# WELL DRILLING IN LEE AND CHATHAM

**A Bunch of Yarns Which Illustrates That Well Digging Has Its Brighter Moments.**

The following from the Aberdeen Pilot will do to pass along:

Curtis Dowdy, of Dowdy and Butler, the well drillers, is something of an observer and historian. He tells a yarn of a man up in Lee county who is getting a well by the old method of a darkey and a pick and shovel. Or rather the man is getting his third or fourth well by this time, for the search for water has not proved a success so far. The first two holes were not productive. Then came a darkey who knew how to work the peach branch that could determine the location of water under ground. He spied out the location, and it was the only one in the neighborhood. He told Dowdy that if he had some silver in his pocket the peach limb would never work. He suggested that Dowdy slip some silver in the hip pocket of the peach diviner, and Dowdy slid his hand down that way. The man went over the ground and the branch turned down at every place. He remarked that when he had silver in his pocket that the peach limb would always turn down and indicate water whether water was there or not. Then he reached in his pocket possibly to return Dowdy the coin. He found none. Neither of them referred to it, of the wrong guess of the divining rod. However the man went on digging at the one spot he said he had found water. So far he has not fount it yet.

However, he has at least three wells in that location if he has no water. He could get rich if he could saw his wells into short lengths and sell them for post holes. Dowdy tells of another man who had to fence his pasture in little lots. So many gold mines had been sunk around up there a cow was likely to fall into them anywhere.

Which calls up the story of the woman up near Jugtown who has bene carrying water for thirty years. She got sick, and her husband carried water for about a week. Then he said he could not stand that and he dug a well. When his wife was revived in health she was mighty pleased, but she had been saving water so long she always poured back in the well any little that remained in the bucket. She could not wast it.

In the dry spell up in Chatham county the water supply fell low, and two or three barrels were secured to haul water from a distant well. When the first barrell was broached for a supply for the table the woman of the house protested at its curious taste. "Funny", said the man. "Thought I had washed out that barrel Jud was mixin' mash in."

"Mash nothing," his wife protested, and she put her fingers in the bung hole and brought out some queer looking fragments.

"Gosh", said her husband. That was the kraut barrell. Didn't think that was a corn likker taste, anyway."

The drilling concern was called in one day to discuss a well in a section that had been drilled several times without finding any water. This pair is rather awake to the geology of the state and they try to locate their wells with a prospect of finding water. They were told that a certain large amount was needed, and that if they proved to be good wells three or four would be drilled. They picked a location beside a bit of broken formation, and the first hole down hit the jugular vein with enough water for a small town. One well was big enough and the others were not needed. "Too durn wise for our own good," Dowdy concluded.

# Odd and Interesting

Police are searching for the thieves who stole a tombstone from the grave of James Lee, at Pratt, Kan.

When C. V. Koimmel, of Portland, Maine, set a double egg, he hoped to hatch two chicks that would lay double eggs. Instead, a two-headed rooster was hatched which eats twice as much feed and lays no eggs.

When J. A. Fitzgerald, of Stockton, Cal., stole a kiss from a woman companion, while the two were motoring, his car hit another automobile, injuring Julian Williamson, who sued for damages and was awarded $11,783.

To help make the city less noisy, traffic policemen's whistles have been abolished in New York, N. Y.

The fastest chicken picker in the United States is believed to be E. G. Hausen, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., who has the record of picking a chicken cleanly in four seconds. Recently, he pulled the feathers off 1,427 chickens in seven and three quarter hours.

A stalk of rhubarb, 18 inches long, and six inches in circumference was grown by A. H. Walker, of Pittsburg, Kan.

China has increased, by fifty per cent, its postal charges on mail matter sent to foreign countries.

In an effort to escape from Sing Sing prison, Ossining, N. Y., Jack Levy sewed himself in a mattress While taking the mattress out thru the prison gates its bulky appearance was sen by the guards and investigated. Levy was discovered and returned to solitary confinement.

So life-like are the flesh color bathing suits worn by the females on the beach at Deauvile France, that at a distance of 20 yards it is impossible to distinguish whether or not the bathers are attired or nude.

According to figures just revealed, suicides in Germany numbered 16,036 in 1929.

When an employment agency in New York, N. Y., advertised 100 positions to be given out, 5000 men and women battled to get into the building. Many persons were injured in the melee.

Although Jose M. Castro, of Mexico City, Mexico, has the reputation of being a fearless lion tamer, he called upon police for protection when his wife blackened his eyes.

A land turtle bearing initials "J. U." and year 1800, was found at Lewiston, Penn.

George Upham, of near Martinez, Cal., is the owner of a tree that bears about 125 varities of apples. Since 1918 Upham has been grafting branches to the original tree.

Invading the hom e of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Creagh, at Mount Clemens, Mich., bandits bound and gagged their sick child, locken the parents in a closet, and escaped with loot amounting to only 56 cents.

In November, the citizens of the state of Oregon will vote on a proposal to make the manufacturer sale, and possession of cigarettes a crime.

