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Grainger Block Company Is Big Economic Asset To Tabor

One of Tabor City's home-owned and home-operated industries, Grainger Block Company, has completed the move to its new location on North Railroad Street.

Growth of Grainger Block Company has been rather phenomenal but success hasn't been a mere chance item. Owner Woodrow Grainger has kept constantly in touch with the business and operation of the plant working as much as 14 and 16 hours each day.

Grainger got into the block business one day in 1946 when two local men came to him wanting to buy blocks for construction of a building. At that moment he wasn't in the block business but agreed to use his truck to bring blocks from out of town for these two men. When he went to the block company to fill that particular order he made an agreement with the owner to purchase blocks at wholesale prices. This was the actual start of Grainger Block Company.

In 1950 the actual making of blocks in Tabor City began on a hand machine that turned out one block at a time with a maximum of 200 being produced in a day. In 1951 another hand machine was purchased with the same production capacity. Today the modern block-making machinery produces 5,000 blocks each day it is in operation.

The economy of the area gets a boost from Grainger Block Company's progress. During the busy season from September thru June there are 20 people employed with a payroll of \$55,000. Even during the off season there are 16 regular employees.

Formerly located on the Green Sea Road with one acre of land the move to the new location gives the Company plenty of room for continued expansion. The new six-acre site already houses the main office, a maintenance shop, and several buildings used for the production of the blocks. Too, a railroad siding was built by Grainger of the new location — freight car-load purchases of raw materials can now be rolled conveniently near the site of the production line.

Virtually everything in the line of labor-saving devices for block companies can be found in use at the local company. The once back-breaking labor of loading blocks on trucks by hand has been replaced by a unique motor driven truck with several prongs that fit into the open part of the block. The blocks of blocks are easily loaded and lifted onto the waiting trucks. Facilities include five cement mixer trucks and several other trucks pushing the total number of trucks to 12.

One of the ingredients that has spelled success for Grainger Block Company was revealed by a recent customer — "You don't have to wonder when delivery will be made. The service is excellent and the quality of the blocks is excellent. When Grainger tells you it will be done at a certain time then it is done at that time."

A large supply of concrete and solite blocks are on hand at all times. There are 175,000 blocks on the spacious yard right now.

Grainger happily relates that concrete and solite blocks are becoming more and more in demand. They are recommended by architects throughout for construction of buildings and homes. Some 10 years ago the value of blocks was not really realized by many people in the building business.

The advantages of using blocks can be found in the light-weight feature and the cost. Concrete blocks retail on the yard for 20 cents each while solite blocks retail for 21 cents. Two cents per block is added for delivery.

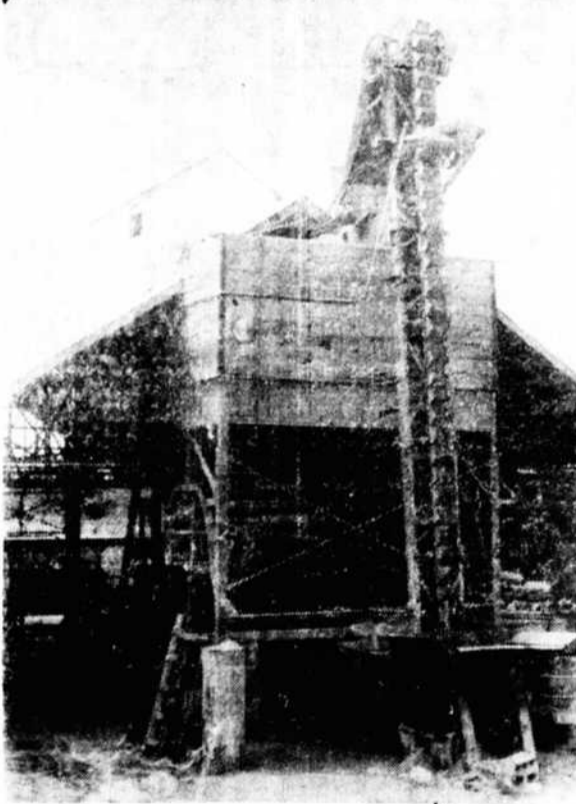
When asked the difference between a concrete and cement block, Grainger replied that there was no such thing as a cement block.

"When the cement is mixed it becomes concrete so there is no such thing as a cement block," he noted.

