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GREAT TILE PLANT FOR CHATHAM COUNTY

50,000 Company Organized and Beginning Preliminary Work Between Gulf and Cumnock.

It is big news that a \$250,000 company is already at work, preparing the grounds for the establishment of a great tile plant on an 800-acre tract in Chatham county, just north of the Cumnock bridge across Deep

water. The site includes the property of the former Goldston Brick Company. The tract is in the heart of the massive shale bed extending across the Chatham counties.

The Triassic Shales. Of the great shale deposit an authority, in an article on the shale deposits of North Carolina, wrote as follows:

One of the most valuable deposits of shale in the state, and in fact the entire South, is located in an area of which the growing city of Sanford is the center. These deposits extend from Carthage northward to Greenville on the Southern Railroad between Raleigh and Durham, in a line from ten to fifteen miles wide. Sanford is fortunately situated in the center of the area, where the shale reaches its highest quality.

Three distinct shales are found in this area, having slightly differing physical qualities. These shales are red burning. They are naturally hard and therefore easily mined and shipped. The working qualities are usually good and the shrinkage in use of them is very low. They burn a dense body at the comparatively low temperature of 1800 F. These shales are especially suitable for the manufacture of hollow tiles, the king brick, and drain tile.

The area is traversed for practical its entire length by the Seaboard Line and is also crossed by the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern and Norfolk Southern railroads, thus providing an unlimited number of shipping sites, and a distribution to all parts of the State that could hardly be exceeded.

The central location of this area affords a possible distribution to all the growing cities in the Piedmont region, as well as those on the coast-plain."

While the quoted article places Sanford at the center of the shale area, it seems to be generally admitted that the area about Cumnock, and particularly the location of the proposed plant, affords the finest and most readily accessible supply of fire-proof material. It is true that the company will have headquarters in Sanford, which is only eight miles distant from the plant. But the plant itself will be in Chatham and will contribute to the Chatham tax

The Organization. The following dispatch from Sanford, under date of Feb. 11, gives particulars of the organization and other information:

Sanford, Feb. 11.—Plans were completed here today by the promoters of the Carolina Fireproofing company, \$250,000 paid in capitalization, the plant to be located at Cumnock.

The officers elected today are as follows: President, I. Hechenbleikner; Vice-President, L. Hechenbleikner; Secretary, G. B. Chapman; Treasurer, G. B. Chapman; Secretary, M. Webb, both of Charlotte; local general manager, C. C. Davis, of Greenwood; superintendent, L. M. Berwood, of Gulf.

The first unit of this plant will be in operation within 90 days, and will have a capacity of five cars per day of hollow tile and fire-proof material, with three more units to be added later. The head of the corporation, I. Hechenbleikner, is a successful business man, holding many patents on his own invention, active vice president of the Chemical Construction company of New York, chemical engineer for the Duke interests. The other officers are executives of many corporations throughout the south.

One hundred and twenty men are working on the location making ready the site for the buildings and the machinery. Contract for 30 houses has been let, and the machinery will be arriving as soon as the buildings are ready.

The plant of the Goldston Brick company was purchased along with the 800 acres of clay and shale, the depth ranging from 25 to 100 feet deep.

This plant will be located at one side of the coal mines, from which they will buy coal to manufacture gas with which to burn the tile, and also to generate power; also will dispose of the surplus to industries in the district.

The coal is excellent for the manufacture of gas, from 8,000 to 10,000 cubic feet of gas is obtained from one ton of this coal.

Transportation facilities for this plant are fine and the officials were frank in saying that this section offered them the best natural advantages of any they found in the state.

This new product will mean much to this district, as it will demonstrate to the public what natural resources we have in store."

GOING TO BERMUDAS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin Sail Saturday for Several Days in the Bermuda Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin will leave Pittsboro Friday to join the party which will sail from Wilmington for the Bermudas Saturday, Sept. 21. The cruise is under the auspices of the Travel Service Bureau of Charlotte. A fine ship has been chartered for the trip and many distinguished North Carolinians are registered for the cruise, including Ex-Governor Morrison and several newspaper men.