A prayer uttered by a fourteen year old boy at a police station, in St. Joseph, Mo., and overheard by the matron, who reported the incident to police officials, saved the boy from being sent to a reform school.

A divorce costs 60 cents in Russia, and can be obtained in about ten minutes.

A thirty story hospital building will be built in Chicago, Ill:

Speeding motorists, arrested in Cache county, Utah, are fined the following scale: 40 miles per hour, $10; an increase of $10 a mile up to 05; an increase of $5 per mile over 50.

Mrs. J. E. Landis, of near Abilene, Kansas, was uninjured when lightning killed a cow she was milking.

When the national government of Cuba was forced to cut expenses recently, President Machado voluntarily cut his salary from $25,000 a year to $12,000.

Miss Rella Radcliff, of Fairmount, West Virginia, sneezed so violently that a blood vessel burst causing her death.

The U. S. Government owns or controls 37 per cent of the entire surface area of the state of Colorado.

A watermelon weighing 128 pounds believed to be the largest ever grown in the United States, was sent to President Hoover by E. T. Clements, of Sandersville, Ga.

Racketeers of Philadelphia, Pa., are rechurning butter and by mixing it with a little water add 25 per cent to its weight. State officials have launched an extensive drive against the practice.

A. M. Milam, mayor of Monterey Park, Cal.; A. M. Milam, mayor of Morris, Okla., and C. L. Milam, mayor of Winslow, Ariz., are brothers, former Missouri farm boys.

Japanese typewriters have 7,026 characters on the keyboard.

According to statistics of the U. S. Bureau of Education, out of every 1000 children who enter school, 634 reach the eighth grade, and 139 graduate from high school.

After eating four eggs daily during the past 40 years, a total of more than 53,000, James Dudicker, of Hammond, Ind., claimed the egg-eating championship of the world.

Albert O. Seeler, 14 years old, of Derry, N. H., will enter Harverd University in September.

When officers entered the home of John Rhodes, at Eldorado, Ark., to search for liquor, he poured 4 quarts of beer into his boots. He was arrested.

The new Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, N. Y., will have more than 6,000 windows.

H. E. Taylor, of Marysville, Ohio, has a stone apple butter jar that has been in his family for 109 years.

The average yearly tax on motor vehicles in England is $140, in France $80, and in Italy $75.

Five minutes after J. M. Peterson t old Denver (Colo.) police that his automobile had been stolen, they found it for him.

Franz Joseph Land, in the Artic, has been re-named Fridjof Nansen Land in honor of the late Artic explorer.

At Chicago, Ill., bandits removed W. A. Decker's shoes and jabbed his feet with pins for an hour before he revealed where his diamonds were secreted.

A gold watch, lost 40 years ago by Wm. Lyons ,who is now 75 years old, was plowed up near Brighton, Mich., recently, and is in perfect condition.

## Southern Mills To Stop All Night Work

Greenville, S. C., Aug 27.— Complete elimination of night work for an indefinite time will take place this fall in southern mills manufacturing print goods and narrow sheetings, it was decided at a meeting here today of representatives of these plants.

The night shifts will be done away with as quickly as "proper labor adjustments can be made."

T. M. Marchant of Greenville, president of the Victor Monaghan company, presided at the meeting, and issued a formal statement after the gathering.

It was generally rumored here after the meeting that such a decision had been reached. In discussin the elimination of night work, Mr. Marchant said he had long believed this step necessary to the restoration of the industry to a profitable basis.

"It will enable us to give full employment to the day shift and will regulate production to demand."

The mills will do away with night work as quickly as adjustments in their labor supply can be made, Mr. Marchant stated. Mills represented at the conference embrace the entire southern textile territory.

Action of the print cloth and narrow sheeting manufacturers in voting to eliminote night work will have virtually no effect upon the textile industry in North Carolina, David Clark Editor of the Southern Textile Bulletin, said last night, when informed of the action taken at the Greenville meeting, as there are only three or four such mills in the state.

## MICKIE SAYS—

# CURRENT COMMENT

Filipinos who do not like an official sent to govern them, throw copies of his books into the ocean Those who are not interested in farm relief might show their disgust for the agriculturalist by purchasing a few elevators of grain, and burning it up. Perhaps the real problem of the Farm Relief Board is to find some means for spreading the Filipino point of view, and thereby make unpopularity relieve overproduction.

New Yorkers who are working for the abatement of noise, favor small fines persistently levied, and claim that they are more effective than thousand dollar threats, which it will pay a wrong-doer to oppose. Not many over-time parkers could withstand a half dozen arrests per day, each with an expeditiously collected half-doller fine, and Gotham's suggestion will bear wide consideration in connection with petty misdemeanors of many kinds. As to the exorbitant, uncollectible fine, few figures in fiction are more ridiculous than the Queen, in Alice in Wonderland, whose term for indicating even mild displeasure, was: Off with his head!

