

Laurel Hill Has History, But Looks to the Future

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These mills are now manufacturing cotton twine and cloth fabric used in the manufacture of automobile tires.

In keeping with the demand for better schools and school buildings, a new fifteen-room modern school building is being erected at Laurel Hill and will be ready for use next September. This school will serve the children of Laurel Hill and the surrounding territory. The pupils from the country being brought to school in trucks each day.

The soil in and around Laurel Hill is admirably adapted to agriculture. In recent years it has been discovered that this is the home of the dewberry and peach growing industry, both of which crops are being planted extensively and the summer of 1924 will see peaches and dewberries shipped from Laurel Hill in carload lots. Due to the lightness of the soil, cotton suffers less from the ravages of the boll weevil. During the year 1923 many farmers made over a bale of cotton to the acre in spite of the weevil.

Aside from the agricultural features, Laurel Hill has excellent sites for factories and manufacturing plants. The new Charlotte-Wilmington hard surfaced road as well as the Seaboard Air Line Railway run through the center of the town. Promoters seeking sites for plants will find here a hearty welcome and a spirit of cooperation.

Visitors to Laurel Hill are impressed with the cordial hospitality extended by all. Strangers, after a few hours stay, feel perfectly at home. And some of Laurel Hill's newest citizens are its best boosters. Two road churches, a Methodist and a Presbyterian, enjoy a large and active membership. These two congregations work together for the good of the community and its people.

MORGAN COTTON MILLS

Laurel Hill Company Manufactures Cotton Yarn, Cordage and Twine

The plant at present operated by Morgan Cotton Mills, Incorporated, was first established in 1870, and while several additions and changes have been made since that time, the property is still in the hands of the interests which built the small mill which formed the first unit of the concern's operations. A second mill was built in 1890, and a third in 1898. The last named was burned in 1917, and was rebuilt in 1920, so that the three mills are now in operation. Each mill has about 5,000 spindles, and despite the fact that many mills in all sections are at present facing a rather trying time in the market conditions affecting their output, the Morgan mills are all working full time, and experience no difficulty in disposing of their products. The goods have been so long on the market that there are many purchasers who have long ago learned to purchase their yarn, cordage and twines from the Morgan Mills exclusively, because of the high quality of the goods. These regular customers depend upon the concern, and in times of stress in the mill business they are loyal to the Morgan Mills.

Employing more than 200 persons, the workers and their families occupy over 100 houses provided by the mill management. These houses are modern in every respect, containing electric lights, sewerage, bath, etc. The employees are a contented group of workers, well satisfied with the conditions existing. Many of them have been in the employ of the company all of their working lives. They take an interest in the work, and the management of the mill does everything possible to make the life of the employees pleasant and agreeable.

Equipped with the best of modern machinery, the Morgan Mills turn out their full quota of goods throughout the year. The plant produces a considerable portion of the power used in its operations.

Edwin Morgan is president of the company, and J. D. Phillips is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Morgan is a member of the family which originally founded the Morgan Mills. He is a member of the chamber of commerce and of the Presbyterian church, and takes an active part in Shrine affairs. Mr. Phillips is a member of the chamber of commerce and a Shriner, and holds his membership in the Methodist church.

Marine House, Charlat, Dublin, the old historic residence of the early of Charlotment, is about to be demolished to make way for 15,000 workmen's houses.

The vacuum cleaning process will take the place of the old-fashioned scrubbing in the United States navy.

WILKES DRUG STORE

Growing Business Will Shortly Occupy New Building Soon to Be Erected

Dr. Marcus B. Wilkes came to Laurel Hill in 1923 to undertake the general practice of his profession in this community. He has built up a splendid practice, and in the course of his work here he soon saw the need for a modern drug store, and he also saw the splendid opportunity that awaited the person undertaking the establishment of such a concern. Knowing the business thoroughly, both from the theoretical and the practical standpoints, Dr. Wilkes has gradually undertaken the conduct of a modern drug business, and has built up a considerable patronage. He has made plans to erect a new building for the store in the near future, which, when completed, will be a thoroughly modern and up-to-date structure. It will be fully stocked with all sorts of drugs, druggists' sundries, toilet articles, and in fact everything to be found in the stocks of a modern pharmacy. The new store will have an attractive soda fountain, which will be equipped with all the latest conveniences for the efficient handling of this important feature of the business. It will in a word be a drug store of a type that would be a credit to any town in this section of the state.

