

### Scotland County Unequaled in Diversified Agricultural Possibilities

(Continued from page 1) details of the possibilities and capacities of Scotland county soil and climate. What farm crops can be produced even in the face of strong competition? Here they are and each one proven in adaptability:

- Alfalfa
- Broom corn
- Blackberry
- Canada Field Pea
- Chick
- Clovers (several)
- Corn
- Cotton
- Cowpeas
- Kaffir corn
- Kudzu
- Lupines
- Peasants
- Peas (cow)
- Pumpkin
- Rape
- Eye
- Sorghum
- Soybean
- Sudan grass
- Sweet clover
- Sunflower
- Millets
- Oats
- Tobacco
- Velvet Bean
- Vetch
- Wheat

What a list to select from! Each and every one of the above crops—and there are others too—will grow profitably in Scotland county. They are at home there when given the right cultural treatment and are acceptable as part of a farming system, and when marketing arrangements have been perfected. More than half of these crops are animal feeds. This fact is significant. More than 30 field crops well adapted to one county may appear to be a broad statement. It is broad and wide and long, but true and proven true and the list is not yet completed.

A soil well adapted to so long a list of field crops must also have at least some degree of adaptation to truck, garden and orchard crops. Let's bunch the fruits and vegetables into one list—a list including only those that the writer who has had 40 years' experience with will vouch for as adapted, profitably adapted to Scotland county under proper cultural practices and organized marketing facilities:

- Apple (Summer)
- Apricots
- Banana, dry, snap
- pea, bean
- Berries
- blackberries
- strawberries
- huckleberries
- Best
- Brussels Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Carrot
- Cornflower
- Celeries
- Cherry
- Chard
- Chives
- Citrus
- Collard
- Corn
- Cress
- Cucumber
- Grape
- Herbs
- Horseradish
- Kale
- Kohi Rabi
- Leek
- Lettuce
- Mustard
- Okra
- Onion
- Parley
- Parship
- Peach
- Pepper
- Potato, Irish and sweet
- Radish
- Rutabaga
- Sage
- Salsify
- Spinach
- Squash
- Tomato
- Turnip
- Watermelon
- Waxplant
- Endive
- Garlic

No apologies are made for the length of this list, none is due. The list is a statement of fact. Every one knows that each and every crop mentioned will and does grow in Scotland county, North Carolina, but it is not common knowledge that all of these crops grow in higher perfection in Scotland county than all of them can grow elsewhere. Nor is it common knowledge that some of them grow better in Scotland county than any where else in North Carolina or in the known parts of the earth. But the superior advantage of Scotland county are not confined to what we have stated above. There are two other equally important exhibits. One is that this county has railway transportation leading to the four points of the compass and the products have easy access to the markets of the world. The other is that the character and topography of the soils of Scotland county are as well adapted to economic production through the use of improved, labor-saving implements as are the soils of Iowa, Illinois, the plains of the west, or the Valley of the Nile.

### CUCUMBERS AND ONIONS

Two Crops That Make Money for Scotland County Farmers from Year to Year

It is difficult to write about all the crops that mean money to the farmers of Scotland county. But we can't omit here two crops that have been profitable for years. First we must get cucumbers, for "cubes" have been

grown on a more or less extensive scale for many years and some farmers make it a practice to plant a good acreage to cucumbers every year. Though not as extensive as cantaloupes, there are some farmers who believe the cucumbers are as profitable and in some cases even a better crop than cantaloupes. Perhaps the largest grower of cucumbers in the county is John A. McGregor, who planted last year more than a hundred acres to this crop. His returns were good, we learn. Other farmers who have grown them from year to year are F. C. McCormick, T. L. Henley, C. W. O'Connell, and many others.

During any season there are many car loads of cucumbers shipped from this county, but perhaps the bulk of the crop is moved by express shipments. Prices are sometimes very attractive and cucumbers grown in Scotland county have been sold in Miami, Fla. at as much as 65 the basket. Cucumbers are easily grown, the crop yields are large with good weather and the right soil and cultivation, and they come at a season when money crops are most welcome, in late spring and early summer.

