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Big Lot Horne Cotton Is Sold

Greensboro Concern Buys \$250,000 Worth; One of Largest Cotton Purchases Ever Recorded in That City

GREENSBORO, July 23.—One of the largest cotton purchases ever recorded in Greensboro took place Wednesday afternoon when J. M. Brantley and company, local cotton firm with headquarters in Greensboro Bank and Trust building, bought 2,528 bales for approximately \$250,000.

The sale was made by C. A. Gosney, of Raleigh, trustee of Charles W. Horne, trading as Ashley Horne and son, bankrupt, of Clayton, Mr. Gosney was here to conduct the sale. As trustee he had asked for competitive bids, and in fact received bids on three separate occasions. On the last go round the Brantley people's figures were high and the sale was then and there confirmed.

It will be recalled that Mr. Horne's business several months ago hit the rocks, being one of the largest businesses ever turned over to the courts.

Officials of the Brantley company yesterday said that practically every bale of cotton at the time of sale was stored in the Rucker warehouse, and the Greensboro Warehouse and Storage company, this city. The bulk of the cotton belonging to the Horne company had been purchased within the past year. Much of it undoubtedly was bought when cotton was at a low ebb. E. K. Patterson, vice-president of the Brantley company, said yesterday that with the increase in the price of cotton recently the Horne business benefited appreciably by the local sale.

Incidentally, Mr. Patterson said that his company has sold practically all of the 2,528 bales. The Brantley company was organized here January 1, 1924. J. M. Brantley is president; E. K. Patterson, vice-president, and Joseph R. Morton, secretary and treasurer.

FOUR TOBACCO BARN BURNED IN COUNTY

Four tobacco barns were burned in Johnston county last week, according to reports received here. Mr. C. L. Sanders, who lives near town, lost one Friday afternoon. Mr. R. A. Sanders, who lives near Mr. C. L. Sanders, lost one Saturday morning. Mr. E. Grant, of the Thanksgiving section, and Mr. E. L. Breedlove of the Pisgah section, each had a barn burned Saturday afternoon. All four were burned within two days. They caught fire during the high heat just before killing out the stem.

No Use For Electricity

The following joke was sent in recently by J. Stencil and J. L. Pittman of Kenly:

A certain power company in a southern state was erecting a new line through a small colored district and right through the yard of an old colored mammy. A line-man on the job gives us this one: Mammy (at washtub) "Hey, you don't Paul Jones, what you doin' wid Charly Limbury?" John Paul Jones (tending baby): "Mammy, I'se lettin' 'im see the man up tha pole."

Mammy: "Yo bring dat boy hear to me at once. You keep 'im out dar and let 'im get dat electricity in he sistim an' I'll show you one wid dis wash board."

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

William Lyn Johnson recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: blilndhao

Edsel B. Ford



A remarkable good "close-up" of Edsel B. Ford, now president of the Ford Motor Company, taken as the 14 airplanes hopped off on a reliability tour of 25 American cities—and for which he will award a special trophy for the 4,200 miles of flying.

Weevil Situation Is Discouraging

Continued Rains and Warm, Cloudy Weather Ideal for Cotton Boll Weevil

Raleigh, July 25.—The continued rains of June and July and the warm humid days are ideal for development of the cotton boll weevil. The month of August will likely see some serious damage by the pest.

Agricultural extension workers at State College have had little to say about the cotton boll weevil during the last three years. The hot, dry summers of these years have afforded natural control and many farmers have been prone to laugh at any suggestion about controlling the boll weevil. The pest is still a menace to the growing of cotton, however, and unless a close watch is kept on the fields in August and dusting started at first evidence of heavy damage, serious results may be expected.

For those who have forgotten the instructions for poisoning the weevil, the college has several thousand copies of extension folder number 20 which gives in simple form the main instructions to follow. The folder also gives specific directions for dusting the cotton. It states that haphazard dusting or protective measures will not pay. The cotton grower must either do the job right or not at all, if he wants protection.

Neither will dusting produce more cotton—it simply protects that which the grower has produced. The dusting method has been evolved after years of patient research and is based on the best ideas so far found in boll weevil control. Dusting cotton is not easy. It is a hard job but if it is done right, it will protect cotton from the boll weevil and will permit the grower to make about as much cotton as if he had never had the pest in his fields.

Copies of extension folder 20 may be had on application to the agricultural either at State College and will be mailed promptly on request as long as the present supply lasts.

