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Fair Bluff - County's Oldest Mart - Ready To Open

Planters And Grainger Houses Ready To Go Into Operation

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—All present in the tobacco auction season. August 2nd, are ready to go into operation. These two warehouses have assembled a staff of able assistants to help carry on the long tradition of the Fair Bluff market.

Big Operator



NORMAN N. LOVE, SR. is one of the big operators on the Fair Bluff market. He is associated with the Planters and the Grainger houses.

Norman N. Love, Sr., has been a big name in tobacco auction circles for a number of years. Many were spent on Border Belt markets. For eight years before coming to Fair Bluff he operated a warehouse in Mullins for eight years and has been connected with a large Danville, Va. warehouse for some 15 years. This is his tenth year on the local market. He is a most versatile warehouseman and is familiar with every phase of its operation. He is one of the few warehousemen today who is a top auctioneer and general manager.

Others who will help make up the warehouse organization for the Planters and Grainger houses will be French Nobles, Alvin Hinson and Henry Powell, floor manager; Roscoe Enzor, Bruce Love and Jimmy Smith, assistants; Frank Lea and Lewis Rogers, office men; Harold Gray Love, ticket marker and Frank Turbeville, check-out man.

Other well known men in tobacco auction sales who will be on hand to assist their friends and the warehouse customers, will be R. C. Grainger, Jim Bullard, Heck Lovett, M. A. and H. G. McNeill, T. C. Parham, Gilbert Enzor and W. N. Bass.

Because the firm is operating both the Planters and Grainger warehouses this season they will be in position to give their customers a sale every day at one warehouse or the other.

ON SHIP

Dalton B. Willis, boatswain's mate, third class of the U. S. Navy, son of Cornelius B. Willis of Tabor City, Route 3, is a member of the crew aboard the destroyer USS Herbert J. Thomas which is on the schedule for overhaul and repairs in the United States after spending six months in the Mediterranean.

NOT HIS FAULT

Jimmie carried the following excuse to the teacher the next morning: "Please excuse Jimmie from being absent. He had a new baby brother. It was not his fault."

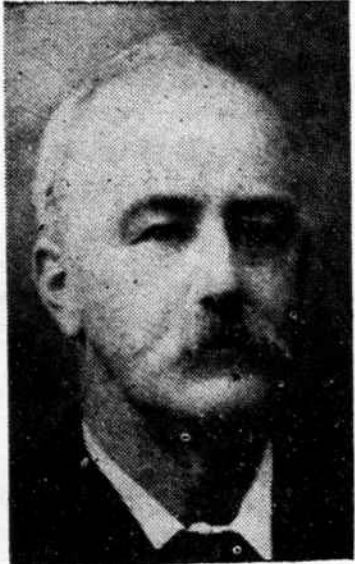
Lennon's X Roads HD Club

Lennon's X Roads or Home Demonstration Club had its organization meeting May 26, 1947 at the home of Mrs. Badger Campbell. Six charter members are: C. B. Branch, Mrs. J. A. A. P. McCarty, Mrs. M. E. Porter, Mrs. H. R. Sellers, Mrs. C. D. Branch, Mrs. M. E. Porter, Mrs. H. R. Sellers, Mrs. C. D. Branch, Mrs. M. E. Porter, Mrs. H. R. Sellers.

Lennon's X Roads Club Plans Outdoor Community Fireplace

The installation of the flood lights brings to completion a major project that has been close to the hearts of many local citizens for quite some time. The town's Border Belt baseball team is now using the park at night for its home games.

Father Of Mart



The late I. M. POWELL was the father of the Fair Bluff tobacco market which had its beginning in 1895. His son, A. Hicks Powell, has continued the family tradition and is a leading warehouseman.

