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The Laurinburg Machine Company Has Had Almost Phenomenal Growth

The Laurinburg Machine Company is completing its 15th year of operations. Its growth in size and importance since its establishment in 1909 has been steady and constant, and the men in charge of the company can scarcely realise that its present extensive operations are the outgrowth of the comparatively small undertaking is unched by them at that time. The growth of each department of the business has been as steady, and the men who have handled the business have been kept so busy, that the development has been scarcely noticed; but a comparison of the amount of business done in the first few years of the company's operations with that carried on by it during the past two or three years is a revelation even to the management.



Handling a full line of mill and electrical supplies, the Laurinburg Machine Company does a general machine business, both in sales and repairs. It has given much attention to the developing use of machinery of all kinds in this section of the country, and is familiar with practically every type of machine used in the cotton mills, in the saw-mills, in the planing mills, the ice-making plants, the bettling plants, the electrical machinery used in the cities and on the farms, farm machinery, and every other type of mechanical device used in this section. It carries in stock a large supply of standard parts for all sorts of machinery, and is prepared to handle the most important as well as the most insignificant lines of repair work.

Perhaps the chief line of work handled by this prograssive concern is in connection with mill machinery. The large amount of delicate and complicated machinery used in the cotton mills of this section has created a wide demand for expert workmanship and efficient handling of supplies for this type of machinery, and the Laurinburg Machine Company fully meets this demand in Seotland and adjoining counties.

Special attention is given by this concern to automotive machinery. It has in the past few years devoted a considerable proportion of its activities to this industry, and has developed a large patronage. Especially in the matter of repair work has its service to the community and to the motoring public bean notable. Equipped with the best machinery that is to be had for this kind of work, the company has made special efforts to secure the best men available in this section to handle this highly specialized line of work. Several of its men have had long and extensive experience in some of the larger shops and factorice of the company contains more than 5,000 feet of floor space, and every available portion of this spece is used to accommodate its stocks and its repair work.

In the matter of automobile cylinder regrinding, the Laurinburg Machine Company has done a great deal for motor-car owners in and around Laurinburg. It has installed the best type of machinery for this work, and has done work that is not to be compared with the "boring" or "honing" sometimes done by light types of machinery. As pointed out to The Exchange man by a member of the firm, cylinders can be partially bered out by this type of machine, but when the "reamer" strikes a hard spot in the cylinder wall it is liable to take out a "chunk." By the use of the Heald machine for cylinder grinding, with its fine diamend pointed grinding wheels, the "hard spots" are cut through and the cylinder is made exactly round from top to bottom. By regrinding the cylinders in this way, the original power and "pep" are restored to the motor. The cumpany also operates a Norton grinder, for the purpose of grinding crank shafts, pistons, plus and valves, and in fact anything about a car that should be kept round and true. Both of these machines are giving the best of satisfaction, and have practically made over numbers of motors for the people of the commuity.

The Laurinburg Machine Company handles lubricating oils and gasoline, and is agent for Besch ignition apparatus and the Philadelphia Diamond Grid storage battery. Its repair work includes expert attention to batteries, and a large business is done in this line. It also buys sendinished pistons and grinds them to any required size. It maintains a Dodge service agency and handles a complete line of parts for this popular car, as well as for the famous Republic trucks. Another department of the company's activities includes complete acetylene welding machinery, which is operated at all times, and does a very extensive line of work.

One of the members of the company is W. McN. Lytch, a graduate of the firm, is also a graduate of the same institution, with the degree of electrical engineer. Thus the company is in the hands of men highly trained in their particular lines, who



Both members of the firm are members of the Presbyterian church and of the Chamber of Commerce. They have been residing in Laurinburg long enough to become enthuslastic boosters for the town and its institutions. They are fully alive to the possibilities of Laurinbug's future, and are always willing to aid in the promotion of the town's growth and the development of the country surrounding. They are business men, but they are also citizens, with the loyal citizens, but they are also citizens, with the loyal citizens. A force of eight men is employed by this company, and additional help is likely to be necessary in the near future if the growth of the business continues at the same rate enjoyed for the past few months.

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