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Aberdeen Ideally Situated to Serve Tobacco Markets

Town Moving Forward in Rapid Strides in All Lines.

INDUSTRIAL CENTER.

In offering its services as the tobacco market Aberdeen is by no means proposing a one-sided deal, for the town has come to be such a center of the commercial activities of the region round about that it is able to serve the people in all the various ways that are to be expected of a central town. Last season Aberdeen took special steps toward making a commanding market and it was so successful that its sales surpassed those of any place within many miles, and the manner of carrying on the business at the warehouses attracted the attention of the tobacco companies with such result that this year they are represented in full strength, with salaried buyers. It is now pretty generally conceded that Aberdeen is one of the permanent markets and one that will be regarded as a principal market as long as the quantity of leaf that is now coming in is continued and the quality and style of handling it remains what it is. The big companies that buy leaf tobacco have Aberdeen slated as a point to encourage.

New Ice Plant.

In line with this the town itself has moved forward several paces, and its commercial facilities are now so ample that there is no longer any doubt that Aberdeen is henceforth to be reckoned with as one of the distribution and assembling points for commodities that come to the vicinity or originate here for forwarding to markets elsewhere. The one big factor that testifies in this direction is the big ice plant that has this summer been built in the lower edge of the town, and which will run all the year round making ice to take care of the shipments originating in this territory. This ice plant is one of the largest in the State, and is operated by an organization with ample capital and in connection with a large number of other plants in other places, so that it is an establishment that knows its job, has its trade and has a big field for all the ice it can turn out. It located in Aberdeen because the place is a suitable industrial center.

Another condition that attracts attention now to the facilities of Aberdeen in caring for its business that may be brought by the tobacco markets is the expansion of the mercantile facilities. Since the market opened last year the town has undergone a revolution. Stores that were venturing them on the hopes of the future have become established institutions, and many lines of retail trade find Aberdeen the leading center in the whole neighborhood from Fayetteville to Greensboro and for a long distance up and down the Seaboard Railroad. It is possible that Aberdeen is in line to become the best business point between Raleigh and perhaps Charlotte before many years if it keeps up the gait it has struck. The crowds in the streets, the cars that seek parking space at all hours and the big patronage at all the stores at any time of the day, tell the story. Aberdeen stores are growing steadily, and new building is pushing forward in the heart of the town. Likewise the new homes in the town are multiplying at a pronounced rate, and a large proportion of them are attractive and comfortable.

Financial Center.

Financially Aberdeen is in a highly desirable position. The Page Trust Company is one of the strongest banking organizations in Central North Carolina, and it not only has strength and ample resources, but it exhibits a capability in all lines of banking that gives it a position that is distinguished. Its capital and surplus

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S. B. RICHARDSON WINS MEDAL FOR LIFE SAVING.

It was only two days after his return from Kurie Beach where he enacted the role of heroic life-guard in saving the lives of two charming young Southern Pines women that Sam B. Richardson, of Southern Pines, received in the mail a very official looking envelope purporting to be from the Carnegie Hero Commission. Breathlessly tearing it open, Mr. Richardson found inside a medal on which was inscribed, "Heroic Award-Sam Richardson," and with it a letter reading:

"Please accept the enclosed medal as a token of appreciation for valor in saving the lives of two young ladies at Kurie Beach, N. C., September 2d, 1928. Yours very truly,
CALVIN COOLIDGE, Secy.,
Carnegie Hero Commission."

Interviewed by one of our tireless reporters, Mr. Richardson said: "I guess the Carnegie Hero Commission and the two young ladies I tugged ashore are, in this case, one and the same. In any event, they won't go out so far next time when the tide is coming in." Further research on the part of our tireless reporter revealed that Mr. Richardson was not the only hero on the beach. It seems that A. S. Ruggles, familiarly known as "Dolph", and William Causey, both of Southern Pines, were the recipients of similar medals for participation in the rescues.

KIWANIS PLANTING PLANS PROGRESSING FAVORABLY.

One of the significant things that transpired at the Kiwanis meeting at Pinehurst Community Club Wednesday was the report by Col. Hawes that his committee was moving so promptly with the work of planting the Midland double road that October would see it pretty well cared for in the way of side seeding, and that the early effects would be speedily noticeable. The work of constructing the road has moved forward so far, in spite of the continued unfavorable weather, that it is now evident to all who see it that the foundation of one of the greatest thoroughfares of the State has been laid there, and the future development of the territory that lines the road is a prospect of the greatest significance.

