



THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

The Large Imperial Plant, Representing Several Thousand Dollars, Nearing Completion
THE MODERN EQUIPMENT OF W. A. ADAMS CO.

The tall smoke stack and steel tank that stands near the Southern Railway station which extends up into the air two hundred and fifty feet and are almost visible throughout Granville and Vance counties on a clear day, is the seat of the Imperial Tobacco Company. It represents an investment of several hundred thousand dollars, just how much we do not know. The building covers more than half of the regulation city square, or to be more exact twenty buildings of the same dimensions side by side would extend a distance of one mile. The plant is the third or fourth in size and the most modern of its kind in the United States.

THE STRUCTURE

The building is of brick and the floors are of concrete throughout, and a granolithic platform circles one-half of the building on the railroad and Crawford street fronts. The offices will be on Crawford street, next to Broad street. They will be finished in hardwood. There are several toilet and bath rooms convenient to the office force. The immense drying vaults built out of solid brick and steel are as wide as Main street and a half of a square long. There are two three hundred horse power boilers and the hot dry air is forced into the drying vaults with a Westinghouse generator, which also furnishes lights and power for the plant. The building is laid off in departments, which are divided by heavy brick partition walls. One room, which we will call the "wizzard room" for convenience, will contain a lot of delicate instruments to test the degrees of heat and moisture. This will require the attention of an expert who will be held responsible for the condition of the million pounds of tobacco that will be handled by the plant annually. There are large rooms for the reception of the golden leaves and still larger rooms for the tierces. There will be a portion of the building devoted to storing lumber and the manufacture of tierces. Everything is thoroughly modern, built on a plan to minimize time and labor. The interior of the building throughout is to be painted white, excepting the iron, which will be in black.

Col. W. B. Ballou, the expert and clever buyer for Imperial Tobacco Co. is on the ground from early morn until the shades begin to fall. There are so many blue prints on every hand we wonder that he has not lost some of his good temper. We suggested that when the plant is finally completed that the Colonel would throw it open to the public, and possibly he will do so.

Only a portion of the immense building will be ready by the time the tobacco season opens, but an army of men are rushing the work and no doubt the plant will be in full swing by the first of November.

THE W. A. ADAMS COMPANY

One of the largest and most modern prize houses is that of the W. A. Adams Company, which has just been completed on Hillsboro street and extending through to the tracks of the Southern Railway. The new building is two stories high 80x175 feet, built of sheet iron, with concrete base and ground floor of same material. The second floor and office are of hardwood.

The new building has a capacity of 40,000 pounds daily, with a side track to accommodate twelve freight cars.

The entire plant proper covers two and one-half acres of ground. Along side of the prizer is situated an open air storage warehouse of galvanized iron with a capacity of 1,600 hog-heads. Another building of large dimension is devoted to the cooper shop and storage of lumber, and this building, too, is of galvanized iron.