Other Large Tomatoes.

The largest tomato ever seen at this office was one brought in last week by Mr. J. H. Woodall of this city. It was of the Pondera variety and weighed 26 1/2 ounces.

The next largest was brought by Mrs. Gattis Gower who lives near town. She brought three, the largest weighing 24 ounces.

Three Carrots Weigh 2 3/4 Pounds.

Three unusually large carrots were brought to the Herald office by Master Richard Noble. He had been attending camp for Boy Scouts and when he returned home he found his two rows of carrots too large for eating purposes. The largest one he brought weighed a pound and a half, one weighed three-fourths of a pound and one weighed a half pound, the three totaling two and three-quarter pounds.

Capture Stills And Arrest Men

Officers Arrest Three Men and Get Stills in Bentonville and Meadow Townships

Two white men, Malcolm Barefoot and a man by the name of Tart and a 50-gallon copper still and outfit were captured eight miles southeast of Benson in Meadow township Thursday afternoon about two o'clock by Deputies W. W. Stewart, L. E. Parker and R. C. Hockaday. The still was running at full blast when the officers approached, and four or five men were helping run off the charge. All except two, however, escaped before arrests could be made. Six gallons of whiskey and about 200 gallons of beer were found.

The men failing to give bond were brought here and lodged in jail. They will be tried in Recorder's court.

Soon after the officers left the still they saw a car parked beside the road. It was occupied by two white men who gave their name as Draughon. They claimed to be from Sampson county. Being suspicious looking characters, their car was searched and a half gallon of whiskey was found. They were arrested, but gave bond and were allowed to go home.

Friday morning Mr. R. D. Mahler, of Bentonville township, assisted by Messrs. Almond Hood and George Weeks captured a 60-gallon copper still near the Haynes mill pond in Boon Hill township. The still was in operation when the officers arrived, and they saw five men at work around it. The men immediately took to their heels and it was only after a chase of three or four hundred yards through the swamp that Deputy Mahler succeeded in arresting one of them. Herman Daughtry, white, was the man taken and he was brought to jail here. Mr. Mahler said the others would be arrested later. The still was also brought and turned over to the sheriff.

Deputy Mahler states that the men at the still had just killed a sixty-pound shoat and were apparently preparing to dress it. It is thought that they were planning a "barbecue."

DR. JOHN E. WHITE TO SAVANNAH CHURCH

Friends in Johnston county, the home county of Dr. John E. White, will be interested to learn that Dr. White has accepted a call as pastor of the First Baptist church of Savannah, Ga. Dr. White is at present president of Anderson College and also pastor of the First Baptist Church of Anderson, S. C. He has served in these capacities for the past twelve years, having gone to Anderson from Atlanta, where he spent fifteen years.

Dr. White is a native of Clayton, a son of the late Rev. J. M. and Mrs. J. M. White. He is a brother of Prof. R. B. White, of the law faculty at Wake Forest College. He was located in Raleigh for a number of years as secretary of the Baptist State Convention. He has frequently returned to this section for revival meetings, one of his last being at Smithfield. He occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church in Raleigh a few months ago.

OPERATES WAGON WITH NO LIGHTS; IS FINED \$10

The first case so far as we know to come before any officer of Johnston county in which the offense was violation of the law providing lights on wagons on the public highway, was tried before Justice of the Peace W. D. Avera, here yesterday. The defendant was a negro named Fellows. He was fined ten dollars and cost, but the sentence was suspended upon payment of costs.

Leaves Hospital.

Mr. S. A. Lassiter, who has been in the Johnston County Hospital a few days for treatment, was able to return to his home in Elevation township yesterday. His friends will be glad to know that he is improving nicely.

FAMILY ROW LANDS NEGRO IN JAIL

A report reached the sheriff's office yesterday morning that Lester Smith, a negro who lives on the Heath place, had killed his wife in a family row. Officers hastened to the scene, but the woman was not dead, and was able to come to Smithfield to consult a doctor. It seems that her husband had hit her with a chair. Smith, however, had got together his clothes and was on the way to freedom. Chief Griffin at Selma, who had been warned by the look-out, soon had him under arrest and he was brought to this city and placed in jail.

