

## Along The Way



By Emily Killeter

There are many ways to travel today. An individual or a group can travel by rail, auto or air. And, people travel for many reasons, but one of the most common is to visit relatives.

Along the Way this week features a letter written almost 100 years ago as a native of Duplin traveled home by train. The letter was reprinted in THE DUPLIN TIMES during July of 1951 and appeared in the column In Old Duplin. The original printing of the letter was in the Moberly Weekly Monitor of Randolph County, Missouri, January 1, 1891.

### North Carolina Letter

Duplin Roads, N.C. Dear Monitor: I have not had time to write, neither have I now, but perhaps this is as good an opportunity as I will have. I have been up until eleven o'clock every night since I have been here;



Karen Brock

### Brock Receives Scholarship

Karen Brock, a senior at East Duplin High School, was recently awarded an activity scholarship to attend Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. The four-year scholarship totals \$2,000.

Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brock of Pink Hill.

At East Duplin, Karen has been a member of the student government association three years, Phi Theta Pi, Spanish Club, drama club and was voted an Outstanding Senior by her classmates.

### Burnett Honored

Mrs. George T. Benning, of Asheville, gave a rehearsal party on Saturday evening, May 25, in recognition of the forthcoming marriage of Betsy Burnett of Raleigh and Mrs. Benning's son, Fleetwood also of Raleigh. Guest from Wilmington, Ohio, Fayetteville and Asheville also attended.

The Raleigh Capital City Club was the setting for a dinner party Sandra Burnett gave on Thursday, May 23. The occasion was to honor her sister, bride-elect, Betsy Burnett and groom Fleetwood Benning, who were married the following Sunday in a garden ceremony at Louisburg.

### INVITATION

Mrs. Janet Simpson and Mr. D. W. Duff request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Robin Duff, to Presley Franklin Mahoney Jr. on Sunday, June ninth, nineteen hundred and eighty-five at two o'clock in the afternoon, Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville.

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consequently, I am not in good condition to think or write.

I took the train at 2 p.m. on Monday, the 15th of December, at Moberly, and took supper at St. Louis, breakfast in Cincinnati on Tuesday, the 16th, and Wednesday the 17th took breakfast at Richmond,

Va., and supper at Duplin roads N.C., traveled 1,350 miles in 50 hours and 45 minutes.

Found the folks all in fair health and was recognized by but a few of them. It having been 33 years last March since I saw them. I'll give you a few facts concerning our family history. My grandfather William Boney was married in the year 1800 and had ten children. The oldest died at the age of 18 years, and the next to the youngest at the age of 5 years which left eight children living; and there was not another death in the family for 57 years, which brings us up to about 1879, when within two

years there were two deaths. The other six are still living and are as follows: John W. Boney, age 84; James T. Boney (my father), 82; Nancy Carr, 80; Gabriel Boney, 78; Eliza Carr, 76; and Susan L. Southerland, 70. They are all in fair health, though one of them, Nancy Carr, has been partially paralyzed and is almost helpless; can't talk to do much. Guess I have said enough about our family, and will leave them for the present.

I find quite a number of places that look familiar, but there has been a great many changes since I left here in March, 1857. One of the oldest

looking things to me is the little single ox and cart which can be seen almost everywhere. The ox, I think, would weigh from 500 to 1,000 pounds. They travel around quite lively and can pull one of those carts four railroad ties. The people use them to haul almost everything.

Another strange thing to see is the hogs shut up in a 12-foot square pen with about two feet of pine straw under them, and fed on sweet potatoes to fatten them. They fatten hogs here on peas, potatoes, chufays and finish up sometimes with corn. This feeding makes very fine meat. The crops were good here this last

season; especially the sweet potato crop. The strawberry industry is becoming an important one here. Can see them everywhere I go near the railroad. The tube rose industry is also assuming some proportions. They are to be found here by the hundreds of thousands.

Please allow me space to extend my sympathy to my old friend Wilson Robertson. None but they who have lost a true and faithful companion know how to sympathize with him now. The Lord bless and sustain him.

W.J. Boney

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