While Dr. Wilkes is anticipating a much larger patronage when his new establishment is ready for business, because of his ability to carry larger stocks and to arrange them in a more attractive way, he does good business at present in the lines mentioned. He carries a full line of drugs, and the compounding of prescriptions is as carefully and efficiently done as in any pharmacy. Only the freshest and best ingredients are used, as Dr. Wilkes' medical knowledge makes clear to him the need for the best and freshest of drugs in order to secure the best results.

Dr. Wilkes is a graduate of the North Carolina Medical College, and is recognized as one of the ablest and most promising physicians in this section of the state. He has made hosts of friends since coming to Laurel Hill. He has decided that the future of the town is assured, and that he will cast his lot with that of the people residing in this community. He is always ready to boost his adopted home town.

THE BANK OF ROBESON

One of the Most Progressive Banking Institutions in This Section of the State

The Exchange is glad in this special publicity edition to give space for a brief story of the Bank of Robeson, one of the most virile and progressive banking institutions in this section of North Carolina. The Bank of Robeson is located at Maxton, just across the line in Robeson county, Maxton is a short six miles from Laurinburg and a matter of a few minutes in an automobile on the new hard surfaced highway, which is now open between Laurinburg and Maxton.

The Bank of Robeson was organized in 1909. Its original capital was \$25,000. Its present capital and surplus amounts to \$62,500. Its deposits run around \$800,000 and show an increase of 150 per cent in four years.

In 1919 Mr. J. P. Wiggins and associates acquired control of the Bank of Robeson, and Mr. Wiggins was made president and active head of the institution. Before that time Mr. Wiggins had practiced law, had run a newspaper and in various ways extended his business operations and interests. Under his direction and administration of its affairs the Bank of Robeson soon evinced an aggressive and forward-looking policy, taking its place rightfully with the leading banking houses of the state. The bank is a powerful and constructive force in its community. Its officers have vision and business foresight, and what is better and finer, an unshakable faith in the future of this section as one of the greatest industrial and agricultural sections in the entire country.

The bank now owns its own building, equipped with modern fixtures and vault, and is in position to serve its constituency according to the highest standards of banking efficiency.

The officers of the Bank of Robeson are: J. P. Wiggins, president; F. W. Carter, vice-president; J. LeRoy McLean, cashier; Katie B. McQueen, assistant cashier, and J. B. McCallum, Jr., teller.

Many Scotland county customers do business with the Bank of Robeson and have found its officers able, courteous and friendly at all times.

The State Farmers' and Home Bureau Convention will be held at the State College this year July 23, 24 and 25. Mark these dates on your calendar now.

BANK OF LAUREL HILL

Financial Institution Has Meant Much to Farmers and Merchants of Section

Prior to the organization of the Bank of Laurel Hill, in the year 1920, all banking transactions carried on by the farmers and merchants of this section of the county had to be handled at Laurinburg, or at some other town even less conveniently located. The need for a bank at Laurel Hill was apparent, and the organization of the Bank of Laurel Hill in 1920 was the result of a clear conception of this need on the part of a number of citizens of vision and judgment who had the interests of this section more at heart than they did the earning of dividends on their money to be invested as capital stock of the bank.

However, it was only a short while after the bank began operations before it was seen that it was to be successful as an investment, as well as in the matter of service and accommodation to the community. Capitalized at \$30,000, the Bank of Laurel Hill now has a surplus of \$5,000, and also owns one of the best and most modern banking rooms in this section. The building is ideally arranged for banking purposes, containing a spacious vault, protected by a modern manganese door, with Anakin burglar-proof lock and gas attachment for protecting the heavy door. A number of safety deposit boxes are provided within the vault, which are for rent to customers to store their valuable papers and other articles, out of danger from either theft or fire, as the vault is entirely fire-proof.

In business only a little over three years, the Bank of Laurel Hill has built its deposits up to more than \$375,000, and is anticipating passing the half-million-dollar line within a short time. It does a large business with the farmers of this section, who have learned to appreciate the value of the service rendered by the bank in many ways, as well as the protection afforded their funds. Courtesy and considerate treatment for all are among the fundamental requirements in the conduct of the affairs of the Bank of Laurel Hill.

J. D. McDonald is president, A. McNeill, Jr., and Angus Bloo are vice presidents, and R. M. Calhoun is cashier of the Bank of Laurel Hill. The first three named are among the prominent and successful farmers of this section, and are all recognized as conservative business men. Mr. Calhoun is in active charge of the bank's operations. He is a member of the American Legion, having served with the Rainbow Division during the World War, being on the front in France for twenty months as sergeant. He is a native of Scotland.

