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ADDITION TO BE MADE TO LOCAL GUANO FACTORY

Manager Says Volume of Business Would Justify Doubling Output

LESS THAN YEAR OLD

Growth of Business Has Been Remarkable; Plant Operated Night and Day During Busy Season

According to official reports given out by General Manager C. G. Crockett here yesterday, the Standard Fertilizer Company will add to its factory here within the next several months, making it one of the largest fertilizer plants in this section. The plans for the company's expansion have not been completed at this time, but the amount of business carried on this year will justify a second unit about the size of the one now in operation, it is thought. Mr. Crockett stated, however, that final plans would not be made until the first of June when the company's president, Mr. George Whiting and other officials, of Baltimore, would come here and study the situation.

The Standard Fertilizer Company, since its establishment here within the past year, has experienced a most remarkable growth in the manufacture and sale of high-grade fertilizers. Taking step with the march of progress so evident in Eastern North Carolina at the present time, this concern has made good its every promise and met with a high degree of efficiency the demands of farmers in all parts of the State.

During this year the large plant of the company has operated night and day to fill the orders that literally poured into the office. Hardly before the season was well underway, shipments by the train load, special boats and hundreds of carts, wagons and trucks were leaving the factory weekly. It was success almost unbelievable in its scope, and while the plant was turning out its fertilizers at a rapid rate, orders were turned down in large numbers. This week, the material that seemed to be inexhaustible in the beginning, dwindled, and even though additional shipments were made in large quantities regularly, all the orders could not be filled. The general trade will be cared for by the regular shipments, it was stated yesterday by Mr. Rush Bonduant, plant manager.

The company, under the direction of its general manager, Mr. C. G. Crockett, has played a prominent part in supplying the needs of hundreds and hundreds of farmers in the State, especially in this and adjoining counties. The orders, whether large or small, have been handled with care, and the interest of the company's customer has been one of the chief aims in running the business.

Realizing the advantages to be gained from a fertilizer plant located in this section, officials of the Standard Wholesale Phosphate and Acid Works, Baltimore, established the factory here, looking upon it entirely as a North Carolina business. Following the policies of that company of offering superior quality fertilizers at the most reasonable prices, the Standard Fertilizer Company has entered the trade here with success assured.

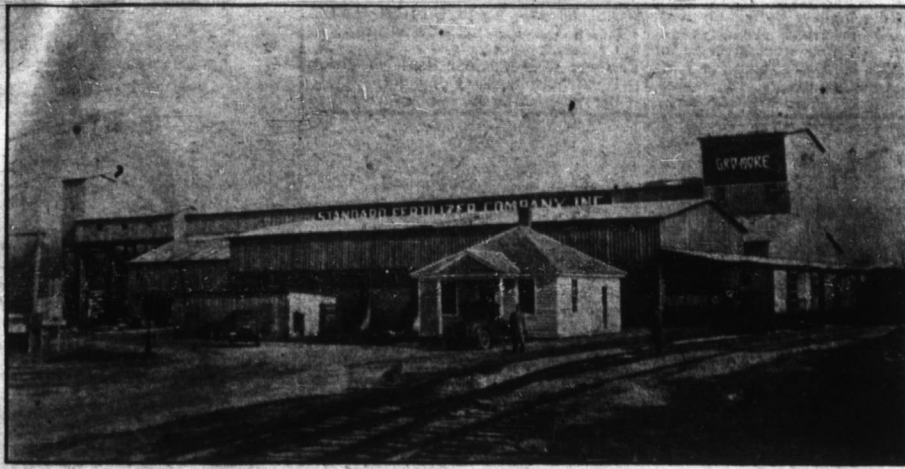
Prohibition Agent Moves His Headquarters Here

C. F. Alexander, Federal Prohibition agent, has moved his post of duty to Williamston. Mr. Alexander has been stationed at Washington for the past two years. On account of the location, he was transferred to this point, it being more convenient for him to reach Bertie, Hertford, Washington and Tyrrell counties. Mr. Alexander's home is in Charlotte, but he has worked in the Eastern district for several years.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
Special Epic
"FALL OF ALAMO"
Also Comedy
"Too Many Kisses"
Serial
"King of the Jungle"
Also Serial
"Blake of Scotland Yard"

Standard Fertilizer Company Plant Here To Be Enlarged During This Summer



Business of the Standard Fertilizer Co. has outgrown its present local plant, pictured above, and yesterday officials of the company announced that they were planning to greatly increase the output of the plant by erecting new buildings. The plant here is less than a year old, but its success has been phenomenal from the start. Construction of the new buildings is expected to be made during the summer.

