

**POOLE'S MEDLEY**

By D. SCOTT POOLE

I remember when the first orphanage was established in Oxford, North Carolina. That was the Masonic orphanage and it opened its doors about 1870. I am guessing, but it was a new institution in this country, and I suppose the world.

The first story I ever read was "Cecil." This was a story of an orphan boy, aged ten, who, after both his parents had died, went to Paris to live with his father's brother, and that uncle had a son who did not want his father to take this cousin of his into his home but as there were no orphanages, there was nowhere for the boy to live and his uncle was better than his cousin.

A few months after this boy went to the city of Paris to live with his uncle this cousin, older than Cecil, took the ten-year-old country boy out into the city and slipped away and left him lost in the great strange city, and the story reveals how that boy managed to live, and according to the story, he never met a relative again.

Boys and girls should be trained to shift for themselves. The best teacher is he who enables a student to make progress unaided; and the best training is that which enables a man, if there is no way to do a thing, he is able to make a way.

War is cruelty in action. It proves to us what man is without regenerating grace, or improvement in his makeup for which no human is responsible. All mankind contributes to their salvation is consent. I hope this war will be a "refiner's fire" for the cleansing of the nations.

Expenditures for former war periods dwindle to insignificance. More wealth now lies on the bottom of the "seven seas" than existed a few years ago, I venture to guess. The Germans last Thursday claimed to have sunk 105 Allied ships within a few months. Damage to buildings, streets, fields is beyond estimation.

Were the opposing forces to meet in the open and shoot it out as the Confederate and Federal soldiers did in the 60's, there would not be much left after the first battle. One-fourth the men engaged in almost any battle of the Civil War were casualties — nearly one-fourth were killed in some battle—Cold Harbor, for instance.

Further South cattle and stock of all kinds were driven off by the Federal troops, but in our section only chickens were killed. "Corn Billy McMillan," whose home still stands five miles east of Red Springs (if it hasn't burned) had hundreds of bushels of corn when the war ended, and while he had the reputation of being "close" he sold plenty of corn on credit to the Yankee-impoverished citizens of this section in 1865.

Speaking of "Corn Billy" and his neighborliness, prompts me to say that I witness to the fact, openhanded hospitality is characteristic of Robesonians in general. I have almost made a thorough canvas of that county, and I think I know the people. A selfish man could hardly remain in a section like that.

"How old is your sister?"  
"She is twenty-five."  
"She told me she was twenty."  
"That's right, but she was five before she learned to count."

There is a great difference in the books of today and those in the libraries of my childhood. "Learning to Act," "Captive of Ab's Valley," an Indian story, and those short stories in the readers of that day, made my reading I loved history, and later, since I quit reviewing my text books, I read the Dickens, Roe, Scott, Thackeray, etc. I have always been fond of serials in magazines.

C. A. Stephens wrote good short stories, and these started me to reading fiction. I am learning history from books I get from the library. There used to be some worthwhile books in the Presbyterian library, but I do not know what has become of them. Joel of Caparnum was a good one. So was Ben Hur, and "The Prince of the House of David."

I do not know of anything that shows progress more than the school building of this day. I look with pride upon them every time I pass these streets. But these would be a great deal greater source of pride, if the graduates showed a more thorough knowledge of the texts they are supposed to have mastered.

It is the pupils fault if he is not thorough in his studies. To master the day's lessons is the student's task. The teacher's duty is to guide in thought. I believe the grading of students by their opportunities, instead of by actual test is a mistake.

I have written recently something about certificates of teachers. Between 70 and 80 gave a 3rd grade certificate, 80 to 90 a second grade and an average above 90 a first grade certificate. I knew of a young man who was given a second grade certificate, who spelled the plural of wife, "wifs." You recall the f is changed to ves in the plural. I do not believe the Superintendent understood how that fellow spelled that word.

"Grammarians may differ, but Arithmetic teaches facts. I skipped a page of 'compound complex fractions' once, and soon after I had passed over this, my teacher asked me to one of those examples on the blackboard. Everybody would see your work there. I was not supposed to 'review' all, but I peeped into that book and read over twice the rule to simplify compound complex fractions. I have tried not to overlook a thing on the pages I have read since.