No one who has travelled upon the net work of motor bus routes which is spreading over the land, will be surprised or displeased to learn that there are about ninety-three thousand vehicles of that description in use. The coming of the motor bus however, has marked the passing of the jogging steamer, the narrow gauge railway, and the trolley, all of which seemed to have time to wind about, and carry the passenger by much that was pleasant to view. It is by no means all gain and no loss wit the bus rider, but after all, it will require a good deal of argument to overthrow any line of reasoning that rests on the axiom that a straight line is the shortest distance between two poinst.

It is said that the newspapers give the people whaot they want to read. If this is true, the trend of public interest may be surmised daily. Thirty three articles were distributed thus: Air transportation 10; The weather 4; Crime and Suicide 333; Prominent persons, Jewish welfare, Auto accidents, Fires, 2 each; Russia, Prohibition, New Babies, Missing men, The League of Nations, 1 each.

The skunk who ascended a tree and exercised his biological prerogatives with respect to a tree-sitter working for a record simply may have been laboring in behalf of a better and more useful information in the local paper than bulletins of tree-siting contests.

Denmark ejects from Green'and a French scientific expedition which landed without permission.

From Greenland's icy mountains,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain,
but not without a ticket.

The Washington Post says that the matter of holidays has become so extensive that a New York bank with a view to avoiding confusion, has compiled a list of about 100 occuring in different parts of the world during the month of July. Expensive and extensive are words that are easily interchanged.

Unrest in India does not appear to have provoked much comment upon the right of that country to absolute freedom or to the selection of the form of government it likes best. The economic, sociological and statecraft doctors are more interested in the progress of a strange disease than in the welfare of the patient.

"The state attorney general will open fire on food profiteering tomorrow. * * * The morning hearing will be devoted to questioning witnesses about the skyrocketing of milk prices." Unless the investigation amounts to more than many which have preceded it, opening fire on a sky rocket may not be so inappropriate a figure of speech after all.

The remedy for racketering, hit-and-run-drivers and many another evil that semes to thrive in spite of due process of law, lies in statutory changes which will permit a rough and speedy man-handling. It is difficult, for instance, to imagine hold-ups and gang activities going on under a despotism which tried a criminal after lunch and burned him at the stake at sundown.

Life would be more tolerable and pleasant if there were not so many who think that it is more blessed for the other fellow to give than to receive.

### Hotel in a Mountain

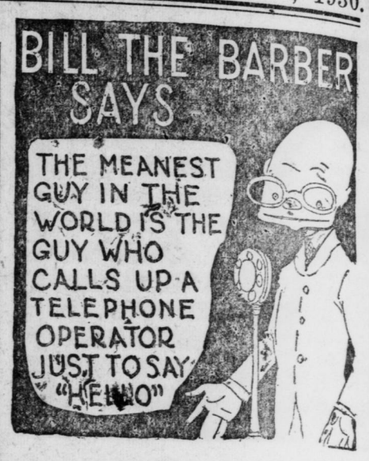
One of the most extraordinary hotels in the world is on the Jungfrau. It is on the shoulder just below the crest of this Swiss giant, and was excavated rather than built, as most of the structure, which has five stories, is actually within the mountain. Everything in the hotel is worked by electricity, and access is gained by a tunnel from the terminal station of the Jungfraujoch railway.

### Colonial Smugglers

In colonial New England there were smugglers, men who brought in goods in defiance of the British, robbed his majesty's government of needed revenue and helped materially, in the long run, to detach the American colonies from British rule. Boston, Providence, Newport and Salem all were ports of call for the carriers of contraband.—Kokomo Tribune.

### Spacious Vessels

The total deck space of a 50,000-ton ship is equal to about eight football grounds and in the British battleship Hood it is possible to run a hundred-yard race straight away on the quarter deck.




### THE SECRET

"What do you suppose was the secret of Methusela's old age?"

"Never did read what kind of patent medicine he used."

### JUST WANTED TO KNOW

"These automobile accidents usually wrench the spine a bit."

"Say, lissen, doc! Are you really feeling for broken bones or my pocketbook?"


# The Enterprise Mill, Inc.

SUCCESSORS TO THE CHATHAM OIL & FERTILIZER CO.

As on record in another part of this paper, the Chatham Oil & Fertilizer Company has been dissolved. The plant and business has been taken over by the newly organized Enterprise Mill Company, composed of stockholders and officials of considerable experience in the business.

## OFFICERS

The following officers are in charge of the business:
S. E. Barbour, Clayton, President; J. Dwight Barbour, Clayton, Vice President; Elliott S. Pool, Manager and Treasurer; E. R. Hinton, Sec.

## GINNERY IS READY

for the 1930 season, and that the cotton growers of this section are invited to patronize our ginnery, with the assurance that they will receive genuine service.

## CASH OR FERTILIZER FOR SEED

We shall be in the market for cotton seed and will pay highest cash prices or make equitable exchange of meal or other fertilizer for seed.

Also, the various grades of fertilizer adapted to the soils of Chatham county will be manufactured and sold at fair prices. Nitrate of Soda will also be handled as usual.

We solicit your patronage as a Home Industry, just now when the state is urging the live at home and buy at home policy.

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