

Inspection Trip Reveals Plenty of Good Tobacco Throughout County

East Side of Moore Will Send Lot of High Grade Leaf to Warehouses

By Bion H. Butler

The other day in nosing around the country looking at the tobacco prospects in the territory tributary to the Aberdeen market I came down from the Carthage country, skirting the region that Henry Matthews had opened to tobacco culture in those earlier years when Gales Johnson was establishing the industry in the field between Raeford and Aberdeen. Much tobacco is grown now in the contiguous country, some profitable to the growers, some not so much so as might be. Yet when Henry Matthews came down into the Cameron country from the Winston tobacco neighborhood leaf tobacco was regarded as fairly well sold if it brought nine cents. To go further into the price, tobacco in 45 years had sold as high as 10 cents only six times, and down as low as six cents several times. Yet farmers cared for themselves at that figure, did not borrow money from the land banks and lose their land on mortgage debts because they could not pay. But when Henry Matthews came down into the Cameron country one of the main things he looked after was a grist mill, and he had also a lumber mill to provide his own lumber, and he made other things. The idea of living at home was still considered then.

Wild fire has done some damage to the tobacco crop in the east side of Moore, yet a lot of good leaf will come out of that region when the market opens. On down into Hoke, where a thrifty farm community has come out fairly well. But that section still follows the maxim laid down by Puddinhead Wilson and Clyde Davis of not putting all your eggs in one basket.

A farm that impressed me as a tobacco farm and some other eggs, was that of Frank Cameron, a son reared by a sire who made the farm famous before the present farmer could step over a one-rail fence. John B. Cameron was widely known because he was a successful farmer on the Beaver Creek hills and also because he was a good neighbor and a man of community interests. He was known, too, for the picturesque establishment he had created in the attractive valley, for Beaver Creek, in its rocky reaches, is one of the most interesting streams of the lower sides of Moore. The volcanic influence of creation in building that section shows among the silicon dikes, the water runs as clear over the upturned slates as in the mountain sands. Big trees hang over the water. Broad fields show their fertility in crops of corn, tobacco, melons, oats, barley, sweet potatoes with vines heavy enough to cut for hay, soja beans, cow peas, fruit, and those other corollaries that would delight Governor Gardner's soul when he talks about living at home. Cows, with positive indication of ancestry behind them and positive performance a present function, horses that evidence that young Frank Cameron maintains old John Cameron's eye and judgment for a good animal—all those things that signify that the farm is not a dead bird if the farmer knows how to handle it.

Barley, lespedeza, and things of

A Gardner Gardener

Bill Harrington Takes the Governor's Live-at-Home Program Seriously

Bill Harrington, printer at the Citizen office, Southern Pines, sets the example for Governor Gardner who says to live at home. Bill lives at home, out the Bennett street extension. His house is surrounded with flowers. Back of the house is a garden that is not afraid of what the neighbors call Hoover hard times, for hard times will not knock at the Harrington door. The garden is full of sweet potatoes, quarter of an acre or more, corn as high as the second story, and velvet beans, soja beans and cow pea vines climbing up among the stalks. Two stacks of millet and grass hay behind the little barn, and a cow on the pasture where she is doing the most good for herself and the Harrington household. Mr. Harrington has several town lots under cultivation. He has garden stuff along with the rest of his crops, and grass on the land in front of the house. Possibly he doesn't know what price cotton and tobacco will bring this fall, but he doesn't have to draw his belt a little tighter and take a drink of water when he sits down to the table.

that sort are helping to keep things in action on the Cameron farm, and no bluff at production of those crops. All the crops are showing what they were planted for. Frank Cameron raises possibly 40 acres of tobacco. But he will not sell it to buy rations. The things his household needs will not come from the grocery, but from the field and the cellar and the chicken yard, and the granary. He looks well-fed, and so do his horses, and his cows, and his poultry and his dogs; his fields are clean.

Moore county has a lot of good tobacco. It has a lot of good wheat and corn and chickens, and sweet potatoes, and other things on which the farmers will subsist. The Cameron farm is not the only one. From Deep River to the Hoke county line the fields have been showing cause, and if tobacco is not the high price it brought immediately after the war it is in most cases supplemented by other crops that make it unnecessary to have so much money from tobacco, for the farm that is living at home, as many of the Moore county farmers are doing, are not dependent for a livelihood on the tobacco crop.

