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Crescent Hosiery Mill Lets Contract for New Structure

Plant to Cost Fifteen Thousand Dollars—Thoroughly Up-to-Date With all Modern Conveniences Looking Toward Comfort of the Help.—Peyton Keel and T. W. Russell Get Contract for Building.

The Crescent Hosiery Mill of Scotland Neck on Monday let the contract for the big new mill structure to supplant the old frame building it is now using in the manufacture of hosiery. Messrs. T. W. Russell and Peyton Keel, local contractors, were the successful bidders for this piece of construction, which will be begun upon the arrival of the building material. Mr. L. M. Pittman, president of the mill, stated that he expected the building to be completed, ready to begin operations by the latter part of next August.

DELIGHTFUL "AT HOME."

Last evening Misses Ethel Thomas, Lois Thompson, Isabel MacKenzie and Edna Bryant, teachers in the local high school gave an informal "at home" at the residence of Mr. G. Lamb, in Charlotteville, to the young ladies of the town who had entertained for them during their stay here, and to the young men who had called.

A large crowd was in attendance and for a number of hours the guests made merry.

Toward the latter part of the evening after delicious refreshments had been served, a contest was put on. In the contest each guest was required to write a telegram beginning each word in the telegram with one of the letters in the word "Farewell," which was significant of the fact that the popular teachers were soon to leave for their respective homes, where they will spend the summer vacation.

The contestant who was first through with the telegram, was awarded a handsome box of correspondence cards.

For some time after this the guests enjoyed themselves with games of different kinds and conversation and at a late hour those present dispersed with reluctance, all realizing that the hostesses would not be with them again for three long months.

MR. W. A. SMITH PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.

Mr. W. A. Smith of Chestertown, Md., who has been located here for the past two years, and who was stricken some weeks ago with paralysis, died at the Raspberry Hotel here this morning at 3 o'clock.

Since his attack Mr. Smith has been growing gradually worse and the end was not unexpected, yet his many friends will miss his sunny smile and genial disposition.

When it was realized here that no hope for Mr. Smith could be held out, his wife was notified, and she hastened to his bedside, where she remained to the end.

The body will be sent to his old home, Chestertown, Md., this afternoon.

IMPROVING RESIDENCE.

Mr. A. McDowell is making extensive improvements on his residence on North Main street. Besides improving the exterior of the house, he is having a complete system of waterworks installed.

SCOTLAND NECK MARKET

Peanuts, per bu.	.....\$1
Cotton (steady)	.....13
Cotton seed	.....52
Fat Cattle, hoof 4c to 5c; dressed	10c
Eggs	.....20
Granulated Sugar	.....9c
Corn, bu.	.....81
Clear rib sides	.....16c
Feed Oats	.....75c
Fresh pork	.....9c to 10c
Hams (county)	.....19c
Lard	.....12 1/2 to 15c
Cheese per lb.	.....25c
Butter	.....35c to 45c
Mead, pr sack	.....\$2.00
Flour, 12-lb sacks	.....50c
Cotton seed meal, ton	.....15c to 35c
Cotton seed hulls, ton	.....\$16
Potatoes, sweet, pr bu.	.....\$1.25
Potatoes, Irish, bag	.....\$3.25

THE ROAD DRAG HELPS.

Thursday afternoon the town teams were busy dragging Main street and the improvement was at once discernible. Just a little work after each rain will make the roads in the residential section of Scotland Neck what they should be.

Mr. J. Allison McDowell was a visitor in Bertie County Tuesday.

New Brick Manufactory Will Be Ready for Business Soon

Mr. J. B. Hall Expects to Begin the Manufacture of High-Grade Brick by the Latter Part of June—Daily Capacity of Yard to be Approximately 20,000 Bricks—Investment Represents Six Thousand Dollars at Present.