It promises to be a most delightful trip and their friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Griffin bon voyage. We shall expect to have an account of the trip and of their experiences on the beautiful Bermuda.

OVER AT BENNETT.

The editor went out on a rampage for subscriptions Friday and Saturday and after a goodly part of the day had been spent at the thriving young city of Siler, mounting Mr. Sizemore's mail bus he traveled to Bennett, Chatham's newest town.

It is hard to conceive that one can travel so far in Chatham county. It is nearly as far to Bennett as to Raleigh and one passes out of the red lands into gray, or white and on to the very verge of the long-leaf pine belt. The town is within less than a mile of the Randolph line and not further from the Moore line.

The site of the town is well chosen and it is developing right rapidly.

We met some fine folk. It was very pleasant to meet our correspondents, Dr. Denson and Mr. Ed. S. Phillips; also the Fields, Andrews, Purvis, Talley, and other good people. We had to leave before the Saturday afternoon crowd came in. Nevertheless, the two days resulted in about 35 subscriptions.

JURY LIST FOR MARCH COURT.

Chatham superior court meets here March 16th, for one week only for the trial of civil cases. On March 30, a special term of two weeks will begin for the trial of civil cases. At the regular term Judge W. M. Bond will preside, and at the special term of two weeks Judge C. C. Lyon will preside.

The following jury has been drawn by the county commissioners for the regular term on March 16th:

- Albright—A. L. Moore, Willie Thomas.
- Baldwin—E. C. Hobby, F. J. Ferguson.
- Bear Creek—G. H. Andrews, Claude Jones.
- Cape Fear—W. J. Bland, A. J. Harrington.
- Center—J. G. Roberson, E. R. Hinton, J. K. Crissman, J. T. Petty.
- Gulf—J. T. Moody, J. P. Murchison.
- Hadley—Zeb L. Dark.
- Haw River—J. Walker Thomas.
- Hickory Mt.—A. W. Moses.
- Matthews—W. J. Hackney, John C. Hamer, B. F. Phillips.
- New Hope—J. T. Horton, J. B. Hatley.
- Oakland—T. O. Johnson.
- William—J. B. Fearington.

FLOYD COLLINS DEAD WHEN FOUND.

Victim of Cave Reached After Night of Hard Work—Body Not Removed.

Not till Monday afternoon were the rescuers of Floyd Collins, wedged in a crevice of Sand Cave, Ky., and shut off from approach by a landslide, able to reach him. But it was too late. Collins had been dead several days.

It required the digging of a 60-foot shaft, largely through rock, to reach him. Dynamite could not be used, as it would have caused cave-ins. The cost of the efforts to rescue the imprisoned explorer is said to be \$150,000. And, even then, his body was not removed, as it was considered too dangerous to attempt to remove the rock that pinned him down. He lies where he died and simple funeral services were held for him without the presence of the body. Dynamite was used to destroy the shaft and no approach to the dangerous section of the cave is left.

DRUG STORE FOR MONCURE

Sister Town on Building Boom—Basket Ball and Local News Items.

Moncure, Feb. 16.—Mrs. J. E. Moore and little daughter, Melba, spent the day Thursday with her sister, Miss Mary Olinger, at Sanford.

Messrs. Jennings Womble, Sam and Clarence Crutchfield and James Wiley, of Elon College spent last week-end with their parents at Moncure.

Mr. H. G. Self has traded his Ford roadster for a Dodge.

Nearly all the "flu" patients in and around Moncure are able to be up and out again, we are glad to state.

Miss Kathryn Marley, music teacher at Moncure school, spent the week-end with her parents at Lumber Bridge.

Mrs. Jim Lasater, Rt. 2, visited her son, Ivey, at Fort Bragg last week. Ivey has been very ill with "flu" and pneumonia, but she states that he is some better.