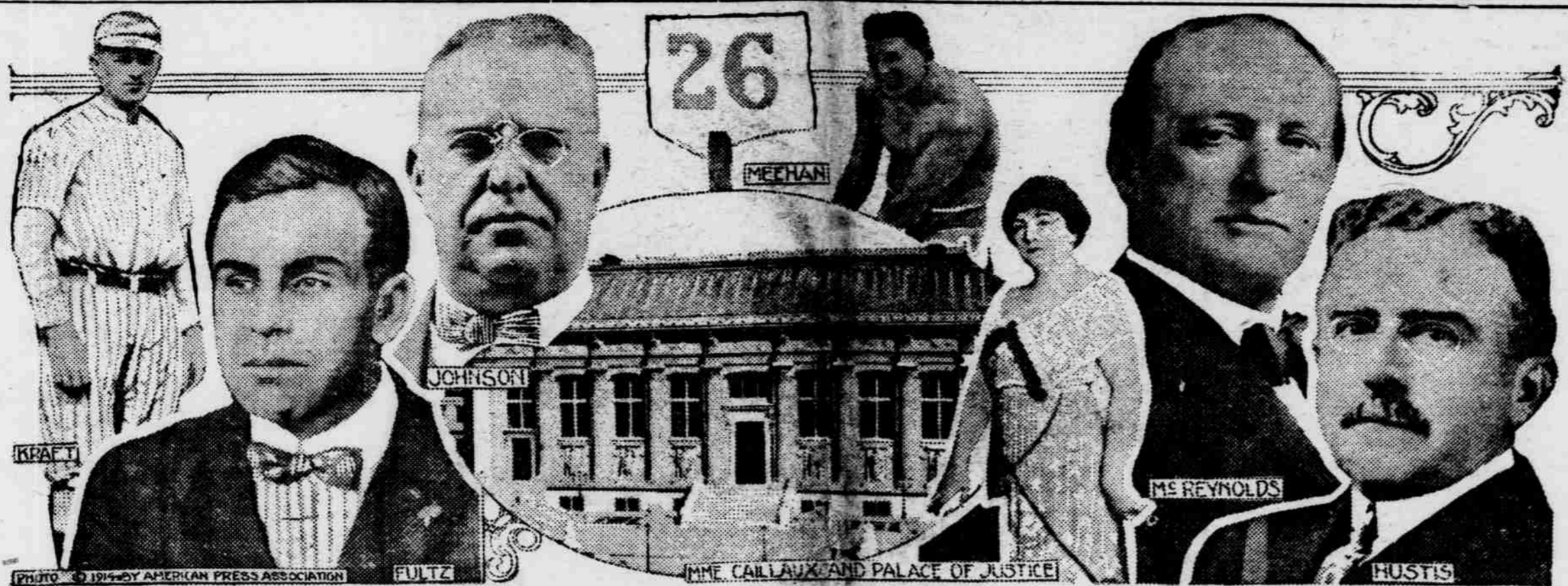
The power house, a few feet removed from the main building is of brick. The installation of the most modern electrical machinery is now underway. They will generate their own light and power.

Mr. S. R. Skinner is president of the company, and Mr. Carl B. Adams is Secretary-Treasurer. They have both been identified with the tobacco industry all their lives and are men of sterling worth.

Tobaccoists from Richmond, Durham, Lynchburg, Danville, and Henderson have made trips to Oxford to look over the plant, and they with one accord pronounce the W. A. Adams Company one of the largest and most modern plants of its kind in the United States.

The rubbish is now being removed, the grounds beautified and the plant

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News Snapshots Of the Week

Mme. Henriette Caillaux, wife of the former prime minister and minister of finance of France, was placed on trial in Paris for slaying Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro. President Wilson directed Attorney General McReynolds to begin civil and criminal actions against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, of which James H. Hustis is president, and some of its present and former directors and officers for violation of the anti-trust act. Organized baseball, of which Ban Johnson is the admitted czar, received a shock when David L. Fultz, president of the Players' fraternity, notified the magnates that the organized players would quit if Clarence Kraft was returned to Nashville after he had been drafted by Brooklyn and farmed out to Newark. George R. Meehan of Boston won the championship long distance swim from the Battery, New York city, to Sandy Hook.

IN THREE COUNTIES.

Out of Granville, Across Vance into Warren, a Distance of Fifty-one Miles

OXFORD PEOPLE GUESTS OF PANACEA SPRINGS

The management of the famous Panacea Springs, in Warren county, fifty-one miles from Oxford, extended an invitation to a number of their friends within a radius of seventy-five miles to come and enjoy the annual barbecue at the Springs last Wednesday. There were three hundred people present. The following is a partial list of those who made the trip from Oxford in autos: Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell and daughter, Miss Esther Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryan and family, Messrs. Will Fleming, Henry Hunt, Cam Hunt, Thornton Yancey, Eugene Moss, Earnest Howard, Winfield Taylor, Augustus Graham, Prof. J. F. Webb, John Webb, J. W. Horner, Hillman Cannady, and D. A. Coble.

