

Laurinburg, Its Past, Present and Future

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1879; and for twenty years or more he labored unceasingly, not only in training the youth of the community, but also in the uplift and betterment of the town and county. His school ranked with the best preparatory schools of the state. A movement started on the coast house square to his memory resulted in a mild way of the system in which he was held. This good man and noble citizen died suddenly at the old Glenn House on McLaurin avenue.

And now we come to the Laurinburg of today—a bustling, hustling little city, full of pep, located on the Seaboard railroad midway between Charlotte on the west and Wilmington on the east, whose history covers a period of some half a century. Counting the mill villages, her population will approximate 6000 souls, mostly of Scotch descent. It is said that the Scotch are the best financiers on earth. This may account in a measure for the splendid showing of the banks in Scotland county, whose deposits aggregate nearly, if not quite, three million dollars. Here is a town and county with plenty of money—the main spring and most essential factor in the development of all industrial enterprises.

Go where you will, over the broad state if you please, from Murphy to Macon, and you will not find a better location for the building of a city, all things considered, than right here at Laurinburg, the capital of Scotland county. Formerly the idea prevailed that it was necessary in building a large town or city to locate same on some navigable river or water front to insure cheap and quick access to the marts of the world. This idea has been disproved, as is evidenced by the large interior towns in our own state, as well as elsewhere, whose products from spindles and looms and factory and forge are offered in the markets of the globe.

To the home-seeker Laurinburg offers a climate unsurpassed, healthful and invigorating, without any extremes of heat or cold, but with an equable temperature, suitable to the development of strong and vigorous bodies. An improvement in the general health of new-comers is noted after they have resided here a few months.

Laurinburg is naturally proud of its surroundings and environment. Scotland county, known at one time as the "hazy county," was formed in 1860, after years of hard work and repeated efforts in that direction. Many citizens joined in the movement for a new county, but in its accomplishment more was done, perhaps, to the unbounded faith and the ad-

mirable enthusiasm of the lamented and esteemed Hester McLean than to any other man.

From an agricultural standpoint Scotland county stands at the head, having the reputation of being the most productive of any similar area in the United States. Here the cantaloupe is grown to such extent and to such perfection of quality, that this territory has been referred to as the "Cantaloupe Empire." While cotton is the principal crop in this county, two halves for every inhabitant being often produced, other crops in great diversity engage the attention of the busy husbandman.

Laurinburg stretches forth her hands to all good people and says, "Come." Here you will find churches of nearly all faiths; you will find a graded school that is unexcelled; you will find a healthy, progressive spirit pervading everybody and everything. You will find pessimism in the distance and optimism on the front seat. Here opportunity beckons you and bids you welcome! To the investor and business man, Laurinburg and Scotland county should be very inviting. The manufacturer will find here an ideal location. Already four cotton mills, a fertilizer factory, an oil mill, a flour mill, an ice plant and other industries are making good in our town. There is room and available sites for more. Shipping facilities are afforded for quick transporting by the Coast Line, the Laurinburg and Southern and the Seaboard Air Line to all parts of the country. Labor is plentiful and at reasonable wages. There is perfect harmony between the races and classes, and such things as strikes and walk-outs are unknown. Here opportunity knocks at your door not only once but again and again, bidding you let him in.

The future of Laurinburg will be determined by the combination of several factors that are essential to the development of every town that reaches large proportions. You can not reasonably expect that oil fields or mining interests will be discovered in this community that will give a phenomenal boost to the town, like instances that you read about where towns spring into prominence almost overnight as if by magic. In our opinion one of the greatest factors in the upbuilding of a town is the united cooperation of its citizens in every forward movement. A town is nothing more than one great big family of individuals striving for the common good. And you know what the good Book says about a household being divided against itself. Another no less important factor is advertising and boosting. We believe in advertising. It was advertising that