Townsend Aims At High Figure For F. B. Mart

Supervisor Of Sales, A Long Time Fixture On Market, Among Town's Greatest Boosters

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—Tobacco season here without C. B. Townsend supervisor and market publicity director, would not seem the same. Mr. Townsend, until a few years ago a dirt farmer (he moved from the county into Fair Bluff last year) and sales representative for a large fertilizer manufacturer, is one of the market's and town's best boosters. He is thoroughly sold on the town as a trading center and looks to the market's future with great prospects for its continued growth. He stated that with the good crops in the communities that patronize the local market that the market should reach its goal of 10 million pounds this season.

Calling attention to the market's outstanding record for paying top prices he recalled that during the past 15 years the local market has led the belt in average for five years. He is confident that this is Fair Bluff's year and that the market will again lead in highest average price as well as show a nice increase in pounds sold.

Lights For Ball Park Was Major Project Of Year

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—Through the cooperation of community leaders modern electric flood lights have been installed at Fair Bluff's athletic park—a goal long sought by public spirited and sports-minded citizens.

The installation of the flood lights brings to completion a major project that has been close to the hearts of many local citizens for quite some time. The town's Border Belt baseball team is now using the park at night for its home games.

The completed park with its modern lighting system has cost approximately between \$20,000 and \$25,000 and has brought to the community a general sports and recreation park that will mean much to its citizens in years to come. It is hoped that an athletic director for the Fair Bluff High School will be employed this fall and that the school's and communities sports program may be enlarged to include many more of the section's young people.

Directors of the Fair Bluff Athletic Park are Bob King, chairman; Guy Bailey, Lawrence Minton, B. H. Small and C. B. Townsend. These and many other men, women and young folk of the community have contributed generously of their time and money to make the park one of the finest and best lighted in the country.

It will be recalled that an aluminum covered grandstand was completed and put into use last year.

Powell And Carver Will Operate Powell's And Dixie At Fair Bluff

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—The Powell-Dixie organization includes Powell Warehouse here, the first built in Columbus more than a half century ago, is in complete readiness for the opening here on Tuesday, August 2nd. The historic old tobacco auction house was originally built 53 years ago by the late I. M. Powell, father of the present owner and operator A. Hix Powell, Sr., dean of the market's warehousemen. Although part of the original house still stands and is used every sales day the building was enlarged last year to more than double its former size.

Association with Mr. Powell in the operation of the Powell warehouse is Arthur L. Carver, veteran warehouseman of Durham who is returning for his eighth season on the market. Mr. Powell's two sons, A. H. Powell, Jr. and B. A. Powell, will also be associated with their father and Mr. Carver.

The same firm of Powell and Carver will also operate the Dixie warehouse this year in connection with the Powell house. The same personnel will work both houses. "By having both houses," said Mr. Powell, "we can give our customers a sale every day and our second sales will permit us to sell the same number of baskets of tobacco as our first sales". The Dixie house was built about 15 years ago.

Willie Currin, well known auctioneer of Durham, will again auction at the Powell and Dixie warehouses. At present he is working on a Georgia market. Until he arrives from Georgia, Norman N. Love, Jr. will chant the high prices in both houses and will assist Mr. Currin after he arrives.

Other key personnel in the

Fair Bluff Has Growing Market For King Cotton

Modern Gin Plant Constructed And Operated For First Time Last Year; Farmers Bothered By Boll Weevil

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—Although Fair Bluff is proud of its history laden tobacco market it is also a growing market for the sale of cotton. Last year there was constructed and operated for the first season one of the most modern cotton gins in the county here.

Prior to the war cotton production had dwindled to almost nothing in this section but during the war it came into its own again and prices for the fibre have held fairly firm since the war, causing more acres to be planted each year than was harvested the year before. This year the cotton crop in this area is reported to be off some due to heavy boll weevil infestation. However when the cotton is picked it can be ginned in a modern gin here and sold here to buyers who pay top market prices for it.

