

Confederate Widow Recalls War Days

Robbed of Horse and Cart and Even Her Shoes by the Yankees

Cruel War Caused Many Hardships in County For Years

Mrs. Virginia Perry Vividly Recalls Stirring Events Of Long Ago

"The Civil War was a cruel period for the South during four long years," Mrs. Virginia Perry, aged widow of the Confederacy, said a few days ago as she sat helpless in a big rocking chair on her back porch here on Beech Street trying to escape the heat. She never complained during three hours as she sat and recalled the hectic days as she experienced them in the early sixties when the South was overrun and virtually laid waste.

Eight years old when the War Between the States broke out, Mrs. Perry, the daughter of the late John Lanier Ward and Louisa Hodges Ward, of Beaufort County, was living at what is known as the James Henry Ward place on the Washington Road in Bear Grass Township. The home was off the traveled path of the invaders, but Mrs. Perry vividly recalls the time when she ran into a big Yankee outfit.

"My mother and I had started to visit old Aunt Bettie Biggs,

TOBACCO SEED

The common mistake on the part of many tobacco growers is the sowing of the seed beds too thickly. An ounce of tobacco seed contains 350,000 seeds, which should furnish plants for from 35 to 50 acres of tobacco if all were well developed.

a few miles from Smithwick Creek Church and ran into the Yankee army. I remember very well how my mother tried to escape by driving into Millie Rogers' yard, but the Yankees found us there. They took our horse and cart and then they took the shoes right off my feet and part of the clothes off my back. I was just out of bed after a long seige of typhoid fever, and I remember my mother pleading with the Yankee soldiers. I did not have a strand of hair on my head. My mother called that to the attention of the soldiers in an effort to gain their sympathy. But they only laughed and stated how sorry they were, but that they must take everything they possibly could.

"Possibly it was some poor soldier who had a daughter back home in need of shoes," Mrs. Perry commented.

Forced to their feet, Mrs. Ward and her little eight-year-old girl walked down the road and stopped at John Alfred Griffin, who, according to Mrs. Perry's best

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Messrs. D. V. Clayton, left, and Herman A. Bowen, right, are well known to the farmers in this section of the State. Mr. Clayton is cashier of the Guar-



anty Bank and Trust Company, and Mr. Bowen is cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here. They cordially invite you to visit Williamston.

recollection, lived a short distance from the "cross roads," or the spot where John A. Griffin now operates a filling station.

"The Yankees were just finishing a good job of ransacking the plantation," Mrs. Perry continued. "There were hundreds of soldiers scattered over the place, and one had nailed a sign on a porch post informing others that the place had been pillaged and that further search was not necessary. My mother leaned against

the post, and Miss Lucinda (Griffin) yelled, 'For heavens' sake, Louisa, don't tear that sign down, for the scoundrels have already taken everything we have and if the sign is torn down the next gang will take us.' I can remember Miss Lucinda laying it on the Yankees just as if it had happened yesterday.

"They (the soldiers) did us no bodily harm, and strange as it may seem I was not afraid of them," Mrs. Perry declared as she

Cotton Gas Mask For Winter Furs

Tallulah, La.—Cotton summer clothes for winter wools and furs may be the latest way to protect these garments from moth damage.

A Tallulah inventor has two patents on a fumigating cap which makes cotton bags into lethal chambers for storing winter apparel, claiming that such death chambers give 100 per cent protection from moths and larvae.

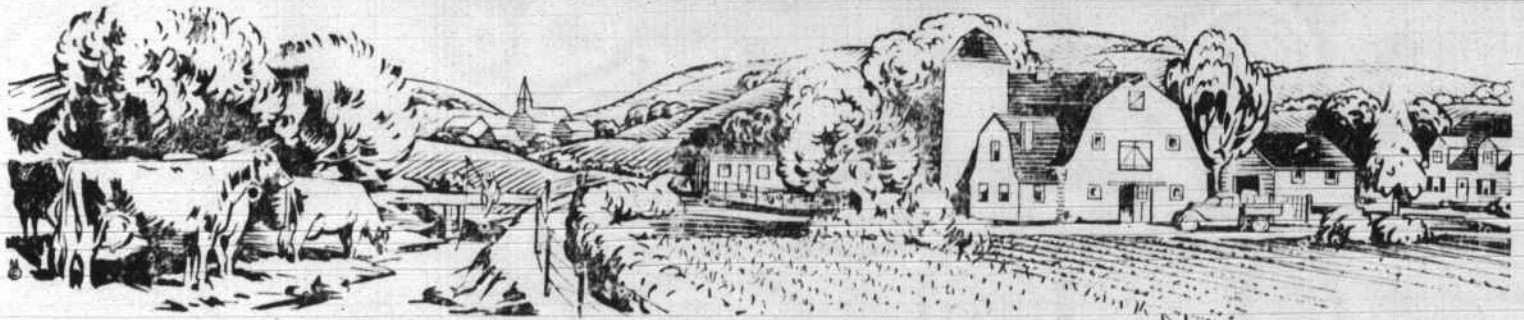
The cap is a metal device, part of which is sewn into the bag, with the outer half screwing into place on the sewn half. Absorbent cotton impregnated with liquid insecticide is inserted into the cap, with the fumes slowly spreading into every fold of the garments sealed into the gas-tight bag.

The inventor, W. C. Purdy, expects the device to be useful also in protecting stored farm seed from insect and rodent damage.

more than three-quarters of a century ago.

Left stranded at the Griffin home, Mrs. Ward and her young daughter stayed there a few days until the army had fought its way through the Confederate lines at Little Creek and Rawls Mill. Then they went to live with Mrs. Perry's grandfather, John Hodges, over in Beaufort County for a while.

"The hardships were many, but we seemed to get along some how," Mrs. Perry said.



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