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NEW COMPANY TO MINE ANTHRACITE COAL IN COUNTY

Asheville Interests Acquire
Gardner Farm in Horseshoe
from Butler and McIver

SOUTH'S ONLY ANTHRACITE

A charter granted by the State this week to the Southeastern Anthracite Company definitely establishes a new industry in Moore county, and one that is notable in its exclusiveness, for its business will be that of mining anthracite coal, the only coal of its kind produced anywhere south of Pennsylvania. Virginia mines a small amount of a type of anthracite, but not of the quality of that which the new company is producing in the upper end of Moore, fully the equal of the best of Pennsylvania anthracite, as many analyses show.

The organization of the new Moore county concern includes R. P. Simmons, Asheville, president; Hobard DeBeek, Asheville, secretary, and D. B. Long, Cincinnati, vice-president and general manager. The offices will be at Sanford until suitable buildings can be provided at the mines in the near future. The location of the property is on the Gardner farm, between Deep River and the Norfolk Southern railroad, in the Horseshoe section of Moore county, about 13 miles northeast of Carthage. Mr. Long is a mining engineer of long experience in the coal fields of West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. He will be the resident manager and engineer. The property embraces 600 acres, well located for railroad handling and for trucking, as it is close to the railroad and to the main highways.

Freak of Geology

The transaction was arranged by Howard N. Butler, who for years has been active in coal production in the Carolina coal field, starting with the Carolina mine when it began its first prospecting, and staying with it as long as it operated. He with John M. McIver, of Gulf, secured the property in the undeveloped stage, formed the Anthracite Coal Company, and began a systematic exploration of what had been one of the mystery propositions of the coal field, for anthracite coal in North Carolina is a freak of geology. They drove a slope, and opened some cross headings, showing a good quality of anthracite coal several hundred feet into the workings. They attracted the attention of J. H. Bryson, the state geologist, who like other geologists interested in North Carolina, had been giving some thought to the peculiar deposit of anthracite coal here where it seemed to be wholly out of its element. and Mr.

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A. & R. MOVES MORE COTTON IN WEEK THAN ALL LAST YEAR

The Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad handled more cotton last week than during all last season, according to Will A. Blue, president of the road. More than 900 bales were carried over its line during the week, he said, and some 500 bales have been handled so far this week.

BECKWITH TO INSTALL IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Rassie Wicker of Pinehurst is making a survey of the property of E. E. Beckwith on Knollwood Heights preparatory to the installation of an irrigation system. Water pipes will be laid to irrigate the seven acres of the "Homewood" estate.

POLITICAL NOTES

Frank Buchan is endeavoring to bring Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, to the Sandhills for a speech during the campaign.

Congressman Walter Lambeth, representative of this district at Washington and a candidate for re-election, will speak at the Kiwanis Club meeting here on September 28th.

Clifford Frazier, Greensboro attorney and Republican candidate for governor, is expected to address a meeting in Carthage in the near future.

Revival Services in Aberdeen



THE REV. E. C. FEW

Pastor of Edenton St. Methodist Church in Raleigh.



THE REV. W. C. BALL

Minister of Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

A series of Revival Services will begin in the Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen next Sunday evening, September 18th and will continue through Sunday evening, September 25th.

The Rev. Walter C. Ball, minister of the local church, will be assisted by the Rev. E. C. Few, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church of Raleigh. Mr. Few is a young minister of outstanding ability. Recently he was appointed to the Raleigh church, the

largest Methodist church in the North Carolina Conference. His preaching will be a delight to the people of this section of the state.

Two services are to be held daily, an early service beginning at 8:45 in the morning and lasting forty-five minutes. In the evening the services will begin at 7:45.

The minister and congregation of the Aberdeen church extended a most cordial invitation to all the people of the community to attend these services.

SOUTHERN PINES BUDGET APPROVED BY STATE BODY

Tax Rate Cut Despite Decreased Valuations and Probable Lessened Receipts

RATE 5 CENTS UNDER 1931

The tentative budget passed by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of Southern Pines for the year beginning July 1st, 1932 during their last meeting in July has been duly approved by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh. Curtailments in city expenses, despite a slightly lowered assessed valuation, lessened receipts, and a greater amount of interest chargeable, will lessen the tax rate, which is set at \$2.10 instead of the \$2.15 of the previous fiscal year.

For 1931 the property valuation of Southern Pines was \$3,136,000, producing by tax \$67,000. For 1932 the valuation is \$3,102,000, expected to bring in, at the rate of \$2.10, \$65,000.

In 1931, \$20,000 worth of bonds were retired, and \$30,000 paid in interest. In 1932, \$20,000 will also be retired, and interest charges of \$34,000 settled, the total bonded indebtedness as of September 1st being \$575,000.00.

Saving of \$11,000

Reductions and cuts by the board have been made wherever possible, nearly \$5,000 being cut from the street, light and sewer costs. In all a prospective saving of \$11,000 has been made over last year. Of this gain \$8,000 will have to go to the bond and interest account, but if it had not been for this saving and transfer to the bonds the tax rate would have been increased instead of lowered.

