

Along The Way

By Emily Kilette

Magnolia is the oldest chartered town in Duplin County dating back to the 1700s.

Along The Way began a reprint of a history of the town of Magnolia in last week's DUPLIN TIMES. The history was written by H. Tracey Brown in 1955 for this newspaper. The article, published under the title of The Town of Magnolia, appeared in the February 24, 1955 issue. The reprint of this article will continue this week, and please remember, as you read, that the history was written in 1955 and a great deal of changes have taken place.

The Town of Magnolia

The natural wells, about one mile to the southwest, are a wonder and a curiosity. One of them seems to be bottomless. A Mr. Linton measured to the depth of 600 feet so the story goes, and did not reach a bottom. A lady tried by using a home knit stocking of the old fashion coarse type; tied a weight to the thread and began unraveling. The entire length of the thread failed to find the bottom. The well is near 60 feet

across with straight walls of solid earth and marl for a distance of near 30 feet to a water of dark color. One side marl has been dug, this making it possible to walk down to the water, which stays the same level, regardless of how dry or how wet the weather may be; neither does it rise nor fall. Mr. Bruce Taylor, now living in Carolina Beach was born and reared on the farm around the well. He says that it has never changed since older persons knew of it. Scientists and geologists have visited and studied it, each going away unable to give any explanation, only a hole in the earth.

The Atlantic Coastline Railroad was at first chartered as the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad in 1833. The people of Raleigh failed to be interested. It was then chartered the Wilmington and Weldon in 1836 and turned toward Weldon. This change brought it through Magnolia (Stricklands, as it was called at that time.) The line was finished on March 9, 1840. On that day, the first entire distance run was made by two locomotives, namely "The New Hanover" and "The Brunswick," one going each way, a distance of

161 miles. The railroad station was called Strickland's Depot. This was a great day for Magnolia. The depot not only served Magnolia and the near community, but a wide area on the east almost to Kinston, on the west to near Fayetteville, and north and south for a good distance, even a part of Onslow County. This brought many people here to buy and to sell their products.

Some of the early merchants were Henry Hollingsworth, H.E. Newburg, F.D. Scott, and a Mrs. Brinkley, whose store burned one

night in about the year 1894. The writer remembers this fire. Mr. Brinkley did not rebuild, but moved from Magnolia.

A liquor bar operated here for a number of years by J.A. Mathis and F.D. Scott. Mr. Scott soon sold out to Mathis and began a general mercantile store. Mr. Mathis operated the bar until 1900. The town called an election and voted it out. This bar was located where the J.A. Smith building now stands. There has never been an open bar in Magnolia since that time.

Miss Macy Cox began a milinery store in about 1900 and is yet operating her business. Miss Macy has not only furnished Magnolia with products she sells, but has worked ceaselessly and untiring for the upbuilding and betterment of her town and community. Much of the civic and religious life and progress of this town has been accomplished by the efforts of this good woman.

In 1886 the John Roberson Circus showed here. This was their only stop between Wilmington and Goldsboro. The Roberson Circus was one of the greatest shows in America at that time.

Duplin School Menus

Sept. 17-21

Breakfast

In addition to assorted cereals, juice and milk, the following is served:

- Mon. - glazed donuts
- Tue. - sausage biscuit
- Wed. - cheese toast
- Thur. - buttered toast
- Fri. - muffin

Lunch

Mon. - burrito, chicken charms/angel biscuit, french fries, green limas, fruit cup

Tue. - hamburger, smoked sausage/cheese and/cornbread, turnip greens, glazed sweet potatoes, spiced apples

Wed. - corn dog, barbecued chicken/roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit

Thur. - toasted cheese sandwich, hamburger steak/rice/roll, baked potato, fried okra, fruited jello

Fri. - sloppy joe, meatloaf/roll, cheese potato casserole, broccoli, fruit

Each lunch is served with lowfat chocolate or plain milk.

HOMECOMING-HARVEST DAY AT DOBSON CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Dobson Chapel Baptist Church is holding their annual Homecoming service and Harvest Day on Sept. 30 with dinner on the grounds immediately following. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and the worship service at 11.

The Rev. David Gordon of Earl, former pastor, will deliver the morning message, according to the pastor, Rev. Ed Johnson

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Duplin chapter of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, invites you to attend its monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 14 at the Rose Hill Restaurant. Supper is at 6:45 for \$5, and the program follows at 7:30 (free). The speaker will be Bobby Causey, restaurateur in Shallote and Holden's Beach.

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