

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

November reminds me of olden times when droves of wagons passed our house en route to Fayetteville where they sold produce and bought sugar, coffee, salt, and other heavy groceries.

They drove fine teams of horses or mules although the horses were more numerous. They had but few mules.

The lead horses wore bells and I thought they made very pretty music. The horses walked proudly that were wearing them.

They rarely camped in our vicinity. They went 10 or 15 miles further down toward Fayetteville.

The Lowry Road, the Wire Road, Turnpike Road, Central Plank Road, and another plank road out by Carthage—these were

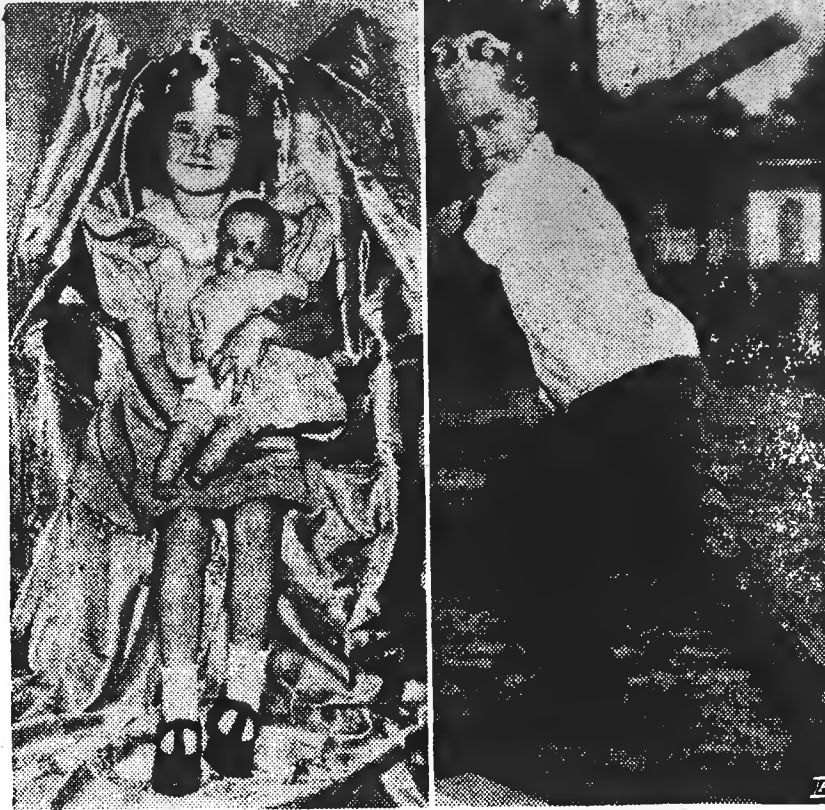
followed by the trains and wagons.

They drove about 20 miles a day, picked a good, thick timbered place to camp near a stream where they could get water for themselves and their horses. Usually their food was cooked at home before they started except they had to make coffee.

A feedbox hung behind the wagon containing the coffee pot.

I have seen trains and wagons reaching from our house to Daniel McKenzie's, one measured mile. These were not all from the same community. About sundown, these trains or wagons broke into groups and neighbors always camped together. They arrived in Fayetteville usually

Kids' Day King and Queen



Selected from among several hundred boys and girls as an inspiration to all underprivileged children, Leo Smith, 10, Shreveport, La., and Karen Ash, 6, Muscatine, Ia., were named "King" and "Queen" of National Kids' Day, O. E. Peterson, executive secretary of Kiwanis International, announced this week.

The boy king will reign on the observance date, Saturday, Nov. 19, as a symbol for all American youth while the queen will represent those who have overcome serious ailments or other handicaps to enjoy normal lives. The Shreveport boy, eighth in a family of nine children, is the son of a widow, Mrs. Emma Smith. Described as a typical American youngster of the Huckleberry Finn type, he was chosen on the basis of leadership displayed last summer at a Kiwanis Boys' camp for underprivileged children at Lake Caddo near Shreveport.

The pretty blue-eyed queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ash. Little Karen recovered from a rare heart ailment in May, 1949, following an extremely delicate surgical operation. Funds to make possible the operation were sponsored by the Muscatine Kiwanis club. Now a healthy girl, Karen is a pupil at St. Mary's school in Muscatine and leads a normal life in every way.

