

LUMBERTON.

Now Claims to Be the Best Town Between Charlotte and Wilmington—Three Good Cotton Mills Running and Another Under Construction.

It was a pleasure to the writer to have an opportunity for a visit last week to the prosperous little city of Lumberton, which now proudly lays claim to the distinction of being the best and most prosperous town on the line of the Seaboard Railway between Charlotte and Wilmington. It is situated about 45 miles east of Hamlet and is the county seat of the largest county in the State. Among the many new buildings erected during the past year is a handsome new court house costing about \$75,000. It has a commodious graded school and good church buildings, and the splendid new Baptist church now nearing completion will be one of the largest in the State. There are also many very pretty residences, one of which cost \$30,000, and another just under construction will cost \$25,000. But it is the cotton mills you want to hear about. There are three in operation and another under construction.

THE LUMBERTON Cotton Mills.

The first cotton mill built here was about 7 years ago and is now referred to as the old mill, or Lumberton Mill No. 1, which commenced operations with about 6,000 spindles, was later increased to 12,000 and a newer mill known as Lumberton No. 2 has 6,000, making 18,000 in all; running full time in the daytime while Mill No. 2 is running night time also. The product is colored hosiery yarn.

S. J. Webb is superintendent, P. G. Hill master mechanic and J. C. Evans dyer. In Mill No. 1, J. F. Alexander is carder with James Smith secondhand and Sam Burney looks after the picker room; W. F. Ivey is overseer of spinning and winding with C. A. West secondhand in winding and Tebe West and Harvey Brisson in spinning. In Mill No. 2, M. B. Boseman looks after the carding and spinning in day time with Wert Lewis second hand in carding, J. B. Miller in spinning and I. M. West in winding; while the night force is under the direction of D. I. Williams.

THE DRESDEN MILL.

This mill is near the Lumberton Mills, all being about a mile east of town on the main line of the S. A. L. Ry. It has 10,000 spindles and is also equipped with combers.

George F. Breitz, recently from the Coosa River Spinning Co. at Bon Air, Ala., is superintendent; T. E. Mullis, overseer spinning, assisted by Ike Freeman in spinning and Dave Edwards in carding; B. A. Robertson, carder, assisted by Mike Herring; Gibson Hasty is master mechanic and H. L. Hewitt yard man. The product is hosiery yarn 14s to 34s.

THE NATIONAL MILL.

This mill is located nearly two miles west of town on the S. A. L. and on a very fine wagon road which leads on to Maxton and Laurinburg. It has 11,760 spindles and is making some very pretty hosiery yarn of nearly all the colors of the rainbow. This is one of the cleanest and neatest mills we have had the pleasure of visiting in many a day.

J. W. Kaneer, superintendent of this mill, came from Gastonia when the first Lumberton mill was built and after serving several years as superintendent there was one of the projectors of this newer mill, being now also interested in the mill at St. Paul, 14 miles north on the V. & C. S. Ry. J. R. Lytton, also from Gastonia, is overseer of carding in the National Mill, with L. L. Lytton second hand; W. T. Alexander is spinner, assisted by Frank Faulk and Coy Freeman; J. L. Clewis has charge of the winding; I. E. McAnulty is master mechanic; Jas. I. Barnes outside overseer and A. M. Huggins has charge of the night force.

The water supply for the mill villages and generally used in the city is from deep wells and at this mill the condenser basin is supplied from several of these which flow freely without pumping and keep it filled with a pretty body of water as clear as crystal. Many of these deep wells flow with a force to carry the water several feet above the ground.

THE GLORIOUS "FIFTH".

The Nation's Birthday Celebrated One Day Late—A Novel and Interesting Celebration.

Reported for The Robesonian.

"The nation's birthday, just one day late, A host of friends did celebrate; The Fifth is our holiday On Hickory Hills just over the way."

The above refers to a most novel and interesting celebration of Independence Day which took place at Hickory Hill, about four miles from town, last Tuesday. The occasion was the commencement exercises of Hickory Institute, a school yet in its infancy, taught this year by Miss Bessie Boone. The stage setting was out doors among the hickory and oak trees, curtains and seats being conveniently arranged.

Red, white and blue bunting and flags were artistically arranged on the trees which surrounded the stage. With the sunlight and green background the effect was beautiful. The program as given below was splendidly rendered by the school:

1. Salutatory Address.
2. Introduction of Institute.
3. "Bein' Good."
4. Tribute to Liberty—represented by a May Queen, a June Bride, a July Goddess, and an August King of Harvest.
5. Recitation—"An Old Sweet heart of Mine."
6. "Hurrah for the Fourth."
7. Patriotic Quiz.
8. Song—"Farewell Hickory Hill."