Onions have been grown more or less extensively for a number of years. These are planted in the fall from seed and they yield abundant crops the following summer. The onions are of fine quality and find a ready market. J. C. McCormick and Hinton James are perhaps the leading growers of this crop. A few acres yield great quantities of onions, and the returns per acre are high.

### In the Land of Cotton

A County That Produces Two Bales of Cotton for Every One of Its Inhabitants

John Charles McNeill Scotland's poet son, with the dashing thrust of a pen, built the elusive and enchanting qualities of "Lyrics from Cotton Land" from an intimate and affectionate acquaintance with the cotton bales.

Cotton has been the major crop of the county for three immemorial almost, and no doubtless will continue to be the bed rock upon which is built its wonderful agricultural prosperity. Though small in area, and with a population estimated at 17,000, the county annually produces nearly two bales of cotton for every one of its inhabitants, and in some years the production is above that figure.

Mr. W. N. McKinnis, who gathers the ginning statistics for the Census Bureau in this county, supplies us with the following figures showing the production of cotton in Scotland county for every year of its history, or since 1900, when the county was formed by act of the state legisla-

Year	Running Bales	Round, or 500-lb. Bales
1900	11,880	11,769
1901	10,285	10,024
1902	17,576	17,017
1903	15,797	15,619
1904	15,548	15,548
1905	28,286	29,489
1906	18,468	18,597
1907	21,664	21,655
1908	25,995	26,243
1909	27,092	27,164
1910	25,819	25,385
1911	28,748	32,245
1912	31,962	31,853
1913	27,649	28,445
1914	38,154	38,214
1915	26,490	26,102
1916	17,783	16,780
1917	25,727	26,445
1918	34,557	34,586
1919	35,222	35,507
1920	44,065	45,025
1921	29,497	29,208
1922	26,164	26,089
1923	30,996	(Not certified)

### Scotland County B & L. Association

A New Virtue Factor in the Development of Laurinburg, Supplying Capital for Home Builders

One of the most virile and constructive factors in the present development of Laurinburg, and one that gives promise of a greatly expanded and intensified activity in the immediate future, is the Scotland County Building & Loan Association.

For many years Laurinburg was without a building and loan association, or other agency which directly and constantly sought to encourage and promote home building. The result was that the housing situation became most acute, and following the aftermath of the World War this city experienced similar conditions to hundreds of other progressive towns and cities. On every hand was the insistent and pressing demand for houses.

Realizing that this need must be supplied, the business men of the community organized first the Home Building Corporation in 1921 and with its assistance a number of substantial and beautiful homes were built in Laurinburg. But there was the constant conviction all along that a building and loan association was really needed as vital and permanent constructive factor in the community.

In September, 1922, the Scotland County Building & Loan Association was organized. G. H. Russell and W. S. Dunbar perhaps are due most of the credit for promoting the association. They actively solicited shares and when these had become large enough to warrant it, a meeting of the shareholders was called and an organization perfected. W. S. Dunbar was made president, Lonnie Hammond, vice president, and G. H. Russell, secretary and treasurer. The directors are Jasper T. Gibson, T. C. Everett, O. L. Moss, E. W. Malloy, W. D. Tucker, E. H. Gibson, C. I. Sanford, J. T. Myers, J. R. Murphy, G. H. Russell, Lonnie Hammond and W. S. Dunbar.

Though only six months old, the building and loan association has in forces more than 2000 shares, has financed the building of four new homes in Laurinburg, and gives every promise of becoming a powerful force in the future development of the community. Its officers and shareholders are among the most progressive business men and citizens generally in the community, and it is the opinion of everybody that the association is established upon a firm and permanent basis, and that its growth has just begun. In a short time it will be able to finance home-builders generally, and will doubtless be one of the greatest factors in the building of a greater Laurinburg and Scotland county.

The association's operations are not limited to Laurinburg. It seeks the cooperation of people in all parts of the county, and is endeavoring to make loans anywhere in Scotland county.