A district convention of the clubs of the Carolinas is to meet soon at Winston-Salem, and a project having for its purpose to make Robt. N. Page lieutenant governor of the district is fathered by the local club. A big delegation will go over to Winston-Salem to work for Mr. Page, and incidentally, as Arthur Newcomb has a fashion of saying, a few words will be said for the Sandhills.

SELL EARLY, CARRY NOTHING OVER, ADVISES SAUNDERS

The tobacco warehousemen were discussing the outlook for tobacco this week and Mr. Saunders remarked that the thing to do is to sell tobacco right away. "Don't carry a thing over the holidays," he said. "Good tobacco," said Mr. Warren, "will bring good prices, but poor stuff will be low."

The crop this year seems to be big, probably the biggest ever raised, and these two tobacco men agreed that on the opening sales the prices may not be very high because the weather conditions have been against getting tobacco into good condition. Then at the openings the usual leaf brought in is the inferior type, and always the prices start off low. Therefore the warehouse men expect opening sales to be of the regular character, lower than will prevail later on.

"But," said Mr. Saunders, "as soon as the low grade stuff is out of the way I look for good prices, which will begin to come in a few days, and from then on until the holidays leaf of good quality will bring satisfac-

To Open Bids For New Hospital at Pinehurst Oct. 1.

Committee Reports Progress But Seeks Additional Contributions.

The new hospital for Moore County, to be built at Pinehurst, is making satisfactory progress. Plans and specifications have been placed in the hands of builders and bids will be opened October 2.

The site for the building is on the northwest corner of the Page road and the Yadkin road, or in modern language where the old Yadkin road crosses the highway running from Pinehurst to Carthage. The hospital will thus be accessible to all sections of the county by surfaced roads, as the Yadkin road will connect it with the Midland road, or a drive into the heart of Pinehurst village will give access all the way by the hard top road. From the Greensboro road, the Aberdeen road and the Carthage road the connection is on State roads from all directions. A better site could not have been found in the county.

The new building, as the plans have gone to the bidders, calls for an institution three stories high with 31 beds, two large operating rooms, laboratories, the various other rooms essential for the prosecution of the work, quarters for nurses, rooms for the work of the physicians, kitchen, laundry, dining rooms, etc. The structure will be three stories high, of brick, fire-proof, with the most modern equipment medical science can select, and it will be open to Moore County people regardless of race, color, financial status, or anything else, for it is to be basically a Moore County hospital. That it has been located at Pinehurst is not because Pinehurst folks are to be considered any more than those from any other section, but because the committee having in charge the building of a hospital, along with the State authorities and the Duke Foundation managers who are contributing a large part of the cost, decided that the location is the best and most accessible one from all parts of the county that could be found. This institution is for everybody, and the committee is anxious that this shall be clearly understood, and that everyone will have the broadest confidence in its efforts to serve the sick and ailing no matter who, what or what the conditions.

Further Contributions Asked.

With that the sole purpose of the hospital it will be necessary to ask for further contributions of money for the building fund, for while the Duke Foundation has provided a liberal sum and others, especially Northern visitors of means, have been generous, not enough money is in sight yet

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Tobacco Markets Open At Aberdeen Sept. 18

SEC. DANIELS TO SPEAK AT CARTHAGE NEXT TUESDAY

Hon. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Palmer Jerman, Democratic National Committeewoman, will address voters of Moore County in the Court House at Carthage on Tuesday evening, September 18th, at 7:30 o'clock.

On the same evening at Jackson Springs, the Hon. John Vann, of Monroe, will talk on the issues of the day under the auspices of the County Democratic Executive committee. This meeting will open in the school house at 7:30 o'clock.

COL. BUNKER MAKES HOLE IN ONE AT SOUTHERN PINES.

It is rare enough to make a hole in two on a golf course, but to make a two and lose the hole is something else again. E. C. Stevens, better known as Gene, laid as pretty an iron shot on the 14th green of the Southern Pines course last Saturday as one could want to see. He had the hole all counted as his when Col. C. M. Bunker teed up his ball. There just didn't seem to be any room for another ball to get any nearer the hole. The Colonel took his stance, swung with his usual grace, and the ball started on a straight course for the green. It rolled on and seemed to trickle across. At least it disappeared.

But when the rivals approached the green only Gene's ball was in evidence. The Colonel's wasn't on the green nor over it. It was in the cup, a hole in one, the goal of all golfers. The pair had made the rather tricky 14th in a total of three strokes, and Gene's birdie was next best to Col. Bunker's eagle. If the Colonel sends in his score to official circles he has all kinds of things coming to him, golf balls, ginger ale and what not, offered by manufacturers for the feat of an ace.

