

Edenton Has Modern Textile Plant

FIRM HAS MADE STEADY GROWTH SINCE FIRST UNIT OF PLANT WAS BUILT IN 1899

Local Plant Buys and Consumes Huge Quantity of Locally Grown Cotton

The first plant of the Edenton Cotton Mills was built in 1899 and started operation in the fall of that year with a total of 5,000 spindles. The organization was composed of business and professional men and the capital stock was subscribed and bought by these local men who had witnessed the development of the lumber industry in this territory and had begun to think more about the cotton industry, and the advantages which it might bring to Edenton.

So rapid was the growth and development of the mill that in 1908 it had completely outgrown what was considered a plant that would take care of demands for all the cotton, yarns, warps, etc., possible for it to produce, and construction was begun on enlarging the mill, the capacity being increased from a mill of 5,000 spindles to a plant with a total of 12,000 with the addition of 7,000 additional spindles at that time. Immediately following the World War, with the rapid development of the cotton industry in the South, it became necessary to add further increases in productive capacity and the mill again expanded and added 11,000 more spindles bringing the total capacity up to 23,000 spindles, thus providing more employment for our people.

Under wise and conservative management this undertaking proved highly successful and since the starting of the plant, providing a consuming market for the locally grown cotton, it has paid to these growers more than \$10,000,000, and to the citizens of Edenton and adjacent territory who have been provided with employment more than \$3,500,000 in salaries.

The mill is located on the edge of the city limits of the city of Edenton on a tract of land comprising

several acres. The structures are modern, mill brick and steel design, and are equipped with the latest type machines for converting cotton into yarns. The company employs about 300 people with payrolls running into thousands of dollars annually and has since it was organized maintained a fairly regular schedule of operations, thus providing its employees practically regular employment and a steady income of wages.

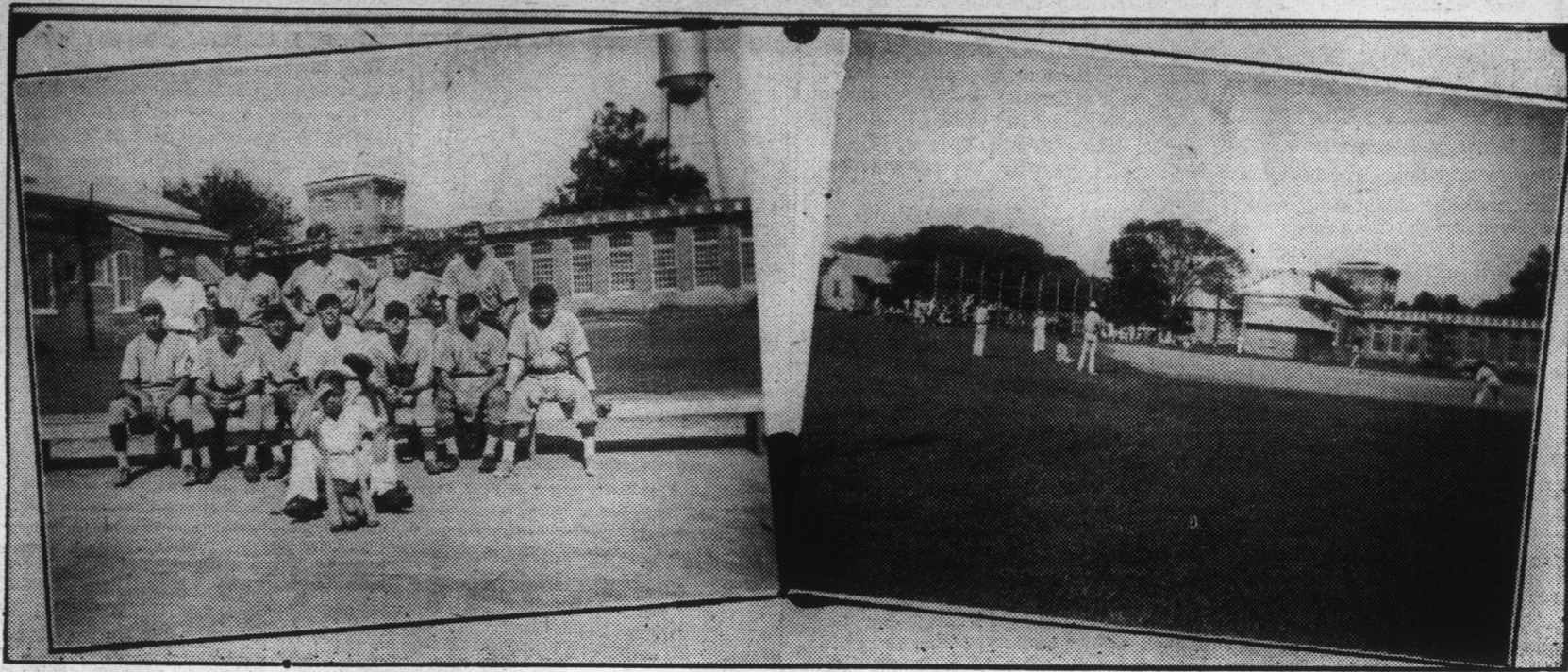
The Edenton Cotton Mills is today one of the largest and most modern in Eastern North Carolina. It has limited itself to the production of cotton yarns—two and three ply, 24s to 30s in warps, skeins and tubes which are sold and shipped to all parts of the world to manufacturers weaving finished products.