I never had more faith in the future of the American farmer than after a few days running around over the country and seeing that the farmer who lives at home is going to live pretty well this year, and that he is not at the mercy of low tobacco and cotton if he has meat in the smoke house and wheat in the shed, and cattle in the pasture, as most of them have this year.

And from all we hear, that fair they're planning up at Hemp is going to be worth going a few miles to see. They're a live lot these days in the northern end of the county, and are going to prove it with their Country Fair, they say.

CAMERON

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen, with the chairman, Miss Mamie Arnold, presiding. This was one of the fullest meetings of the year. After the devotional, Mrs. J. M. Guthrie, who was in charge of the program, ably reviewed the September survey, giving the kernel of the most interesting articles in same. Bible study was from St. John. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. L. B. McKeithen.

Mrs. J. E. Snow entertained informally last Tuesday evening for the purpose of reviving the "Merry-Makers" Club. Bridge was played at two tables.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon, October 1, in the club room. Plans for the fall and winter work will be discussed, also other business, election of officers, etc. A full attendance is especially requested.

Mrs. Ryals, county demonstrator, met with her class in the Woman's Club room last Monday afternoon. She gave a helpful demonstration of invalid's diet.

The Rev. J. H. Buffalo announced at his Sunday evening service that a meeting of several days with a visiting minister would begin in the Methodist church next Monday evening, Sept. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Buffalo cordially invited the co-operation of the sister churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mann of Borderlee announce the birth of a daughter on September 12.

J. M. Guthrie has returned from work on the tobacco market at Mt. Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean and niece, Margaret McLean, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Joyner and grand-daughter, Sarah Gay Godfrey of Jonesboro, spent Sunday in Durham with Mr. and Mrs. Parrot Hardee. While in Durham they visited Duke University, and were deeply impressed with its magnificence.

The Rev. M. D. McNeill filled his regular appointment last Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. He announced that the fall communion service would be observed on the first Sunday morning in October at 11:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson, who have been living at Niagara, have moved to Cameron, and are now occupying the Mrs. Flora Swett house on the edge of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McLeod, Mrs. Lizzie McLeod and Miss Mary McLeod of Carabonton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thomas.

Miss Hentz spent the week-end at her home in Pamaria, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Guthrie and children were in Carthage Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McIver spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

Mrs. W. M. Wooten and Mrs. Charlie P. Rogers of Sanford went to Honea Path, S. C. to see their sister, Mrs. Deland, who was seriously ill. Her condition has improved. Mrs. Deland was reared in Cameron and as Miss Lizzie Culberson was a general favorite.

Mrs. R. C. Thomas, Misses Mary Emma and Elizabeth and Ira Thomas spent Sunday in Durham, where they attended a reunion of the well known Harmon family.

Mrs. D. C. McIver of Kings Park, Long Island, N. Y., T. Weatherly of Baltimore and Dewitte C. McIver of Annapolis were guests of Mrs. Loula Muse Friday evening. Mr. McIver is a member of the Senior class at the Naval Academy.

Mrs. C. G. Hatch, Misses Frances Leach Lashley and Margaret and Sam Hatch of Sanford spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McPherson.

Mrs. D. B. Teague and children of Sanford were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill Sunday.

Alex McDougald of Venus, Fla., and son, James of Immoklee, Fla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tally and Mrs. Julia McDougald. Alex McDougald is the oldest son of Mrs. Julia McDougald and spent his boyhood and young manhood in Cameron, and his many friends are giving him hearty greetings.

Roger Matthews and his land-lady, Mrs. Owen of Wilmington, have been guests of Mrs. Georgia Matthews for several days. They came to see Miss Frances Matthews, sister of Mr. Matthews, who continues quite ill with typhoid fever at the Lee County Hospital.

Misses Mary Ferguson, Minnie and Jacksie Muse and W. A. Muse spent Sunday in Rockingham, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson. Mrs. Janie Muse, after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Gibson, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McDougald of Hamlet were guests of Mrs. Julia McDougald last Saturday and Sunday.

