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FIRST SHIPMENT OF FERTILIZERS IS MADE MONDAY

Initial Shipment From Here Goes to Columbia, Three Car Loads

ORDERS POURING IN

Entire Plant Put in Operation Yesterday For First Time; Will Soon Be At Maximum Capacity

The entire plant of the Standard Fertilizer company was put in operation yesterday, and the first shipment was made when three railroad cars were loaded and billed for Columbia. When the plant closed for the day, Factory Manager Bondurant stated that he was well pleased with the first day's output and that the plant would reach its maximum capacity output within a short time, judging from the day's operations.

Regular workmen were assigned their posts early yesterday morning and as the day progressed, the fertilizer began to flow in an almost unbroken chain from the huge bins to the railroad cars. From the elevator dump, the fertilizer was poured into the electric mixer and turned from there into the bagging machines. Tractors removed the filled sacks to the sewing platform where the bags were given their long ears before the finished product was placed in the box cars.

Orders are pouring into the factory very rapidly now, and it will be only a matter of a few days before the plant will be turning out twenty-five cars or more of the fertilizer a day, according to Mr. C. G. Crockett, general manager, inquiries are coming in from as far west as Mebane, and inquiries in the case of the Standard Fertilizer Company are generally followed by orders.

During the next few days, the majority of the shipments will be made to truck growers in Tyrrell, Hyde and Currituck counties. Orders from this immediate section are accumulating rapidly, but delivery will not be made until the farmers start with their crops.

FROZEN WATERS DELAY FREIGHT

'Dorothy Leigh' Frozen in Canal and Gets Here Two Days Late

Freight shipments over boat lines running out of Norfolk were delayed several days last week when ice varying from three to eight inches in thickness blocked the streams and stopped the boats. The Dorothy Leigh, one of the boats running between here and Norfolk, was made fast in the canal a few miles out of Norfolk and caused it to arrive here two days behind its regular schedule.

Dynamite was used in clearing a passage for ferry boats operating between Mackeys and Edenton during the cold spell last week.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

First Meeting of New Year To Be Held Thursday Afternoon

The local parents-teachers association will hold its regular meeting next Thursday, January 12, at 3:45 in the school auditorium. All members are urged to attend the meeting and non-members are invited to attend and join.

This is the first meeting of the New Year and as large attendance as possible is especially urged by the association's president, Mrs. W. C. Liverman.

Power Company To Begin Survey of Line Next Week

Line Will Carry 110,000 Volts and Will Run Across Country Instead of Following Highways; Several Weeks Required For Survey

The Virginia Electric and Power Company will start its first work on the construction of a power line from Tarboro to this point next week when a survey of the route will be made and the right of ways are bought, it was officially stated yesterday.

The power line to be constructed by the company, will run across country, following the highway in a very few places, it is understood.

Several weeks will be required to make the survey and purchase the right of ways. It is the opinion of those connected with the company that work on the right of way and on the line itself will be started soon after the survey begins, and that the construction will be carried on at a rapid rate.

The line will carry 110,000 volts and will be placed on cross-towers.

CHEVROLET LED AUTO WORLD IN 1927 PRODUCTION

Starts 1928 With Most Ambitious Sales Plans In Its History

1,001,834 UNITS MADE

Last Year Was Most Spectacular and Most Successful in History Of Business

Having achieved world leadership in automobile manufacturing in 1927 with a yearly output nearly 2,000 units in excess of its program of a million cars, the Chevrolet Motor Company has embarked in 1928 upon the most ambitious production and sales plans in its entire sixteen years of existence, according to W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager.

Production for the year just ended totaled 1,001,834 units for a gain of more than 36 per cent. over the 732,147 cars and trucks built in 1926 and 93 per cent. over the 1925 production of 519,060 units.

The one millionth car built in 1927 rolled off the assembly lines at the Flint, Michigan plant December 30, with C. F. Barth, vice president in charge of manufacturing at the wheel. The history making model was a sedan. It was prepared for immediate shipment so that, with more than 32,000 other new models built in December, it might be available for prompt delivery to new car purchasers.

Throughout 1927 factories were on peak production schedules, while month after month tentative schedules had to be increased to meet the demand for the 1927 models.

The year as a result was the most spectacular and most successful in Chevrolet history. Remarkable as were its 1927 achievements, however, the outlook for 1928 looms even brighter, according to Mr. Knudsen, who stated that while no definite production figure has been set for 1928, this year's volume is certain to top by a comfortable margin the record high mark for 1927.

