

Scotland Soils Produce Crops of Infinite Variety

Probably Offers Greatest Opportunity for Crop Diversification of Any County in the South

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What can we grow here? It would perhaps be easier to say what we cannot grow. To enumerate everything would be impossible because there are doubtless many things that can be grown profitably that have never been tried. If a nursery could be constructed to handle six or eight different fruits or vegetables, it could be operated twelve months in the year, because we can grow almost any vegetable and a great number of fruits. Conditions are ideal for either dairying or poultry. Tobacco is a proved success. Peaches, pears, strawberries, dewberries, peaches, cantaloupes, garden peas, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, cabbage, rutabagas and even celery and broom corn, have been or are being produced. Alfalfa and a number of other legumes do well. Some farmers are already growing hogs while others are experimenting with beef cattle.

With the railroads we have, and the system of good roads now under construction, our transportation facilities will soon be ample from almost any section of the country, so that markets will be in easy reach.

Probably no county in the south is better adapted to diversified farming than Scotland. A few years ago, we were surprised to find that we could grow cantaloupes and watermelons commercially. We had grown cotton and corn so long that we thought there was nothing else to be done. Now we are learning that the variety of fruit, truck and other crops that can be grown profitably is almost endless.

Nature has given us a wonderful climate. Extremes of heat and cold are rare. The annual rainfall is practically always sufficient, well distributed and rarely excessive, especially since the county as a whole has become so well drained. Some thirty years ago, any slight excess in rain fall was disastrous to crops because of so many ponds that were un-drained; the water-level being then from three to five feet nearer the surface than now. The lowering of this level, gives as the many effect as the drainage. At the same time, crops will withstand an almost unbelievable amount of dry weather. The lumpy muck provided by frequent cultivation cuts off capillary action and the moss sink deep into the pores and supply the needed moisture.

While our soil is not naturally the most fertile in the world, or even perhaps in the state, it is capable of being developed to the highest degree of fertility. "You can make it what you want," and it is this fact, coupled with our other natural advantages, that is destined to make this the garden county of the banner state.

GEORGE T. RHODES

Dealer in Agricultural Implements, Farm Machinery, Paints, Oils, Etc.

Although in business only about five years, George T. Rhodes, Laurinburg dealer in agricultural implements, cotton gins, belting, paints, and the like, has built up a line of patronage throughout the county that would be creditable to a business of long established operation. Mr. Rhodes is a inexperienced man in his line, and the rapid growth of the volume of his business is no surprise to those who know his methods.

Occupying a substantial building containing some 25000 square feet of floor space, the Rhodes concern is fully stocked with every sort of implement needed by the farmer in the operation of his plantation. It is the exclusive representative in this county of some of the best known and most popular lines of farm machinery and agricultural implements, including, among others, the famous Moline line, Emerson-Birmingham implements, and many others. The Moline plow is one of the best of its kind to be placed on the American market, and its good points are known by progressive farmers in all sections of the country. A full line of these implements may always be found in the stocks of Rhodes. The products of the American Sawmill and Wood-working machinery company are also represented by this concern, and a number of different types of machines put out by this well known manufacturer have been placed in this section.

In the line of paints, oils, etc., Rhodes handles the best in the world. The articles manufactured by the Atlantic Paint & Varnish Company are superior, and the well known Sherwin-Williams line of paints and oils are always on hand. A full line of wagon, buggy, and harness may be found in this store at all times. The Moline line of wagons and buggies are handled.

Steady growth has marked the business of Mr. Rhodes from the beginning due to the experience and efficient methods brought into play by him in the operation of his store. He is a well known throughout the county, and has been of friends who have his good qualities and his business qualifications. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a steady supporter of everything that tends to promote the growth and development of the county surrounding the city.

LAURINBURG OIL CO.

