

ABERDEEN STARTS NEW WAREHOUSE.

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ial for high class cigarettes. The Moore county leaf has a reputation of its own, and it is said in the tobacco trade that if the production of this type of tobacco can be increased to satisfy the needs a special brand of cigarettes will be made, using the tobacco generously.

The situation in cotton last year turned some of the farmers to tobacco this year, and a number of farmers have come into the Aberdeen territory from other sections, induced by the ease with the land is cultivated, and the quality of tobacco made in this part of the State. It is expected that next year will see a still bigger crop, and that the future of the Aberdeen market will steadily be an expanding one.

MOORE COUNTY FARM NOTES.

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gram for our county. The corn plant requires a large amount of soil moisture during the fruiting season and large amounts of nitrogen. Some of this nitrogen for the acres mentioned above was added to the soil in the form of vetch turned under and there is no better way of improving soil. A soil filled with humus aids in holding moisture and we may expect the best yields from a soil with large amounts of humus in it.

In these demonstrations accurate records will be kept on all materials and labor required to produce the crop. Every acre will be measured off in the same manner and accurate accounts of the cost and number of bushels per acre.

The location of these demonstrations will be announced later, and I am confident that all the wide-awake farmers of the county will be keenly interested in the results.

Grow more corn this year and sell it to hogs this fall. Hogs last year paid about \$1.25 per bushel for corn fed to them.

Has anyone ever seen a farmer sold out for debt who always made plenty of corn?

Barley and Vetch Make Good Yields.

Barley sown this year in the county as one part of the Union county hay formula has done real well. On the farm of Mr. J. W. Davis, near Vass, a crop estimated at approximately two tons was harvested from a fraction over an acre. Mr. Davis was well pleased with the Barley and Vetch combination and stated that this year he expects to sow several acres. Mr. Tom Harrington, near White Hill, had equally as good results with his mixture. He stating that he was pretty sure he got as much as three tons from a fraction less than two acres. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that the Union county formula has been tried out in this county. These were two very good demonstrations, with one on a sandy type soil and the other on rather stiff soil. I am hoping now that there will be good acreages planted to this crop again this year. The combination makes an excellent grade of hay and plenty of it. Barley in a good many cases is fast taking the place of oats. A demonstration this year where oats were badly frozen out the Barley still was a perfect stand. This makes it a very desirable crop as so many times the fall oats are frozen out and the spring oats unless conditions are very favorable some times do not make even a half crop. The Beardless varieties of Barley were used largely in demonstration this year. In judging value the Barley will compare very

favorably with either corn or oats. In the three grains we find the following in 100 pounds:

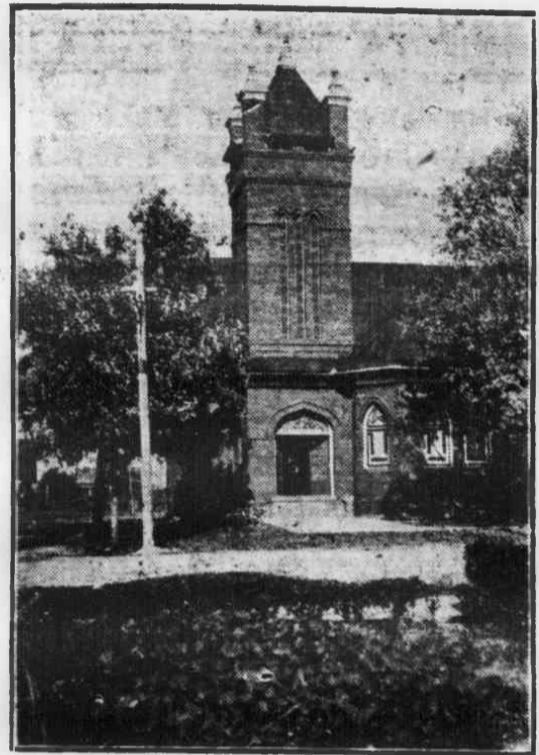
	Corn	Oats	Bar.
Total dry matter.....	89.5	90.8	90.7
Digestible Crue Pro. 7.5	9.7	9.0	
Total Dig. Nutrients 85.7	70.0	79.4	
Nutritive Ratio	10.4	7.8	

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EARLY DAYS IN THE SANDHILLS

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they could get a peach orchard. Of course many planted who knew nothing of horticulture, who had everything to learn. Many overlooked the fact that it was four years from the planting to the reaping of an harvest and that the carrying of an investment of this sort for four years would require a large acreage capital. Lack of accurate knowledge, much experimentation resulted in extremely heavy capitalization at the beginning of the bearing period. Marketing problems had in a large measure been overlooked, the Curculio, the peach boll weevil made his appearance, adding to the annoyance and greatly to the expense of production; the market demands were variable and somewhat uncertain; the fact began to dawn upon us that we were dependent for a crop at all upon weather conditions just as were



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the growers of any other crop, always with the addition of frost danger in the early spring; still on the whole it looked better than anything else that had been tried.

