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ACORN.

Mr. Editor:

The work of rebuilding the grist mill on the old site at Acorn, where it had stood for many decades, prior to that memorable storm which occurred during the opening days of June (present year) is progressing slowly, but none the less surely. Much of the material taken from the old mill is in excellent state of preservation, and is being used in the construction of the new. All parts necessary to the rehabilitation of the complete whole are being intelligently assembled by the workmen, Messrs. Pearce and Benton, and the present owners, Messrs. John C. Blanchard and brother, Gayly Blanchard, inform us of the fact that the mill will be in shape to serve the people at an early date as its predecessor was wont to serve them in the days of yore.

The weather is, and has been, for lo, these many weeks exceedingly warm and dry. The truth is, Mr. Editor, we are in the midst of a drought which has already affected, to no small extent, the various crops indigenous to our southern clime. Especially true is the statement of your Rocky Hock correspondent when applied to crops of corn, cotton and peanuts in this vicinity. Indeed, sir, many of our most progressive, and in other years, most successful farmers have remarked already their discouragement at present prospects, and labor under the impression that the yield of cotton and peanuts will very maternally fall short of that which was garnered in the fall of 1914. Naturally this state of affairs brook untold hardship to those whom the shortage of crops affect most seriously. What with the British orders in council declaring American cotton absolute contraband and the shortage of the present crop of the fleecy staple throughout a large area of the Carolinas are we to settle our accounts, dress our wives becomingly, feed the babies unsparingly in order that they may not suffer in the after days from lack of the necessities of life? And now, Mr. Editor, I will record the fact that even grass is effected by the prolonged drought. There is but little crab grass in evidence and what is already visible in the fields is withering, nay dying for want of the copious liquid showers that alone can revive it. At this writing the atmosphere is so warm and dry that even the hustler suffers from inertia due to the battle he is compelled to wage in the almost insufferable heat waves, that beat down upon him during these August days. The average farmer is a born fighter, nature has formed him in a manner simply heroic—has endowed him with qualities which bespeak a near greatness and an unconquerable spirit of determination to fight on and on, regardless of the pittance which he annually receives. The fact is, sir, that the majority of our farmers are lavish in their expenditures during times when money is easy and where there is little or no need whatever to store against the days of want. Despite his shortcomings and rough exterior, the average farmer is a good fellow for all that. He gives largely of his

means, at least in proportion to his income, to the various charities inaugurated for the succoring of the poor, the lame and the halt the world over. The best there is in manhood and womanhood are products of and native to the soil in which their mighty trunks have long since taken root. Their tops are as resplendent as their trunks are divine. Withdraw for a season, the happy ministry which this native intelligence conducts and then, what would our city and town cousins do in the meantime? Contemplating the many blessings vouchsafed us, as a people, in the past, we have cause to rejoice. Therefore let us not repine. Indeed we should not complain, neither should we lose hope. God reigns and will in due season open the reservoirs of heaven that the gardens of the earth may imbibe to their full capacity the refreshing aqueous fluid so much desired, but not in evidence at this hour.

Well—man is a fool,
For when it is hot he wants it cool

When it is cool he wants it hot,
Always wanting what is not.

Despite the warm weather and prolonged drought there is no lack of visitors to the country. Since the coming of the motor-cycle and automobile, together with the fine condition of our public roads, space is annihilated and pleasure afforded a large host of our citizens, representing every condition and walk of life. The city man discards the diligence of the superb equine quadruped for the dashing limousine with its elegant appointments and smiles his approval of the thrills enjoyed as he moves through space, along the various avenues of travel, at almost lightning speed, in order to cover the greatest distance in the shortest time possible, to the power of the machine in which he rides. All this show is very nice, and the actors who form the pageantry which at times our eyes behold and admire without the least mixture of envy, are not necessarily and always of the type of which heroes are made. However, we do not desire the contempt of our fellows, many of whom are our friends and good substantial citizens of the country and of the world. But the horse will never be displaced by those who seem to take much pride in the auto, not at all. The rich blooded, high spirited roadster, with the high qualities inherent in the race from which he springs, ensures him a place in the affections of men of noble mold. And so long as men and trades survive, and commerce flourishes, and the noble traits of the superb equine admired by his master—man, so long will the best of his race have a part in the activities of men.

CORRESPONDENT.

Our cub reporter wants to know why he is expressly requested to say that "Miss Blank has as her house guests Misses So-and-So," while he is "beating" locals. He argues with the foreman (who is the society shark of the shop), that if some guests were to be entertained in the barn and others in the house, he would know when to say "house-guests" and why. Otherwise, why should he? —The Tidewater News.

Ballahack News.

Mrs. R. E. Chappell of Beach Wood farm, near Edenton, spent a few days last week with friends here.

Mrs. Martha L. Evans spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Will Long of Bethel.

Little Roy Lane is quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. Wm Hunter and daughter of Beach Spring, spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Perry.