CHANGE DATES OF POULTRY CAR

Here Afternoon of 25th and Morning of 26th; At Robersonville in Afternoon

At the request of the Division of Markets, the dates for loading the next poultry car in this county, have been changed. Instead of loading the car on the 24th, it will be here the morning of the 25th. Arriving here on the morning freight, the car will be at the local station all of Wednesday afternoon and a part of Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon it will be in Robersonville for receiving poultry.

This car will be the first to stop in Robersonville and a large offering of barnyard "boarders" are expected to be delivered.

OAK CITY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Begins Sunday Night With Sermon by Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald

The first of the Oak City school commencement exercises will be held in the school auditorium there Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock when Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of the local Methodist church, will preach the commencement sermon.

The next exercise on the program will be a musical recital by the pupils of Miss Compton's class, Tuesday evening. Much attention has been given the preparation of the program for that evening, and the varied numbers will, no doubt, be well received.

Wednesday evening, the senior class will hold its exercises, "The Outside World." Thursday, at noon, there will be a picnic on the campus. A special program is being prepared for the day exercises. Thursday evening, Hon. W. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, will deliver the annual address, bringing to a close the 1927-28 term.

DISAGREE WITH DETOUR SIGNS

Travelers Say Signs Placed By Ferry Company Are Misleading

According to complaints heard here, ferry signs directing traffic over Route No. 90 to Edenton instead of the route from Windsor to Edenton, are causing travelers much trouble because the detours at Eden House are better than those on Route 90. Both routes are under construction and the main argument for travelers to go by way of Mackeys is the \$2. revenue paid ferryment, it is said.

Traveling men say they do not object to any person's taking his choice of the roads, but they do object to signs that cause extra trouble, extra expense and the loss of time.

Colored School Closing Exercises Next Week

The local colored schools will hold their commencement exercises in the court house next Monday evening at 7:30, it was announced yesterday by E. J. Hayes, principal.

"The Funeral of the Class of 1928" will feature the class day exercises Monday. The high note in the graduation exercises will be reached Tuesday evening when Dr. James H. Shepard, president of the Durham Negro College, makes the main address.

The closing exercises are well prepared each year by the teachers of the school and are enjoyed by large numbers, as a rule.

High School Boys Win Slugfest From Columbia

Coach Hood's high school baseball boys walked away with those from Columbia here last Tuesday afternoon, winning 15 to 5 in the slugfest of the season. The locals soon caught on to the visiting twirler and knocked him to all corners of the lot, but the majority of their runs were gained by perfect bunts.

In the ninth, the visitors had not scored. A change in the local lineup and a few errors resulted in five runs for Columbia.

Today Coach Hood and the boys are scheduled to meet Washington Collegiate Institute in Washington this afternoon.

MAN CAUGHT AT STILL THURSDAY

Vance Brooks, Colored, Put Under \$500 Bond for Appearance

R. Vance Brooks, colored, was caught at a still near Dardens yesterday by Federal Agents T. C. Wilking and C. F. Alexander. When the officers arrived at the still there were three colored men present, but two made their escape, leaving Brooks to tell the story to the agents.

Brooks was brought here and given a hearing before a U. S. Commissioner who ordered him held for the October term of Federal court under a \$500 bond. The man declared he had nothing to do with the still, and stated that he saw smoke and went down to the plant where he found two men at work.

He refused to disclose the names of his two friends, stating that he was too loyal to tell on his friends. About 800 gallons of beer, the 60-gallon still, one gallon of liquor and equipment were captured and destroyed by the officers.

CATCH VIOLATOR OF FISHING LAW

W. H. Ellison To Appear Before Recorder for Second Offense

W. H. Ellison, colored of Jamesville, is scheduled to appear before Judge J. W. Bailey here May 1 to answer to charges of violating the State Game and Fish laws. Ellison was fined \$25 a few weeks ago for using a drift net in the Roanoke at Jamesville. County Warden J. W. Hines explained to the fisherman that it was against the State law to use a drift net over a certain number of feet in length.

It was thought that Ellison would alter his net and refrain from violating the law, but recently Mr. Hines made another trip to Jamesville and caught Ellison using the same net as he used when the first arrest was made.

Presbyterian Services To Begin Sunday Night

Dr. E. E. Gillispie, of Greensboro, Superintendent of Home Missions of the Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian, and an Evangelist of much experience, but in no sense a sensationalist, will begin services in the special tent on the lot facing Smithwick and Church streets, Sunday night.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and the cooperation of all the pastors and their congregations is very much desired. We hope that all the choirs and singers of the town will attend, and assist in the music which we hope to make one of the leading features of this meeting. We will have a trained song leader of long experience come to us Monday night.