In the mill will be found as complete and modern machinery and equipment as will be found anywhere. Its personnel in both training and experience ranks among the best in the country and the thousands of dollars paid these people in wages and to local cotton growers finds its way in a large portion into the commercial houses and the retail firms of Edenton, or invested in Building & Loan homes, or savings accounts.

The company owns and maintains its own village consisting of comfortable homes, that are well kept by the people who live in them and are employed in the mill. The village is modern with all city conveniences and is convenient to the churches of various denominations, only a few blocks from our city schools, and the business section of the city.

Employees of the Edenton Mill are industrious and progressive, taking an active part in the social, civic and religious affairs of their community, as well as displaying a loyalty to their employer which is highly commendable on their part. Some of the employees have been associated with the mill since it was organized, many being descendants of people who started with the mill and who have been born and reared in the village, and now find profitable employment in the plant from which their parents be-

The Edenton Cotton Mills Baseball Team—On the Bench and In Action



The Edenton Cotton Mill baseball team shown just before clashing with the Harrellsville team on a recent Saturday afternoon. Reading from left to right: Floyd Cayton, manager, Earnie Ambrose, Harry Lussiter, Buck Wheeler, Clyde Lee Cates. Second row, Leroy Dail, Kirby Wright, Lonnie Harrell, Tom Ambrose, Johnnie Crabtree, Albert Twiddy and Gibson Brickle. "Pee Wee" Edwards, bat boy.

fore them obtained a livelihood for approximately forty years.

The employees of the mill have their own social and civic organizations, the company maintaining recreational facilities and an athletic field and in many other ways contributing to the social life which means so much toward happiness and contentment and the welfare of its people. In their own groups they have an outstanding ball club which has won for itself outstanding honors in the Eastern part of the State.

The homes throughout the village are well furnished, many having their own vegetable and flower gardens, while many own or are buying their own homes or small farms.

Mr. John G. Wood is president; Mr. J. A. Moore, vice president and treasurer; Mr. R. F. Elliott, secretary, and Mr. P. S. McMullan, assistant treasurer.

WATCH EDENTON GROW!

HOME FERTILIZER WORKS DEVELOPS INTO ONE OF FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

In Five Years Production Increased 350%; Outlook Excellent For Further Growth

The Home Fertilizer Works is one of Edenton's newest industrial plants of consequence, it being but five years old in October. The plant occupies a large manufacturing plant housing its machinery, two large brick and two metal constructed warehouses and is rapidly expanding into a business of major importance to Edenton and the Albemarle section.

The company was organized in

October, 1933, by Mr. John G. Wood, who is still owner and general manager of the business. Associated with Mr. Wood as assistant and secretary-treasurer is Mr. Earl G. Harrell, who has been with the company since it was organized. E. B. Boyce has been plant superintendent for the past four years.

Ten to twelve thousand tons of commercial fertilizers per season is the present capacity of the plant, and when running at full capacity provides employment to a large number of people, thus contributing many thousands of dollars to the industrial payrolls of Edenton.

It has been the desire of Mr. Wood to stay abreast of the times and for

this reason he has given careful study to the various types of commercial fertilizers, and types of soil for which different mixtures are best suited. By keeping a watchful eye on the experiments conducted by various State Departments of Agriculture, State College and other well-known and reliable agronomists, analyzing the results obtained from actual field tests, thus applying these facts to the mixture which has produced desirable results on hundreds of farms throughout this section. The special brand now manufactured by the company is known as "Wood's Fertilizers."

In addition to the fertilizers manufactured by the company, they also engage in the storing of cotton and peanuts during those seasons. Thousands of dollars worth of these two locally grown products pass through the warehouses of the company annually which maintains prompt and efficient service.

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It has been my privilege to have been identified with the building trade, the entire time, in the Albemarle section of the State.

During this period of time numerous homes, business houses and public buildings have been built in this territory. I have built a number of which are some of the most outstanding homes and several public buildings and business establishments.

On each of these projects every detail of construction has had personal supervision, thus assuring owners of the highest quality workmanship.

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We are indeed glad to call you our new neighbors — for with the opening of the bridge across the Sound you are within a few miles of Edenton and this store where you will find an array of values that truly mean "money savers" to thrifty shoppers.

This old institution invites your patronage — we want you to visit Edenton often, and this store. Know us and permit us to know you and number you among the thousands of satisfied customers whom it has been our pleasure to serve year in and year out.

We are a 100% Albemarle organization and pride ourselves on operating a modern up-to-date 5c, 10c and 25c Department Store in which one will find counter after counter of high quality merchandise from which to make purchases.

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