Of course the Booster made his appearance upon the scene; the owners of cut over pine lands were seeking a market for their lands. Destiny turned in this direction a young New Yorker of North Carolina parentage who had been trained at Harvard for a lawyer and who had started on this profession in New York, in this direction. He immediately caught the prevailing contagion, organized a company of his young college friends who had rich daddies and planted a big orchard alongside the Clark orchard up in Montgomery county. Of course there were others of his friends left out of this organization who wanted to get in. He had a vision, not a dream, and the first Sandhill realtor was born. Why not make a living out of selling this waste land to the fellows who were running over one another to get a peach orchard?

The idea was the big orchard. Why not make a killing while the killing was good? Ralph Page bought Pumpelly and a three hundred acre orchard, Roger Derby with one equally as large over the line in Richmond county and then Mr. Gates of the Standard Oil to the five thousand acre tract down at Hoffman.

Through these others invested until we had a boom in peach orchards, all in a stage of development requiring the continual pouring in of capital, but why mind expense when the profits were just around the corner? Of course the contagion spread; these natives had no idea of seeing the Yankee youth gather all the wealth.

This whole movement needed organized direction at this stage. About this time a Western wind blew into this section Clyde Davis from the state of Kansas. Why he came I have no idea. That he was a live wire there is no question and organization was his specialty. Soon the Sandhill Board of Trade was organized with Davis as secretary. The slogan, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket," appeared, and diversification was preached. Good advice, but little heeded in the face of the returns from the peach orchards. There was much rivalry between owners of orchards as to which could have the most neatly pruned and cultivated trees; who could produce the largest amount from a tree, increasing the expense of cultivation and fertilization to high water marks. Bearing orchards changed hands at eight hundred, a thousand dollars per acre. The efforts of Davis and the Sandhill Board of Trade did a good many commendable things but run its course. When these large orchards came into bearing, orchards in other sections of the South had also and no longer the conditions of marketing that prevailed in the early days when buyers were waiting around the pack house and bidding against one another for every car that was loaded, existed, and the market must be found. The greatly increased quantity sent the grower out for a purchaser. If he didn't find him the fruit must be consigned subject to market conditions. Without organization at the shipping end, with every grower selecting his own

nothing could turn this tide, it must market, his decision reached from telegraphic quotations sent out, naturally they all frequently shipped to the same market on the same day causing an over supply on that market and the inevitable dropping of price. This condition led to the organization of co-operative selling organization, revealing that peach farmers were just like other farmers, in that they were not willing to surrender their individual effort to collective effort. In other words the individual grower believing his fruit better than his neighbors was not willing to pool peaches and prices.

This brings the story down to date, and since I started out to write of the historical development of the Sandhills, it seems time for my story to close. I do not desire to make personal comment on the present or prophesy as to the future. The section has evolved leadership along almost every line of human endeavor and, proper leadership in time, always saves the situation. The Sandhills have long ago passed the experimental stages. New industries will no doubt develop; the mistakes of the past will be in time corrected.