Large Plant Devoted to Products from Cotton Seed; Does Large Volume of Business

Only a few years ago the cotton seed had no friends. Frequently the farmer declined to haul the seed away from the gin, as worthless was it considered at that time. Many ginners, like saw-mills, were scattered over small streams, so that the cotton seed falling from the machinery would be carried away by the waters of the stream, thus avoiding the trouble of hauling them away to the refuse pile.

Now all this is changed. Scarcely less important than the cotton itself is the seed and the various products made from it by modern machinery. Millions of dollars' worth of commercial products are now placed on the market, all manufactured from the lowly cotton seed, which only a few years ago was considered worthless.

Men of vision in Laurinburg, as elsewhere in the south, have entered the business of manufacturing the cotton seed into oil, meal, hulls, lint, and half lint, feed, and the like. The Laurinburg Oil Company was organized in 1901, not many years after the cotton seed began to come into its own, and from that time to the present this company has been engaged in this important industry. Its plant has been enlarged and improved a number of times, in order to increase its capacity to take care of the business offering, until at present it has a capacity for handling nearly 100 tons of cotton seed each day, and employs from 50 to 60 men. It also operates a modern gin, with a capacity of more than 5,000 bales of cotton per season. In most instances the seed are bought outright at the gin, and manufactured without further handling.

The pronounced success and rapid growth of this concern has been due in large measure to the progressive policies of the late president, Mr. James A. Jones, whose death occurred about two years ago. Mr. Jones was in full charge of the plant and developed it steadily and rapidly from the beginning. The present management of the mill is in charge of Mr. James L. McNair, of the McNair Motor Company and the John F. McNair Company, general merchants. John F. McNair is president, Z. V. Fite is vice president, Mr. T. H. Hunter is secretary, and W. R. Sutherland is assistant manager. All of these gentlemen are well known and are connected with many interests in Laurinburg and Scotland county. Mr. Fite is the owner of stores at Gibson, Laurel Hill, and has large farming interests. Mr. McNair is prominent as a merchant and planter. Mr. Mr. Hunter conducts the fire insurance business of Jas. L. McNair, agent, who does a very large business in Scotland county, while Mr. Sutherland is connected as manager with the P. & S. Ice & Coal Company. Loyalty to the community and to the county is a predominating trait of each of these gentlemen, and all boosters for Laurinburg.

LONNIE HAMMOND CO.

Laurinburg's Well Known Man's Store, Doing a Large Volume of Business

If you are a man, and live in or near Laurinburg, you are probably aware of the fact that Lonnie Hammond & Company's store is one of the best places in this part of the state to find what you want to wear. It doesn't make any difference how hard you are to fit, or to please, the chances are that you can come about as near to these two conditions at Hammond's as anywhere else in a hundred miles or so.

And there's a reason. The Hammond establishment has been in business in Laurinburg for nearly a dozen years, and it knows what Laurinburg men want to wear. It has put that experience to the test in the buying of its stocks, and has exercised an unusual degree of intelligent discrimination in the selection of the lines of goods it handles. The result is that the men of this section have learned that Hammond carries only the best in its particular lines, and the best is always the cheapest.

Among the many exclusive lines of high grade clothing and furnishings carried by this popular store may be mentioned the famous Society Brand and Schloss Brothers clothing, which are known to careful buyers of clothing throughout the country. In the matter of shoes, the Florsheim, the Hansen, and the Bostonian are among the leaders carried by the Hammond Company. There can be no better. The famous Manhattan shirts and collars, the Wilson Brothers line of furnishings, and the Sorenson and Malloy hats are handled by this concern, from which it is apparent to the knowing man that the concern does a high-grade business. These lines are merely typical of the entire stock. Jewelry, trunks, bags, gloves, etc., are to be found in this store in sufficient variety to please every taste.

