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MERCHANTS BACK EUREKA FARMING

Little River Stores Company Encourage Raising of Field Seeds

(Bion H. Butler)

It is well known that the farmer is weak when he comes to market his products, and that one of his great needs is a selling agency. For that reason the co-operative associations have been formed and various other plans tried, with more or less success. Yet they are but a limited help, for the association is usually confined to one product, while the farm has many things to market. One of the recent instruments to help the farm is the Little River stores company, of Vass and adjacent towns, and the help is a substantial one.

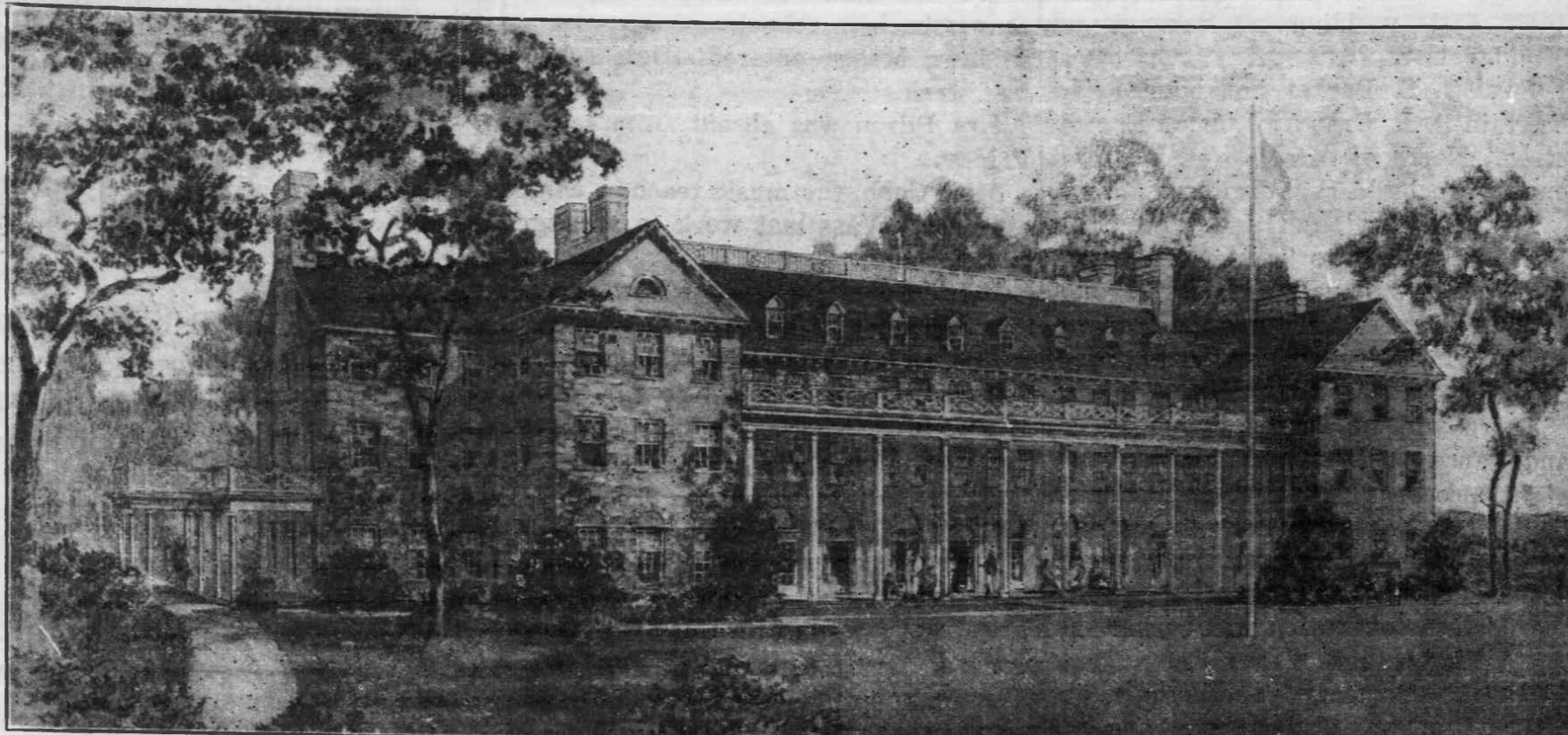
In the Eureka neighborhood is a bunch of good farmers. They have been helping themselves, and in doing it have attracted the attention of outsiders. Among the outsiders is the store company. For some time the question of cotton seed and cotton varieties has been a vital one in this section. The Eureka farmers have concentrated to a considerable extent on the Cleveland Big boll which has good qualities that recommend it, and they have been raising a strain that they keep true to type, and which they are fixing as a Eureka strain. It is thought that this strain is becoming acclimated and accustomed to Sandhill conditions, and it seems to be turning off a good yield of a good staple.