Blocks really came into their own in this area about 1954 after Hurricane Hazel dealt a wicked blow to the beaches in the area. Home owners noted that homes constructed with blocks withstood the damage better than others and when the



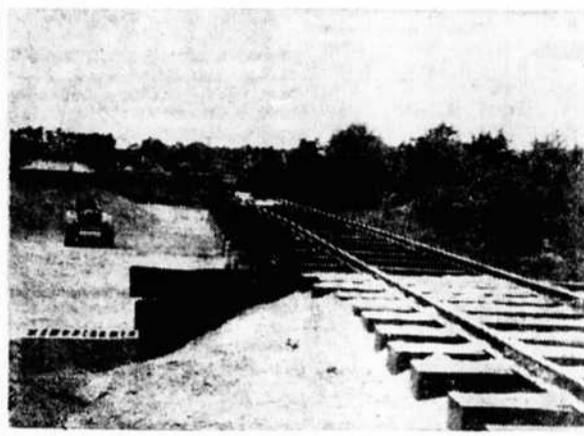
A LETTER MUST GO OUT—Woodrow Grainger checks with the office secretary, June Hodze of Loris, about a letter that must go out to a customer. It is all part of the overall, efficient operation of the plant.



FROM THE OUTSIDE—This is a view from the outside of the department where the concrete blocks are made. Every piece of labor-saving equipment available for block construction can be found at Grainger Block Company.



AN EASY TOUCH LOADS A TRUCK—A compact power-packed lifter takes the pain out of loading a truck with blocks. Talmadge Jacobs, plant manager, shows how easily a load of blocks can be placed on a truck for quick delivery.



A RAILROAD IS BUILT—This siding was built by Grainger Block Company when it moved to its new location. Freight car-load purchases of raw material are now easily located near the site on the plant yard where the blocks are made.

\$1000 In Cash

Someone with their luck running in the right direction will be \$500 richer Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Tabor City "Silver Dollar Days" will be capped Tuesday with the drawing for \$1,000 in cash and more than \$2,000 in prizes from individual merchants.

First prize in the drawing is \$500 (in silver dollars) with second and third prize being \$100 each. The next 12 persons will get \$25 each.

This is the second consecutive year this "Silver Dollar" Days has been carried out in Tabor City. It has been successful both years with widespread interest created in the cash prizes.

Bumper bargains are still being offered in every store participating in the event. Only members of the Tabor City Merchants Association are eligible to give away the tickets for the big drawing.

The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. in front of Harrelson's Pharmacy. In event of rain the drawing will be moved to Garrell's Warehouse.

"You must be present to win," said Tally Eddings, executive secretary of the Merchants Association.

Another bumper-to-bumper crowd is expected here Tuesday. Last year it was difficult to find parking space within five or six blocks of the business district.

Shoppers converged on the town from a radius of 50 miles. People came early to do their last minute shopping and to put their names in the big wire basket moments prior to the drawing.

"We've never had a crowd like that before in Tabor City but we anticipate an even larger crowd this year," said Eddings.

The following individual prizes will be given away also. Others have been added to the list since the original listing below and will be given away Tuesday:

- Dicus Firestone Company \$100.00 in Trade Certificates
- Piggly Wiggly \$25.00 in Trade Certificates
- Tabor City Dept. Store \$25.00 in Trade Certificates
- Prince Bros. Furniture—Princess Blue Ribbon Innerspring Mattress—10 yr. G'tee. (\$59.50 Mattress)
- Baker's Super Mkt. \$25.00 in trade certificates
- Sarvis Farm Supply Portable Sewing Machine
- Collier Gas Company \$39.95 Record Player
- Davis Jewelers \$50.00 in trade certificates
- Simons Dept. Store \$10.00 in trade certificates
- Lee 5 and 10 \$10.00 in trade certificates
- Ruey's Clothing Store \$75.00 in trade certificates
- Carolina Dept. Store A nice blanket
- Dor-Mar Shoe Store—\$12.95 pair women or men shoes—your choice
- C. M. Fowler Pool Room \$2.00 in cash
- Tabor Hardware and Furniture \$25.00 in trade certificates
- Western AUTO Store \$50.00 in trade certificates
- Dorman Furniture Store—\$49.95 Vacuum Cleaner—Town and Country—All att.
- Dorman Jewelers \$25.00 Trade Certificate
- Wood's 5 and 10 Bed Spread
- Strickland Produce 5 pound flour—erate cold drinks
- Schild's Dept. Store \$25.00 Trade Certificate
- C. C. Soles & Sons One 18" Huffly Electric Lawn Mower
- J. M. Soles Co. \$5.00 Trade Certificate
- Old Dime Store 32 Pc Dinner ware Set
- Cricket Gift Shop 7 Pc China Salad Set

