

Holland Home Once Owned by N.C. State Treasurer, Who Sold It To Help Repay Missing Money



During the more than 100 year history of the well kept old home pictured here it has belonged to three families. That much of the history can be checked in the records in the Lenoir County Court House. A great many more facts and stories about the place are too easy to be down.

John and Wanda B. Tall were the original owners of this home, and the rich acres surrounding it in Lenoir County's Vance Township. They sold it along with 2,050 acres of land on December 31, 1880 to William and Daniel Worth and P. D. Swain of Alamance County for \$8,000, a price that is "slightly" out of line with present day prices for good farm land in Lenoir and adjoining counties.

On December 31, 1880 William H. Worth obtained the one third share in the estate from Daniel Worth for \$2,554 and four years later on April 21, 1884, William Worth obtained the remaining one third of this fine plantation from P. D. Swain for \$3,000.

This William Worth, like some present-day Alamance Countians took a hand in North Carolina politics and was named State Treasurer in the early part of the 20th century. Legend, and some fact, have it that a member of Worth's staff in the state treasury stole a considerable sum of money and since Worth was responsible for the affairs and the funds of his office he set about making these stolen funds good from his own private estate.

Part of the money that went to repay the state for the missing funds came from J. B. and Emily C. Holland, who purchased the home place on this plantation and some 162 acres on January 1, 1907 from Worth for \$2,935.

To Mrs. Holland, returning to the plantation was a return to her childhood home since she had lived in the home pictured here in her youth when her father, Wastel Hill, was an overseer on the plantation for the Talls. From this Holland who originally purchased the home it passed to his son, R. B. Holland, who now lives in the handsome home.

Like many of the older homes in this section the three brothers over several generations have owned the Holland home. It has been well cared for and is a handsome place.

Building Like Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Was Just Few Years Ago

When the building boom was in full swing in the Kinston area since the end of World War II and that is now moving into an even higher gear than ever before has seen some considerable changes in the trades that are active in this work.

The high cost of labor has caused a continual movement toward greater mechanization in practically every area where any form of mechanization is possible. The old "hand saw" is almost a forgotten item in the equipment of the carpenter and the electric saw does just about every cutting job from preparation of heavy timbers to the fitting of moldings.

A practice long familiar to the larger cities came to Kinston when Barrus Construction Company brought to this area a ready-mixed concrete service which has practically made the old concrete mixers-on-every-job obsolete, since it is much easier to pick up the telephone and order a given amount of concrete than to own the equipment and hire the men necessary to do the job properly.

Perhaps the biggest evolution in the painting trade has taken place in the past few months among the painters and decorators of the community. Until recently painting was a fly-by-night operation that had little organization and operated rather haphazardly from one job to another. Now offices have been opened, with fancy painting charts and interior decoration suggestions. Wallace Garner, the Norman Brothers, the Matlocks Brothers and possibly other painters and paperhangers have brought system to a business that has long been in need of better principles of management.

In the construction trades Eddie Ray Smith is offering something new, which he says is better. Skipping many of the usual practices of the "brick veneer" type of construction, Smith is bringing to the small home-owner the same benefits that are enjoyed and enjoyed by the big contractor.

upon with a brick and under block construction that eliminates many of the labor costs in the old brick-veneer type of construction.

Some of the home-builders of the town, including two of the largest, O. L. Shackelford and George DuBose, have applied the principles of mass-production to the home-building business by building a number of houses in the same area, which makes possible a more profitable use of labor, materials and machinery. John Stanley, a newcomer to the building business, has also worked this principle of group building to great advantage.

In plumbing the biggest change has been in the use of faster and cheaper materials. Not so many years ago every major sewer connection in the city had to be a "wiped joint" a delicate operation that could not be done by every man that carried a stillson wrench and had oakum behind his ears. Today a can of putty and a cast iron connection have taken the place of this old and artistic bit of work by the plumber.

Roofing today remains little changed and the fine roof is still a work of skill that cannot be picked up overnight. Cheaper roofs can be put on by less skilled labor but even here a beginner can mess up things in a hurry if he is not watched over by an expert.

The biggest change in the electrical trades has been in the type materials used and as in all of the other trades mentioned there has been a considerable alteration over the prices of former years.

