

Laurinburg Situated Most Advantageously with Respect to Good Roads

Wilmington, Charlotte and Asheville Hard Surface Highway, and New North and South Inter-State Highway Great Travel Routes of the Future

North Carolina is known far and wide for its good roads, or perhaps more correctly, we might say, the Old North State is known for its wide-awake and aggressive policy of road construction, which is but one item in the great progressive program of public improvements in the state.

No town in the state is situated more advantageously with respect to the new highways and great routes of travel and traffic than is Laurinburg. The Wilmington, Charlotte and Asheville hard surface highway passes this way and traverses the county from its western to its eastern boundary, or a total distance of 17.4 miles. This road is being constructed at a cost in excess of a half million dollars. Most of the expense is being borne by the state, but the county of Scotland is supplementing the state funds with the sum of \$125,000 which was necessary to complete the project in this county.

This hard surface road has been constructed from Lumberton via Maxton to Laurinburg and is now open to the traffic between these towns, a distance of 31 miles. West of Laurinburg the road has been completed as far as Laurel Hill and the work is going forward rapidly. In a few months it will be completed as far west as Hamlet and Rockingham. Contract has been let for a great highway bridge across the Pee Dee river, and within a year or more it is expected that every mile of the road way between Asheville, the great resort city of the North Carolina mountains, and Wilmington, "the City by the Sea" where is located the famed Wrightsville Beach, a total of nearly 300 miles, will be completed.

Next in importance to the Wilmington, Charlotte and Asheville highway perhaps is the new North and South or inter-state highway, leading north from Laurinburg to Fayetteville and Raleigh, also to Pinehurst and Southern Pines, the great Sandhill resort

country, and south to Bennettsville, Hartsville, Camden and Columbia and Savannah. A new bridge across the Pee Dee river is being built at Society Hill, S. C. Marlboro county (S. C.) and Scotland county (N. C.) are cooperating in the construction of the new highway which will cross the state boundary line at a point between McColl, S. C., and Laurinburg. This route is said to shorten the distance between Raleigh, the North Carolina capital, and Columbia, the South Carolina capital, by many miles, and will be one of the great routes of travel of the future.

Then there is the State Highway No. 203 running from Fayetteville, Raeford, and Wagram via Laurinburg to Gibson and the South Carolina line. This road is a state project and is maintained at state expense. Gibson is the largest town in Scotland county excepting Laurinburg, the county seat, and is located near the South Carolina state line. State Highway No. 203 gives Laurinburg direct communication with Gibson and the Cheraw, (S. C.) highway.

Besides the state projects mentioned above the county of Scotland has a system of sand and clay highways which lead to all parts of the

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JOE'S CREEK FARM

(Continued from page 2) Mr. Z. V. Pate's son, Edwin finished his course in farming at the State College of Agriculture and was of course looking for a job. Cotton was the money crop of Joe's Creek Farm, and if the history of the boll weevil's advance over 1500 miles from Texas to Scotland county was to be repeated the prospect of profit from cotton was gloomy. If Mr. Pate junior had misgivings he kept them to himself. If Mr. Pate senior was doing the responsibilities of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions when he installed his son as manager of his big farm he did not say so. But this we do know: when the boll weevil struck Joe's Creek Farm Mr. Pate was on the ground doing some striking himself. He is there now with his head and his hands full and his heart in the work.

Much Done in Short Time. A little boy once remarked after the family rooster had returned from an altercation with a neighbor's rooster, "Our old rooster don't look like he astar." Joe's Creek Farm don't look like it "aster" either. Small clearings and little patches have grown into large fields that make the

cost of cultivation with improved labor-saving implements and machinery half of what it had been and permits of a system of terracing that prevents the heaviest tax on sandhill farms—the tax of soil wash.