Williams Township School Ready For Opening Of School Semester

Williams Township School with 32 teachers, is ready for the opening of the 1959-60 school year.

Clayton Lewis, principal, announced that there were 21 elementary and 11 high school teachers.

Classes will begin Wednesday, August 26.

Teachers in the elementary school are as follows: Mrs. Cora F. Ward, Mrs. Winifred P. Stout, Miss Mattie Justice, Mrs. Daisy S. Brown, Mrs. Ruth A. Coker, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Walters, Mrs. C. Harris Cooke, Mrs. Jessie B. Harper, Mrs. Marion R. Ward, Mrs. Mildred C. Vaught, Mrs. Jolie P. Boswell, Mrs. Betty W. Skipper, Miss Ruth Holder, Mrs. Andia McLam, Mrs. Letha B. Mercer, Mrs. Helen M. Williams, Mr. D. T. Peacock, Mrs. Esta N. Pitt, Mrs. Carol J. Gillikin, Miss Phyllis Ann Ratcliffe, and Mrs. Alice B. Williams.

High school teachers are as follows: Mr. Vernon D. Thompson, Mr. Jesse B. Vaught, Mr. Frank S. Gillikin, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Wilson, Mrs. Mary B. Lewis, Mr. Eugene V. Sasser, Mrs. Olive B. Wright, Mrs. Retha W. Thompson, Mr. Wister O. Jackson, Jr., Mr. Charles E. Bullock, and Mr. Clayton Lewis.

Leaf Mart Average Monday Hits High Mark Of \$64.03

Name ASC Committee Nominees For September 25 Election

173 Are Taught To Swim At Free Classes At Club

A total of 173 persons from Loris and Tabor City can swim today because of free swimming classes conducted this summer at the Carolinas Country Club. Seven classes, open to members and non-members alike, were conducted by Chuck Snyder and Ditto Eddings, life guards who taught non-swimmers of both the younger group and adults how to swim.

Thirty-one of the children and three of the adults were not members of the Country Club. Of the 137 children who learned to swim, 73 were from Loris and 64 were from Tabor City; of the 36 adults, 19 were from Loris and 17 from Tabor City.

Family Night Held At Sandy Plain

Family night was held at the Sandy Plain Community Center, Thursday evening with members of the Development Association, Home Demonstration Club and the 4-H Club attending. Judge Raymond Mallard was guest speaker using for his subject "Jury Duty."

Two New Teachers At Nakina High

Two new teachers have joined the faculty of the Nakina High School which will open Tuesday, August 25, announced M. M. Jones, principal. They are Miss Mary Syron of Clinton who will teach English and Georgia Pate of Chadbourn, Physical Education and Science. Both are graduates of East Carolina College.

Other faculty members include Clyde Backmon, Math and Science; Mrs. Marjorie W. Gore, Home Economics; Clayton W. Shackelford, Social Studies; Mrs. Elsie Peacock, English and French; Connor Cox, Business Education; Roosevelt Cartrette and James W. Gore, Agriculture. Members of the school board are P. O. Gore, chairman; I. J. Marlowe, secretary; G. T. Gore, G. T. Ward and Marshall Ward. Mr. Jones noted that the short schedule, 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. would be observed for the first ten day period.

Tabor FFA Chapter Names New Officers

The Tabor City FFA Chapter met Monday, August 10, in the agriculture building and elected officers for the 1959-60 school term. Jimmy Mincey was named president and Harold Wright, vice president. Ronald Herring will fill the secretary's post and Eddie Grainger is treasurer. Others include Scott Larrimore as reporter and Harold Hughes, Sentinel. S. L. Jackson and Fred Lay, Jr., agriculture teachers, are the advisors.