Andrew Johnson drank, and some charged he was a drunkard. I have not been proud that such a native born North Carolinian was elevated to the presidency of the United States. But President Johnson was an abler and a better man than the country has given him credit of being. He lived in the vilest age of this country.

**War Shortage Makes Woolen Very Precious**

By JULIA McIVER  
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Those fortunate enough to possess good wool garments, blankets, sweaters, and the thousand and one other necessities and conveniences made of wool, should begin now to lengthen their lives of usefulness through better daily care, and careful spring storage. Wool, the fibre most necessary to the health and comfort of all of us from birth to old age, and once so abundant, has suddenly become a scarce, critical war necessity.

According to the American Wool Council, present drastic restrictions will permit the manufacture of only 15 per cent of the amount of woolen goods produced in 1941 for men and women's wool clothing. The manufacture of pure woolen blankets is already prohibited and a similar order affecting apparel is expected shortly. An amount of wool equal to our entire domestic production was required to uniform our soldiers this year. It will require from two to three times our domestic production to meet our military needs in 1943, and a large percentage of these supplies must come from Australia.

Throughout the country, as spring is advancing, housewives are putting away woolen blankets, winter clothing, and other articles. Now is the time for them to look carefully at their woolen wealth and do everything possible to insure it against depreciation. Here are some good tips on storage strategy which will protect the now scarce and precious wool:

Collect all winter coats, dresses, blankets, and woolen accessories which will not be used again until fall. Don't neglect mittens, hats, socks, sweaters, and other small things, which are tucked away in drawers. A moth can make as good a meal off a pair of woolen stockings as he can of a coat.

**Garments Should Be Cleaned.**  
Inspect garments carefully for soil and grease spots. If they are spotted or dingy, send them to the cleaner or, if they are washable, launder them. Dry cleaning or washing in a correct solution of neutral soap kills all forms of moths, although it does not make anything moth resistant. In washing, use lukewarm water, avoid violent wringing, and carefully arrange the garment in its original shape before drying.

Articles which do not need either cleaning or laundering should be hung out to air on a sunny, breezy day and given a thorough brushing. A flat clothes brush with firm bristles does less harm to wool than a whiskbroom, and performs a better job of removing the dust and dirt. A damp sponge will also help to remove fine dust, especially the powder which clings to women's collars, but care should be taken that the garment has had time to dry before it is packed away.

Shake the fur trimming of coats and suits gently. Turn out pockets, turn collars up, and cuffs of sleeves and collars down, in order to get at all the little creases where dust collects. Pleats, hems, and seams are other lurking places for little rolls of dust, which must be brushed away before the garment is stored.

Give the garment as much chance as possible to keep its shape, and if you must pack several in one chest, place the heaviest at the bottom, and the lighter ones on top. Fold everything lightly, sprinkling moth preventives between each fold.

**Hangers Are Important.**  
Dresses, coats, and suits placed in these containers should be put on wide-shouldered hangers which are shaped at the neck to allow the garments to hang in natural lines. The right kind of hangers are important factors in helping your clothes keep their shape, and they are among the things which receive the least attention.

If the sleeves and body of a garment are stuffed with wads of tissue or newspaper, you will have even more assurance that it will stay free of wrinkles. Do the same thing with folded garments. The paper provides air space between the folds.

**Conversion.**

Large scale conversion of railroad cars used for transporting automobiles and automobile parts to box cars suitable for grain and other types of freight will begin shortly.

**Five New Farm Circulars Issued By State College**

Publication of five new Extension circulars, for free distribution to farm people of North Carolina, is announced by F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor of N. C. State College. Requests, giving the name and number of the bulletin desired, should be addressed to The Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

Three of the new Extension Service Circulars were prepared to meet war-time emergency demands. Circular No. 256, "Growing Soybeans in North Carolina," and Circular No. 257, "Peanut Production in North Carolina," will provide farmers with information about these two oil-producing crops which are high up on the list of "Foods for Freedom."

Circular No. 258, "Cotton Growing in North Carolina," is designed to help growers produce the long-staple, clean cotton which is in demand as a war-time commodity. Data on production, ginning, handling and marketing is contained in the new publication. Latest recommendations for controlling boll weevils are also included.