### LAURINBURG COTTON WAREHOUSE CO., Inc.

Banded Warehouse with Storage Capacity of 4,000 Bales Cotton a Blessing to Growers

God helps those who help themselves. In the year 1914 the cotton growers of Scotland county, or some of the leading farmers who made cotton their principal crop, decided that it was time to help themselves. In that year the price of cotton because of the sudden outbreak of the World War and other factors, was forced down until the cotton grower was compelled to sacrifice his crop or hold it for a better market. It was this necessity that led to the organization of the Laurinburg Warehouse Company, Incorporated, and the building of a warehouse at Laurinburg which served a home to many farmers. In 1923 an addition was built to the plant and it now has a storage capacity of 4,000 bales of cotton, and operates under the Federal and State warehouse system of bonded warehouses. It is located on Railroad street and the tracks of the Laurinburg & Southern Railroad run right by one end of the building, while the S. A. L. tracks are nearby.

The corporation has never had but one set of officers and directors and the original personnel is still in office. These officers are: D. K. McRae, president; F. C. McCormick, vice president; T. L. Henley, secretary and treasurer. The directors are: D. K. McRae, F. C. McCormick, E. L. McNair, R. E. Lee and Jas. L. McNair.

The company has paid annual dividends since its organization but the greatest profit has come to the stockholders and to farmers generally who have taken advantage of the facilities for storing cotton, and in many instances have reaped big profits by holding their cotton until the price went higher.

Tom Tarheel says that the shrubbers which his wife planted about the house last fall certainly is beginning to look pretty new.

## Laurinburg a Town of Church-Loving People

### Four Leading Protestant Denominations Have Churches Here

There are four leading churches in Laurinburg—the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopal. Following is a brief sketch of each:

**Episcopal**  
St. David's Episcopal church is located on a beautiful lot on Church street. Both the lot and building were donated by the late Mark Morgan, of Laurel Hill. Rev. J. H. Crosby is pastor of this church.

**Methodist**  
The Methodist church was founded in 1873 by Rev. T. W. Guthrie of Rockingham and Col. J. T. Rogers, Capt. L. T. Everetts, Capt. J. A. Parker, and Rev. M. McN. Smith, all of Laurinburg. A church was built on lot near the McNair store and in this building the church worshipped until 1917 when the lot where the present new structure stands, was purchased, and the new church built at an expense of \$65,000. The entire debt is paid and aside from this the church supports a missionary on the foreign field, Rev. Mr. Gee, of Shanghai, China, is the representative. The present pastor is Rev. W. R. Royal and this is his third year on this field.

One of the features of which the church is very proud is the number of preachers which has gone out from the church. There are a number who are dead, but following is a list of those now living who grew up in this church: Rev. J. A. Homsday, Rev. W. B. North, Rev. R. B. John, Rev. F. B. McCall.

**Presbyterian**  
(This is a brief sketch of Laurinburg Presbyterian church, the first church organized in Laurinburg, by Rev. C. B. Craig, pastor.)

Scotland county rightly deserves its name. In population, it is very largely made of "Mac's," a sure sign of the Highland Scotch. Then when we say Scotchman, our thoughts inevitably turn to the Kirk, for the Scotchman, whether in his native heath or far afield in some new section has a love and reverence for the Kirk that is thoroughly ingrained.

Laurinburg Presbyterian church has been served by a number of able and distinguished ministers. Rev. J. W. Major, already referred to, served the church from its organization till 1869. From this date till 1873, a number of ministers acted as stated supply: Rev. Daniel Johnston to 1865; Rev. Evander MacNair, Rev. Luther MacKinnon, later president of Davidson College; Rev. N. T. Bowden, Rev. A. MacFayden, and Rev. D. Fairley. In 1872, Rev. John H. Coble became pastor and during 16 years of fruitful ministry, the church steadily increased in membership. A beautiful memorial window in the present church auditorium bears testimony of the love and esteem in which his memory is held. From 1889 to 1891, Rev. Chalmers Moore was pastor, after which was the pastorate of Rev. W. B. Arrowood till 1898. In 1899, Rev. John M. Rose, D. D. became the devoted pastor and preacher. He was a man of the highest type of Christian character, and not only was he one of the ablest preachers and pastors in the synod, but also one of the best furnished scholars in the church. He continued as pastor till his death in August, 1917. In 1918 Rev. Carl B. Craig, incumbent, began his ministerial work in Laurinburg pastorate.