Mr. Isaac D. Wilkie, who has successfully operated a cafe here for many years, and Dr. J. E. Cathell, our popular physician, have planned to open a drug store in Moncure. Mr. Wilkie will move the building, in which he is now located, back from the street and continue to operate the cafe, until they can erect a nice brick building on the present location on Main street. Excavating for the new building will begin this week. The contract for the new building is placed with Mr. Ivey Poe, of Durham, who will rush the building to completion. Mr. Wilkie and Dr. Cathell were in Raleigh last week where they placed an order for the fixtures. A fountain will also be installed and cold drinks of all kinds will be served. A drug store has long been needed in Moncure and we wish Mr. Wilkie and Dr. Cathell much success in their undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis and Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Raleigh, spent last Sunday with Mrs. S. V. Holt.

Mr. John Bell, Sr., and Mr. Will Utley returned from Lumberton last Friday, where they had gone to visit Johnnie Bell, Jr., who is in a hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to state that Johnnie is getting on nicely.

Mr. V. H. Hilliard expects to move in his newly completed brick building this coming Thursday. He will run the cafe and hotel accommodations on the "European Plan." Everything is nice and up-to-date. Water works have been installed also.

Elon College boys, who are visiting Moncure this week, and Mr. H. G. Self, also an Elon College graduate, played Moncure basket ball team this afternoon, (Monday) resulting in a score of 21 to 27, in favor of Moncure.

Moncure boys will play Goldston, at Goldston, next Wednesday afternoon, and also Goldston will play here next Friday afternoon, unless the weather prevents.

Mr. H. G. Self and the Moncure school have bought a moving picture machine and will have a program at the school auditorium every Friday evening. Watch for advertisements.

Mrs. J. F. Womble, of route one, is visiting relatives and friends at Wendell and Greensboro.

See new ad of Asheville Wheelbarrow Co.

THE COOPERS CONVICTED.

Former Lieutenant Governor and Brother T. E. Cooper Given Terms in Atlanta Penitentiary.

Guilty with a plea for mercy was the verdict of the Federal court jury trying the case of the United States against T. E. and W. B. Cooper, on the charge of violation of the national banking laws. The trial was before Judge Rose of Maryland, who was assigned to try the case as recently appointed Judge Meekins declined to sit on it on the grounds that he had formerly criticized W. B. Cooper, who was for the past four years lieutenant governor of the State.

Judge Rose absolutely refused to consider the question of granting a new trial, announced that he was in accord with the jury's verdict, and immediately sentenced T. E. Cooper to three years on each of four counts to the Atlanta penitentiary and W. B. Cooper to eighteen months on each of three counts to the same prison, qualifying the verdict, however, by allowing the sentences to run concurrently, which means that T. E. Cooper must actually serve only three years and W. B. Cooper eighteen months. On the other hand, in case of appeal and a new trial, the men would have to be acquitted on each of the four counts before either would be in any measure relieved of the term in prison.

The offenses charged against the brothers occurred two or three years ago when they are alleged to have made false entries and to have deposited worthless securities in order to bolster up the capital of their virtually bankrupt bank in Wilmington.

The case was tried about a year ago before the late Judge H. G. Conner and a verdict of not guilty was rendered, but other charges were brought and the new trial last week resulted as stated above.

T. E. Cooper was convicted last fall in the State court and was sentenced to 8 years on the public roads of New Hanover, with the proviso that if he should pay the losses of nearly \$100,000 alleged to have resulted to depositors through the illegal management of the bank, in that case the younger Cooper appealed and the appeal is still pending.

R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton, one of the brightest lawyers in the State, represented W. B. Cooper, and has appealed his client's case, declaring that the ex-lieutenant governor will not serve his term, as he is confident that the appellate court will free him.

J. D. Bellamy was the chief attorney for T. E. Cooper. He also sought an appeal, but T. E. Cooper has decided, in view of his utter lack of funds, to begin the service of his sentence and was to leave for Atlanta yesterday. Judge Rose would not allow the younger man even a day's freedom on bond, and he had to go to the stockade used as a prison by New Hanover, while the jail is being rebuilt. W. B. Cooper was freed on a \$25,000 bond signed by his brother-in-law, Claude Gore, of Rockingham.