His prediction is based on country-wide prosperity which by every token should bring the automobile industry the greatest year it has ever known, Mr. Knudsen stated.

WEST TO GET PEANUT SHOW

Chicago or Kansas City Will Get Exposition In 1928

Kinston, Jan. 9.—Newell Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, today urged the commercial organizations at Chicago and Kansas City asking "what else" they had to offer as inducements for sending the 1928 Virginia-Carolina peanut exposition to one of those cities.

It is practically certain the show will be staged at one or the other. Chicago has tendered the use of 40,000 feet of floor space in the Sherman Hotel. Kansas City has offered its convention hall, in which the Republican national meeting will be held in the summer.

The commercial body here will retain control of the exposition, to be incorporated immediately as the "National Peanut Exposition," Bartlett said. "While Chicago and Kansas City are both important processing centers, though the public may not know that, the biggest producing area in the country lies between Norfolk and the Pamlico river, and we do not intend to let the show get away from us."

SHOE SHOP MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS ON MAIN STREET

The Salisbury shoe shop was moved from the Bowen building on Washington street this morning to the building next to the old post office.

A small store will be opened up in the Bowen building, it is understood.

SEVERAL CASES SMALLPOX ARE REPORTED HERE

Disease Believed To Have Been Brought From Pitt By Colored Woman

NONE AMONG WHITES

Physicians Urge People To Take Precautions Against Spreading Of Disease

Several cases of smallpox have been reported here, and according to information coming from several sources, the town is in for a real epidemic of the disease. It is understood that Lula Rogers, colored, visited Greenville about a month ago and returned with two of her relatives who had been in the midst of the disease in Pitt county. Several members of her family had the disease, and while it is not certain, it is thought that it spread from that home to several others here.

Sunday night, the wife of a victim of smallpox attended church, and yesterday children from the home were seen playing on the streets.

No cases have been reported in white families here, but physicians are urging everyone to take every possible precaution to prevent the spreading of the disease.

Cases numbering above 60 have been reported in Pitt county during the past several weeks, and with subjects "running loose" in the way they have been here, this section will have an even larger number of victims than was reported in Pitt county.

Several cases have been reported in various towns in the county. Hamilton and community have three; Robertsonville has several, it is reported.

NEW STAR FOUR PRICES LOWER

Durant's New Car and Low Prices Climax Sensations In Auto Circles

Coming as a sensational climax to the news of the offerings of Ford and General Motors are W. C. Durant's new Star Four models—springing a big surprise on even the knowing ones of the industry. This year W. C. Durant celebrates his Silver Anniversary—twenty-five years of service in the automobile industry and it was generally conceded that the man who created Buick and Chevrolet, who formed General Motors and who for many years was the president would commemorate this in a way which would be a fitting climax to his many years of leadership in the field. Amid the din of talk and publicity about Ford and Sloan, W. C. Durant, as is characteristic of the man, has been saying little and doing much. Now he announces a line of many sensational features, exactly matching Ford's prices.

Shipments of the new car will arrive here and at Everetts next week, representatives of the Barnhill Motor Company here and the Champion Auto Company at Everetts stated today.

The new cars are on display at the New York Automobile show this week for the first showing. Models will be shipped to the dealers all over the country this week and next, making the distribution of the cars complete in a very short time.

ONE WAREHOUSE REOPENS TODAY

Brick Warehouse Receiving What Little Tobacco Is Left

While there is very little tobacco unsold in this section, the Brick warehouse reopened here today with the expressed desire of offering warehouse accommodations to those few remaining growers who have not yet completed the sale of their 1927 crop. Just how long the warehouse will remain open was not stated this morning.

The other two local warehouses by a mutual agreement made between the warehousemen, will not be opened, the managers stating that the amount of tobacco unmarketed is so small that it would be useless for all three of the warehouses here to reopen.

Messrs. Grimes and Shelburne, proprietors of the Brick warehouse, advise an early sale of the remaining tobacco.

Unofficial reports from markets all over the belt indicated that very little of the golden weed was placed on the warehouse floors for sale today, and that the season was practically closed when the markets shut down for the Christmas holidays.

Orthopaedic Clinic Is Postponed to Jan. 30

A letter today from H. L. Stanton, supervisor of vocational rehabilitation in the State, stated that the orthopaedic clinic held each month in Washington has been postponed from Thursday, January 12 to Monday, January 30. No reason was assigned for the postponement of the clinic to January 30.

