

# Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

You never have any time to waste. A moment lost is never recovered, so be sure to employ every moment of your time, which means your life.

I knew a country boy out in the turpentine woods who could spell every word in Webster's Spelling Book. There is much else in that book. "Cider is made of apples." "Botany is the science of plants." "Riding on horseback is good exercise"—these are lines I remember.

Once there came a deep snow and rain followed, which froze over and the people went out with their dogs and came near

killing out the deer. The deer broke through the ice, and the dogs did not. The folks just saved and dried those venison hams, and the rest went to waste.

"The farmer who makes two bales of cotton to the acre this year will be ahead of that fellow who made two blades of grass grow."

The people of this section in general are remarkable for their orderliness which is only a deserved compliment. But nobody can do better than behave.

John Reynolds who lived on the Moore County side of Drowning Creek, had a black and tan hound dog, which treed 39 coons and about that number of vossoms one winter. Their skins sold for something like a dollar each.

I used to sit at a window in the courthouse in Carthage and look at the rain falling from a heavy thunder cloud ten miles away. Carthage is on a very high hill, and the view is beautiful.

I for one hope World War III will never materialize. But the Russians are developing war equipment, and that may bring

them satisfaction.

Insects can be destroyed. There were numerous black ants over around the court house, but they are almost extinct now. Hot water did it.

I think the reason we do not have heavy electrical storms like we used to is because these guy wires are gradually carrying the electricity into the ground.

I was sitting on a pine log, in the shade of a tree, eating my lunch, one day, and dropped a crumb of bread. An ant about the eighth of an inch long tried to carry it away, but it was too much for him. That ant turned around and went away and about a yard from that crumb he met another ant just like himself, and they had their heads together for a short time, then both went side by side back to the crumb and laid hold and carried it away.

It was said a moccasin snake could not bite under water, but one bit Tweet Hunter under five feet of water and came near killing him up in Drowning Creek.

When the weather it real hot you fully believe it is the hottest weather you have ever seen, but it so happens every summer.

The only way to know things—facts—is to remember them. The only whipping I got in school was for tearing "sunset" out of my book. My aunt Sallie Ray was my teacher and in reciting my lesson I stalled on "sunset". I folded the leaf in my book and dampened that word with my tongue and pinched it out.

There was quite a good deal of game in the Sandhills until the turpentine workers ran the deer and turkeys out of the country. They are coming back.

I believe I can truthfully say the best and the worst chewing tobacco I have ever used was homemade, different lots. I quit it all 23 years ago.

Old folks used to say "A dry June for a good crop year", and usually it proved to be good guessing, for it gave folks time to work crops when needed.

## Wayside News

By Mrs. Ralph Plummer

D. B. Parker accompanied Miss Allie and John Archie Black to Montreat College last week. There they joined Misses Katie Black and Viola Ellis who had been attending a Presbyterian Conference for Women. They traveled into the Great Smokies and back to the Cherokee Reservation where they attended the pageant, "Unto These Hills."

The Intermediate Class of Parker's Methodist Church had a swimming party at Aberdeen Pond last Saturday afternoon. They enjoyed the water, but most of all the picnic supper that followed. Others beside members of the class were, Betty Jo Lovette, Mollie Scull, and O. H. Scull.

Mrs. George McKinnon of Durham arrived last Sunday to spend the week with her sister, Mrs. J. A. McFadyen. Other visitors in the McFadyen home Sunday were, Miss Eva Bullock, Fred Prevatt, of Lumberton. Mrs. J. B. Barefoot of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Branch and son, Ellis, of Wade.

Miss Catherine Hair visited her brother, Lacy Hair, at Bonnie Doone last week.

Mrs. Marshall Newton accompanied several other ladies of the county on a mountain trip last week. They all attended the pageant at Cherokee.

Robert Mott, who has been acting as Adult Counselor for the 4-H Club at Camp Millstone, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Shewbridge.

Miss Betty Sue Brown, who has a position in Washington, D. C., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lunsford, who have had an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Plummer, moved into the house that they purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis in Sunset Hills last Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Scull spent last week with her daughters, Mrs. Lacy Patterson and Mrs. Henry Warner of Fayetteville.

Mrs. Martin Layton has returned home from Highsmith hospital where she had a major operation. She is getting along nicely now. She is better known to most of us as Miss Myrtle Brock.

Friends in Hoke and Cumberland met at Gus Parker's farm to help rebuild a tobacco barn

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which he lost by fire a week ago last Saturday. The barn was nearly completed in one day.

You "watermelon-stealers" better watch out! They tell me that one was sprinkled with lead in a neighbor's patch the other day.

Several relatives from Gibson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovette Sunday.