The latter part of next month expects to find a new manufacturing enterprise with a large payroll annexed to the yearly increasing industries of Scotland Neck. Though this will be just beyond the corporate limits of Scotland Neck, local firms will reap the benefits from the large payroll that will be required to operate the plant. Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. B. Hall, the owner of the yard, stated to a reporter for the Commonwealth that the investment will represent about six thousand dollars, and that he expects to begin operations by the latter part of next month. Already a large force of carpenters are at work, and the drying shed is nearly completed.

The site of the brick yard is between the A. C. L. railroad and the main county road leading to the north of Scotland Neck and a little to the right in front of Mr. Hall's residence on the outskirts of town. It will be interesting to know that the new site is on the same location on which the old yard was that manufactured the brick with which the Old Trinity Church in the Episcopal cemetery was built.

The old method of making slop brick in which they were moulded by horse power, will, of course, not be used as modern machinery, according to Mr. Hall, will be employed in making both hard and soft brick. The owner of the yard also advised the reporter that he intended to ship the bulk of his product, and to accommodate cars at the yard while being loaded, the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company has built him a side track at the plant.

Our Next Governor



T. W. BICKETT Raleigh, N. C.

Correspondence Letters from Nearby Towns Written Exclusively for The Commonwealth

Town and Country Breezes Wafted in to this Paper from our Newsgatherers in Neighboring Towns and Rural Communities—Interesting Items Chronicling the Doings and Wanderings of Neighbors and Country Cousins Written by Correspondents of the Commonwealth.—News and Views Smacking of Political, Social, Agricultural and Economical Events Hot Off the Rural Free Deliveries Round About.

THREE NEW STORE BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED AT ENFIELD.

Enfield, May 23.—Foundations are being laid for three of the most up-to-date stores ever erected here, between the Bank of Enfield and the Harrison-Hall Drug Co. All three stores will have solid glass fronts with the most modern counters and shelving inside. The owners are the Bank of Enfield, J. E. Dickens and C. E. McGowan.

Raymond Wood of Weidon spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. L. M. Wood.

Watson Sherrod is attending commencement of a school at Washington, D. C., this week.

Miss Eva Spears of Rocky Mount is visiting Misses Blanch and Lottie Hardee.

The News & Observer is carrying an advertisement of the sale at public auction of the moving picture theatre here. It seems that the present owner, J. H. Melton, has failed to make good and the former owners, Sherrod & Bennett are going to dispose of it at public auction on Wednesday, May 31.

We good people expect to keep cool this summer. I. D. Wood is running two ice wagons, and C. Nichols has erected a nice ice house also and ice is at a reasonable price.

Miss Vienna Hill of LaGrange is visiting Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Dodd.

Raymond Hardee was taken to the Park View Hospital at Rocky Mount last week for treatment for a complication of diseases. At this writing he is doing nicely.

The kids are enjoying the merry-go-round. It is here under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church.

There were no services at the Baptist Church Sunday. The pastor, Rev. G. H. Johnson was attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Asheville.

OAK CITY ITEMS.

Mr. James Hopkins, of Hobgood, was in town Sunday.

Mr. Claude Kocinek, of Greenville, was here Sunday.

Mr. Jim Daniel, of Robersonville, spent Sunday here.

Miss Kate Pitt left for a visit to her home in Rocky Mount Sunday.

Little Miss Lucile and Master Marion House spent the week end in Hobgood.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Weeks and children, of Scotland Neck, were here Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Barrette, of Pabynum, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. J. House Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Savage and son of Hobgood, Marion Burnett and Mrs. R. J. House Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haislip and children, of Hamilton, spent Sunday with Miss Lou Council.

Mr. R. J. House is spending a few days in Savannah, Ga., this week.

Messrs. John York, B. L. Hines and Luther Davenport spent Monday in Rocky Mount.

Sheriff Crawford was in town Monday accompanied by his little son and daughter.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Wednesday morning the case of Isaac Smith vs. the N. A. Riddick Motor Car Co., which has been pending in the court of Justice of the Peace J. E. Shields for some time, came to trial. Smith was suing for \$50 damages to his buggy and himself, caused by Dan Forrest, an employee of the company, driving at a high rate of speed and running into the buggy, throwing plaintiff from the same and completely demolishing it.