During the trial D. L. Gore, the father of Mrs. W. B. Cooper, lay dying. Mrs. Cooper sat by her husband in the day and with her father at night. T. E. Cooper's 15-year old daughter was by her father's side in the court room, though neither she nor Mrs. W. B. Cooper was present when the jury reported and the sentences were rendered.

Lost Chance of Lighter Penalty. It seems that W. B. Cooper might have gone free, and T. E. received only a three years' term on one count if the younger brother had been willing to submit to guilt on only one count, but he was so confident that he would not be convicted that he hazarded his brother's freedom with a minimum sentence of his own.

APOLOGIES. While it is not the personal fault of the editor yet it falls to his lot to apologize for the fault of some one in the office in taking out of the mailing galleys quite a number of names of subscribers whose time had not expired. Nine were found on the Goldston list. How it happened is the wonder about the office. If any one else mentions failing to get his paper please tell him to notify us.

LOOK AT THE PAPER.

A BIG COURT AT CORINTH.

Varied Lot of Law Suits Settled By Squire McIver—Local and Personal News.

Corinth, Feb. 16.—Last Saturday was an eventful day for Corinth. More people in town than ever before. Both white and colored. Boy Prince, colored, had his oyster "stew" trial; E. T. Spence sued I. M. Carpenter on open account, and the Luana Pollard estate was transferred by deed to Herbert Carroll. Squire Joe McIver presided on all three occasions.

Boy Prince was arraigned on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit: a bottle, on George Patridge, colored. Boy came back thru his attorney W. P. Horton with the accusation that George was the owner and dispenser of the "stew" and that he, Boy, did not even throw the bottle. They brought Pate Battle and Joe Patridge, Jr., into the mess as witnesses and in spite of the eloquent pleadings of Attorney Horton, Boy was held for the superior court under \$200.00 bond, while Pate, George and Joe were each put under \$100.00 bond for their appearance as material witnesses in the case.

Wonder if the people of the community don't think it about time for these drunken brawls—so-called "oyster suppers"—to be stopped; we surely hope they do.

The case against I. M. Carpenter brought by E. T. Spence, of Duncan, was started as a civil action. Carpenter owed Spence \$89.70 on open account and would not pay. He offered to pay \$69.70 to square the account but no more. Squire McIver tried hard to bring out what the \$20.00 reduction was for but all he could get was that it was for an "empty jug." Everyone thought that this was too much of a reduction just for an "empty jug," so Mr. McIver ordered a judgment recorded against the property of I. M. Carpenter for the full amount of \$89.70.

Then Mr. Joe wound up the day by writing a deed, conveying the Luana Pollard place on Parkers Creek, from the heirs to Herbert Carroll, a grand son of Mr. Pollard.

A. T. McIver and family, of Duncan, spent Sunday with Mrs. Katherine McIver.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Benson and Boyd Miller, of Albemarle, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker.

Mr. W. M. Jeffries, who suffered a stroke of paralysis some three weeks ago, is able to sit up some now.

Mrs. T. F. Cross is very sick this week with an acute attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Dickens, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with relatives in Corinth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rollins, of Duncan, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cross.

Jack Mann was seen this morning with his square, line and stakes, laying off the plan for the home to be built by Mr. B. N. Dickens, for Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Horton.

Also Ed Marks was working and dragging the "streets" of Corinth, while Mr. S. W. Harrington, Mr. B. N. Dickens and Mr. Lonnie Mims were building new bridges and culverts. They say that the funds to cover this expense are to come from the excessive "fines" that Squire McIver has been imposing of late.

Miss O'Neal and Miss Hadfield, principal and assistant of the Truth school, spent the week end at their homes near Wake Forest.

