs of hunger after a while, and they will be apt to find a little something to eat.

The President has an idea 20 cents is too much for cotton, but with the way everything else has gone up in price, cotton must go up also. Beside the high taxes which must be levied and collected, and the added income taxes which is likely to be demanded and collected, will add to the farmer's expenses.

If the farmers are forced out of

business, this old world will find itself getting mighty gant before a great while. The range furnishes but a little nowadays. In the long ago, a patch of corn, a few potatoes and vegetables were all a farmer grew. The woods in game furnished meat.

Even fish and oysters are too scarce and high for common people to eat them. I suppose the Germans are responsible in part, at least, for the high price of seafood. Anyhow, we expect many a man to spend much of his time on creekbanks trying for a nibble.

American troops are nearly surrounding the earth it seems; we read of them in Iceland, Ireland, England, several points in South America, the islands of the seas. These occupations are to prevent Japan from gaining foothold in these strategic points. Time for full and telling blow will come when America gets ready. It will come.

The weather during the winter of 1893-94 was mild, cold snaps but only a few of them, and on and after the middle of February, 1894 it was warm until the 28th of March, there was a thundercloud from the northwest and freezing weather for three days. The leaves on the trees were grown, were killed, even trees were killed.

The leaves were grown when that freeze came, and did not start again for weeks. In fact the leaves that summer were smaller than usual. March, 1882 was mild, warm in fact, and there was no frost after February 15th, that year, and that was the earliest spring I recall. The spring of 1894 turned out to be the latest.

The rainfall here in Raeford has been light every summer for twelve years. There was gain in precipitation about half the winters but others there was no gain, and no snow to effect the water supply or pumps, wells and springs have failed in many instances.

Government Plans To Raise Tax On Beer

Raleigh, March 14.—The proposed increase in federal beer taxes will yield the national defense program an additional \$850,000 to \$1,000,000 annually on North Carolina retail beer sales.

Figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, disclosed that the U. S. government collected \$2,671,037 on the state's 1941 beer consumption. On the basis of the 1941 consumption, the proposed increase would add \$855,000 to this total, but it is likely that the extra tax will yield nearer \$1,000,000 as consumption is increasing in North Carolina.

Under the present schedule, the federal government collects \$6 and the state an average \$3.75 a barrel. The proposed new federal taxes for war purposes would hike the federal rate to \$8 a barrel.

North Carolina's consumption of 426,475 barrels of beer last year netted the federal, state and local governments \$4,934,959.55 in taxes.

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College Men Still Needed By Navy Reserve

Raleigh, March 11.—Enlistments have been heavy in the Navy's reserve midshipman program but are still open to college juniors, seniors and graduates, Lt. Comdr. McFarland W. Wood, Navy recruiting chief for North Carolina, announced today.

Students and graduates from every accredited college and university in the state have poured into the Class V-7 office here and at Charlotte to enlist for training leading to a reserve officer's commission. "However, there is still a definite need for college men in the midshipman program," asserted Commander Wood, "and I would advise all college juniors, seniors and graduates not less than 19 and under 28 years of age to contact the Raleigh or Charlotte V-7 offices at once."

Applicants must be native-born, unmarried citizens who possess a bachelor's degree of arts, science, engineering, philosophy, business administration, commercial science, journalism or laws; or be a junior or senior regularly enrolled in a course leading to one of these degrees. One full year of college mathematics including a course in trigonometry must be included.

College juniors and seniors may be enlisted prior to graduation provided they submit a certificate from the registrar of their school stating that upon graduation they will have the educational qualifications required. After enlisting they will be continued on inactive duty until they have completed the work required for their degrees.

The midshipman program consists of approximately 30 days elementary training at the Naval Training School at Notre Dame University prior to assignment to a Reserve Midshipman School at either Northwestern University, Columbia University or the USS Prairie State at New York City for 90 days intensive training. After the first 30 days training, those candidates who are appointed will be ordered to the 90 days of study and furnished books, uniforms, ration allowance and pay of \$65 per month. At the end of the schooling, midshipmen found qualified are commissioned as ensigns in the Naval Reserve and will be subject to active duty immediately.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of William Arties, deceased, late of Hoke county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me, duly verified, on or before the 17th day of February, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 17th day of February, 1942.
GEORGIANA ARTIES
Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of Elvina Monroe, deceased, late of Hoke county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me, duly verified, on or before the 17th day of December, 1941.

All persons indebted to the said state will please make immediate settlement.
This 17th day of December, 1941.
JOHN DAVID FURCELL,
38-43
Executor

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, State of North Carolina, in a special proceeding entitled "Flora I. Maultsby, Admrx. of John S. Maultsby, deceased, and Flora I. Maultsby, individually, vs W. Bethune Maultsby, et al.," the undersigned commissioner will on the 27th day of March, 1942, at 12 o'clock noon at the court house door in Raeford, Hoke county, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land.

In Hoke county, and in Raeford township, and bounded as follows: viz. Lots No. 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 as shown on Plat made by William Allen, C. E., and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Hoke county, North Carolina, in Record of Surveys No. 1, at page 176, the five lots constituting one triangular shaped tract and being bounded by a line, beginning at an iron stake placed 150 feet west of Main street in the Town of Raeford, and the north edge of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Rail Road right of way and running thence northwest with said right of way 214 feet to a stake on edge of alley; thence east with edge of alley 196 feet to a stake; thence South 153 feet to the beginning. This tract is part of the estate of Mrs. J. T. Sinclair, deceased, being the same land conveyed to J. S. Maultsby by deed of Neil B. Sinclair, et al, dated October 16th, 1923, and on record in the office of the Register of Deeds in Hoke county, in Book 44, Page 55.

This sale is subject to confirmation by the court.

At the same time and place the undersigned Commissioner will consider bids on 25 lots in Moore county, near the Town of Aberdeen and located in what is known as "Mid-Towns Subdivision," as described and contained in a map made by J. C. Hanner, C. E., which map is of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county, in Book 1, page 33, and which lots are described in a deed from G. S. Seymour and wife to John S. Maultsby, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county, Book 118, page 377. These last mentioned lots are not being offered at public sale, but bids will be received and considered for a private sale.

This 25th day of February, 1942.
A. E. COOK, Commissioner.
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