Organized in 1918, the Hammond Company's business was incorporated and incorporated in July, 1922, and a complete new stock was put in. The business had grown to such proportions that an expansion of its operations was necessary. The store occupies a splendid location on Main street, and contains more than 2000 square feet of floor space. It is kept in neat and sanitary condition. Lonnie Hammond, head of the firm, is a prominent man in this line, as this friends by the way in all sections of the county. He is a

member of the Chamber of Commerce, a Knight of Pythias, and a Methodist. L. E. Benton, also a member of the firm, belongs to the same fraternal and civic organizations, and is active in the Baptist church. Both of these gentlemen are well and favorably known, and are highly interested in the development and growth of Laurinburg.

THE MOTOR INN

Popular Establishment, Furnishes Gas, Oil, Etc., and Individual Storage Stalls

A place where careful attention is given to motor cars in every respect is afforded in Laurinburg by the appropriately named Motor Inn, designed to furnish service and storage for cars. It is operated upon the principle that any car deserves the best attention that can be afforded it, and that its mechanism should be carefully handled at all times.

Established in 1919, the Motor Inn came into the hands of its present management January 1, 1922, and has been conducted with a view to affording the motoring public first-class service in each department of the concern's business. It maintains individual storage stalls for cars, which are available at moderate cost for long or short periods, where cars are given accommodations equal to those found in the owner's garage at home. They are safe from bumps and scratches, and the owners may feel entirely assured that no harm will come to their cars while in the hands of the Motor Inn.

In addition to this service, a specialty is made of expert washing of cars. This work is done in the most thorough and complete manner, and not in the slipshod fashion that characterizes the work of so many average service stations. Pride in the job is taken by the workman, and as is well known, this quality is one of the requisites of high-grade workmanship. A service station fully equipped in all lines is operated by this concern, which is owned and operated by the Hudson-Esser Sales Company. Gulf gasoline, high-grade oils and greases, Mobil, and other requisites for cars are always to be found in stock. Two visible gasoline pumps are operated in the modern drive-in filling station.

Service is the motto of this progressive establishment, and every effort is made to keep the type of work and service furnished at the highest point of efficiency.

The Motor Inn is under the active management of Mr. Hamp Covington, one of the best known filling station men in this part of the state. Mr. Covington is a native of Scotland County, and has scores of friends in this and adjoining counties. He is a Methodist, and is always deeply interested in the growth and progress of the city and county.

Two aged chiefs of the Mohawk Tribe were sentenced to two months' imprisonment after they had been adjudged guilty of stealing the famous Iroquois Wampum Belt from the first priest of Coughanawaga, Canada. This belt valued at more than \$25,000 as a historical relic, was loaned to the chiefs who desired to decipher and interpret certain markings on the belt.

In a secluded corner of the National Museum at Washington, D. C., is hung the wall map used by General Pershing and his staff at American headquarters at Chaumont, France, during the great war. The map indicates the location of the Allied and the enemy forces as they stood on November 11, 1918.

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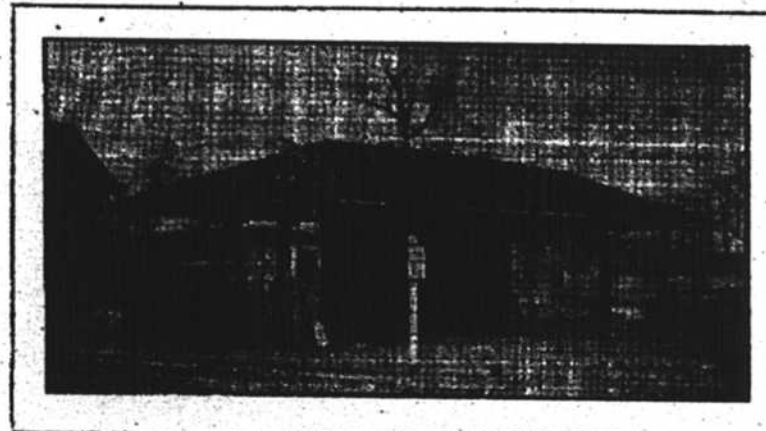
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