The most remarkable feature of Joe's Creek Farm is the change that has been made in its policy. A short while ago it was a cotton farm—cotton was the only real money crop it produced. Now one must have more than 10 fingers on his two hands if this method of counting is to be used, for this farm has more than 10 sources of income, with more sources coming on. The short time required to change a one-crop farm into a many-crop farm is responsible in part for the changes that have taken place, but the discovery that this sandhill soil can and does grow almost any crop that is produced in a temperate climate makes these once despised hills of equal agricultural value to any in this or nearby states.

The management of Joe's Creek Farm at the present time is an inspiration to all who have the progressiveness and industry to do likewise.

What is Being Done Now

New departments have developed in such rapid succession since the boll weevil and Mr. Edwin Pate crossed swords that it is an easy matter to overlook some of them and we do not wish to convey the idea that the following crops are all that Joe's Creek Farm is now producing, but we do know that we are not going to enumerate that could be grown on this farm and grown profitably. No one knows the full capacity of this sandhill land for diversity of crops—truck, orchard and field crops.

The peach orchard of 90 acres is due to bear part of a crop this year, and such peaches these sandhills do produce. Color, size, shape, fragrance, shipping qualities and above all eating qualities are unexcelled. These 90 acres of Hibert and Bella will soon be producing 1500 crates almost every year, for the site of this orchard makes it almost immune to early frost so disastrous to the peach crop in other parts of the state.

There is a dewberry patch also—nowhere in the whole country or other countries for that matter are such fine and delicious dewberries produced as in the sandhills. This patch covers 35 acres and is due to produce its first commercial crop next June, or late May. Just an ordinary crop from 35 acres means from 5,000 to 10,000 crates. This means between 100,000 and 200,000 quarts. Won't it take a lot of sugar and cream to go with these dewberries?

Ten acres of pecans have been planted. State Horticulturist C. D. Matthews is authority for the statement that he has never seen Stewart pecans finer than those grown in Scotland county. Joe's Creek Farm watermelons are equal to any produced elsewhere and the 30 acres in this crop satisfied the cravings of

many dry throats and empty stomachs last summer.

The acreage in oats was only 125 but will be enlarged. The value of a winter cover crop is not overlooked on Joe's Creek Farm. There were 275 acres in corn and cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans and peanuts produce almost or quite as much planted with corn as they do planted alone—then legume crops are a large part of the foundation upon which soil fertility building rests and are among the most economic for the support of the livestock on the farm.

Cantaloupes and cucumbers produce even better than watermelons according to some tastes and preferences. As a matter of fact there is no cantaloupe grown east of Rocky Ford, Colorado, that equals in deliciousness those grown in Scotland county and carload shipments have been made for some time.

Notwithstanding the ravensous boll weevil Joe's Creek Farm produced 425 bales of cotton on 600 acres and about 200 tons of cotton seed.

There are only about two dozen milk cows on this farm. There should be more and no doubt will be. There is a herd of beef cattle, too—Aberdeen Angus. In course of time there will be large colonies of chickens, no doubt, for conditions there are just about perfect for poultry raising—chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and squabs too. Of course the hog population varies on Joe's Creek Farm, being rather low in early March. The last count of pigs and stock hogs was only forty-odd, but 23 brood sows and 15 gilts have the capacity for changing the next census returns to something like 300 or 400 before the spring season is over.

PATE OVERLAND CO.

Popular Automobile Dealers Have Occupied New and Larger Building

Although established only about three years ago, the Pate Overland Company of Laurel Hill has already found it necessary to secure larger quarters than were at first occupied by this progressive concern. The present building is something like twice the size of the one formerly occupied, and was designed and built especially for this business. It contains more than 5,000 square feet of floor space, and is arranged according to the ideas gained by the management from long experience in this line of business.

The Pate Overland Company handles Willys-Knight cars in this section, and has the Overland agency for the counties of Hoke, Scotland and Richmond, N. C. It carries in stock full lines of models, and is always ready to show to the public the superior points possessed by these well known types of cars. In addition to sales, the company is an authorized service agency for these cars, and

does a large amount of business in this line. It has a well equipped shop, and is prepared to handle all kinds of automobile repair work in the most up-to-date and expert manner. Several of its employees have had long and extensive experience in the automobile business, and are expert in the treatment of all makes of cars.