B. B. Cole, Jr. of The Citadel, attended services at Parker's last Sunday and was dinner guest of Miss Beatrice Hair. He returned by train to Charleston late Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Berry announce the birth of a girl, Catherine Elizabeth, on July 12, at Reeves Clinic at Hope Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brisson and son, Eddy, of Spartanburg, S. C. have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newton of this community and Mr. Brisson's relatives at St. Pauls for the past few days. Mr. Brisson made a business trip to Chapel Hill Monday. They returned to Spartanburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Grace Freeman of Chester, Penn., has returned home after visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Randall Adcox, for several weeks.

Although the new Methodist church in this community has been in use since December, there were a few things that still needed to be done. Now it seems to be near completion, with the exception of the plumbing which

will be finished in a few days.

The PYF of Galatia church has invited the young people of the surrounding communities to attend a week of classes presented by a Presbyterian Caravan. The attendance is reported as very good. Churches being represented other than the host church are, Hope Mills, Raeford and McPherson Presbyterian churches, and Tabernacle Baptist and Parker's Methodist churches.

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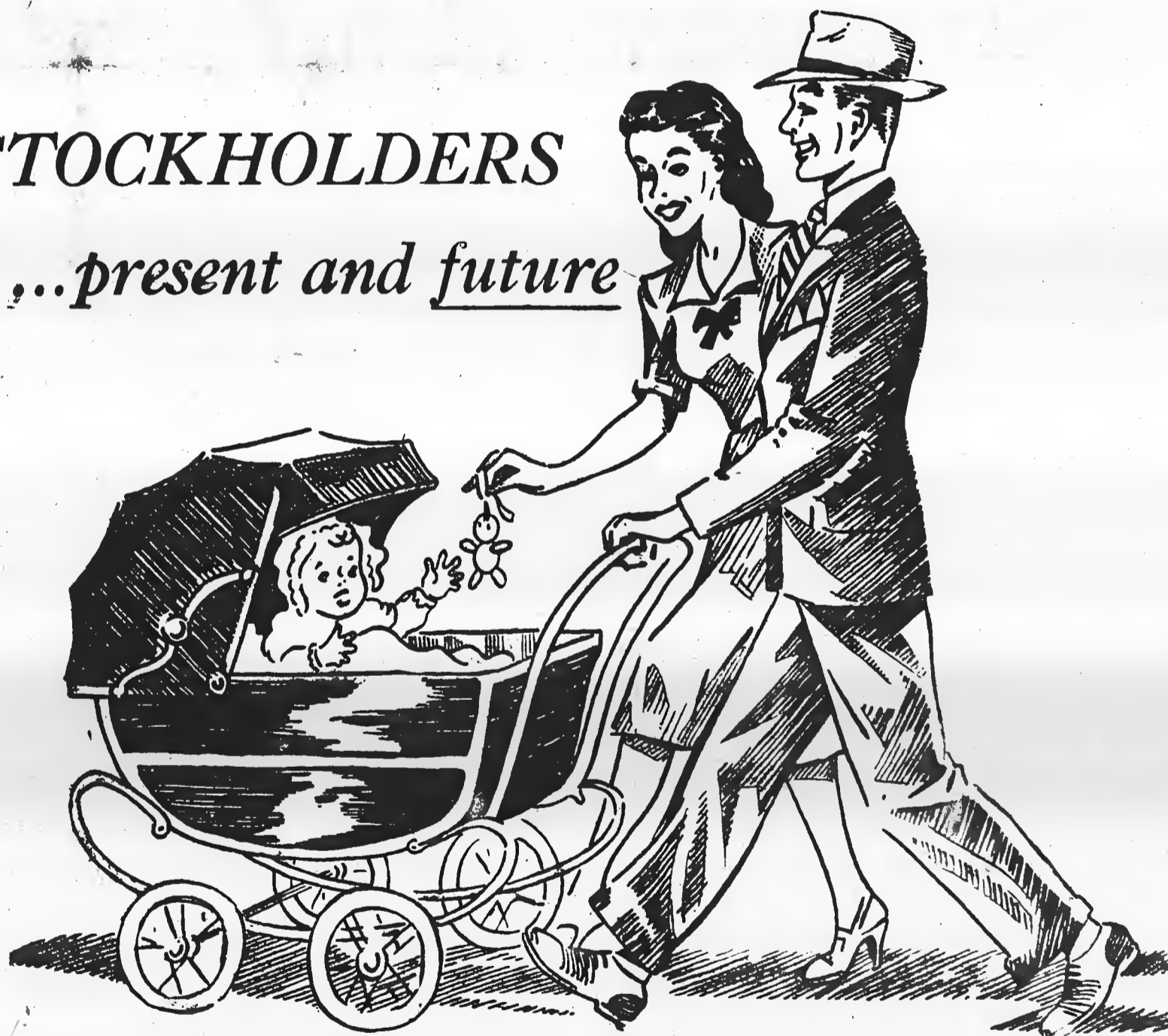
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