Mr and Mrs. Carey Parrish and children of near Edenton is visiting relatives here.

Several of this neighborhood attended the picnic given by the W. O. W. in Hertford Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs. L. A. Goodwin spent Sunday and Monday with her parents in Rockyhook.

Mrs. Jesse Boyce and children of Berkley, Va., visited her sister in law, Mrs. C. C. Mansfield, last week.

Leroy Haskett spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives of Yecpim.

Mr. A. J. Parrish is remodeling his house.

Mr. D. R. White is sick with bilious fever.

Misses Addie and Cornie White called to see Mrs. T. C. Lane Saturday afternoon.

Mesdames S. W. Moore and Carey Parrish were the guests of Mrs. J. E. Perry Saturday afternoon.

Miss Iona Haskett spent few days last week in Hertford with friends.

Mrs. John Davis is quite sick.

Gliden Notes.

Mr. K. R. Winslow spent the week-end as the guest of friends in Bosley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ward and daughter, Lorinda, spent Sunday near Sunbury as the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown.

Mr. J. B. Spivey and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Millie Perry.

Mrs. C. K. Ward and son, Milburn, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carter, of Hobbsville.

Mrs. A. J. Ward and daughter, Miss Blanche, returned Friday evening from Phoebus, Va., where they spent the week with Mrs. Ward's son, Dr. O. W. Ward.

Mr. Robert R. Taylor of Gatesville was in town Monday on business.

Miss Inez Perry returned Monday from Bosley, where she spent several days with Miss Leona Ward.

Mr and Mrs. Henry Spivey of Norfolk are visiting relatives and friends here at this writing.

Miss Rosa-Nell Welch spent last week with relatives in Sunbury.

A. T. Perry spent Monday in Norfolk on business.

Mrs. F. A. Ward and daughter, Selma, Mrs. Mary Jones and son, Mr. H. F. Jones, of Ryland, Mrs. Maude Donati and daughter, Miss Roberta, of Richmond spent Friday afternoon as the guests of Mrs. T. E. Ward.

Mrs. W. D. Welch and children have returned after a pleasant stay with relatives in E. City and at Woodville.

Miss Columbia Wright of Belvidere, Messrs. W. M. Hollowell of Selwin and Noah M. Hollowell

of Hendersonville were the appreciated guests of Miss Blanche Ward Sunday afternoon.

Miss Vera Nixon of Ocean View, after spending sometime here with Miss Violette Perry, returned home Monday.

C. B. Ward spent Friday in Edenton on business.

Mr. William Spivey spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Trotman Spivey.

Somerton Items.

Rev. R. L. Busby filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning.

Mrs. Alice Vann of Norfolk is visiting her son Mr. W. L. Vann.

Mrs. W. J. Parker and daughter, Catherine, returned home Saturday after a pleasant visit to friends in Sussex county.

Miss Una Parker is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Speight, of Norfolk, Va.

Miss Hunter March is visiting relatives near Dort, N. C.

Miss Iva Parker and Messrs. C. O. Lancaster of Suffolk, Va., Will Jones, A. F. Morgan, Clifton Morgan, C. F. Boyette, G. B. and Mahlon Bagette and Earl Bunch visited at the home of Mr. Miles Parker, Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Vann and daughter, Doris, returned home last week after a pleasant visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. L. E. Parker of Portsmouth, spent last Sunday night and Monday with her uncle, Mr. Miles Parker.

Mr. Hunter Smith and Lucile, of Suffolk, visited his parents Sunday.

Mr. Seba Walters of Portsmouth, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Bennie Rodgers.

Muddy Cross News.

Mrs. Olara Riddick and daughter, Sallie, spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Overman.

Mr. Charlie Mitchell called to see Miss Annie Overman Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Powell of Suffolk is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCotter.

Miss Jennie Overman returned home Saturday night after spending a while with her uncle, Mr. T. W. Riddick of Corapeake.

Mr. John Copeland of Ryland, called on Miss Maggie Moore last Saturday night.

Luther Boyce, Oscar Kelley and Clayton Ward were the guests of Misses Jennie and Annie Overman Saturday night.

Mr. J. B. Riddick of Gatesville, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Overman.

Mrs. J. W. Blanchard and daughter, Miss Kessler, are very ill with the typhoid fever.

Miss Mary Blanchard is spending some time with Mrs. Helen Riddick in Gatesville.

Messrs. Herman Moore, Lycurgus Overman and Gussie Briggs were the guests of Misses Sallie and Annie Riddick Saturday night.

Mrs. Arizona Spruill and son, Clayton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Caroline Blanchard.

Messrs. Jesse Winslow, Lycurgus Overman and Luther Boyce were the guests of the Misses Moore Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blanchard and baby spent Saturday with his father, Mr. M. F. Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Blanchard are wearing a deep smile—it's a boy.

Roper News.

Mrs. H. M. Williams and children returned home Friday after a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Spruill.