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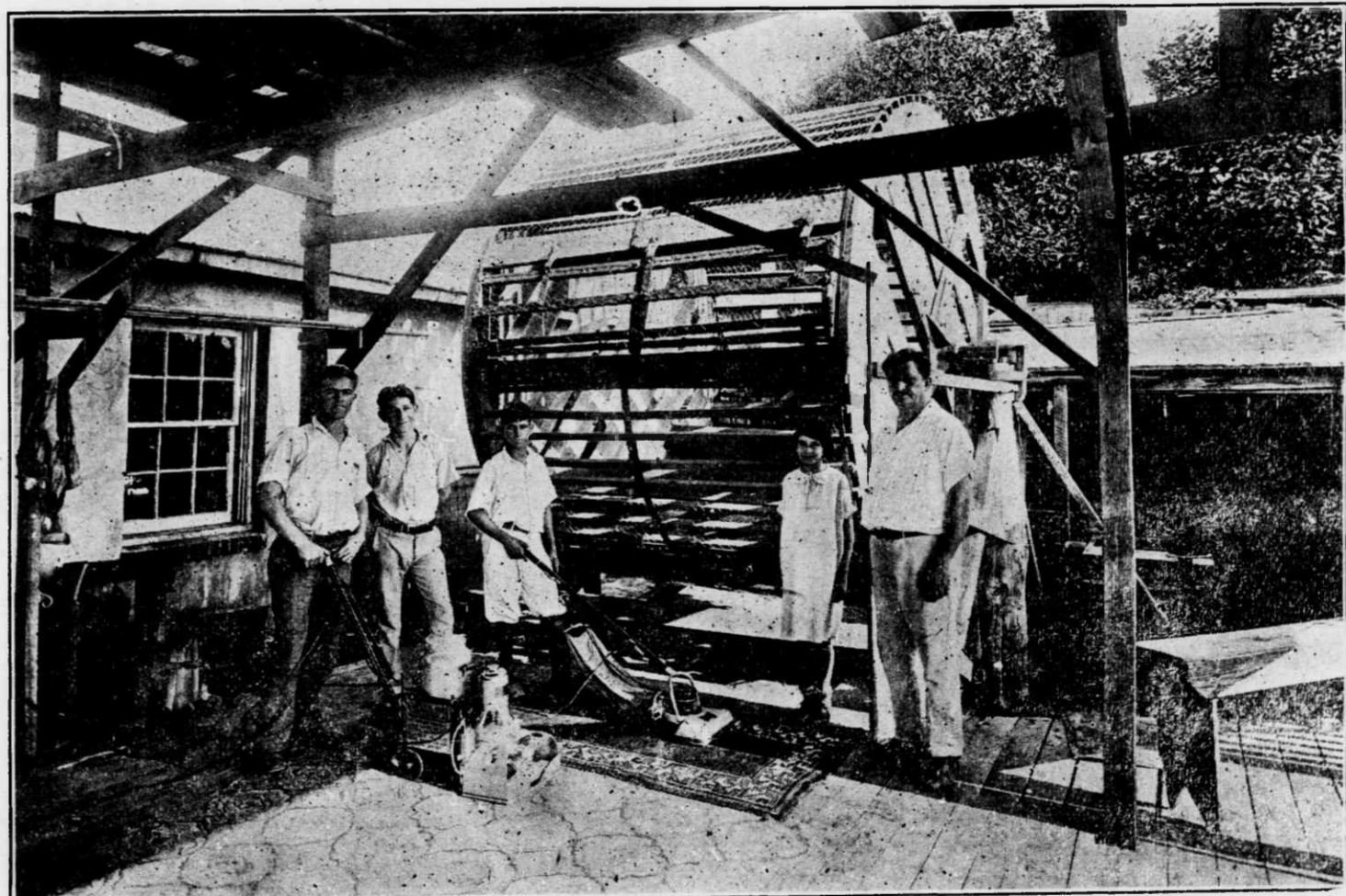
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This Second Annual County Fair under the Auspices of Joseph G. Henson Post No. 12, American Legion.

Moore Co. Agricultural Fair Association CARTHAGE



The above is a photograph of the rug cleaning department of the Montesanti cleaning and tailoring establishment on Pennsylvania avenue in Southern Pines. The large wooden drum when revolving shakes all the loose dirt from rugs that are placed within it. The washing machines, which are operated by electric power, clean every particle of dirt and grease from the nap of any rug and when the cleaning is completed, the rug looks like a new one with all the coloring restored to its original lustre. Montesanti has established a wide reputation throughout this section of the state for the quality of work turned out by this rug cleaning machinery.

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