Figures for the water department are not included in the foregoing; in round numbers the receipts for 1931 were \$25,000, and charged against that income was \$17,500, for interest and retirement of bonds, \$4,300 cost of electrical power, leaving, but \$3,200 for operating expenses for the year.

Confronted with a lowered valuation, a lessened consumption of water and increased interest charges the Mayor and Board of Commissioners appear to have done remarkably well in reducing the tax rate.

THE TOBACCO MARKET

Tobacco offerings on the New Bright Belt markets during the week have been light, with mostly inferior grades offered. Prices averages have ranged from \$10.85 a hundred up to \$15.02 on the various markets.

STATE REFUSES REINSTATEMENT OF TWO SCHOOLS

Board of Education Declines Pe- tition from Glendon and Putnam Citizens

COUNTY SHORT 5 TEACHERS

The following letter received by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas is the latest development in the endeavor of the Glendon and Putnam communities to regain their schools which were last spring consolidated with the Carthage school:

"The State Board of Equalization at its meeting last week gave consideration to the request of your Board of Education for the allotment of teachers to the Glendon and Putnam schools, which for the purpose of allotting teachers from State funds were transferred to Carthage.

"I am instructed to give you the information that this Board most regretfully declines to change the allotment of teachers as made to your county in the original certification. The decision came after giving much consideration to a request as presented by your Board and also letters from many of the patrons of these districts." The letter was signed by LeRoy Martin.

When the State allotment of teachers was made in June, two extra teachers were given the Carthage school and no allotments were made for the Glendon and Putnam schools, which the communities were so loath to give up.

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HAGOOD WINS TOURNEY OF SUMMER GOLF TOURNEY

J. M. Hagood of Pinehurst won the Summer Golf Club's tournament for the week ending September 10th, with 68 points for the par bogey with three-quarter handicap event. I. C. Sledge was second with 67 points.

The club's annual championship tournament will start on September 25th over the No. 4 course, and all the members of this summer organization are expected to take part.

MAX H. FOLLEY LOSES FOREARM IN PLANING MILL

Prominent Citizen Suffers Pain- ful Accident at Lumber Yard in Aberdeen

CONDITION IS FAVORABLE

Max H. Folley, one of Aberdeen's leading citizens and head of the Folley Lumber Company, suffered the loss of his right forearm in a painful accident at his mill at 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon. Mr. Folley is at the Moore County Hospital where his condition is reported as satisfactory and with recovery no longer a matter of doubt.

Mr. Folley, who is 60 years of age, reached with a stick under his planing machine to clear out some rubbish which had accumulated there. As he did so his arm came into contact with the revolving planer which severed the bone just below the elbow. His son Alvin was with him at the machine, and his older son, Max, in the office. The boys rushed their father to the office of Dr. A. H. McLeod where Dr. McLeod rendered first aid. As soon as Mr. Folley had recovered sufficiently from the first shock of the tragic accident, Drs. McLeod and Bowman operated on the lacerated member, after which he was removed to the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst.

The accident cast a pall of gloom over Aberdeen which did not lift until Mr. Folley's many friends and admirers here were assured that the danger of more serious consequences was over. Much concern was felt that the shock and great loss of blood might prove too great a handicap for a man of his years to overcome, but he stood the strain with unusual fortitude, never losing consciousness throughout the ordeal. Crowds gathered about the office of Dr. McLeod after the accident and awaited word from within of the condition of the patient.

Mr. Folley has been a lifelong resident of Aberdeen and one of the town's most popular citizens. He is affiliated with every movement for the betterment of Aberdeen, is president of the Good Fellows Club, the leading men's charitable organization, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Aberdeen Building & Loan Association, prominent in the Presbyterian church, is a Shriner and a Mason, and the father of a fine family of boys and girls.

SCHOOLS OPEN

The Aberdeen public schools opened on Monday, the Southern Pines grade school yesterday. The Southern Pines High School opens for the registration of pupils tomorrow.

David Henry Dickie, 3d, Starts in Dairy Business at Age of Four Years

Dr. J. W. Dickie Acquires Regis- tered Guernsey Herd for Pine Crest Manor

If there is anyone who takes more pride in his daddy's newly acquired herd of registered Guernseys than David Henry Dickie, 3d, we do not know who it is. The smile on his face is sufficient evidence of this. David, aged four, has "Westmoreland Royal Oak," aged three months, at the other end of the rope, and the sturdy calf is one of the members of the new Pine Crest Manor herd.

Dr. James W. Dickie has long taken an interest in the dairy industry, and has had grade stock at his sanatorium on the outskirts of Southern Pines for years. This summer he paid a visit to Thurman Chatham's noted Klondyke Farm at Elkin and became interested in the registered Guernsey stock which Mr. Chatham is breeding there. Dr. Dickie decided to supplant his grade stock at Pine Crest Manor with registered Guernseys from the Klondyke Farm, and purchased a bull and three heifers of the best blood of Mr. Chatham's herd. One of the cows is of the well known Mountain Park herd, looked upon as the best Guernsey blood in the south.