Wednesday night and they then camped in the wagon yards, of which there were a number in the city. They usually left for home Thursday evening and they would arrive at home from Saturday afternoon until Sunday afternoon.

These wagons were very heavily loaded going down and coming back and on every wagon there were bars of iron for horseshoes, repair plows and for making new plows.

In those days, people raised their own horses and mules, largely horses. My grandfather won a fifty dollar prize in Fayetteville for driving the finest team of horses into the city that season.

He and others had well-trained wagon drivers "in livery" and

their lead horses wore bells. A trip to Fayetteville afforded lots of pleasure and also real hardship while the roads were always so sandy for 50 miles in every direction from Fayetteville.

They had music for their own entertainment and often groups sang together for the entertainment of others in the party.

Each wagon and its inmates slept under a tent, so they fared very well in camping out.

On my last trip to Fayetteville in the wagon, in the 1870's, I noticed on the hill on each side of every stream, camp grounds of the olden days.

The building of the Southern, Seaboard and Coastline Railroads put an end to the trips of country people to the city of Fayette-

ville. Mail routes also went out in every direction from Fayetteville, carrying the mail. I remember during the civil war, this was a right important occupation. We got newspapers and letters through Fayetteville during the war.

On my first trip to Fayetteville, I was 10 and I saw boys shooting robins and saw the robins fall. I wanted a gun after that, and when I finally got one, the first thing I shot was a bird.

CULTURE OF AZALEAS AND CAMELIAS

By Mrs. J. B. McIntyre

The camellias listed and described below have been found best suited for this section from personal experience.

Chandlers Elegans. One of the largest peony-flowering camellias. Cherry red and white blooms in profusion in late January—slow and wide spreading in growth. It does well in sun or shade.

Debutante. Full peony formed flowers of light pink—opened perfectly. Free flowering from late October until January. Very vigorous, tall and compact in habit of growth. Quite hardy—plant in shade.

Empress. The largest of the semi-doubled camellias. Large, bright, deep pink—blooms from November through February—are born freely even on young plants. Vigorous, compact and spreading. Plant in sun or shade.

Gigantea. In both color and form it is extremely variable. Some flowers are single, some semi-double and others peony form; some have white as predominating color and others are solid red. Blooms January thru March. Moderately vigorous. Plant in sun or shade.

Herme. An old standard variety especially recommended for cold climates. Large, loosely peony—formed flowers are slightly fragrant and extremely variable in the color combinations. Blooms freely from December through April. Hardy, fairly vigorous, tall and angular until the plant attains age and becomes compact. Will stand full sun.

Lady Van Sittart. Bold red,

semi-double flowers with pink to red filaments are freely produced from late January through March. If planted in full sun, the flowers develop well and are not easily harmed by cold. Slow, compact, symmetrical growth.

Pink Perfection. Probably the most common and most popular. It bears small, well formed, double flowers of shell pink. A few flowers open at a time from November to April. Vigorous, symmetrical, compact growth. Plant in semi-shade.

Prof. C. S. Sargent. This well known, hardy variety is one of the most reliable and free flowering if planted in full sun. Heavy, peony-formed blooms are rose pink in warm weather, deepening to dark red as the days get colder. Blooms from October to April. Vigorous and compact growth.

Other varieties listed below will be described later: September Morn, Dutchess of Sutherland, K. Sawada, Monarch, White Empress, Laurel Leaf, Magnolia Flora, Mrs.

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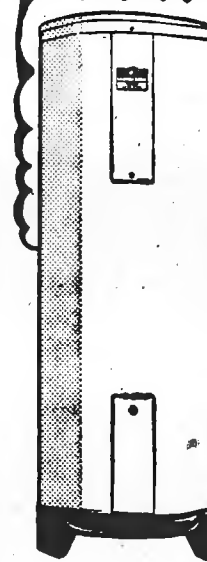
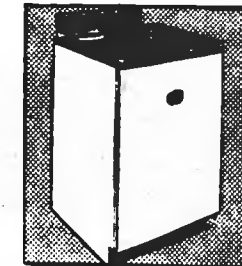


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