His honor awarded the plaintiff the sum of \$30.75 as damages. An appeal was taken by the Motor Car Co.

WANTED—Copies of This Paper of the following dates: March 11, 1915; May 6, 1915; Nov. 3, 1915; Jan. 20, 1916 and Feb. 3, 1916. 25c each will be paid for the first copy of each of the first 3 dates and 10c. for the last two dates. The Commonwealth.

MULLENS ITEMS.

Mullens, May 24.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Staton, Mrs. J. T. Bell, Misses Hilda Elizabeth, Irene Gertrude and Mr. Edwin Earle Staton went to Whitakers Sunday to attend the burial of Mr. C. N. Landen.

Miss Addie Marks, who has been visiting relatives and friends near Leggett for several weeks, has returned home.

Mr. R. L. Peele spent Saturday and Sunday in Whitakers with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gray and son, William Walton, of near Roseneath spent Sunday with relatives and friends near Mullens.

Miss Eva Lee Staton of White's spent Saturday with Miss Mattie Lucas.

Masters William Joyner and Edward Wiley were here Sunday.

Mr. Claude Whitehead of White's spent Sunday with friends near Roseneath.

Mr. E. F. Hyman of Spring Hill, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. Enoch Simmons of Speeds, was here Tuesday morning.

OFFICERS OF CROWELL'S COMMUNITY FAIR MEET.

On Thursday, June 1st at 3:00 P. M., the officers of the Crowell's Community Fair will meet at the school house for the purpose of setting plans for the coming fair, which will be held in the fall.

DEMOLISHING OLD BUILDING.

Mr. J. E. Bowers is having torn down the frame building next to the wholesale store of Bowers & Co., which has been used in the past as a storage house for the company. Mr. Bowers stated that the building was a fire trap and to protect himself and his neighbors, he was having the building destroyed.

CARD OF THANKS.

In behalf of Mrs. Mittie Hassell and myself I wish to extend my deepest appreciation and thanks to all those who assisted in preventing the fire Monday from destroying our property.

Commencement Exercises Local Schools Begin Tonight

Program of Elaborate Exercises Expected to Draw Large Crowds to Annual Closing of Schools.—Celebrated Speakers to Make Addresses: Dr. White Sunday Morning; T. W. Bickett Tuesday Night.

Elaborate exercises will mark the close of the Scotland Neck Graded School this year. With musicals, plays, cantatas, and celebrated speakers for the occasion, the school superintendency is hoping and expecting the most successful and entertaining exercises that have ever marked the close of a local school. The two principal speakers have wide reputations for their oratorical talents and for the force for good they freight their speeches with. The pupils who are to take part in the two plays have been practicing them for sometime and are now eager and ready to show their histrionic abilities to the patrons of the school. With extra seating arrangement being made to handle the crowd when Mr. Bickett speaks, those who have the exercises in charge are expecting to draw large crowds from the country.

The following are the graduates of the class of 1916 of the Scotland Neck High School: William Joseph Ausbon, Dallas Mariah Hardy, Maggie Lenore Hoggard, Elizabeth Lowe, Teresa Hopkins, Annie Maria McDowell, Lillian McRae Purvis, Janet Paul White, Evelyn Kitchin. Officers: President, William Ausbon; Vice President, Janet White; Secretary and Treasurer, Lillian Purvis.

The closing exercises of the school will begin Friday evening when members of the grammar school will present the cantata. Rose Dreams at 8:30 in the school auditorium.

Sunday morning at 11:00 A. M., Dr. W. Mc. C. White, of Raleigh, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class.

Monday evening at 8:30 the play, "Kentucky Belle" will be played by members of the high school.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 Attorney General T. W. Bickett will deliver the address to the graduating class. Following the address, diplomas will be awarded. Mr. A. Paul Kitchen will introduce the speaker for the graduating address.