A PRETTY SPOT

Nature has done much in beautifying the landscape about the Springs preserve. One would not expect to find in Eastern North Carolina such gigantic overhanging boulders with all healing water pushing through the crevice of them. The hills are just steep enough to make a maiden's cheek glow. It is an ideal place to repose, romp, eat, sleep and be merry. The barbecue was served over on the picturesque lakeside and it fully sustained the delightful cuisine for which the hotel is noted.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

The trip in an auto car at this season of the year, when the roads are good and firm, is delightful. The running time is about two hours and thirty minutes. The best corn and tobacco we saw enroute is in the first seven miles of the journey between Oxford and the Vance county line. In the twenty-five miles across Vance county the conditions change considerably. The tobacco and corn has a good color, but it is by no means as vigorous as it is in Granville. There is considerable cotton and peanuts grown in Vance and both of these crops look "exceptionable well." At Ridgeway we noticed that they were loading four refrigerator cars with cantaloupes for the northern markets. Entering Warren county at a point near Norlina the distance to Panacea Springs is seventeen miles. Corn, cotton, and peanuts predominate along this portion of the road. Tobacco looks good, what there is of it, but in places the drought left wide gaps in the rows.

SOCIAL NOTES

Mr. M. C. Braswell, who is largely interested in the Panacea Springs Corporation, is a most delightful gentleman. His excellent wife is the sister of our townsman, Mr. C. W. Bryan. He has been very successful in business and has accumulated more than a half million dollars. Mr. James Powell, Register of Deeds, and Mrs. Powell, are rusticating at the Springs. Miss Leach, of Raleigh, a very attractive and talented young lady, the daughter of the late James Leach, of Granville, has charge of the modern dances. She will be the guest of Miss Gladys Rawlins next week. The Hotel register shows that more than one hundred Oxford people have been guests at the hotel during the season.

FOR UNITED UPLIFT!

Oxford wants advertising. It wants advertising not so much through printers ink as through united personal effort. We can all help. Business men can help by keeping the dollars at home through enterprise and good service. Town official can help by giving as many improvements as possible for the benefit of the whole community, showing partiality to none. House owners can help by maintaining their places at all times as spick and span as during clean up week. Citizens can help by spending their money in Oxford, thus keeping it in circulation. But you say we are already doing these things. No we are not. We are not doing these things with united effort, with determined purpose, with real civic zeal. It needs team work. Let us organize at once a sensible campaign of publicity.

OXFORD COLLEGE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

In response to repeated requests I have decided to reopen the Primary Department that was discontinued on the opening of the Graded School. Girls only will be received. For particulars as to charges and etc apply to me. F. P. HOBGOOD 2t.

DAVIS THE FLUE MAN PAYS THE freight on all solid sets of flues you buy, so send your order and get quick shipment.

MRS. T. FANIER ANNOUNCES THAT she has decided to remain in the same store, which will be renovated and greatly improved for the coming season.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to the Public
Ledger Readers

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

New Tank—Dr. N. M. Ferebee is having a cypress tank built at his home on High street.

Two Cottages Finished—Mr. J. W. Floyd has about completed two cottages on Goshen street for rent.

Plenty of Melons—There are plenty of home-grown watermelons in town now everyday and the buds are happy.

Building House—Mr. Dudley Fuller has commenced the erection of a dwelling on his lot in Reavis Park, which will be for rent.

Making Improvements—Mrs. John Niles and Miss Margaret Hilliard are making some needed improvements to their respective homes.

Remove the Clay—In order to get rid of the red mud in front of our nice new post office is to remove the clay which was hauled there.

Do You Want Land?—If so, consult the Granville Real Estate and Trust Co., as they have land for sale. Read advertisement on the last page.

Best Corn Crop—One of our farmer friends tells us there will be made in Granville this year one of the best corn crops made in many years.

Commissioners Meet—The Board of County Commissioners will meet next Monday and if you have any business before them you had better be on hand.

The Minor Warehouse—We learn that the cleaning up and repairing the Minor warehouse and building of stables will commence next week as we learn from Mr. W. J. Webb.

Dr. Thomas—This coming young physician has purchased a good new automobile, and when inducted into the Coroners Office will be prepared to respond quickly to a call of duty.