Picnic lunch. 9. "Thank Heaven the Table's Set." Especial mention must be made of that picnic lunch. It was all that could be desired in the way of good things. Near the end of the feast Miss Lois Boone gave a beautiful toast to the guests. Miss Hettie Boone gave a splendid toast to the hostesses, faculty and students of Hickory Institute.

One of the most striking numbers on the program was the song "Hurrah for the Fourth." It was composed by Miss Boone for the occasion and sung to the tune of "Dixie." The words are so patriotic that others will appreciate them beside the writer, so a copy is given below:

HURRAH FOR THE FOURTH.

(Tune—"Dixie")

There's a hint of gladness in the air, With crackers booming everywhere; Hurrah for the Fourth! The Fourth of July!

Chorus:

Then we'll shout and sing together, Hurrah! Hurrah! With colors flying through all weather To keep alive independence Away! Away! Away in all America! With Uncle Sam to back our boast, And Billy Taft—the Nation's Toast— Hurrah! Hurrah! Our country's all right. (Chorus)

There's history, too, to make us great, With honors heaped on every State. Hurrah! Let go! Three cheers for Jefferson! (Chorus)

But let us sing the old, yet new Of Washington, the Wonder True, So great, so brave, His country did save! (Chorus)

We'll ever revere stars so white, Salute the red and blue at sight, Hurrah! Our flag! The bravest that floats! (Chorus)

The Uppermost Topic.

Charlotte Chronicle

The Lumberton Robesonian notes as a significant fact that while Judge O. H. Allen, who is holding Robeson Superior Court, in his charge to the jury Tuesday morning was calling to the attention of the members of the jury the importance of visiting the schools in their communities, keeping posted as to how the schools were being taught, and doing everything possible to make them efficient and attractive, the executive committee of the County Farmers' Union, in session in a room below, was passing a resolution recommending to school committeemen throughout the county the importance of selecting teachers with particular care. This only serves to show the drift of things in North Carolina. Education is the uppermost topic wherever one goes and the new and modernly equipped school houses that dot the country in all directions is testimony to the good results of the educational agitation.

Columbus County Teachers' Institute.

Prof. F. T. Wooten, superintendent of public instruction of Columbus county, is sending out notices to teachers reading as follows:

"The Columbus County Teachers' Institute will be held at Whiteville, beginning August 1st, and closing August 12th, 1910. The institute for white teachers will be conducted by Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of Wake Forest College. Prof. Highsmith will be assisted by Mrs. Fulghum, of Goldsboro.

"The colored teachers will be in charge of Rev. C. Dillard, of Goldsboro. Teachers will please remember that their attendance at the institute from beginning to end is required by law. The county superintendent is not authorized to excuse any one.

GENERAL NEWS.

A historic saloon in Unicoi county, Tenn., was dedicated as a church Sunday. It is said that the transformation was witnessed by many who helped to make the place famous for its orgies.

Glenn Curtiss set an American record for a 50-mile flight in an aeroplane Monday at Atlantic City, N. J., by covering the distance in 5-mile laps along the beach in 1 hour, 14 minutes and 59 seconds. He set a new mark for quick climbing by sweeping his machine 1,600 feet in the air in 5 minutes and 51 seconds.

Aroused by the fact that an appeal to the Supreme Court had been taken following his condemnation to death Friday on the charge of having murdered Town Marshal C. C. Chenault, a mob battered down the doors of the jail at Rayville, La., Monday and dragged J. D. Freeman, a white man, from his cell and hanged him on the same spot where he had slain the marshal.