Following is the synopsis of the "Cantata," to be given tonight at the school auditorium by the pupils of the lower grades:

A ROSE DREAM

Argument. Little Rose, who has wandered away from home and is lost, falls asleep. The fairies find her, and the Fairy Queen designates Hop-o-my-Thumb to guide her through The Land of the Lost, and later to Fairyland, her kingdom. Little Rose, with a band of Roses as her body-guard, sees much to delight and interest her. The Fairies, with their dainty charms; the mischievous elves, who are never at rest, it would seem; the giant forgot—all these she meets through her wonderful guide Hop-o-my-Thumb.

In the second part they have brought her to Fairyland itself, where the lovely queen of the Fairies holds court. Little Rose finds a tiny rose-bud amidst her bunch of roses. The fairies and the elves do their best to entertain her; the queen is most gracious to her, but all this does not keep Little Rose from getting sleepy and as these are

fairies of the day, the queen sends Hop-o-my-Thumb to bid Little Rose's mother cease weeping; that she will find her daughter sleeping "neath the lilac tree in the park, and the last chorus leaves Little Rose sleeping, leaning against the fairy throne. "A mortal child can never stay in Fairyland but for a day."

CHARACTERS:

The Fairies—Girls of the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. The Elves—Boys in the Primary and Grammar Grades. The Roses—Girls in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. The Rosebud—Lois Speed. The giant "Forgot"—Eugene Whitehead. Twins "Can" and "Can't"—Sam A. Dunn, Jr., and Frank S. Pittman. Hop-o-my-Thumb—Charlie Lawrence Jr. Queen of the Fairies—Burlve McFarland. Little Rose—Ellen Speed. The Door Fairy—Katherine Shields.

E. C. T. S. FINALS.

The Commonwealth is in receipt of handsome engraved invitation reading as follows: The Faculty and Senior Class of East Carolina Teachers Training School request the honor of your presence at their Commencement Exercises June fourth to seventh Nineteen hundred and Sixteen Greenville, N. C.

RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HOLD MEETING.

The local branch of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association met Thursday afternoon and appointed Messrs. Bernard Allsbrook and R. L. Hardy as delegates to the state convention that is to be held in Winston-Salem June 20, 21 and 22. The local branch has a good report to make as the Association has had since its organization here several years ago has been successful in the extreme.

Summary of the Great War as Told in Late Press Dispatches

Army of the Crown Prince Once More Takes Battered Fort Douaumont from the French and Strike Lines in Vicinity of Dead Man's Hill with Telling Effect.—Austrians Making Great Wedge in Italian Lines.

Continuing their furious assaults in the Verdun region the Germans, having succeeded in again wresting the battered ruins of Fort Douaumont from the French, have driven hard against the lines west of the fort. In this new attack the Crown Prince's forces succeeded in gaining a foothold in a French trench near the Haudemont quarry, which has been the scene recently of much hard fighting.

At Fort Douaumont itself the infantry engagements, waged so desperately during the early part of the week, have ceased for the time being, according to the afternoon bulletin of the French war office.

The artillery is still notably active. Its fire has been particularly severe on the west bank of the Meuse near hill 304 and from Dead Man hill to Cummer the village close to the river just captured by the Germans and from which they have so been prevented from

debouching by the energetic work of the French guns.

East of Cummer the French report having made much progress in hand grenade operations.

Latest reports from the fighting on the Austro-Italian front indicates that the Austrians have driven a wedge rather deeply into Italian territory between the Arsa and Astico valleys, southeast of Trent. The Italians admittedly have been falling back in this sector where they now report a concentration of their forces in the Arsiero basin.

The sinking by a submarine of the British steamer Washington, a vessel of 5,080 tons, is announced in London.

Rome reports the destruction of an Austrian gunboat and an Austrian aeroplane in an engagement with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adriatic. Thursday, May 25.