Home Agent Eakes Organizes South Whiteville H. D. Group



The South Whiteville Home Demonstration club was organized in October, 1934 by Home agent Genevieve Eakes. Officers elected were: Mrs. J. C. Campen, president; Mrs. J. G. Cox, vice president; Mrs. J. G. Inman, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Mills, assistant secretary and treasurer. Charter members were Mrs. J. H. Campen, Mrs. Luther Campbell, Mrs. George Cox, Ira Godwin, John Griffin, Mrs. Ella Evans, Mrs. J. G. Inman, Mrs. J. C. Massengill, Mrs. J. E. Mills, Mrs.

Fair Bluff Bank Grows As Town Moves Forward

Scottish Bank Is Now One Of Five Outstanding Banking Institutions In Columbus County

R. C. TUCKER HEAD OF BANK SINCE '25

Many Improvements Made In Physical Properties During Past Year; Renovation Completed

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—Fair Bluff, being one of the older towns in the county, has many business institutions of historical interest, as well as some lovely old homes.

One business institution that has grown steadily throughout the years is the town's bank. Although its name has been changed it is never-the-less the same bank and for more than a quarter of a century has some of the same personnel operating it.

Known today as the Scottish Bank, which it became in May 1946, the resources of the institution has grown from a little over \$22,000 in 1914 to over one and half million dollars in 1946 when it became a member of the Scottish Bank group.

During these years the bank had only four presidents and two cashiers. The first president was A. W. Jenkins, next was D. J. Oliver, then I. B. Tucker, all deceased, and the present head, R. C. Tucker, who served as cashier until 1925 when he was elected to head the institution. Taking over the duties as cashier in 1925 is the bank's present cashier, J. C. Rogers.

Because of poor roads and slow travel conditions there were nine banks in Columbus County, but the total resources of the nine did not equal the resources of Fair Bluff's bank today. The nine banks were distributed as follows: two in Fair Bluff, two in Tabor City, two in Chadbourn, two in Whiteville and one in Cerro Gordo. Today there are only five banks in the county.

But because the Fair Bluff institution is old does not mean it is not modern in every respect. The building that houses the bank has recently been enlarged and remodeled with a new modern vault being installed as well as other new fixtures and equipment.

The new vault has 18-inch thick reinforced concrete and steel walls with a new, modern 10,000 pound stainless steel door that is said to be burglar proof. It is a thing of beauty. After the big outside vault door has been opened there is another inner door to open before you get inside. The interior of the vault has two compartments or rooms. The larger, outer room contains the bank's lock boxes a table and other fixtures for use by lock box owners. The other, smaller room is shut off (Continued On Page 5)

Remodeling And Building Going On At Fair Bluff

J. P. Waddell, Sam D. Scott, Jr., Broadus Small Improve And Construct Homes And Stores; Highway Being Hard Surfaced

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—There is and has been much building activity in Fair Bluff this summer. Several homes have been built and others are under construction. The latest to get underway is a handsome, modern home being built by Sam D. Scott, Jr.

Broadus Small recently enlarged and remodeled his store and built a warehouse. J. P. Waddell has also completed a warehouse on the rail road tracts. Other business places have undergone remodeling and repainting and a new farm implement firm opened its business here a short time ago.

One of the most important pieces of construction to get underway is the hard surfacing of the highway across the Lumber river swamp from Fair Bluff to Marietta. Local citizens have been trying for nearly 20 years to get this strip of the highway paved. When the work is completed four paved highways will lead into the town, giving visitors there access from every direction.

War bonds were sold during the year by club members. Members were entertained at a fish fry by Mrs. J. H. Boone during the year. (Continued on page 2)

FB Banker



R. C. TUCKER, president of the Scottish Bank at Fair Bluff, who is the dean of bank executives in Columbus County. Before becoming head of the institution in 1925, he was cashier.

Radio Programs To Feature FB Tobacco Market

Wide Publicity To Be Given County's Oldest Market; Townsend Arranges Promotions

FAIR BLUFF, July 28—Besides getting wide publicity for the tobacco market in newspapers Sales Supervisor Clyde B. Townsend this season has arranged for the market to receive publicity through programs over radio station WDCS in Dillon, S. C. and possibly others, including station WENC in Whiteville.