Recognizing this the stores company has arranged with the Eureka farmers to handle all the surplus seed raised, in order that other farmers may have a reliable source of seed, and that the Sandhills may fix on a staple variety and work that variety up to its highest development in this field. Also the stores company has realized the uncertainty that farmers meet when they try to get dependable cotton seed. This winter the stores company secured about 250 bushels of the Cleveland Big Boll seed from the Eureka group of farmers, and while it lasts this seed will be offered farmers at \$2.00. I am told that seed claiming to be of the same varieties and type is sold elsewhere at from \$2.25 up, and as cotton seed is a commodity that is not always as carefully selected as it might be there is a question about the worth of a good deal of it if you don't know where it comes from. Happily the Eureka farmers are a right reliable bunch of men, and they are interested in making a good quality of seed for themselves, and also they are trying to produce seed that will make a name for them in the market, so it looks to me as if the Eureka seed is dependable. The Eureka farmers are in a way affiliated with each other as a sort of informal association, and they are working out several local projects, and while John McQueen does not like to have his name brought into the lime light when he can avoid it, he is working with the Eureka community in the furtherance of many of their projects, and that has a good look. I have always believed in

ALEX MCGILL GETS PILOT BERKSHIRE

Who Will be the Next Young Person to Get one of These Pigs

Alex McGill, living at Lobelia on Vass route No. 2, last week received a Pinehurst Berkshire through the scheme of the Pilot to provide pigs to boys or girls securing subscriptions to the paper. The boy is a young chap of about sixteen, who has had a desire to get a good pig, and through the opportunity afforded by the Pilot and by the Pinehurst Berkshire management he has realized his aim. Other young folks on the farms are winning Pinehurst Berkshires in this (Continued on page 8)



The above picture shows the new hotel which is being built at Roaring Gap by Leonard Tufts and associates. Every one knows of the popularity of the Pinehurst hotels and with Mr. Tufts at the head of this one, makes it a success to start with.

breeding up a type of cotton for the community. It was one of the dreams of John Buchan while he lived, and he had at his Drowning creek farm a valuable type of cotton, adapted to his soil and neighborhood, and his work was a useful help to this county. Eureka is pushing along on the lines that Buchan followed, only with the more modern facilities and with the community interested instead of the whole task falling on the hands of one man.

Another thing that is interesting at Eureka is that the Little River company is standing by the community in the work of trying out seed corn of (Continued on page 8)

A GREAT TREAT FOR SANDHILLS

The Letz Quartet to be at Pinehurst, March Seventh At Carolina Theatre

The Letz Quartet of New York, which will be heard here in a program of chamber music at Pinehurst on Saturday, March 7th, now ranks as one of the premier string quartets in America. It is in a way an outgrowth of the famous Kneisel Quartet, of which Mr. Letz was an important member during its concluding seasons.

In confirmation of this the following quotation is made from The Outlook, New York, which said in a recent editorial:

"In a sense, it may be regarded as the natural successor of the Kneisel Quartet, as Mr. Letz was for some time second violin of that historic organization. But it is its successor also in the deeper sense that it has remained true to the standards of set American chamber music at a time when we had fewer groups of high attainment and less established tradition than we have now."

Not only in New York, but in other important musical centres, the Letz players have fallen heir to the high standing and the wide popularity of the Kneisels, as is evidenced by the fact that the majority of the music clubs and chamber music societies which formerly had the Kneisel Quartet each season, now make a visit from the Letz Quartet an annual occurrence.

In New York City alone it is booked almost every year for several important series such as the Columbia University course, the Educational Alliance series of chamber music concerts, the Brooklyn Institute course and many individual appearances with clubs and musical organizations.

TOMATO GROWERS TO MEET AT VASS

There will be called at Vass in the next few weeks a meeting of all the people in this section of Moore and Hoke counties who are interested in Tomato Culture. Good speakers will be on hand.

Ninety acres of pecan trees were planted in Richmond County this winter as a result of work done by County Agent W. H. Barton.



GEO. W. BAKER

One of the best printers that ever worked in this section of North Carolina is George W. Baker, who until recently was connected with the PILOT. Baker years ago came down from New England and in the early days of Moore county had a paper at Jonesboro when that village was in Moore county, and a community of prominence of the county. He was active in community affairs, and later in life he came to Carthage, and when the PILOT started he joined fortunes with it. Much of the credit for the presentable appearance the PILOT made at the beginning was due to Baker, for he was a printer. In his youth he had learned the trade, and earning a trade in his younger days meant learning it. He had thorough training, and he knew how to do his work right. Advertisers frequently told Baker that they would be glad if their advertising could be presented in as attractive forms in other papers they used as he set it in his paper, and at one time he was making proofs of an advertisement that ran in about forty other papers, the proofs being sent to the other papers that they might follow his designs in the hope of getting good results in setting the copy as he did.

Baker learned his trade, and he never slighted his work. He had an interest in his paper wherever he worked, and he had no patience with the botch work that seems to satisfy so many of the young fellows of the present day. He was outspoken in his contempt for slovenly work, and for the man content to do such. But he stood well with the business men who liked the careful quality of his output.