At anyrate the contractors, carpenters, plumbers, painters, plasterers, bricklayers, electricians, roofers and just plain workers are turning out a lot of housing in this section and things are just beginning to get underway for this neck of the woods.

Colorado's Peak

There are 30 peaks in Colorado that are higher than Pikes Peak, which stands 14,110 feet.

Eure Warns of Dangers In Voters Failing to Take Part in Their Elections

Tuesday Visits to Entrants in BFBL Contest Are Made

Tuesday morning 16 members of the Jones County Better Farming for Better Living Council met with Tidewater Power Company Agriculture Agent Neil Bolton to map out visits that were made Tuesday afternoon to the homes of the 23 Jones Countians who are entered in this annual program which is sponsored by local merchants under the supervision of the Tidewater Power Company.

Principal purpose of the visit to the homes of those entered in the program was to encourage these contestants to take full advantage of the many beneficial aspects of the program and to see and talk with each entrant over plans for the coming year.

Entrants in the BFBL contest for 1951 include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Small, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Buchner,

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Batts, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Waller, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. DuVal, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Banks, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mallard, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mallard,

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mallard, Mr. and Mrs. James Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Warren,

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Whaley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones.

DDT and many of the other new insecticides require chlorine and benzene in their manufacture.

North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure Friday night told a ladies' night audience at the Pink Hill Community Civic Club's regular monthly meeting that there is less political interest among North Carolinians today than there was 111 years ago when the State Capitol was completed.

Eure pointed out that in 1840 one out of six people in the state took the time and effort to vote in the governor's election but that in 1949 when the people of the state were asked to vote on the biggest issue ever offered to them, whether or not to issue 225 million dollars in school and road bonds, only one person out of ten had the time to vote.

Eure pointed out the great danger of having only 10 per cent of the voters taking an interest in the affairs of their government by saying that it would be relatively easy for a selfish individual or selfish group of individuals to sway enough of that non-voting bloc of voters to take over the government.

Eure congratulated Pink Hill and its civic club for NOT being an over-organized town when he pointed out that a great many communities get too many civic groups all bent on doing good but frequently stumbling over themselves in their effort.

He said it was particularly good that every walk of life in the Pink Hill community was represented in this civic club, since each then can get some insight into the problems of the other and in so doing make a better citizen, neighbor and worker.

Eure was introduced by Tom Davis, Club President Johnny Johnson presided over the session and at the close of the meeting named a nomination committee to select a slate of officers which will be elected at the next meeting of the club to conduct the affairs of the organization during the next year.

School Bond Election in Jones not Causing Much Excitement Either Way

The complicated machinery for holding bond issue elections has been checked and checked again by Jones County Attorney George Hughes and he says that he feels everything is ready for the election which is to be held May 22nd. Registration books for those who would like to vote but have not yet registered will be open through Saturday, May 11. Registrars will be at the various polling places on the next two Saturdays and registrations may be made at their home at any time between now and May 11th.

Saturday, May 18th, will be Challenge Day at which time any qualified voter can question the right of any other voter to be registered.

There has been little outward activity one way or another on the school bond election and unless a great deal of interest is stirred up between now and election time on the 22nd it is felt that an extremely light vote will be cast.

Changes made in the bond issue election laws by the 1949 General Assembly make it necessary for every one who wants to vote to go to the polls. In the past a person who wished to cast a negative vote could merely register and then stay away from the polls and his name would be counted against the issue.

Now no special registration is necessary, since the regular county registration is used and in order to vote against the issue a person must go to the polls. Of course, it is also necessary to go to the polls in order to vote for the issue.

Election Tuesday. Names Mayor, Board For Pollocksville

Although a great deal of gossip has attached itself to the biennial town election in Pollocksville, there has not been a great deal of outward activity at this point. Incumbent Mayor James Simmons is unopposed for reelection but there are six men seeking the three posts in the town board of aldermen.

Those who have tossed their hat into the ring and are actively seeking one of these three jobs are Joseph Parker, John Parker, J. V. Bender Jr., Allen H. Creagh and John Booth.

Voting in this election will be held next Tuesday, May 8th and the regular polling place in the building behind Armstrong's store will be used for voting.