A fifteen minute program has been scheduled over WDCS daily except Sunday at 12:45 p. m. During the daily program Mr. Townsend will provide pertinent Fair Bluff market information for customers of the market's four warehouses.

In addition to supervising the market's sales Mr. Townsend will again be in complete charge of the market's publicity over the radio and in the newspapers.

Cerro Gordo HD Club



Public Library Is Sponsored At Cerro Gordo By H.D. Clubwomen

The Cerro Gordo Home Demonstration Club had its first meeting in October, 1943, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Singletary. Genevieve Eakes, Home Demonstration agent then, president. Thirteen women were present and the following officers were named to serve for two years: Mrs. G. M. Singletary, president; Mrs. H. B. Johnson, vice president; Mrs. H. H. Bullock, secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to hold meetings every third Wednesday of the month at the homes of the members. Mrs. Singletary moved away and Mrs. Johnson acted as president for the rest of her term. Demonstrations on foods and nutrition, gardening, food preservation, house furnishings, home management, clothing, dairy products, poultry and home beautification.

Officers elected in 1945 were: Mrs. J. P. Hammond, president; Mrs. R. V. Bullock, vice president; Mrs. H. H. Bullock, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Williamson, assistant secretary and treasurer. Nan Ratliff became Home agent in 1946.

The club took on as a project the sponsorship of the Cerro Gordo Public Library and Mrs. Kate B. Williamson served as librarian for the first three months with other members also helping. In May the group broadcast over WENC. Present officers were elected in 1947 and are: Mrs. A. I. Williamson, president; Mrs. W. B. Craven, vice president; Mrs. Ben Williamson, secretary; Mrs. J. B. Martin, treasurer. Mrs. Ben Williamson later resigned as secretary and Mrs. H. H. Bullock was named to her post. In 1947 the Cerro Gordo club won third prize in the booth contest at the Farmer's and Merchant's Exposition in Whiteville. During National Home Demonstration week the club served free lunches to two children and presented a fashion book to the library. Some of the members were heard over WENC. Five reading certificates were given to club members in 1947. Mrs. J. P. Hammond and Mrs. H. H. Bullock were given recognition. (Continued on Page Six)

Merchants And Warehousemen Complete Plans

Town Will Seek To Maintain Its High Standing Among Better Markets Of Border Belt

FOUR HOUSES WILL BE IN OPERATION

Quality Merchandise Stocked By Merchants In Preparation For Great Trading Season

Fair Bluff, July 28—Fair Bluff, Columbus County's oldest tobacco auction market, is making ready this week for another banner season.

Four warehouses will be in operation this year. The Fair Bluff market was started in 1895 after the production of tobacco in this section had its beginning on six acres of land in the Spring Branch community.

Then I. M. Powell, father of the present day warehouseman, A. Hicks Powell, built the first warehouse. The Fair Bluff market paved the way which other towns in the county followed and has continued to be one of the outstanding centers for the sale of tobacco.

A. Hicks Powell of Fair Bluff and Arthur Carver of Durham will operate both the Powell house and the Dixie Warehouse. The Dixie was recently leased by the two men. Both the houses and the operators are well known throughout the Border Belt.

The floor space of the Powell Warehouse was increased last year to more than double its original size.

Grainger's Warehouse will be operated by Carl Meares, Norman N. Love, Sr., and W. M. (Bill) Talley, along with others, who make up an experienced warehouse organizations. These same men will also operate Planters Warehouse.

Merchants and everybody in Fair Bluff have joined the warehousemen in getting ready for the market season. Stores have been stocked with quality goods and merchants are ready to supply the needs of all visitors during the season ahead.

Tobacco farmers will find in Fair Bluff the same genial, wholesome atmosphere as they found in the good old days when (Continued on page 2)