In addition, the Pate Overland Company carries a complete line of parts and accessories, not only for these makes of cars, but for many others. It also handles Pisko tires and tubes, Goodrich tires, and many other nationally advertised and thoroughly tested articles needed by the motorist from time to time.

As above indicated, the Pate Overland Company has met with a liberal share of patronage from the community and the country nearby. It has noted a steady and regular increase in the volume of its business in both sales and repair departments, and is anticipating its best year's operations during the present year.

Mr. J. M. Livingston is in charge of the business as manager. He is a man of long experience in this line, and is active in the Methodist church.

Z. V. PATE

Leading Merchant Plans to Build Larger Store in Laurel Hill in Near Future

Z. V. Pate, the well known general merchant who has stores located in Laurel Hill, Gibson, and Osborne, is soon to begin the construction of a new and much larger building in Laurel Hill to accommodate his large and growing business at this, the original Pate store. The present establishment contains more than 5,000 square feet of floor space, and employs from seven to ten persons in the conduct of the business, it is apparent to the management that the plant is too small for the growing

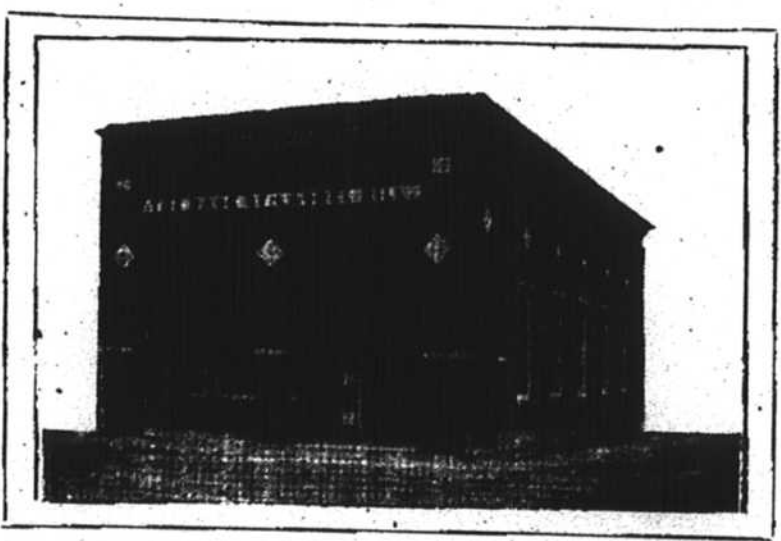
patronage, and that the adequate handling of the business offering makes it necessary to enlarge. The new building will be built along the most modern and improved lines, and will be one of the most modern and thoroughly equipped mercantile establishments in this section of the state.

The business conducted by Mr. Pate is that of general merchant. He handles very large stocks of goods, due to the fact that his three stores are sufficiently near each other for him to buy for all three in the same orders. In this way, he is enabled to purchase large quantities of goods, thus securing the most favorable prices, which are passed on to his customers in the form of low prices on the goods at retail. The stores handle many exclusive lines of goods in this section, including such articles as the well known George DeWitt shoes, the Crosset shoes, the Roberts Johnson & Hand shoes, and well known brands of clothing. A full line of International Harvester Company farm implements is always carried in stock, as well as Piedmont wagons, hardware, groceries, and the like. In addition, Mr. Pate runs a modern gin in Laurel Hill, which ginned more than 2,000 bales of cotton during the recent season. From ten to twelve persons are employed by the ginneries during the season, while the store requires the services of from seven to ten people.

The Pate store in Laurel Hill, of which the other stores are branches, was opened in 1906. It and the others were personally managed by Mr. Pate until about two years ago, when the increasing demands of his other interests made it necessary for him to entrust the management of his mercantile business in part to another. While the Pate store is now in charge as manager. He is a member of the chamber of commerce at Laurinburg, and takes an active part in promoting the progress of the county. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and a popular business man.



Methodist Church, Laurel Hill, N. C.



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