Can't Reach It—Even if a man may be the tallest individual in his community he may not be able to reach a conclusion. His little sawed-off neighbor is liable to see it first.

Pleasant Affair—Mrs. A. L. Capehart handsomely entertained quite a number of her friends on Tuesday morning at her home in Ridley Park and delicious refreshments were served.

Come to Pass—A writer says it has about come to pass where a man has to work twelve hours a day to buy his wife the kind of clothes that give other men a view of her plans and specifications.

Good Law Firm—Hicks & Stem, the well and favorably known law firm of Oxford, who enjoys a good practice, has a card in this issue. All business entrusted to them will meet with prompt attention.

Good Rain Sunday—There was a refreshing rain Sunday afternoon and it came at a time when it was badly needed. More rain and seasonable showers during this month will virtually make the crops.

Money to Burn—A great many people imagine that Uncle Sam has money to burn. He has, but it isn't his. It belongs to the people because Uncle Sam gets it out of them. Most everybody who wants the government to spend money for all sorts of things, do not know he gets his money out of them. He simply holds it in trust for the people, and every time they pull his leg for it they are pulling their own leg.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Total Tax for 1913 Amounted to \$102,080.63, of this Amount \$591.54 was Returned as Insolvent

WE COMMEND SHERIFF HOBGOOD MOST HEARTILY

The settlement made by Sheriff S. C. Hobgood of the taxes collected by him for the year 1913 is interesting to all the tax payers of the county, and these are some items which deserve more than passing mention.

The total tax for 1913 amounted to \$102,080.63 and of this amount only \$591.54 was returned as insolvent, which is the smallest amount of insolvents ever returned by any sheriff of the county, so far as we can learn.

During the year he collected \$3,612.50 in license taxes, an amount about double that collected heretofore.

In addition to the above splendid collections, Sheriff Hobgood collected from the insolvent list for 1912 the sum of \$392.48 and from land redeemed from sales in 1912 the sum of \$157.46. From this it will be seen that the sheriff collected from 1912 insolvents and lands redeemed within about \$51.00 of the total insolvents returned by him. The land sold for 1913 tax was the smallest for years—the tax being only \$138.54.

We commend sheriff Hobgood for this splendid record and we are sure the people of the county are proud of this most excellent officer.

B. G. BRUMMITT

Among the candidates for the Legislature who are fighting the people's battle without waiting for orders from the machine Dennis G. Brummitt, of Granville, is entitled to mention. Nobody can cast any reflection upon Mr. Brummitt's party regularity; he was nominated without opposition in a county where the Democratic nomination is equivalent to election, and he is heart and soul for the primary and the constitutional amendments.—Greensboro News (Ind)

SECOND HAIL STORM

The hail has been very severe in the Watkins section this year. Three or four weeks ago many of the farmers suffered heavy losses and again last Sunday they were visited by another hail storm. Much tobacco and corn was damaged fully 50 per cent. The farm of Buck Parrott and Clair Parham were damaged by more than half. Other farmers who suffer damage were: Hewitt Hicks, Ollie and Troy Parham, Walter and June Barnes, Harry Wright, Tom Bobbit, Chas. Laughlin, Virginius Cheatham, and W. E. Dorsey.

MISS GERTRUDE LANDIS WISHES to announce that Mr. Rudolph Shedd, of Washington, D. C. will give a series of lessons in all the modern dances, beginning the week of August 3rd in the Armory. For particulars apply to Miss Landis. A class for children will be held in the morning.

A STRANGE PET

In a county town in northern Pennsylvania there lives a little old man who sells milk, carrying it from house to house morning and evening in a small hand-cart. There is nothing strange about that, but his companion on these daily trips is the very strangest you ever heard of—an old gray goose, who follows him about in the most dignified manner, and stands watch over his cart, letting no one go near it in his master's absence. His name is Major, and his master says that he is just as useful as a dog would be.

THE END OF THE LINE.

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READY TO STEP OVER THE DEAD LINE

We get it from an unofficial source that the Seaboard Railroad is planning to annihil one of the trains plying between Oxford and Henderson. The word has gone forth that the Oxford branch does not pay expenses, and in their scheme of retrenchment we would not be surprised to see one or two good men loose their places.