Pireway Methodist To Hold Revival

A revival meeting will begin at the Pireway Methodist Church Monday, August 24, and continue through the 28th announced the Rev. Ed Armstrong, pastor. The Rev. W. J. Martin will be the guest minister with services being held each evening at 8 p. m.

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Farmers in every agricultural community in North Carolina will soon elect three of their neighbors to represent them on Community Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees for the coming year. Elected also in each community will be two alternate members of the Community Committee.

The Chairman of the Community Committee is also a delegate to the County Convention which will convene 15 days after the community election to elect the County Committee. The election will be held on Thursday, September 10, between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m., and the county convention on Friday, September 25. The committeemen serve for a period of 12 months. Elections are held under the supervision of Community and County Election Boards, made up of local representatives of Federal and State Agricultural Agencies.

The ASC Committee has the job of administering the local phases of a variety of programs; acreage allotments on wheat, cotton, tobacco and peanuts; marketing quotas; storage and loans in connection with price supports; agricultural conservation programs operations; phases of the wool incentive program; conservation reserve; and other emergency programs.

The nominees for ASC Committees of Cerro Gordo, Cherry Grove, Mollie, Beaverdam, Clarendon, Tabor City, Sandy Plains, and Guideway are as follows: Cerro Gordo — H. T. Benton, Hezie F. Heed, Homer Bullard, Tillman Elliott, Billie Floyd, Clemon Green, Wesley Harrelson, C. H. Jenkins, Joel McDaniel, and Irvin Williamson.

Cherry Grove — Joe Butler, Hosea Coleman, Tim Coleman, Daniel Hayes, Gurney Herring, Timothy Pace, Lennie Strickland, Velton Strickland, Irvin Strickland, and Luther Turbeville. Mollie — Clement Cox, N. C. Currie, Dewey Gaskin, Jack Gore, W. D. Guy, Ernest Hayes, Daniel Long, W. L. Price, Brooks Stanley, and Frank Ward.

Beaverdam — Joe Beck, Seth Cartrette, Von Cartrette, Paul Dudley, Joe Godwin, Thomas Hobbs, Cleveland Hughes, Cecil McPherson, Howard McPherson, Roy McPherson, and Troy Worley. Clarendon — Carl Bullock, Woodrow Hardie, Thomas Harrelson, Dewey Hewitt, Homer Mercer, W. G. Norris, Roy Spivey, Neal Strickland, Clyde Strickland, and Otis Wright.

Tabor City — L. B. Cox, Walter Foster, Coy Harrelson, B. G. Hinson, Elton Lawson, Helton Soles, H. E. Soles, Robert Soles, James Spivey, Harry Stephens. Sandy Plains — Earl Cartrette, Henry Cox, Horace Fowler, Lyman Fowler, Paul Gore, L. M. Lewis, Horace Miller, Rock Ray, Bruce Spivey, and E. A. Wright. Guideway — Grady Frink, Joe Gore, Major Gore, Dupree Jacobs, B. G. Land, Melvin Long, Ernest Rhodes, Gibson Stocks, W. D. Stone, Homer Tucker.

Mrs. Spivey, ASC officer manager advises that in addition to the above list, regulations provide that there shall be included on the slate of nominees, the names of eligible persons whose nominations is requested in a petition. The petition must be signed by 10 or more eligible voters and presented to the election board by August 25. Regulations require that nominees be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order.

Those from this area who helped in the search were W. C. Cox, Jr., Don Marshall, and Robert Dale Inman, all senior members. Cadets from this area who assisted were Carman Lane, Charles Duncan and John Lewis.

Lou Floy Watts of Tabor City will be among the 228 Appalachian State Teachers College students slated to be graduated at commencement exercises tomorrow night. Dr. J. Earl Banicley, president of Elon College, will deliver the commencement address. Dr. W. H. Plenum, president of Appalachian, will confer the degrees and award diplomas.

Tabor Student Gets Degree At Appalachian

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Mrs. J. C. FIPPS Mrs. J. C. Fippe is a patient in the Columbus County Hospital, Whitesville.

MRS. DONALD PRINCE Mrs. Donald Prince and children, Clarence and Sandy, of Jacksonville, Fla. are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gomez Prince, and other relatives.

FLORIDA VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Smith and daughter, Sherrell, of Jacksonville, Fla. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Foy D. Fowler several days last week.

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