Stockholders Hold Annual Meeting

New Officers and Directors of Farmers Cotton Warehouse, Inc., Elected Friday

The annual meeting of the Farmers Cotton Warehouse, Inc., was held in the commissioners room of the courthouse Friday afternoon at two o'clock. One hundred fifty-nine shares of stock were represented in person and ninety-five per cent by proxy, making a total of 254. A report was made by Manager J. V. Ogburn, which showed that the warehouse handled from July 1, 1926 to July 1, 1927, 6,335 bales of cotton. The report was made showing the financial condition, and the year's work revealed the fact that the obligations of the warehouse had been reduced \$2,000 during the past twelve months.

The following directors were chosen: W. D. Avera, A. S. Creech, N. B. Grantham, J. A. Smith, R. C. Gillett, J. P. Parker, J. Rufus Creech, W. Howard Oliver, W. H. Flowers, J. D. Underwood, F. K. Broadhurst, J. D. Parker, I. V. Pittman, W. M. Sanders, Robert A. Sanders, G. B. Smith, T. R. Hood, J. W. Stephenson.

Immediately following the stockholders meeting the directors met and re-elected J. W. Stephenson, president, and R. P. Holding, secretary. J. V. Ogburn, who has been manager of the warehouse for the past several years, tendered his resignation, having formed other business connections which require his full time. The selection of a warehouse manager to succeed Mr. Ogburn was left to a committee. Mr. Ogburn's resignation takes effect about August 1.

The showing for the year is considered very good. The cotton warehouse at Smithfield is considered one of the best buildings in North Carolina.

Union Notice.

The next session of the Angier union meeting will be held with the church at Clement Saturday and fifth Sunday in this month. Several visiting ministers are expected to be present. Morning and evening service will be held and the public is cordially invited to attend.

ELDER L. H. STEPHENSON Pastor of church.

REVIVAL AT WILSON'S MILLS

Wilson's Mills, July 25.—Mr. A. F. DeGafereilly, of Illinois, will begin a series of meetings at the Christian Disciple church on July 31 at eight o'clock. Mr. DeGafereilly held a very successful revival here two years ago, and we feel fortunate in securing him again. He is a forceful speaker and a good singer.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Johnston County Highway Commission held yesterday morning at 10:30 was featured by the transaction of merely routine business. Certain bills were approved for payment and a part of the time was spent in conference with the auditor now at work on the county budget. Those present at the meeting yesterday were: L. Gilbert, of Benson; Swade Barbour, of Clayton; Dr. J. C. Grady, of Kenly, and W. N. Holt, of this city.

You can recognize the typical American anywhere. He is asking somebody for a match.

Denies Sending Poisoned Candy

Mrs. Eva Hollowell, Said To Be From Vicinity of Clayton Arrested

RICHMOND, Va., July 22.—Mrs. Eva Hollowell, 55, alias Mrs. G. Beck, held here today for the Federal grand jury on the charge of sending poisoned candy through the mail to Robert Thompson, of Aurora, N. C., is originally from the vicinity of Clayton, N. C. The candy was sent by parcel post from Norfolk, the name of the sender being on the package as Mrs. G. Beck.

When arraigned here on the charge before United States Commissioner Melvin Flegenheimer, she flatly denied that she mailed the package. Experts, however, identified the handwriting as hers. It developed today that she was also suspected of sending abusive letters through the mail to several men in the vicinity of her old home in North Carolina. She came here a week ago to become matron of the Methodist Orphanage on Broad Street Road. For several years previously, she had been making her home in Portsmouth with a sister.

Information of the postal authorities is that she has a husband, A. B. Hollowell, living in Norfolk, the theory was advanced today that her mind may possibly be unbalanced. Following the hearing before Commissioner Flegenheimer, she was committed to jail in default of \$500 bond. She appeared at the hearing without counsel.

LASSITER-COLE FAMILY REUNION

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth W. Lassiter in Bentonville township was the scene of a happy occasion Sunday when near eighty children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lassiter and of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cole met for a family reunion. A few other family connections and friends were also present to partake of the bounteous hospitality which characterized the day.

At the noon hour, a long table was arranged under the big shade trees, and a veritable feast was spread. Besides the appetizing viands, which had been prepared by experts in the culinary art, there were bottle drinks, iced tea, and lemonade to quench the thirst of those present, to say nothing of the watermelons, peaches, apples and grapes that were served informally throughout the day. The crowd was scattered here and there over the plantation, a good many lingering at the host's fish pond for a swim, and it was not until the minister, Rev. Paul Southard, pastor of the Mill Creek Christian church, lifted his voice to invoke divine blessings upon the occasion prior to partaking of the splendid dinner, that all came together in one group.