Miss Lula Cahoon returned from Baltimore Friday and is now busy preparing for the fall millinery opening of the John L. Roper Lumber Co's. store.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chesson and little daughter, Minnie Parker, of Gilmerton were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Halsey.

Miss Ursula Singleton stopped over here Tuesday night enroute from Norfolk to Cerro Gordo, N. C., where she will again have charge of the graded schools at that point as lady principal.

Mrs. Della Spruill and daughter, Miss Edna, returned Monday from an extended visit to relatives in and near Washington.

Mrs. Herbert Lewis and daughter, Miss Doris, after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. G. W. Dixon, left Tuesday for Mackeys to spend a few days with her brother, H. R. Chesson, before returning to their home in Norfolk.

W. C. Thompson, Herman Clayton and N. W. Spruill spent several days in Norfolk this week.

J. O. Highsmith left Tuesday for Baltimore to purchase fall stock. His family accompanied him as far as Norfolk where they will spend the week with friends.

Miss Eula Spruill has accepted a position as saleslady with the Roper Lumber Co., in the dry goods department.

Miss Rena Perry left Wednesday to resume her studies at the Greensboro College for Women.

Miss Mary Johnston leaves this Monday for the Isle of Pines in the West Indies where she has accepted a position as teacher, secured for her by Mr. and Mrs. Chase of New York, friends of her family, who are at present residing there.

Mrs. Laura Alby of Washington, D. C., returned with her brother, W. A. Blount, on Tuesday afternoon for a few weeks visit.

Miss Agnes G. Speight is home after having spent the summer in Western North Carolina.

Miss Mattie Mann of Middleton, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. H. M. Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Poyner and Worth Poyner, all of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. L. L. Chesson and other relatives in and near Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Spencer have returned from a delightful visit at Columbia.

Miss Odell Spencer is home from an extended visit at Windsor.

The concrete floor at the new bridge across Kendrick's Creek was completed Wednesday and the bridge will be ready for traffic in about ten days.

B. S. Clark, cashier of the Bank of Roper, and his assistant, Elmer H. Spruill, attended the first annual meeting of Group 1 N. C. Bankers' Ass'n., held at Elizabeth City Monday Sept. 6, at which over 50% of the banks of the 1st. Congressional District were represented. The meeting was a success in every way and it is hoped that every bank in the District will enroll as a member by the time of the next annual meeting which will be held at Greenville on Feb. 22, 1916.

Group 1 was organized to better banking conditions and foster a fraternal spirit among the numerous banks. Nothing was left undone by the E. City bankers for the comfort, pleasure and entertainment of the visiting bankers, numbering about fifty. After the business session an automobile ride to all points of interest in and near the city was given and the guests were tendered a swell banquet at the Southern Hotel from eight to ten o'clock.

Misses Ida and Aileen and Mr. Benj. F. Peacock returned from Pen-Mar and Baltimore Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. H. B. Way returned to her home at Beech Ridge farm, Belhaven, Wednesday after a delightful visit to Mrs. Ida Blount. Mr. Way spent the week-end here.

Rev. G. H. Weaver of Nebo, N. C., arrived Monday morning to take charge of Roper Graded Schools and is boarding with J. E. C. Johnston until he can move his family here. Mr. Weaver is from McDowell county next to Buncombe in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains and has never visited eastern North Carolina before. No doubt it will take him some little time to get accustomed to walking without climbing.

Hertford News.

Mr. L. W. Norman and daughter, Miss Mattie-Macon, spent Monday in Elizabeth City.

Mr. Philip White left Sunday night for Wake Forest where he entered school.

Mrs. T. E. Raper and Miss Mary Gregory entertained the members of their Sunday school classes last Thursday afternoon from four till six o'clock. The lower floor was beautiful decorated with tube roses and potted plants. Various games were enjoyed after which delightfully refreshments were served by the hostesses assisted by Miss Maude Howell. In a drawing contest the winners, Charles Willford and Stephen Goodwin, were each presented with a pretty book. The members of Mrs. Raper's class present were James Stokes, Arthur Howell, Boger Hunter, Seth Fleetwood, Jake White and Stephen Goodwin. Those of Miss Gregory's class present were Carlton and Dennis Jackson, Julian White, James Willford, Clyde Jordan, Marvin, Archie, Arthur and Roy Chappell.

Mrs. Tom White is spending this week with her father, Mr. Lucius Blanchard.

Mesdames G. T. Hawkins and W. M. Davenport have gone to Baltimore to purchase fall stock.

Messrs. Sam, Oscar and John Williams of Norfolk spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. J. E. Howell.

Miss Annie Howell is very ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. M. S. Gregory left Monday for Baltimore to purchase her fall line of dry goods and millinery.

M. J. Gregory accompanied by Mesdames Morgan, Newby and White and Miss Madge Gregory motored to Edenton Tuesday evening and spent a few hours with Mrs. R. G. White. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Major came back with them.