

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

I had the pleasure of visiting Carthage, Tuesday, the day Fayetteville Presbytery held its January meeting there. It is an altogether new and different Carthage. I attended Presbytery there in the spring of 1918, if my memory serves me, and was elected a commissioner to the Southern General Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

I went to Carthage many times while I lived at Jackson Springs, in my younger days. There is not a single symptom of the old Carthage to identify the place there except the hill upon which it stands. There was not a brick

house except the jail, which stood way down the hill. It is a new little city now.

Now there are a large number of two, three and four story brick buildings, and on the streets around the business section are large and beautiful residences. The streets and sidewalks are all paved where there were sand banks before. Up toward the northern part of the town in the olden days the earth was covered with flint rock. The southern part of Moore is sandhills and the north side clay. In bygone days gold was mined in the northern part of Moore, but like Montgomery

county, they seemed to have lost their gold trace. But it is there.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville resembles synod these times. I attended Presbytery in Carthage in 1898 and in 1918. The frame church in which we met is replaced by a new brick structure, beautiful and complete in every feature. The old church housed the worshipers for many years, and well do I remember the men of God who worshiped in that building. I recall several of the pastors of the old days and a number of the members.

The longleaf pines which adorned the sandhills have totally disappeared, nor did I see a sprig of the wire grass which covered the sandhills out southwest.

In the years of my younger days I and others of my section visited Carthage and the people of Car-

thage spent time at our resort, Jackson Springs, and we learned to know one another.

There are no carriage factories in Carthage now, as there used to be, but the face of the earth is covered with motor driven vehicles of all types.

The Tyson and Jones Company had been in business for many years without local competition, but ten young men, all mechanics, of skilled workers, quit the old company, it was said, and erected a new buggy shop and manufactured buggies and carriages. Both companies were said to have done good business.

The population of Carthage has greatly increased, and instead of two or three stores in the town, there are scores of them, all large and built of brick. The three story brick courthouse takes the place of the one I knew. The third story is made up of offices, and I wondered at the idea. The county has a good income from the third story offices, with little expense—about ten feet higher wall. The roof had to be put on anyway.

At both Troy and Carthage there used to be two wells on the public, or court house square that was as good water as the earth affords. It was nearly ice cold.

I stood and looked at the street leading North and thought of those I remember of the long ago. And as in Carthage, so it is every where I go.

The buildings may hide the view, but go up into the court house and see the view out toward Pee Dee river, and toward the Cape Fear valley on the other hand. I used to sit at a window on the west side of the court house and watch a cloud come up. I could see the rain while several miles away and see the lightning pouring down like liquid fire.

I saw Carthage and a number of her citizens, and I enjoyed it beyond words. The people of Car-

thage were and are the equal to the best known anywhere.

The Americans had hope of ending the present war before 1950 ended, but the Red Chinese have placed a question mark before them.

War has never settled a single matter of dispute. Those who are responsible for wars do not mean to settle anything permanently. Peace is not to their liking.

Peter asked Christ how many times he should forgive others, till seven times, and Christ told him till seventy times seventy. That means an indefinite number of times.

Wayside News

By Mrs. Ralph Plummer

Miss Myra Mott of Boone spent the past week end with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Shewbridge. Miss Mott left Monday to attend a course in Public Health at Durham this week. Robert Mott of Wallace. Capt. John Lentz of Ft. Bragg and Mrs. W. P. Parker were also visitors in the Shewbridge home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Plummer and Jim visited Mrs. Plummer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McArthur at Bonnie Ddone Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McFadyen visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor at Hope Mills Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barefoot also visited the McFadyens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brisson, Eddy and Richard Brisson of Spartanburg spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newton.

Mrs. Laura Ray went by train to Arkon, Ohio, to accompany her niece, Mrs. Lawrence Parnell and children back to North Carolina. Mrs. Parnell and children are coming to visit Mrs. Parnell's mother, Mrs. Max Ray.

A bountiful picnic supper was spread last Saturday evening in honor of Clarence Ray and Thomas McFadyen, who are leaving February 7 for the armed services. Clarence was unable to attend, therefore his mother was presented a Parker pen and pencil set for him. Thomas also received one. These sets were presented by Mrs. J. E. Shewbridge in behalf of the church.

Parker's church has been invited to join Tabernacle and Galatia churches in preparing a joint Easter service. Choir practice is held each Thursday night at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Lovette of Greensboro and Shirley Lovette of Randleman visited, the J. E. Lovette family last Sunday.

Sgt. and Mrs. James Saunders and children have returned to their home here in this commun-

ity. Sgt. Saunders had been in school at Fort Benning, Ga. for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Plummer attended services at the Raeford Methodist church last Sunday and had dinner with their daughter, Mrs. D. R. Wilson in Sunset Hills. We are glad to report that Mr. and Mrs. Plummer have started their new house. The contractors are the Teal Brothers of Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Martin and Franklin of Fayetteville and Mrs. Portia Bethea of Rockfish were guests of the Koonces at the K & M Restaurant for supper Sunday night.

An oyster and chicken stew supper was held last Thursday at the Wayside Community house for the polio drive. The supper was well-attended and we are glad to report that \$113.55 was cleared.

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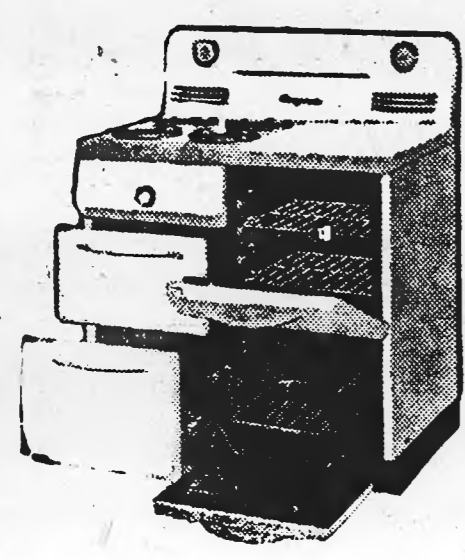
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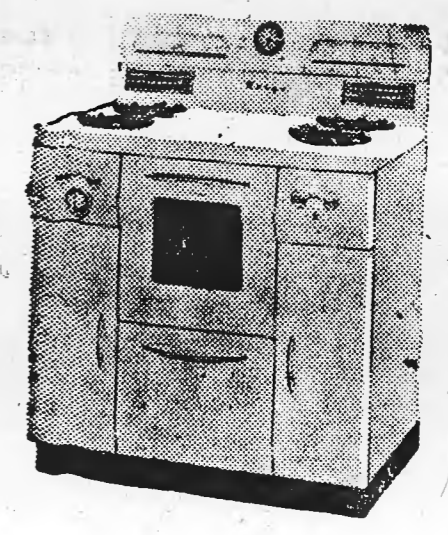
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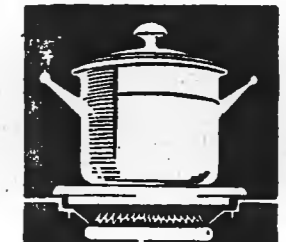
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