Those present at the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lassiter and sons, Nathan and Walter, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter and sons, William and Tom, Mrs. J. C. Bingham, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, Misses Annie and Flora Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lassiter and little daughters, Gladys Cole and Irene, Mrs. Alice Hood, H. V. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Thornton and daughter, Elizabeth, of Smithfield; Rev. Paul Southard and Miss Ethel Morgan, of Stokesdale; Mrs. Maggie B. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Cole and children, Henderson jr. and Marybelle, Melzar Pearsall jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Schnibben, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boyett, Miss Rena Cole, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers, and Miss Ada Cole, Lawrence Clements and little son, Lawrence jr., of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. O. E. Eldridge and son, Charles, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Langston and little son, Carl jr., of Dunn; Mrs. Paschal Parson and sons, Loftin, Ruby, James, Seth and Lorman, of Newton Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Almond Hood and children, Ada, Nellie and Ruby, John Hood, Miss Annie Belle Hood and Geo. W. Hood, of Benson, route 3; Dr. and Mrs.

Cotton Bags Are Proving Success

As Fertilizer and Cotton Seed Meal Containers They Are Good Substitute For Jute

KINSTON, July 23.—"Cotton bags used for fertilizer and cotton seed meal this past season proved successful in every particular," Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce officials stated Monday after having made a survey of the mills that were induced to try out the cotton bags on a small scale this season. Reports from six mills that used more than 100,000 bags as an experiment, were very encouraging and showed that the cotton bag can be substituted for the jute bag, if the southern farmer and consumers will simply ask that this be done and pay the little cost of using this kind of container. Maxton Oil and Fertilizer Co., said: "We bought 15,000 bags and found them satisfactory. Our customers were well pleased." W. H. Hasty, secretary-manager, L. A. R. - burg Oil Co., said: "We used 10,000 cotton bags for our meal this season and found them, for the most part, satisfactory. But we did find that when meal has to be stacked the cotton bag as made this year will not hold. However, we found them sufficiently satisfactory to continue with them the coming season." A. J. McKinnon, jr., secretary-manager, Chatham Oil and Fertilizer Co., Pittsboro, N. C., said: "We used 10,000 cotton bags for meal and 2,000 for fertilizer this season. Both were very satisfactory." E. R. Hinton, manager, Planters Cotton Oil Co., Rocky Mount, said: "We used a few thousand cotton bags for fertilizer this season and found them satisfactory except that they would get torn around the top when handling. Our customers were well pleased, but not willing to pay the extra cost." H. D. Gorman, manager said.

Farmville Oil and Fertilizer Co., said: "We used a small quantity of cotton bags for fertilizer and found them entirely satisfactory and the reason we did not use more was that cotton advanced and burlap came down in prices." J. I. Morgan, secretary, said.

Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Co., Relford said: "We used 22,000 cotton bags for cotton seed meal this season and all were entirely satisfactory. Our farmers were willing to pay the extra cost of 50c per ton to get the cotton bags." J. B. Thomas, secretary, said.

REV. H. W. BAUCOM PREACHES HERE

Rev. H. W. Baucum, Miss Elizabeth Baucum and Herbert jr., of Wilmington, were guests of Mrs. J. M. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Creech for the week end. They were en route home from Wake county where Mr. Baucum held a revival at his old home church. Mr. Baucum was formerly pastor of the Baptist church here and his many friends were delighted to have the opportunity of hearing him preach again Sunday night. He filled the pulpit at the Baptist church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan who with his family is taking a vacation at Carolina Beach. A large congregation heard him.

W. L. ELLIS GOES FOR ESCAPED FELON

W. L. Ellis, Johnston county, designated by the Governor's office to convey Richard Harris, escaped negro, back to State's prison, left Saturday for May's Landing, N. J., after his man. Harris, serving time for highway robbery, was caught last week after having been at liberty since 1923.

Everett Thornton, of Mount Olive; Miss Vera Lee Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sanderson and son, Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Langston, Messrs. Elbert, Eugene, Almond and Edgar Langston, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rose, Willis Rose, Charley Rose, Miss Julia Rose, and Mr. Jack Lee, of Bentonville.

There is one thing about dying—you never have it to do again.

First Air Battleship



Three turrets and six mounted Lewis machine guns are on the newest type bombing biplane which Uncle Sam tested most thoroughly at Mitchell Field last week. The plane is of all metal construction.

