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MUSCLE SHOALS NATION'S BULWARK Big \$60.000,000 Nitrate Plant a Defense for Future Generations.

INSURES NATIONAL DEFENSE

Assurance of Abundant American Explosives a Reason Why Germany Quit.

BY GARRET SMITH. One of the chief fortresses of Amer-

ica's new military defense system which developed out of the World War is the Ammonium Nitrate Plant at Musele Shoals, Alabama, on the Tennessee River, over three hundred miles from the seacoast, capable of turning out 300 tons of high explosives It assures to the United States a day. for all time an abundance of ammunition without which an army is a helpless encumbrance and it has made this unlimited supply of explosives available without resort to raw material from outside of the country. The essential ingredient of all modern military explosives in pitric acid. Before the World War, America was entirely dependent upon Chile for the supply of nitrate of soda, the only chemical from which nitric acid can be made. In case this country became involved in war with any nation that could control the sea our foe would have us at her mercy, for she could cut off our essential means of striking back.

Other nations, however, were equally dependent upon the Chilean nitrate supply. Germany was purchasing one-third of it. She had expected to hold the sea with her subnarines but failed. But a process for extracting nitrogen from the air had been obtained by Germany some years before from Italian chemists. This process had been successful in producing a high grade nitrogenous

fertilizer from which in turn could be extracted ammonium nitrate. Germany, therefore, fell to manufacturing ammonium nitrate from the air on a large scale.

Americans Buy German Secret. In 1907 an American company, headed by Frank S. Washburn, had secured the American rights to this process from Germany and had gone into man-ufacturing the fertilitzer on the Canadian side of the Ningara Falls. When America found herself in the World War the Ordnance Department turned to Mr. Washburn's company for help. The Air Nitrates Corporation was formed, with Mr. Washburn at its

head, to build the Muscle Shoals plant, It was assisted by several other well

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Plant Worth All It Cost.

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She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex .-- Mrs. Mary Kil- | the better. That was six years ago nan, of this place, says; "After the and I am still here and am a well. strong woman, and I owe my life to birth of my little girl ... my side com-Cardui. I had only taken half the menced to hurt me. I had to go back bottle when I began to feel better. to bed. We called the doctor, He The misery in my side got less ... I treated me...but I got no better. I continued right on taking the Cardui got worse and worse until the misery until I had taken three bottles and I was unbearable ... I was in bed for did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life ... 1 three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot ... day to this." have never had any trouble from that I told my husband if he would get Do you suffer from headache, back-

me a bottle of Cardui I would try it ... ache, pains in sides, or other discom-I commenced taking it, however, that forts, each month? Or do you feel evening I called my family about weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, me ... for I knew I could not last give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a many days unless I had a change for trial. 1. 71

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND. orth Carolina, In Superior Court Before the Clerk Halifax County B. T. Hux and Mayra Hux, his wife, W. D. Hux and Lula Hux, his wife, Vs. Mrs. J. D. Moore, Lena Moore, Henry Moore, John Moore, Helen Moore, Mat-thew Moore, George Moore herein ap-pear by E. L. Travis, Jr., then duly ap-pointed guardian, ad litem. CASCARA QUININE

Under the power conferred on the un-dersigned in a judgment of the Superior Court entered in the above entitled cause, the undersigned Commissioner will on the

26th Day of January, 1920,

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at the Court House door at Halifax, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., sell for each to the highest bidder that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Faucett Township.

Mrs Bowen Tells How Rats Al-most Burned Her House Down. "For two months I never went m our cellar, fearing s rat. One night in bed I smelled fire. Sure encough the rat had been nibbling at the matches. If I hadin't act d promptly my house would hadn't act d promptly my house would thence said course S 51 W 15 poles to a blazed gum thence said S 51 W 50 pole to a pine thence N 85 W 2 poles and 38 backs to a corner stob and two pines have been burned. Later we found the dead rat, RATSNAP filled it. Its. thence > 134 poles to a corner white oak red oak and post oak and persimmon on the path, thence E 112 poles to the beginning a dead white oak and con-Sold and guaranteed by Pierce-Whitetaining 125 actes (



S. M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

State Highway Construction-N.

C. Federal Aid Project No. 48

Scaled bids for the construction of two bridges on State Highway in North-ampton county, N.C., will be received by the North Carolina State Highway Commission at the Division office in

Raleigh, N. C., until 12 o'clock on the 19th day of January, 1920, when they will be opened and read.

No bids will be received after the hour fixed.