VASS-LAKEVIEW SCHOOL OPENS FOR FALL TERM.

The Vass-Lakeview school began work for the session '28-'29 Monday morning, Sept. 10. More than 300 pupils were enrolled the first day. Quite a goodly number of patrons and friends were present for opening exercises, showing their interest and spirit of co-operation for the year's work. The Rev. Dugold Monroe conducted the devotional for the morning. Supt. McCrummen welcomed both teachers and students, and introduced the speaker of the occasion, A. B. Cameron, Superintendent of Schools in Moore County. Mr. Cameron made an interesting talk, urging the boys and girls to emphasize courtesy and thoughtfulness in their daily living.

The members of the faculty are: Principal, John McCrummen, West End; first grade, Miss Jessie Sugg, Ellerbe; second grade, Miss Bessie Cameron, Cameron; third grade, Miss Beulah McLean, Raeford; fourth grade, Miss Lois Buchanan, Broadway; fifth grade, Miss Vera Newton, McColl, S. C.; sixth grade, Miss Ada Yarborough, Cary; seventh grade, Miss Neolia McCrummen, West End; high school, Miss Alberta Monroe, West End; J. R. Auman, Ellerbe; H. T. Seagrove, Vass; music, Miss Evelyn Reed, Maxton.

156 CARS STOLEN IN STATE DURING AUGUST.

One hundred and fifty-six automobiles were stolen in North Carolina during the month of August and 121 were recovered, according to the records of the theft bureau of the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State Department of Revenue.

Of the cars stolen in August 72 were recovered, the balance of the recovered cars being composed of cars stolen in other months.

La. in History of Moore County Predicted for This Season.

INCREASE MAY BE 25 P. C.

The people of Aberdeen are arranging for the opening of the tobacco market on Tuesday, September 18, and are counting on the biggest sale of tobacco this fall that has ever taken place in the county. The crop has been a right big one, and the Aberdeen markets made such a favorable impression on the growers last year that an increase of possibly 25 per cent over last season's sales are expected for this season.

The reasons advanced by the local folks are numerous, one of the chiefest among the number being the influence in the tobacco trade that is exerted by Banks Saunders, practically the father of the tobacco industry in this section, and one of the biggest producers and handlers of tobacco in the tobacco belt. Another reason for anticipating larger sales is the growing facilities for handling the leaf.

The Saunders Warehouse has been enlarged and its conveniences further increased, and the Warren house is now in shape to take care of everything that comes its way, and Mr. Warren has made many friends among the planters by his business-like and cordial treatment of the patrons of the place last year. Both houses are convenient of access, and hard roads from all sections lead to Aberdeen. Railroads are at hand to carry away the crop when packed, and every business contact is handy.

One of the features of the Aberdeen market is that salaried buyers from the big companies and the Independents are on the floor of both houses at the sales, and that is an assurance to the planters that the prices will be all the leaf will fairly bring. No re-sales by intermediaries are required to find an outlet. Aberdeen is not a pinhooking market. The buyers get their money for their work from the companies, and they are not compelled to make it by commission on the sales or by shaving down the price to allow them a margin for themselves.

More or less interest is felt in the opening of the market, not only by the tobacco growers, but by the entire population of the tobacco belt, for conditions have not been the best in the field this year. Cold and backward was followed by unfavorable moisture conditions, and during the harvesting and curing season rains have helped to add to the undesirable situation. Much of the leaf is not up to the standard of last year, although what proportion is affected remains to be seen when the first offerings are brought in. Then it is reported that the crop is larger than a year ago, and that is causing some apprehension as to the prices. The sales in the markets to the South have not been as pleasing to the producers as they would like, but it is remembered that always the early sales are rather low in price, chiefly because the leaf in the South is not as a rule as well prepared as that in the main tobacco belts of North Carolina. That the manufacturers have reduced the price of cigarettes at the factories is taken by some as an indication that lower prices of leaf will follow, as a lower price of the raw material is usually indicated when the manufactured product sells at a reduction.

But all of these conjectures will be answered better by the experience on the warehouse floors next when the first day's work is completed and the totals are figured up. It is likely that a big number of people will be on hand at the opening as this season is one of considerable interest, involving the attitude of the buyers toward the crop under the varying conditions, and it is expected that many growers will be present even though they bring nothing to offer.