Edentonians 50 Years Ago

J. C. SHARP

This is another sketch in a series of write-ups about prominent Edenton people 50 years ago, taken from "Historical and Descriptive Review of the State of North Carolina," published in 1885:

Prominent among the enterprising and solid men of Edenton is the gentleman whose familiar name forms the caption of our sketch. Mr. Sharp opened business on the 15th of September, 1883, succeeding C. W. Cason, and at once set about building up a custom which today is not distanced at this point and extends over several counties, where the goods are taken as standards of excellence, and now runs up annually between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars. The stock from which this large and critical trade is supplied runs on an average about ten thousand dollars in value, and consists of a full line of general merchandise, foreign and domestic dry goods; dress, fancy and white goods in endless variety, from the best looms and factories; boots and shoes in sizes to fit every shape of ladies', gents' and children's feet; fashionable men's and boys' clothing, hats and caps in latest styles, all kinds of heavy and fancy groceries, direct from producers; cigars and tobacco, hardware and cutlery, agricultural implements, wooden and willow ware, grocery, glassware, and in fact everything used in feeding and clothing man or beast. These goods are admirably displayed on the numerous shelves and show-cases, and the store, one of the conspicuous structures on the main street, 38x66 feet in extent, affords every convenience for handling goods with expedition. Mr. Sharp is ably assisted in his multifarious and yearly increasing operations by four competent employees; he does business on a cash system and by the most ad-

This excellent gentleman is a native of Hertford, but was reared in Chowan and has been in mercantile life since 1876, during which time he has exhibited a natural ease and aptitude for mercantile affairs; he is personally a polished and genial gentleman, is a member of the Baptist denomination, and as a merchant and citizen holds the confidence and esteem of the general community.

Mediation Committee Will Assist Farmers

Farmers who are unable to pay off their debts are promised assistance in reaching an agreement and adjustment with their creditors through the Farm Debt Adjustment Commission. Mediation committees for the various Albemarle counties are now functioning and are ready to assist any debtor or creditor in reaching a satisfactory plan of settlement.

Any debtor or creditor seeking readjustment in the debt relationship may ask the committee in his county to investigate and make recommendations to either or both of the parties

Application blanks will be furnished upon request by this committee. The committee has nothing to do with the actual refinancing of farm loans under the Federal farm relief program.

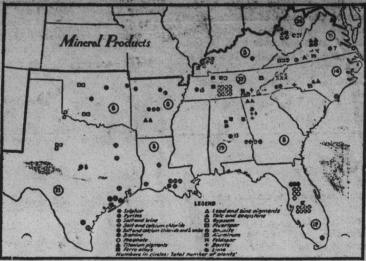
Chowan County's committee consists of Julien Wood, chairman, F. W. Hobbs, secretary, J. B. Webb, T. C. Byrum and R. P. Badham. Any member of this committee will very gladly render any assistance needed by Chowan farmers who need financial help.

Rotarians Hear Paper Dealing With Russia

A goodly number of Rotarians met in the Parish House Thursday at 1 o'clock for the weekly luncheon. Due to the absence from the city of J. A. Moore, the program on international service was not presented. J. N. Pruden, however, pinch-hitted and read an article dealing with conditions in Russia.

Two visitors, Herbert Peele and Fred Lowe, of Elizabeth City, attended the meeting and one new member, J. Edwin Bufflap, was added to the Rotary roster.

Chemical Industry Coming South Says Industry's Own Magazine



the chemical industry in the South was contained in a recent issue of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, the industry's own magazine. Even a casual reading of the issue is convincing evidence that the chemical industry, widely hailed as the great industry of the future, will center in

Southern leaders agree that the South cannot depend on agriculture alone and that a further industrial growth will enable it to achieve its economic destiny. For this reason the present trend of the chemical industry to locate in the South is an extremely important development. The above map shows the location of some of the South's rich raw materials.

Just as all Southerners who have thought about it agree that the coming of the chemical industry reprents an unequalled opportunity to the South, they all agree that Southerners will have to support home in-dustry whenever possible. Strange as

doing nothing about this. A noted economist has pointed out the case of nitrate of soda, a typical one.

At Hopewell, Va., is an internationally known plant making nitrate of soda which is shipped and used throughout the world. Official tests year after year show that there is no soda better than that produced in the South. Yet it was several years before Southern farmers were convinced that they would get equal results with American nitrate of soda. And even today, according to the company selling American nitrate of soda, there are certain counties in the South where foreign nitrate of soda is still sold in large volume.

Many Southern leaders who ordinarily would never boost a commercial product are now urging the purchase of Southern goods whenever possible. They state that this is specially important at the present time with the great chemical industry promising to centralize in the South.

ERROR MADE IN AGE LIMIT OF MEMBERS IN 4-H CLUBS

A typographical error appeared in last week's issue of the Herald in the article regarding Miss Evelyn Smith taking part in the State 4-H dress contest held in Raleigh. The story stated that the age limit in 4-H clubs was 29 years. The age limit in the clubs is 20 years. We are sorry the mistake occurred, and gladly make the correction.

3,241 Bales Of Chowan Cotton Ginned to Nov. 1

According to F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, a census report shows that there were 3,241 bales of cotton ginned in Chowan County from the crop of 1934 prior to November 1, compared with 3,336 bales ginned to November ! from the

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Mrs. H. H. Lane, Mrs. T. L. Ward and Mrs. Will Copeland visited Mrs. Roy Parks Wednesday afternoon.
Roy Parks and Miss Mary Lee Davis motored to Margarettsville Wednesday night to bring Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkland back to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kirkland's mother. Mrs. Annie. Chappell. er, Mrs. Annie, Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Boyce and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Craig Haste in Rocky Hock Sunday even-

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perry, of Norfolk, Va., spent Monday and Monday night with Mrs. Perry's sister, Mrs. H. H. Lane.

Mrs. H. H. Lane and son, Herbert Roy, and Miss Mary Lee Davis spent a few days this week in Norfolk, Va., with Mrs. Joe Perry.

Mrs. Julia Boyce has been quite ill for several days.

Mrs. R. S. Ward and little daughter, Lelia Faye, spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Harriett

Mrs. Corinne Spivey visited Mrs.

Dr. J. W. Selig

OPTOMETRIST

Will be in his office on the third floor of the Citizens Bank Building, Edenton-

FRIDAY, NOV. 16 8 A. M. to 1 P. M.

Mrs. Tom Davis spent Friday with Mrs. C. W. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ward and son, William and little daughter, Lelia Faye, and Miss Mary Lee Davis were in Edenton Saturday evening.

Miss Rella Spivey, Juanita Lane and Adolph Spivey were in Edenton Saturday evening.

Texas seeded ribbon cane gave good results in Cabarrus County this season as an ensilage crop. In one demonstration, the cane yielded four times as much silage as did corn.

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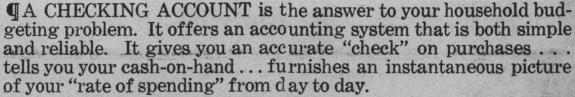
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