Dr. Dickie says this is just the start of a fine herd of registered Guernseys

Big Ball Game

County Educators Accept Challenge of Kiwanis Club for Contest

Children, if Teacher appears at school with a sore arm one of these days you'll know the reason. He's been practicing up for a ball game.

County educators have accepted the challenge of the Kiwanis Club for a baseball game to be played some time in the near future. W. P. Morton, superintendent of Pinehurst Schools, and Bill Dunlop, captain of the Kiwanis team, are arranging the game. Superintendents and teachers in county schools will be eligible for the educators' team, and the Kiwanis team will be chosen after a practice game to be played by two Kiwanis nines next Wednesday.

FEDERAL AID TO SUPPLEMENT BUT NOT SUBSTITUTE

Outside Funds Available Only After County's Relief Re- sources Are Exhausted

CHARITIES TO COOPERATE

Moore county may share in the distribution of Federal funds for relief of destitution this winter in proportion to the extent that through its own efforts, both private and governmental, its citizens utilize their own resources to this end, according to Dr. Fred Morrison, State director of relief.

Federal assistance in this undertaking, declared Dr. Morrison, is not to be substituted for local relief efforts. On the other hand, it is provided only to supplement the maximum that local communities do for their own people and will be available only when the Washington authorities are convinced that local resources in each community are inadequate to meet the needs for relief.

In order, therefore, for this county to participate in the fund which Governor Gardner will seek from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for all of North Carolina, it will be necessary for its relief agencies, public and private, to make a thorough survey of prospective needs of its destitute people and then to furnish evidence that it is undertaking to meet conditions with its own resources as completely as possible.

When this shall have been done in this county, when all local resources for relief have been depleted and the relief needs remain unprovided for, it

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71-Cent Tax Rate Adopted by Co. Board

Commission Takes Final Action on Budget After Delay to Hear Protests

RATE REDUCED TWO CENTS

Taxpayers' League or no taxpayers' league; the County Board of Commissioners has adopted the budget drafted some time ago which calls for a county tax rate of 71 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation. This is the rate tentatively established before the fight for reduced taxes started. It is two cents under last year's rate, 73 cents below the rate in effect in 1929.

After drafting the preliminary budget the board agreed to postpone final adoption to give the tax reduction crowd opportunity to show where savings could be judiciously and economically made. Numerous meetings have been held, many delegations have called upon the board members, many plans for savings have been advanced, but the adoption last week of the new budget would appear to indicate that for this year at least no way to curtail county expenses beyond the two cent a hundred saving could be negotiated.

In the meanwhile efforts are being continued by the newly organized Taxpayers' League to build up a countywide membership which will become so formidable by next year as to make its demands of the county commission more influential. Committees are at work in each township of the county enrolling members, and with good results. One section is reported to have enrolled one hundred per cent. The membership fee is only 25 cents, and as this money is to be used for further study of the cost of county government and the possible means of reducing expenditures which will mean a saving to each taxpayer, the appeal to join does not fall upon many deaf ears.

The Board of County Commissioners next year will not be the same as this year, and though many feel that the present board has done a good job and the best possible under the circumstances, the league hopes to have a program ready for the new board which will meet with more favorable action.

Mrs. John Chilcott of Southern Pines Dies

Succumbs to Illness at Summer Home in Brookville Pennsylvania

Mrs. John Chilcott for many years a resident of Southern Pines, died last Saturday at her summer home in Brookville, Pa., where the family had lived before coming south. She was about 75 years of age. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. John Armstrong.

Mrs. Chilcott was Frances Matteson in her girlhood, marrying John Chilcott more than half a century ago. He was a young man from England who came to America and as a boy went into the mines of Pennsylvania. Fortune came his way and in the course of time he was advanced to be a foreman and then a superintendent, then a field manager, and finally he came to be a mine owner and operator. His success was steady, and he became well to do.

Soon after the war as years overtook him he disposed of his interests and the pair came to Southern Pines. After a couple of years they built a home on Connecticut avenue, which they occupied for a time, and sold it to H. S. Knowles. Then they built again over on Vermont avenue where they lived until the death of Mr. Chilcott a year ago. Mrs. Chilcott had gone to her northern home in the spring with the intention of coming back this year, but she was overtaken with a serious illness which her age could not withstand. She was a woman of pronounced character, a church worker, and steadfastly contributing yearly the Biblical tenth of her income to charitable purposes. The Chilcotts were highly esteemed in the Sandhills.

Two Thorobreds



DAVID HENRY DICKIE, 3d

at Pine Crest Manor. He has become deeply interested in blooded cattle and plans the development of a real dairy in connection with the sanatorium.

And his first lieutenant in the enterprise is David Henry 3d.