After a survey of the premises of a farmer in Virginia it was found that the housewife, to obtain water for her work, was walking 140 miles a year and expending enough energy to do the work of two horses in plowing 11 acres of land. A small hydraulic ram, overhead storage tank, kitchen sink and waste pipe were installed at a cost of about \$50, which put running water into the kitchen.

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A box of GROVES' O-PEE-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

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county, and a banker of experience and judgment. Mr. Calhoun is active in the affairs of the Presbyterian church.

MONROE LUMBER CO.

Manufacturers and Dealers in Lumber and All Kinds of Building Material

Sometimes one can learn of the tide of business prosperity from the trade papers or the market pages of the newspapers, but many close observers have learned that a better insight into actual conditions is to be found by watching the trend of affairs in the line of building materials, lumberware, and the like. When prosperity is abroad in the land, there is a great deal of building and repairing going on, and this makes a heavy demand upon the lumber and material manufacturers.

Judged by this standard, the past few months have been extremely prosperous ones in and around Laurel

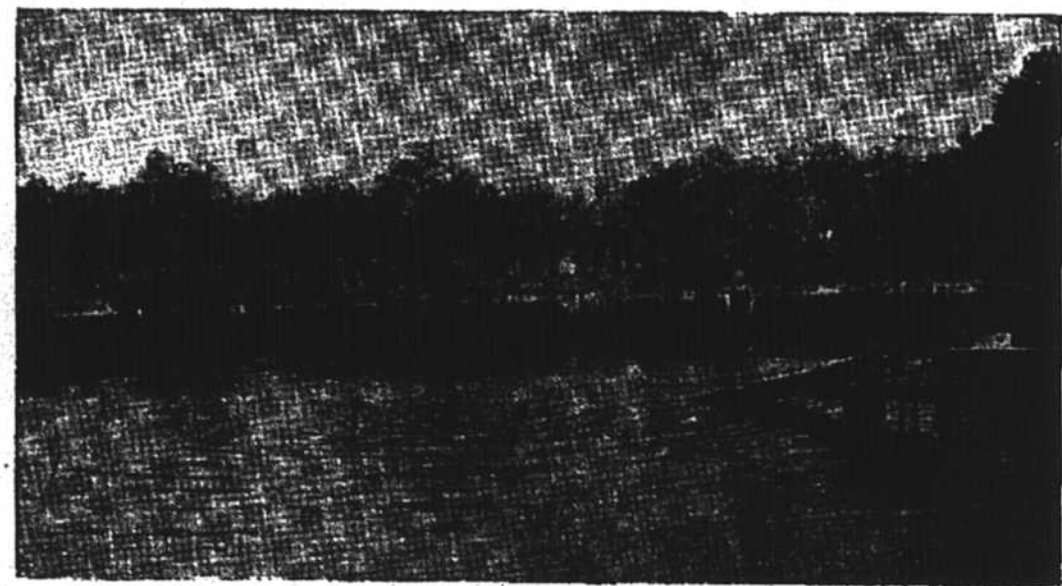
Hill. The Monroe Lumber Company, the town's leading establishment manufacturing and dealing in lumber and builders' supplies, reports that during the past three or four months it has been running its plants to full capacity, and has scarcely been able to take care of all the orders coming to it for these articles. The company manufactures large quantities of long and short leaf pine lumber. They also have a large stock of sash, doors, etc. Its products of this character are both kiln-dried and air-dried. It also carries a complete line of builders' supplies, brick, lime, cement, plaster, roofing, shingles, etc., and reports brisk business in all these lines.

The Monroe Lumber Company was established about two and one-half years ago. Its lumber yards occupy more than two acres, upon which many small buildings, designed to accommodate the various types of lumber and material, are located. It also operates a large saw mill plant. Six persons are employed at the lumber

yard, while the saw and planing mill activities require the services of from twelve to fifteen men. The company also runs a commissary for the accommodation of its employees.

Since beginning business in 1921, the Monroe Lumber Company has noted a steadily growing patronage, reflecting the growth of Laurel Hill and the surrounding country. It has recently secured the exclusive agency for the famous Rubberoid roofing, which is proving quite popular.

A. M. Monroe and Edwin Morgan are the chief owners of the Monroe Lumber Company. The former is in active charge of the business. He is a native of Moore county, and came to Laurel Hill about ten years ago, going into the shingle business. He opened the present concern in 1921. Mr. Monroe is an active and energetic business man, and has many friends. He is a Methodist. Mr. Morgan is not active in the business. He is president of the Morgan Cotton Mills and has extensive farming interests near Laurel Hill.



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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morgan at the Richmond Hill.