The real history of a church is the story of its consecrated men and women who give of time, service, money and prayer. And in this particular this church has been specially blessed and it would be impossible to name all those who have been among its leading spirits, but a tree is known by its fruits, and so we can see something of the character of its people by the fruits of their lives and by their achievements.

Laurinburg church has given eight of her sons to the work of the ministry and always recounts their names with just and honest pride. They are: The late Rev. John B. McKinnon, Rev. John F. McKinnon, deceased; Rev. A. H. McMinn, D. D., Charrow, S. C.; Rev. D. J. Currie, DePudak Spring, Fla.; and Rev. A. A. McGeachy, D. D. of Second Presbyterian church, Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. W. W. Arrowood, Tazewell, Va.; Rev. John L. Fairly, D. D., Steele's Tavern, Va., and Rev. Robert McKinnon, deceased, Charleston, W. Va. She also has upon her



Presbyterian Church, Laurinburg, N. C.

Thus, from the ancestry of her people, it is easily seen that a Presbyterian Kirk was surely destined or predestined to be organized at what- ever place any considerable body of these Highlanders settled. It is a long way back to begin to account for the origin of a church organized in 1859, to recall in Scottish history, the famous battle of Coloden Muir, 1746, but the result of this battle which went against the Highlanders was emigration to America, and the settling of the Cape Fear section by the Scotch. The people of this section are their descendants. They brought from their land of purple heather and mossy glens, a great love of liberty of worship, of the Kirk, and of the Book, which still lives in the hearts of this people.

Laurinburg church was organized March 5, 1859, with only four members. It owes its origin to the presence of a famous high school which antedated the town and was the real nucleus of it. In 1858 Rev. J. W. Major, a Presbyterian minister from New York state, was principal of the school which had a patronage of 90 to 100 pupils. The nearest church was Laurel Hill church, about four miles distant and too far for the pupils to walk, and so Mr. Major began preaching on Sundays in the school house. Presently there developed great opposition on the part of this church and it took two Presbytery meetings and action in one synod to settle the matter finally. But in spite of all the opposition and the attempt to kill the new organization, it lived and by the end of the year had 25 members. In 1862 the school building was leased by the Carolina Central railroad and the congregation worshipped under an arbor for a number of years. In 1863 the property of three acres which is the present site of the church was purchased, and so this church is as old as the town and together with the school already mentioned, constituted the main reason for the beginning of a town at the side of Laurinburg.

When we ride down Church street today with its solid mile of beautiful dwellings and public buildings, and see the large and handsome church building set in a grove of stately trees, and then see the work progressing on another spacious building beside it, which is to be a thoroughly modern and up to date Sunday school building, it seems a far cry to the day of the brush arbor of 1858. Yet it was the consecration of these earlier worshippers, and the spirit that they inculcated in their children that has made possible these later developments.

roll one candidate for the ministry, Mr. Eugene Booth, Laurinburg, N. C. The first building was begun in 1866 and was a large rectangular wooden structure, which gave place to the present beautiful brick structure in 1907, equipped with handsome pews, pipe organ, and all necessary accessories. A beautiful brick structure entirely separate from the church building except for colonnade passageway, is now in course of erection. This Sunday school building will include a large auditorium, 20 odd classrooms, ladies congregation has been increasingly blessed in worldly goods and have tried to worship God with means accordingly, so that during the past year, it was one of the 19 churches that paid all and more of the apportionments assigned it.

Laurinburg Presbyterian church with its membership of over 400, one-third of whom are "Mac's" cordially invites any who may read this page to be her visitor, and better still, that you settle in our town and become a part of her membership. God has blessed this church in the past and enabled it to do a great work. With an increasing membership and increased activity, in the present, our prayer is that God will honor and use this church still more in the future.

Note—The author of this sketch, hastily written on a few hours notice, is indebted for the facts and dates herein to an article written by the late Dr. J. M. Ross, beloved pastor of this church for many years.