The other two circulars were prepared by John H. Harris, Extension landscape specialist. No. 253 is titled: "A Guide to Farmstead Beautification" and No. 254 is on "Walks and Drives." Both of these publications contain "before and after" pictures and diagrams to help the farm family visualize the possibilities of improving the appearance of the farmstead.

Committees composed of representatives of the Extension Service and the Experiment Station at State College prepared the information contained in the peanut and cotton circulars. E. R. Collins, new head of the Extension agronomy program, headed the committee, and he also collaborated with J. A. Rigney of the Experiment Station in preparing the text for the soybean bulletin.

**Puppy Creek Items**

By LORETTA EDGE

Mrs. J. E. Capps and daughter Bobbie, of route two, visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Capps and sister, Mrs. R. T. Stephenson of Wade, last week.

Miss Lela McKeithan of W. C. T. C. Cullowee, N. C., is spending the spring holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McKeithan of route 2, Raeford.

Pearly McDowell, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McDowell, of near Rockfish, is a patient in Highsmith Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Stephenson and family of Wade, visited during the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Capps, of route 2.

Sgt. Melvin McDowell of Fort Monroe, Virginia, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McDowell, of near Rockfish.

The orphan children from the Free Will Baptist orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. will be at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist church near Rockfish on May 10th which is Mother's Day. They will be there the whole day and put on a program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**DO YOU KNOW**

**Who Was Your Great-Grandfather?**

COPIES OF "LUMBEE RIVER SCOTS" giving the family history of many Hoke County residents, may be secured from Neill Blue Sinclair at the Farmers Furnishing Company at Raeford, or by writing Dr. J. Edwin Purcell, Red Springs, N. C. 1tc.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE**

Having qualified as executor of the will of Mollie Johnson Upchurch, deceased, late of Hoke county, this is to notify all persons having claims against her estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before March 26, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This March 25, 1942.  
C. E. UPCHURCH  
T. B. UPCHURCH, JR.  
LEWIS M. UPCHURCH,  
(48-cTBUJr.) Executors.

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**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE**

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of John C. McCormick, deceased, late of Hoke county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having any claims against the said estate to present them to me, duly verified, on or before the 11th day of March, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This 11th day of March, 1942.  
JOHN C. MCCORMICK,  
(41-46-p) Executor.

**Hoke Narrative Report For March**

The ten Home Demonstration Clubs met in Hoke County in March with 173 club members present. The major project was "My Clothing Needs." Spring and summer clothes were exhibited and patterns were distributed.

A First Aid Class was begun at Blue Springs with 32 people attending. The class is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club and is being taught by Mrs. A. L. O'Brian.

The Raedeen Club sponsored an oyster supper at Cliff Conoly's Recreational Hall on the evening of March 20. Approximately \$53.00 was raised for their club treasury. This money will be saved and will be used later in the construction of a community building.

The Agricultural Workers Council met on the evening of March 16 with nine members present.

The Home Agent spent March 23 in Lumberton attending an Agent's School.

Eighty-one library books were checked to club women during the month.

The six 4-H Clubs met with an attendance of 158.

Josephine Hall, Home Agent.

**Methodist Notes**

Sunday school and preaching attendance improving with the coming of spring. The Sunday school classes have on a contest in attendance. Come out and help the Church grow.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m., on "This Heavenly Earth."

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

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E. C. CRAWFORD, Pastor

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**Ralph Townsend Admits He Was Japanese Agent**

An Associated Press Washington dispatch this week reports that Ralph Townsend, of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty to charges when arraigned in Federal court on charges of failing to register as an agent of a foreign government. Townsend told the court that he was an agent acting in behalf of the Japanese government. Thus he became liable to a prison sentence up to two years and a fine of \$1,000.

He was indicted in January with two other Americans and three Japanese.

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E. J. MEINHARDI, widely known expert of Chicago, will personally be in Fayetteville, N. C., at the Prince Charles Hotel, Thursday, April 16th, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. only.

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**NOTICE**

The Board of Commissioners of Hoke County will meet as a Board of Equalization on Monday, April 13th to adjust values on real estate where timber has been sold or buildings erected or destroyed, and to adjust values on Personal Property.

**N. H. G. Balfour,**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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