made John Wannamaker a merchant prince. If you have an article of merit, one that you have faith in, boost it from the housetop. It was Emerson who said something like this: "If you have an article of true merit, if it nothing more than a rat-trap, and you live in the midst of a forest, a well-beaten path will be made to your door." We have in Laurinburg something of true merit and we have the advertising medium. The Laurinburg Exchange is probably the equal of any weekly publication in the state. It has always stood solidly behind every movement for the advancement of Laurinburg and Scotland county. It has championed every good cause and its influence has been wide-spread for the betterment of humanity. The part it can play in the advancement of the moral, social and industrial advancement of the town and community can not be overestimated. A good paper, circulating among a good citizenship, is a power of tremendous import. The other advertising medium is the Chamber of Commerce. This is to any town an indispensable adjunct. Its field of operation is wide and useful. One predominant feature of the Chamber is its training and development of leaders—those who will assume the initiative and stand at the head of every forward and progressive movement. The Chamber of Commerce is essentially a very important factor and its highest ambition should and will be to make "Laurinburg a good town for good people." We predict that Laurinburg will double its present population within ten years. So much for our faith in true merit!

T. T. COVINGTON & SON

Brokers Carrying On Large Operations in Cotton Seed Products, Fertilizer, Etc.

Something like forty years ago the business now conducted under the style of T. T. Covington & Son was established in Laurinburg. Since that time it has been an important part of the business community, and has been of service to two generations of people needing the products handled by the concern. The business of T. T. Covington & Son is that which was originally conducted by T. T. Covington. The present management took charge of the business about ten years ago. The conservative policy that had marked its operations under the original owner has been continued, and the same people are customers today, in many instances, who began their relations with the business forty years ago.

Specializing in cotton seed products and fertilizer, this concern does a large business also in several kindred lines, including coal, bagging and ties, agricultural lime, and the like. They act as brokers in the handling of most of these lines, and also carry large stocks of some ar-

ticles. They are specialists in the handling of nitrates of soda for fertilizer purposes, and the list of their lines includes acid phosphate, Thomas phosphate, cotton seed, cotton seed meal and hulls, kainit, muriate potash and steam and domestic coal. Every sort of fertilizer material may be had of this concern, which has specialized in the handling of fertilizer suitable to the soils of this section for many years.

Located in the Britt building, this firm is conveniently accessible to all, and is prepared to give the promptest attention to all orders entrusted to it. It also maintains a branch establishment in Fayetteville, where the same general lines of products are handled.

The business of T. T. Covington & Son has very decidedly increased in the past few years. The more general use of fertilizers that has resulted from a better understanding of their value to farm crops.

T. T. Covington, senior member of the firm, is one of the leading business men of the community. He is a member of the Methodist church, and takes a leading part in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. E. P. Covington is in charge of the office at Fayetteville, though a native of Laurinburg. Both of these gentlemen are well and favorably known throughout this and adjoining counties.

PURITY STEAM BAKERY

Under Management of Dan Shaw, Local Bakery Has Made Splendid Progress

Organized about ten years ago, the Purity Steam Bakery came into the management of Dan Shaw, of the firm of McLaurin & Shaw, about two years ago. Since that time, the business has continued to increase in volume, and the addition of a considerable amount of modern machinery has been necessary in order adequately to take care of the patronage that offers regularly. The plant has a capacity of 4,000 loaves of bread daily, besides a large amount of cakes, pies, rolls, pastry, and the like, and its capacity is usually the limit of its output.

The equipment of the Purity Steam Bakery is of the latest and most improved type. It has a specially constructed oven for baking cakes, and another for the purpose of baking bread. It makes a specialty of producing the finest quality of hot rolls, which are served twice daily to those who know the delight of the Purity hot rolls. The business done in this line is large and constantly on the increase. Ten persons are regularly employed in the operation of the plant, and four motor trucks are used to deliver goods in and near the city. The concern sells at wholesale throughout this section of the state, and supplies fresh bread to all the stores in town handling this line of

EVERINGTON DRUG CO.