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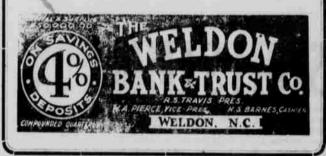
VIRGINIA SUGGS, Plaintiff



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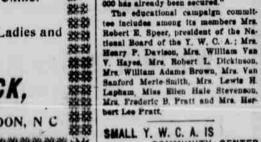
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ture of Work. Fifty-two young women in the Unit-ed States are known as X. W. C. A. "town secreturies." All of which means that the fifty-two are organizing means that the hity-two are organising recreation work for girls and for the community at large in towns of less than 10,000 inhabitants. The Y. W. C. A may be in one rent-

ed room or more. It may be a whole building, but at any rate there is a recreation room and if possible a kitchen, reading and writing rooms. If the Y. W. O. 4, has a building of its own it becomes a community center, where all women's organizations may meet.

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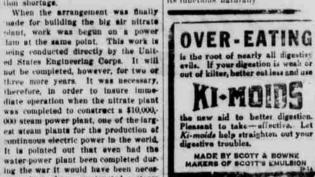
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essary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesital, to protect her offspring, but when it is may necessary to keep at hard a bottle of Chamber-lan's cough Remedy is within the reach nent city and utilities; the J. G. White Corporation, which designed and con-GEORGE SUGGS, Defendant. structed the power plant; the Chem-les! Construction Company, which de-To the sheriff of Halifax county: signed and built the nitric acid plant. of all is prompt and effectual.

and the M. W. Kellogg Company, which furnished the piping and built the Beginning work in November, 1917,

A woman is a good listener when she is expecting a proposal. Don't You Forget It. Itear in mind that Chamberlain's Tab-lets not only move the bowels but im prove the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They contain no pepsin of other digestive ferment but strengthen Shoals was completed within one year's time. Had the expected spring drive of 1919 materialized this one plant slone would have been able to supply 13 per cent. of all the high explosives used by all the Allied arother digestive ferment but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform the stomach and enable it to perform mies on all fronts during that drive, and the United States was secure for all time to come against an ammuniits functions naturally.



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Trustee's Sale of Real Estate.

Under and by virtue of certain powers vested in me by certain breel of Trust by James E. Johnson, which is record-ed in book 291 page 306 Halifax Com-ty Registry, I will offer for sale, at 12 oktobe N. e. Now, this entire job cost the Govern-ment \$60,000.000. It was put through at a time when the prices of materials and ishor were at their summit. It was built at record speed, and speed costs money. The question naturally arises, then, as to whether Uncle Sam

Monday, February 9, 1920,

for Five Hundred (200) Dollars made payable to Frank Pare, Chairman A corporate surely bond, or other sat-isfuctory security will be requested for the complete lufiliment of the Gostraet. Fians, specifications, forms of con-tract proposal blanks, etc., can be ob-lained from the office of the State High-way commission, Raleigh, N.C., on the payment of five dollars to defray cost. Any increase in freight rates made public after date of letting, and paid by Contractor will be allowed if proper-vouchers are submitted at the time of payment of such increased rates. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid defined best for the state and the County Hy order of the North Carolina State Highway Commissio. in front of the court house door in Hal-ifax, N.C., to the highest hidder for cash, the following described real state Tests made after the plant was is operation showed that ammonium al-trate of standard specifications could to wit:

Commencing at a stump Commencing at a stump and pile stake. Pertins estatic. N 66; W 167.7 feet thence N 693 853 feet to Perkins estate cross on Watery Branch near post oak, thence down Watery Branch 2053 feet to black gum, thence N 80 E 78 feet to sweetgum then 74] feet to pine, then 8 58 E 469 feet to a sweet gum and stake in head of branch in field, then 1025 feet down branch, then 83 R 361 feet to ash stump with two maple pointers less than one-half the standard fixed less than one-fail the standard skee price paid by the Government for an-monium mitrate produced by the older methods. This cost is only about one-fourth to one-fifth the cost of other high explosives of equal strength Compared with the older process fer making ammonium nitrate, the sav-ings made by this plant would have paid for the entire plant in about one feet down branch, then S 31 R 361 feet to sah shump with two maple pointers on Rocky Swamp, then N 66 E 469 feet to Perkins estate corner on Rocky swamp then N 5.4 W 300 feet then up branch branch 1126 feet to a black gum, then N 4 F 1584 feet to the beginning. Con-taining 122 acres, more or less Also three articles of personal prop-erty to wit: One Ford Touring car, it being the same car sold to the said James F. Johnson by J. W. Warren. This the 2nd day of January, 1930, SW AIN S. NORMAN, Trustee. and one-half years of operation. The chief value of the Muscle Shoals

plant, however, will be as a defense to

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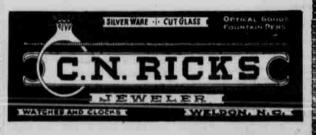




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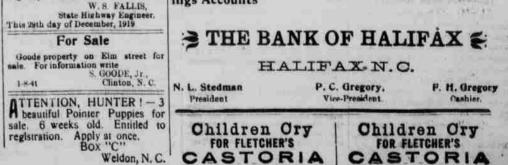
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