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1919. The place was Sarento, some 20 miles from larger and better known Baton Rouge, the Pelican State Capital.

Lee is the chief keeper of the keys and the boss (when his wife's out) of the Kinston Plumbing and Heating Company at 309 North Independent Street, He is the son of W. A. and Mattie Hughes Lee, both native born and bred Louisianans, but by the time their son had reached the age of six they decided to "go north". All the way to North Carolina, where his father became the Chief Engineer of the Waccama Lumber Company at Solton. There Finley grew up, thished high school in 1936 and parted for Elon College.

After two and a half years of ollege life and learning, Lee left the campus to begin earning his way through life. He took a clerical post with the A. Schottland & Co. Mills of Rocky Mount. For just over seven years he remained in that company's employee, winding up as mill super-intendent of the plant which wove silk and rayon.

In 1945 Lee left the mill to go to work with Jack Sullivan. Inc., one of Rocky Mount's busiest and best known plumbing and heating contractors.

But before going off into the world of the plumber and steam fitter, and of course, "The Plumbers' Friend", Lee took time out to woo and win Pauline Turner, a native Rocky Mountian. They were married August 25.

With Kinston booming like no other boom town in Eastern Carolina with the possible exception of Jacksonville, Lee and his Rocky Mount employer decided to open a plumbing and heating business in Kinston.

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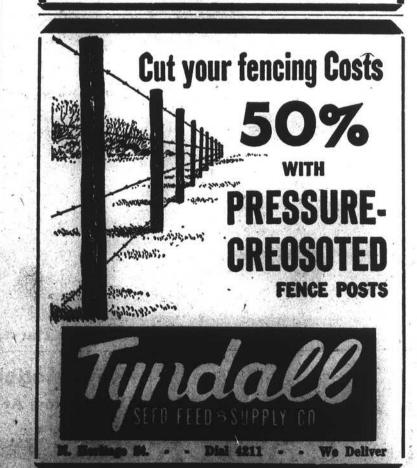
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