Philatheas Will Serve Turkey Dinner Thursday

The Philatheas class of the local Baptist church is announcing a turkey dinner for next Thursday evening, to which the public is cordially invited. The dinner will be at the Woman's club and the ladies will start serving at six o'clock.

Committee To Hold Public Hearing About School Site

Local School Committee Chairman Calls Meet Friday Afternoon at 2:00 O'clock in School Auditorium; Several Petitions Being Circulated

The question of selecting a school site will again come up for discussion and probable settlement next Friday afternoon when the district school committee holds a public meeting in the school auditorium at 2 o'clock. The meeting was called by Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, chairman of the board, yesterday and the people interested in the location of the proposed new building are urged to attend and take part in the discussion.

Several petitions were circulated around the town and community yesterday and today favoring the Rhodes

site, the Goddard-Leggett or the Griffin property for the new building. The exact number of citizens signing the petition is not known, but it is estimated that over three hundred people have placed their names on the pages of the petition, indicating their choice of a site for the new building.

Final settlement of the matter is not expected to result at the meeting Friday afternoon, but it is believed that the outcome of the meeting will have weight when the county board assembles here tomorrow week in one of its regular meetings.

OAK CITY SCHOOL AND TOWN NEWS

Mid-Term Exams Ended Friday; Fewer Failures Than Last Year

Oak City, Jan. 9.—(Special to the Enterprise)—The local school reopened Monday, January 2 with a large attendance in spite of bad roads and zero weather. The cooperation of Oak City patrons during the past several months has made possible the elimination of all compulsory attendance reports.

According to the present schedule, the school will close April 25. This will be the earliest commencement Oak City school has ever had and will give the farmers their boys about two weeks earlier than last year.

Mid-term examinations closed Friday. The records show a smaller percentage of failures than did last year.

Mrs. W. W. Martin, of North Carolina College for Women, is expected to be present at the next parents-teachers meeting on Friday evening, January 20. She will speak in the interest of the association. A general invitation is extended the public.

Seven students made the honor roll in the high school department last month as follows:

Ninth grade—Gladys Hyman, 150 points; Velma Hines, 200 points; Mary Kathryn Ainsley, 225 points. Tenth grade—Hallie Tyson, 135 points; Naomi Etheridge, 185 points. Eleventh grade—Nat Johnson, 135 points; Joe Hardison, 135 points.

The object of this honor is to keep constantly before the pupils things worth while. To make the honor roll, a score of 125 points is necessary. The score is made at the end of each semester, and read before the school and published in the county paper.

Seventy-five per cent. of the pupils made the honor roll in the library, which means 1800 minutes or 30 hours of reading good literature.

A new set of books is expected for the library within the next few days and the pupils, having read all the old ones, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new books.

Town News
Miss Emma Daniels spent the past week with relatives in Williamston and Plymouth.

Miss Margaret Hines is visiting relatives near Scotland Neck.

Mr. H. M. Ainsley spent the holidays in Rocky Mount and Creswell.

Mr. W. E. Tyson and family spent their vacation at his old home in Greenville.

Miss Sara Long Johnson is home recovering from a nervous attack at East Carolina Teachers College last fall.

Misses Mildred and Pauline Davenport returned to E. C. T. C. last Wednesday where they will continue their studies.

NEW FORD CAR PLEASURES MANY

John W. Ezzell died of brights disease at his home in Jamesville last Friday. Mr. Ezzell had suffered from the disease more than a year, but was able to be up and do some work until the day before his death.

The deceased was born in Memphis, Tennessee thirty-seven years ago. He moved to Jamesville several years ago where he married. He handled the business of the Standard Oil company during his stay there and operated a filling station in connection with the business.

His widow with two children survive. Interment was made in the Gardner grave yard Saturday afternoon, Professor Jones and Rev. A. Corey conducting the services.

J. R. Manning Captures 80-Gallon Still Saturday

J. R. Manning captured a new 80-gallon still on the premises of Robert Boston in the Free Union section last Saturday morning. The officer went to the Boston home to serve a claim and delivery paper and while there he saw a soldering iron and tools on the porch and scraps of copper near by. He had only searched a few minutes before he found the still.