Mr. Baker has had the misfortune of poor health for a long time, and in the last few years has been able to work but a portion of the time. As he (Continued on page 8)

FLORIDA BUYER WANTS LAKEVIEW MILLS FLOUR

Last week the Lakeview Mills were asked by a buyer in Florida to send a shipment of their whole wheat flour to that state. The reputation of the Lakeview product is reaching over a wide territory. A right good trade exists with distant points, Richmond, Washington, and some of the northern states calling for a considerable quantity. The local demand for the flour is steadily growing. The Southern Folks use a large amount of whole wheat flour made by the Lakeview mills, and it appears that the more they use of it the more they like it.

JOHN CHILCOTT TALKS TO KIWANIS

Pennsylvania Coal Man Tells of Difficulties That Confront Trade

The Kiwanis club met at the County club at Pinehurst Wednesday and was addressed by John Chilcott, of Brookville, Pa., on the coal situation. Mr. Chilcott has been in the coal business for sixty years, beginning as a trapper boy and rising to be general manager. He said the coal business is in bad plight, and that it shows no sign of improvement because the conditions during the war brought so many men into the mines under the stimulus of high wages that coal is produced in greater quantities than the industries of the country can consume it.

Organization has enabled the miners to command high wages, but with many mines idle because the operators cannot sell coal at the high prices high wages compel the unemployed men about the mines are a vast army, and instead of profiting by high wages many of them have nothing whatever and the future shows no sign of improvement. The result is depression in the coal trade, idleness for a large number of miners, uncertainty of the part of buyers of fuel as to how to plan for their future needs, and a general bad influence on all industries that look to coal as a source of power.

The attendance committees were chosen to inaugurate a drive for more complete attendance, Frank Buchan and Sherril Kent were made leaders.

R. N. Page, of the committee to help in securing an experiment station for peaches and cotton in the sandhills said he had much encouragement to report, and that in a short time the matter would be brought to a climax at Raleigh.

Tom Tarheel says that the children don't seem to need the sulphur and molasses tonic this spring after eating cabbage, collars and turnip salad all winter.

The ups and downs of the hog supply seem to favor the North Carolina farmer this year. Save the brood sows and feed the pigs cheap corn next winter, advises W. W. Shay.

POATE SAYS PROF. MATTHEWS CORRECT

As to Salaries— But Thinks He is Wrong in Other Claims

February 24, 1925.

Editor of the VASS PILOT

Dear Sir:-

I have read Professor Mathews' letter in your last issue. As to the first point he makes, the professor is correct. That is, the salaries of the judge and solicitor of General County Court can now be fixed by the County Commissioners. This amendment was enacted during the special session of the General Assembly, only three or four months ago; and, at the time my letter to the Vass Pilot was written, the laws enacted at this session were not yet available in full.

This question of salaries, and who shall fix them, is, however, a detail, and in no way affects the desirability of the General County Court, nor its dignity and authority, once established.

As to the other matters Professor Mathews brought up, he is, I think, somewhat in error. As to appeals from the General County Court, in civil actions the statute declares that appeals shall be taken upon points of law, in the same manner as appeals from Superior Court to the Supreme Court—except that the record need not be printed, but may be type-written. As to criminal actions the section from the state constitution which the professor quoted provides for trial by jury, "except that the legislature may provide other means of trial for petty misdemeanors: and the statutes creating General County Courts, and recorders' courts as well, in each case states that all criminal offences except felonies, over which they have jurisdiction, "are hereby declared to be petty misdemeanors." The right of appeal exists in every case, from Superior Court as well as from General County Court or justices' courts; it does not necessarily guarantee a jury trial. Moreover, every defendant may have a jury trial in General County Court, if he demands it; if he waive jury trial there, where a jury of twelve men is provided for, selected substantially as in Superior Court, he cannot well expect to take advantage, in the upper court, of his own waiver.

But these are, after all, minor points. They do not in any way change the basic situation; which is, that both civil and criminal dockets are overcrowded. Moore County needs relief. Something must be done to clear away accumulated cases, both civil and criminal, and to insure speedy, impartial trials of all matters in dispute, for the future.

Nothing else has been suggested—to my own knowledge, at least—which can so well serve the great needs of our county, and our people, as the proposed General County Court. If anyone can suggest anything better, I shall be for that thing. Meantime, the General County Court offering the best possible relief, I am strongly in favor of a General County Court.

Yours sincerely,
Ernest M. Poate.

TUFTS BUILDING MOUNTAIN HOTEL

Helping Western North Carolina Men to Develop Summer Resort

A movement that is significant, not only in the mountains, but in the Sandhills and the whole state as well, is the start made on a new hotel at Roaring Gap in the edge of Alleghany county on the summit of the Blue Ridge, where one of the most picturesque resorts in the South is in course of construction. The hotel will be built in units, the first one being shown in the picture. It will be of native stone, of massive construction. (Continued on page 8)