**First Baptist Church**  
The First Baptist church of Laurinburg had a modest beginning in the

year 1879, when a mere handful of Baptists gathered in the old Bundy Hall on the afternoon of the first Sunday in August of that year and organized a Sunday school. In September following a church membership was organized with the following charter members: D. J. Effenbark and wife, L. N. Lucas and wife, Mrs. Margaret Fountain (later Mrs. Make McKay), Mr. Cannady and Geo. W. Goodwyn. Of this small congregation, all have passed on, except Mr. George W. Goodwyn, who is still active in the church work, being a teacher in the Sunday school, and chairman of the board of deacons.

In the same month Rev. W. T. Jordan became pastor of the church, preaching once a month, holding services in the Bundy hall. He served only a short time and was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Rollins. Other pastors who have served the church in the years since its organization were Rev. Mr. Stowe, Rev. Cohen, Rev. J. R. Burnette, Rev. Wilkmon, Rev. J. W. Price, Rev. Livingston Johnson, new editor of The Biblical Recorder; Rev. M. L. Keeler, who is now superintendent of the Thomasville orphanage; Rev. Mr. Curtis; Rev. R. G. Kendrick; Rev. Mr. Whitbread, Rev. J. R. Williams, Rev. James Long, Rev. C. B. Austin, Rev. W. G. Hall, and Rev. S. L. Naff, who came to the church as pastor March 1 of this year.

In 1881 the first church house was erected at the corner of Cronly and Everett streets. This was a wooden structure and was destroyed by lightning in the early nineties. In a short time a new church house was erected on the site of the burned building. This has been enlarged and added to from time to time, as the church grew in membership, and has a seating capacity in the main auditorium of about 400, and a Sunday school equipment of 14 class rooms.

During the early years of its history the work of the church was centered largely in the Sunday school. For many years the lamented W. G. Quakenbush, principal of the Laurinburg high school and one of the greatest educators the state has produced, was superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher of the Bible class. Associated with Professor Quakenbush as co-worker in the Sunday school was Mr. George W. Goodwyn, who is still teacher of the Bible class. Professor Quakenbush continued to serve the Sunday school up to a short time before his death in 1900. The people of Laurinburg and Scotland county have erected a beautiful monument on the court house square at Laurinburg as an expression of their appreciation of the life and work of this educational and religious leader.

The Sunday school now has an average attendance of around 200 and has outgrown the church equipment. The church membership has grown from the original seven to 256, and its contributions last year to all causes reached the grand total of \$13,000.

In June, 1919, Rev. Chas. B. Austin, a very able and consecrated young man, came to the church as pastor. Under his ministry the church experienced a splendid growth. Last year the congregation purchased at a cost of \$4,000 a pretty lot on the corner of Church and James streets, and is planning to build at an early date a new church house to cost approximately \$100,000.

January 1 of last year Rev. Mr. Austin resigned as pastor to go to the Georgetown Baptist church, of Washington, D. C. The congregation then called as pastor Rev. W. G. Hall, at that time pastor of the Southside Baptist church, of Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Hall accepted the call and March 1 came to Laurinburg.

Rev. Mr. Hall resigned in January of this year, and was succeeded by Rev. S. L. Naff, formerly of Mullins, S. C., who is pastor now.

### SCOTLAND EXPECTED TO PRODUCE 800 CARBONATALOUPES THIS SEASON

Leads All North Carolina Counties in Producing Cantaloupes, in Quality Second to None

For twenty years the farmers of Scotland county have been growing cantaloupes on a commercial scale. At first the acreage was small, but profits were large and the industry immediately took its place at the top as a money crop, being second only to cotton. Conditions of soil and climate in this county contribute to produce cantaloupes of a superior flavor. For years they have enjoyed fine favor in the big markets, and experienced cantaloupe dealers do not hesitate to praise the Scotland county "loaves", giving them the same endorsement as they give to the famous Colorado and California "loaves".

In growing cantaloupes much depends, as the average man would say, and it is not always that the growers make money. Some years they get

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New McNair Building, Laurinburg, N. C.



Street Scene, Laurinburg, North Carolina