FIRE INSURANCE ORGANIZATION IN MEETING HERE

Farmers Mutual Association Had Very Good Year in 1927

OPERATING COST LOW

Organization Has Over \$2,000,000 Insurance in Force and Did Business Last Year for \$279

A million dollar business conducted for an entire year at a cost of \$279, was the outstanding feature of the report read to members of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance association at their regular meeting in the courthouse here last Saturday. The meeting was well attended, a large number of the 680 members being present.

According to the report, the association has \$2,130,540 of insurance in force at the present time with the average policy ranging around \$1,663. While the 680 members are included in the Martin County Branch of the association, there are nineteen other branches, making a total of over 40 million dollars of insurance in force.

The cost of operating the Martin County branch, \$279 which is considered exceedingly low, included salaries, printing, postage and all other items made necessary through the operation of the branch.

W. C. Manning was re-elected president of the branch and James L. Coltraine was again made its secretary-treasurer. County trustees for the branch include Sylvester Peel, Henry C. Green and Sam T. Everett.

The following township trustees were elected: Jamesville, J. F. Jackson, John L. Bailey and R. G. Sexton; Williams, W. W. Griffin, B. L. Gardner, Joshua L. Coltraine, Griffin, Ben Mc. Manning, P. Peel, Henry Roberson; Bear Grass, J. S. Griffin, A. W. Bailey, Calvin Ayers, L. B. Harrison, Henry Rogers, W. S. Peel; Cross Roads, J. H. D. Peel, Henry D. Peel; J. H. Aushan; Robertsonville, B. R. Jenkins, Aaron Smith, T. A. Bunting; Poplar Point, Joseph R. Harrison, R. L. Taylor, LeRoy Taylor; Hamilton, W. S. Rhodes, T. B. Slade, Jr., Ed Purvis; Goose Nest, W. J. Johnson; W. R. Everett and N. F. Brown.

GOOD SALARIES PAID

Entrance Salaries Range From \$3,300 to \$4,800 a Year; Experience Not Required

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The Civil Service Commission has reannounced the examinations for assistant prohibition administrator for enforcement work and deputy prohibition administrator, for those who have bona fide resident, domicile, and post-office address within the State of North Carolina.

The Commission states that the results of the last examinations for the higher administrative posts under the Bureau of Prohibition, although not finally determined, indicate that a sufficient number of eligibles may not be secured in a number of sections of the country.

The entrance salaries are from \$3,300 to \$4,800 a year for assistant administrators and from \$3,000 to \$4,600 a year for deputy administrators.

Applicants will not be required to report at any place for a written examination, but will be rated on their training, experience, and fitness. Experience in prohibition enforcement is not required; any experience which in the judgment of the Commission, qualifies the applicant for the duties of the position is acceptable. The experience requirements of the original examinations have been materially changed for those new examinations.

Personal investigations of applicants, which may include oral interviews, form a part of the examinations. Fingerprints will be made to check the accuracy of the applicant's statements as to arrest, indictment, or conviction for crime or misdemeanor.

Full information may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office in any city in North Carolina. Formal applications must reach the Commission at Washington by January 31.

OFFERS PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAYS

Local Bank To Give \$25 in Cash Prizes to Martin School Children

The Farmers and Merchants bank is offering \$25 in cash prizes to the school boys and girls of Martin county for the best compositions on the subject, "Fundamental Principles of Banking." The bank's offer was made

FEWER AUTO LICENSES SOLD

Total of 4,220 Sold Here Up To Monday; 112 Behind Sale in July

The 1928 automobile license sale lagged 112 in number behind the sale for a similar period last June and July reports showed at the local bureau last Saturday. The sale that day brought the total number of tags sold this year up to 4,220.

The State automobile inspector Mr. MacKenzie was here yesterday and he states that he is finding very few cars without the new license. He will be in this section, however a few more days to make a final check on all cars. Instructions were given direct to Chief W. B. Daniel here yesterday to assist in arresting all violators of the automobile law, and with similar orders being issued all over the State, very few cars are expected to be seen running with old licenses.

Officials at the local bureau stated yesterday that while the 1928 sale lagged behind that of last June and July at the present time, they were expecting the total sales this year to go over the 5000 mark reached last year.

Sales at the bureau during the past few days have been comparatively few in number.

The bureau will remain open during the remainder of this month.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

BUFFALO BILL, Jr.

in
"RAWHIDE"

Also
2-REEL COMEDY
and
FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Theatre Well Heated