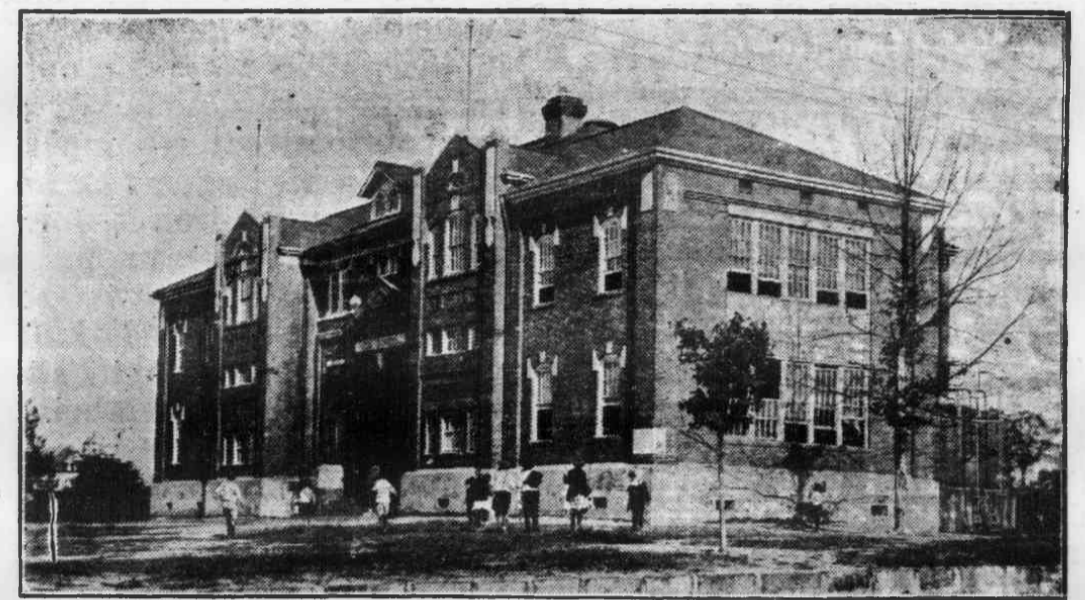
That I have made mistakes in re-

citing historical incident I have no doubt left out of the story incidents and individuals that should have properly figured in, for after all it is but one man's recollection of the passing show. Two errors have already been called to my attention. Of course the Pee Dee road did not go to Carthage at all, but on by Union church, Jonesboro, Avent's Ferry and on to Raleigh. The now Montevideo tract was not entered by Mr. Charles Shaw in the name of his daughter, Margaret, but was entered by Captain Archibald Ray himself. These mis-statements of fact appeared in the first article.

Poultry Shipped From 32 Counties.

Eighteen cars of live poultry from 32 counties were shipped from South Carolina last month through the activities of the Extension Service. About 5,000 farmers co-operated in the shipments, the value of which was between \$50,000 and \$60,000. It is expected that shipments this year will practically double those of 1926, when 104 cars were shipped.

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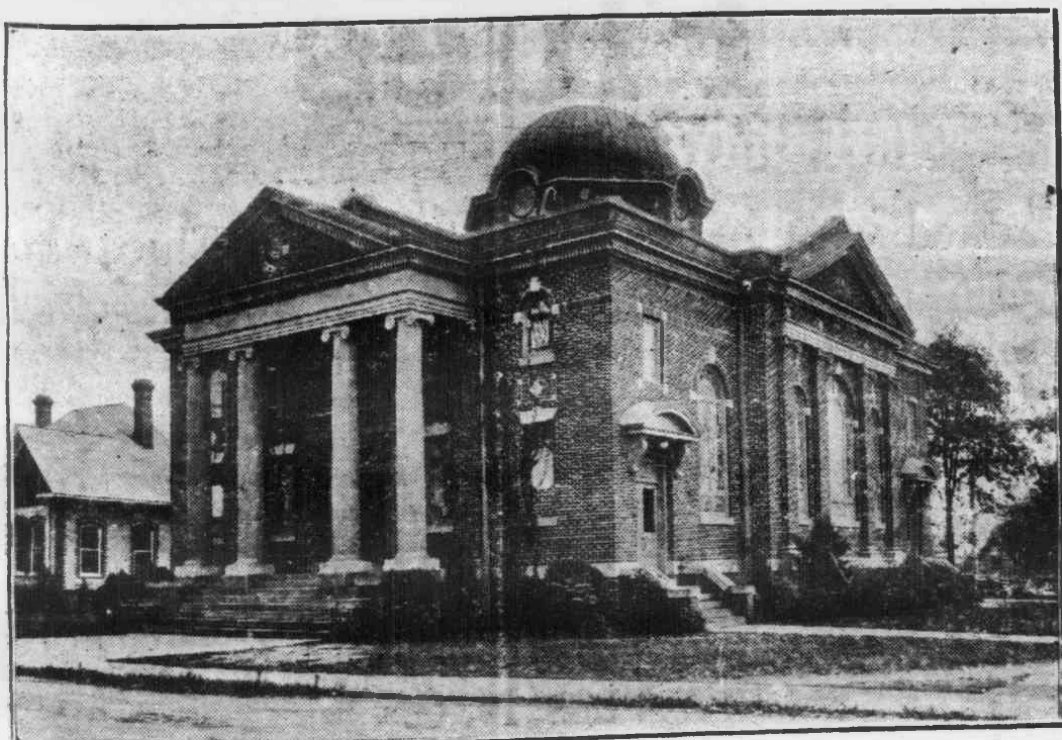
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