Wilson's Mills To Keep Postoffice

Not to Be Discontinued As First Contemplated By the Post Office Department

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Senator F. M. Simmons recently took up with the Postoffice Department at the request of Ed S. Abell, of Smithfield, the question of the proposed discontinuance of the postoffice at Wilson's Mills. Mr. Abell stated that the citizens of Wilson's Mills were very much wrought up over the prospect of inadequate mail service and requested Senator Simmons to have the matter further investigated by the Postoffice Department.

Senator Simmons is in receipt of advice from the Postoffice Department to the effect that the Wilson's Mills office will not be discontinued as at first contemplated, but that the Civil Service Commission is being called upon to certify eligibles from which the appointment of a postmaster may be made.—Thomas H. Young.

Attends District Meeting.

The sixth quadrennial session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, A. M. E. church, representing twelve Episcopal districts, convened at Memphis, Tenn., last week. Laura J. A. King, supervisor of the negro schools of Johnston county, was a delegate from North Carolina. She was president of the North Carolina conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for six successive years. She serves on the committee on constitution and by-laws.

A Good Journalist.

For the benefit of those who may desire to write for publication we give below a definition of a good journalist by somebody whose name is unknown to us but who knew whereof he spoke: "A good journalist is one who can expand the material for a paragraph into a whole article, but never does so if he can avoid it; who is widely informed, but respects the limits of his information; who is violent in expressing his opinions, but reasonable in forming them; and who seeks to win the agreement of his readers, but would rather inspire their indignation than their indifference."

Officer Returns With Prisoner.

Deputy Tom Talton has returned home from Newport, Tenn., where he went to apprehend Willie Hayes, who had escaped a bond for appearance in Recorder's court here. He brought the prisoner with him.

The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that bootleggers must pay income tax. This reminds us of the method to exterminate potato bugs, which is "Now first catch the bug, then—"

Tobacco Crop Has Improved

Banner and Central Warehouses Well Manned This Season; Grading Rooms Now Open

Reports from various sections of the county state that in the last two weeks the tobacco crop has shown decided improvement. The tobacco farmers everywhere are busy curing, and the indications are that by the opening sale here on September 6 a good bit of the tobacco will be ready for the market.

Not only will the farmers here the tobacco ready, but the warehousemen in Smithfield will have everything in line to sell the largest amount that has ever been brought to this market. Two warehouses will operate, the Banner and the Central, and the floor space in these two tremendous warehouses can take care of big sales with utmost ease. The grading rooms of these two warehouses are now open, Howard Olive, being in charge of the grading room of the Banner warehouse and Parker Johnson in charge of the grading room of the Central.

Besides Mr. Olive the personnel of the warehouse force of the Banner will include N. L. Perkins, auctioneer; R. E. Smith, P. H. Eason, Leon Johnson and Harvey Wellons, bookkeepers; W. H. Lassiter and Bob Pittman, assistant salesmen and solicitors.

Those constituting the working force of the Central warehouse are: G. W. Bass, auctioneer; C. W. Adams, manager; J. N. Cobb, bookkeeper; L. G. Strickland, floor manager; Harvey Johnson, assistant floor manager; W. H. Parker and A. M. Gardner, clerks. An efficient corps of buyers representing the leading tobacco companies of America will be on the market, and the slogan for tobacco growers in Johnston county should be: "Johnston county tobacco sold in Johnston county."

Attending Furniture Show.

Mr. B. G. Jones of the Crumpler-Jones Furniture company left this morning for High Point where he will attend the Furniture Exposition being held there this week.

USE LOCAL STONE FOR FARM BUILDINGS

Raleigh, N. C., July 11.—Waste stone on the average farm in North Carolina is gathered in unsightly heaps with no attempt to make it beautiful or useful, while in some other sections of the United States, this stone is made to serve in a wide range of usefulness.

"I have been much impressed by the wide range of uses made of local stone in New England," says Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, geologist at State College. "Stone fences, stone pillars, stone chimneys, foundations for houses and cellars lined with stone are everywhere abundant. On the other hand in our State the waste stone about the farm is gathered in unsightly heaps in the center or around the edges of fields with little or no attempt to make it either useful or beautiful."

Dr. Stuckey states that there was a time when local stone was more widely used. In a drive over parts of Wake, Johnston and Franklin counties he observed a number of farms of pre-Civil War days where stone was used extensively. The abundance of slave labor was one reason for this, he believes.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—



"Ah doesn't know which is wasser, Johnston county dew bills or Rolly's Greeks and barbarians."