Laurinburg's Oldest Drug Store Has Kept Pace With the Times, Rendering Efficient Service.

Established forty-two years ago, Everington's Drug store is the oldest establishment of its kind in the city, and one of the oldest business concerns of any kind in Laurinburg. It has been under its present management for the past ten years, and is today operating on a larger scale than at any previous time in its long history. Its reputation has always been of the best. Enjoying to a peculiar degree the confidence of the public and of the physicians of the town and county, Everington's has merited every whit of this confidence, and has prized it as among the concern's most valuable assets.

Carrying a complete line of drugs, toilet articles and sundries, Everington's makes a specialty of handling only the best merchandise obtainable, and from its large and varied stock can be selected anything desired in the drug line. Many nationally advertised articles are to be found at prices as moderate as it is possible to sell first-class merchandise.

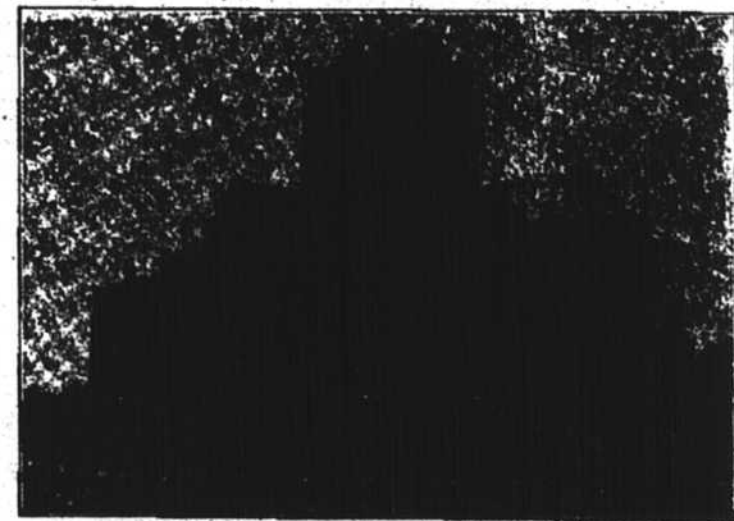
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Everington store contains more than 2,000 square feet of floor space, and is filled to every corner with the company's large and extensive stocks. Five persons are employed, indicating the large amount of business done by the establishment. The store is trimmed in mahogany, and a 12-foot soda fountain is one of its attractive features. In addition to all sorts of delicious drinks, the famous Velvet Kind ice cream, well known throughout the south, is served at the fountain.

Dr. W. N. Robertson, manager, is one of the best known pharmacists in the county. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a Shriner, and is active in the Methodist church. Dr. B. M. Tuttle, registered pharmacist, a graduate of the University of Richmond, Va., and Trinity College, N. C., gives his personal attention to the prescription department. Dr. L. F. Buchanan, Jr., a leading physician of the city, maintains his office at Everington's.

We insist, though, that there are some women who can keep a secret. Dead ones never talk.

For the first time since 1896, the St. Lawrence River at Quebec was this winter blocked with ice.



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, LAURINBURG, N. C.

goods. It maintains a retail store on Railroad street, where the local public secures its products from the Purity ovens.

Mr. Shaw, the manager, gives his personal attention to the operation of the bakery. Mr. Shaw is a stickler for sanitary conditions in the plant, as well as for absolute cleanliness on the part of all employees. The modern machinery operated makes it rare that the human hand touches anything going into the products of the bakery, but the perfection of cleanli-

ness is insisted upon in all respects. While Mr. Shaw is in charge of the grocery business of McLaurin & Shaw, he takes special pains to keep the bakery in the best of condition, and has been much gratified with the public response to his efforts to provide Laurinburg with a bakery that is a credit to the community. The patronage accorded the plant is all that could be expected, and any material increase, it is understood, would necessitate enlargement of the facilities.

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