It is rumored that a shifting engine when not employed on the yards in Henderson or Durham, will be stationed at this end of the line to pull the cars to and from Dickerson, or that the Henderson-Durham trains may back in from Dickerson to Oxford twice a day.

As much as the Companies have been patted on the back, and fed sweet morsels by the citizens, neither the Seaboard or the Southern has been any too good to Oxford.

"Oh well," says some one, "if the Seaboard does not treat us square we can throw all of our business to the Southern." That sounds all right, but you must not forget that the Southern and the Seaboard do not antagonize each others interests and when one Company strikes a blow the other must do the same.

The question of better railway facilities for handling passengers and freight in Oxford is now pending, and if our memory serves us right the railroads were given to understand what they may expect after a reasonable delay to comply to the wishes of the committee.

Recent developments look as if the Railroads have snapped their fingers in our face and told us to go where there is no ice; but nevertheless, they are up against a tough proposition just the same. The committee that is waiting upon their decision of better facilities is held in check by judicial temperament, but behind them is a slumbering volcano. Taken all in all, it looks like it is a case for Corporation Commission.

DIED IN PENITENTIARY

Sam Taylor, the colored man who shot to death William Sullivan and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary died of blood poison in the State Prison on June 12. The people of Granville remember the murder and the trial very distinctly and we always felt that the other man who helped Sam in the killing should have also received a sentence.

WE HAVE A FINE TOWN

It is a well known fact that Oxford possesses many advantages over other towns.

We have people that are hard to beat anywhere. New people would come from many states to live among them if they only knew about them.

We have a delightful climate and the country round about this good town is the best in the state and would prove irresistible to farmers everywhere if they only knew about our fine farming outlook.

What we need more than anything else on the face of the earth is a band of intelligent boosters. Is the Commercial Club and the Civic League "asleep at the switch?"

This thing we do know—Oxford is losing every day because of the indifference of our people, and there should be an awakening all along the line.

WATCH FOR LOST—ONE LEATHER bag with a gold cross. Return to W. M. Pinnix.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. J. T. Duncan, of Berea, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Nat Jones, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. O. C. Curdin, of Dabney, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Averett, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

Mr. George Stem, of Stem, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Otis Hester, of Route 3, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. "Rat" Cannady, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. J. Brummitt, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. King, of Stem section, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. D. Thomas, of Route 6, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. J. A. Peace, of Fairport, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. J. R. Renn, of Route 6, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Durrell Brummitt, of Route 3, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. John Morris, of Wilton section, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. Rufus Stroud, of the Wilton section, was in town Thursday.

Mr. James Walters, of Route 6, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Graham Daniel, of Providence section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. W. A. Sherman, of West Granville, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. R. W. Wilkerson, of Stem section, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. John Booth, of Raleigh, visited his old home in Oxford this week.

The children of Mr. W. H. Upchurch are visiting relatives at Apex.

Mr. Melvin York, of Grissom, was among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Whitfield, of Brassfield township, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Burwell and two sisters of Fairport, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Misses Alva Lee and Lila Curdin are visiting relatives in Durham and Chapel Hill.

Miss Edna Spencer, of Keysville, Va., is visiting Mrs. Len Pitchford on Goshen street.

Mrs. Annie Landis is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Harry Burwell, in Washington City.

Miss Bertha Hutchins, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. G. Pace, near town.

Mr. Ben Thorp, Jr., one of our excellent young men, of Oak Hill, was on our streets Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Skinner, of Greenville, are the guests of Mrs. Julia Minor. They motored to Oxford.

Misses Lucy Webb, Helen White and Evelyn Howell will leave to-day for a weeks visit to Panacea Springs.

Our nice young friend, John Hamilton, has located at Bluefield, West Va., and we wish him continued success.

Miss Frances Abbitt has returned from the State Normal Summer school, and will teach at Dickerson's this year.

Prof. H. H. McLean, superintendent of Farmville Graded school, is visiting his friend, Mr. Nat Daniel, on Route 4.