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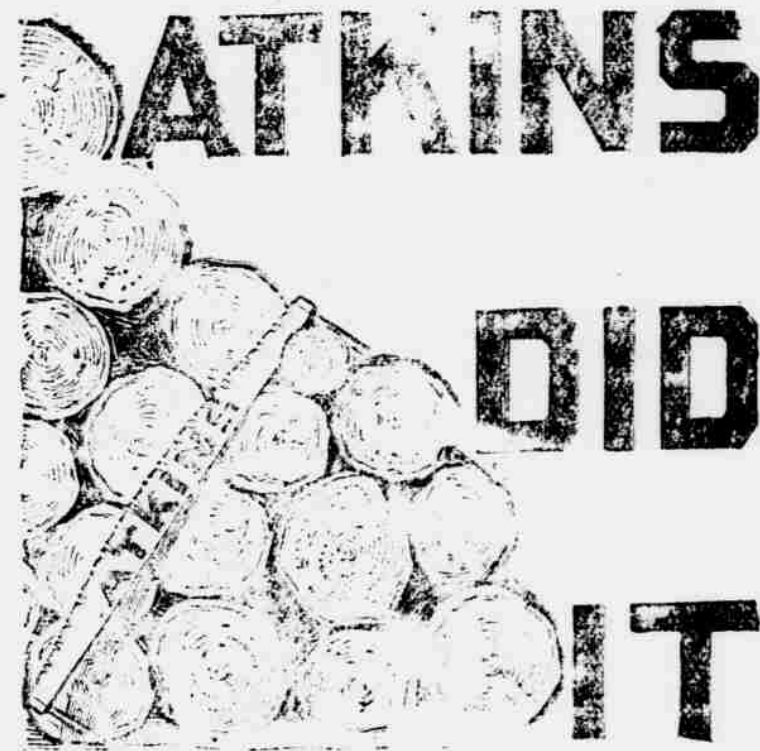
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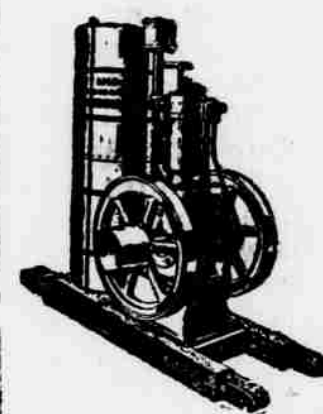
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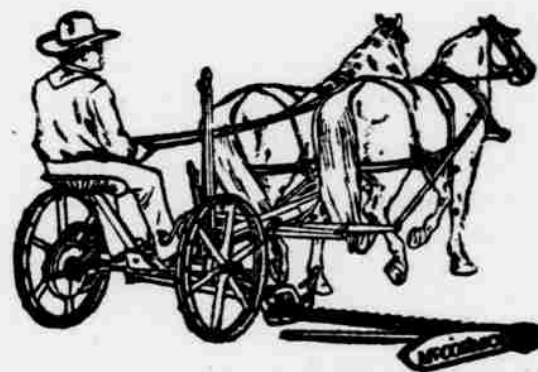
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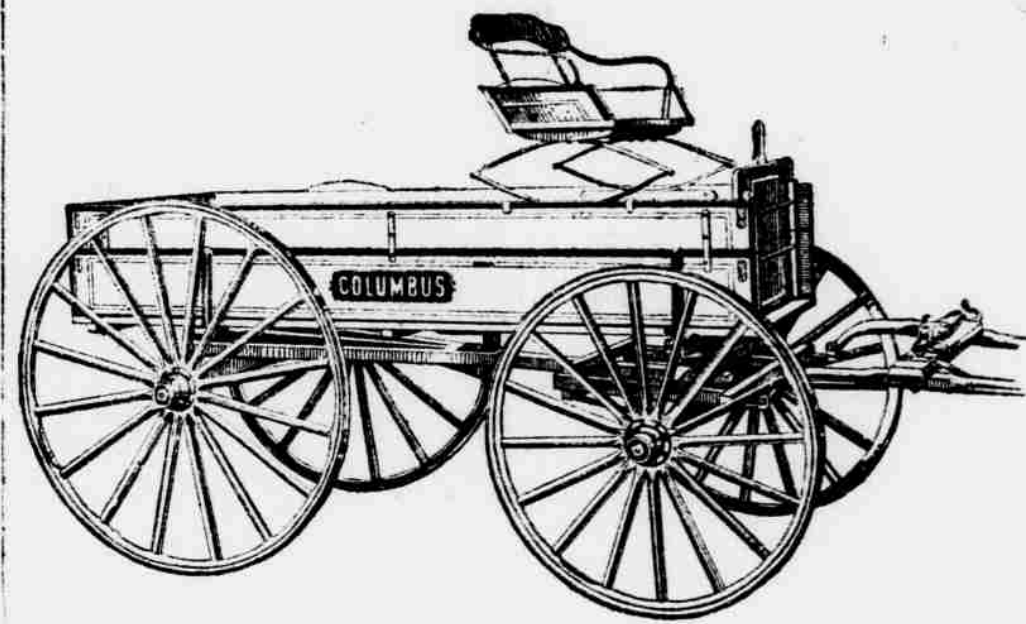
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