THOSE PEACH TREES. We thought our readers would jump at the chance to get The Record and seven choice peach trees for \$2.00. They didn't—that is, only a few did. But we believe we have found out why—they didn't believe they could get seven fine nursery peach trees for 50 cents. For example, Mr. N. A. Wright of Siler City, Rt. 3, told the editor the other day he would send on \$2.00 this week. He had seen Mr. P. G. Maulden and had been convinced. He said the folk in his community could hardly believe in so good an offer. Right now is the time to order. Send us \$2.00 and get The Record a year and seven varieties of peaches, the very finest grown.

Mr. Loraine Singleton of the University, at Chapel Hill, spent the week-end with Mr. Wyeth Ray.

PLANTERS GIVEN SOUND ADVICE

Mistake to Change Brands of Fertilizer Each Year—Stick to One Best Suited for Growing Need.

By J. G. McCORMICK, Secretary and Treasurer Acme Manufacturing Company

Every year at this time, you are beset by a score of bidders for your fertilizer business. All sing more or less the same song, praising their own product. You don't know which brand to buy.

Now it's a mistake to change from brand to brand every season. When you find the fertilizer suited to your need—one that brings the results you want, STICK TO IT.

Never be influenced by any slight difference in price. What you are after is not hopes or promises, but CROPS. You want quantity and high grading, too. A fall-down in either quantity or quality will soon wipe out any small difference in fertilizer cost.

There isn't any need to guess about Acme. This company has been making fertilizers for 42 years. It is right here in North Carolina, at Wilmington, a home institution, owned and operated by North Carolinians, with a newly-rebuilt factory equipped with the most modern machinery at Acme, N. C. You are invited to inspect this plant. The formulas are open to all. You can see the ingredients, the best obtainable in the world, kept in perfect condition, and always properly manipulated.

In dealing with the Acme Company, you are dealing directly with Mr. Gilchrist, and myself. There is nobody "higher-up." If there's ever any trouble, you can get right to us, without addressing or talking to anyone "in between." You are dealing with neighbors.

You can find out all about Acme from your own local growers.

Now, for goodness' sake, if you have been using other fertilizers and ought to get better results, settle on Acme for this year; and if you are using Acme, don't let anybody talk you into substituting something else unless he will back up his talk with a cash bond to cover any amount you may lose through an inferior crop!

Old reliable Acme will always "come clean" with you. Remember that when anybody tries to shove a substitute on you.

H. L. Boon, well-known tobacco planter at Stokesdale, N. C., wrote this last fall about Acme fertilizers: "I have been raising tobacco for 25 years, using many different brands of fertilizer. Last year I used Acme fertilizers and I have a fine crop—is curing bright and smooth. Am well pleased with results of Acme."

Acme fertilizers will give you good results, too.

If you want any specialized technical advice, write me, care of Acme Manufacturing Co., Wilmington, N. C. Adv.

Mrs. V. B. Elkins Hostess To The Junior Study Club.

Siler City, Feb. 14.—Mrs. V. B. Elkins was hostess to the Junior Study Club last Thursday afternoon at her lovely home. The guests were met at the door by little Dorothy Elkins and her mother, the former being dressed to represent "Little George." A large portrait of Washington, draped in national flags, was the most effective decoration.

After a brief business meeting the following program was rendered: The Early Life of George Washington—Mrs. Joyce Edwards. Recitation: "It was I,"—"Dot" Elkins.

Later Life of Washington—Miss Grace Rietzel. Attributes to Washington—Mrs. Clyde Fore.

Rook and bridge were enjoyed by all during the social which followed, the high score prizes, lovely boxes of candy, being awarded to Mrs. George Knox for rook and Miss Grace Reitzel for bridge. The hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. J. Wade Siler, served a delicious salad course consisting of marishino cherries, chicken salad, wafers, cheese straws, pickles and hot coffee with whipped cream and sugar.

The score cards, effective with cherry decorations, and the marishino cherries were gentle reminders of the famous "cherry tree" owned by the father of our country's first president.

There were a number of invited guests. Several new members were added to the Club roll.

Governor McLean has written several governors of Western states protesting against certain bills that if passed by the legislatures of those states would hurt the sale of cotton seed oil.