A. J. CRANE.

PLAN ERECTION NEW BUILDING

Understood That Owners of Main Street Property Will Build New Store

Although unofficially announced, it was learned from reliable sources yesterday that the owner of the property adjoining the store of O. S. Anderson and Company and where the J. A. Manning Grocery Company now carries on its business, plans to erect a modern store and office building there. No definite decision as to what type the building will be, but it is understood that several contractors have made preliminary plans and offered cost estimates.

Should plans under consideration materialize, it is understood that the first floor will be used for a grocery store and that the top floor would be used for offices. The approximate cost of the building could not be learned.

The little barbecue stand, occupying a part of the property during the past several years, was moved away Wednesday by its owner, Mr. Simon Lilley. The moving of the little house marks the close of the barbecue and hot dog business on the town's main street. The house was moved to Mr. Lilley's farm, eight miles from here.

RECORDER HAS SHORT SESSION

But Three Cases on Docket Tuesday; Smallest in Several Months

Recorder Bailey and Solicitor H. G. Horton had a light day in their last court, only three cases appearing on the docket for trial. It was the smallest court held here in months. The case continued over from last week, charging J. S. Jolly with assault, charging Tom Hardison with assault with a deadly weapon, was continued for one week.

Found guilty of operating an automobile while intoxicated, Amos Spruill was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs of the action. His license to drive a motor vehicle was revoked for four months. Spruill maintained his innocence, but the court differed with him after the evidence was given.

WRECKS CAR AT GRADE CROSSING

Overland Sedan Hits Rail Motor Car Here This Morning

J. J. Stewart and his driver, employees of the Coast Line, and several boys were badly bruised and cut this morning when a rail motor car ran into an Overland sedan belonging to Mr. Norbert Simpson at the Washington road rail crossing near the Murray-McCabe Lumber Company's plant.

The automobile was almost across the track when the rail car hit it and caused it to turn over twice. Mr. Simpson's son was driving the automobile, and he stated that he was not running very fast at the time. The rail car left the tracks and the Overland car was badly damaged.

Shortage of Material Stops Work on Street

A shortage of material has caused the contractor to stop work on the widening of Washington street here, and it will be some time next week before the paving is completed. Another carload of rock is expected this afternoon, but should it arrive, the completion of the job will not be possible before Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

OAK CITY GIRL IS SECOND IN ORATORY TILT

Miss Rachel Rawls Was County Representative in District Finals

NASH COUNTY FIRST

Justus Daniels of Nash, Defeats Representative of Martin and Edgecombe at Rocky Mount

Representing Martin county at Rocky Mount last night, Miss Rachel Rawls, of Oak City, was awarded second place in the district finals of the State Oratory Contest being conducted by the News and Observer as a part of the Fifth National and Third International Contest for secondary schools. Mr. Justus Daniel, representing Nash county, was given first place in the contest.

"The speakers, Justus Daniels, of Nash county; Miss Rawls, for Martin and Miss Lily May Marsh, for Edgecombe, acquitted themselves well," it was said in a press report. The contest in Rocky Mount was held one day ahead of the regular schedule for the contests on account of conflicts in the schools represented. All the other district contests will be held tonight.

Miss Rawls won the right to represent the county at Rocky Mount last night when she was awarded the contest over John Robert Jenkins here Wednesday, April 4.

OAK CITY MAN OUT FOR SMITH

Many People Not Interested Despite Large Amount Of 'Just Talk'

While the battle wages for and against Al Smith as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination, Teddy Jackson, well known character of Jamesville, is understood to say, "Don't vote for Smith. Why trade off all the good whiskey for light wines and beer?"

It is true that there is a great deal of talk about Al Smith and the political outcome in general, but it is quite evident that there are not many who take an interest or even care a hang about the whole order. At last, that appears to be the attitude in this section. The Al Smith club of the county adds one new member, while several who favor Smith, but yet do not want their names made public.

Mr. J. W. Hines, of Oak City, in reviewing the political situation in his section writes:

"It is to be admitted that Al Smith is a back number in Oak City, and if he is nominated, it is my opinion that he will not get but two or three votes here.

"However, Mr. Smith has one or two staunch supporters here, and I sincerely believe that he is the strongest man that the Democrats can offer in the next presidential race.

"I do not believe the prohibition situation will be made worse if Mr. Smith is nominated and elected to the presidency, and believing this firmly I do not see why it should be used in the battle against him. A man who champions the rights of the common man, as Mr. Smith has done in New York as governor of that State is obliged to appeal to the voting power of the nation.

"J. W. HINES."

Baptists To Hear Rev. F. A. Burns Sunday Night

Rev. F. A. Burns will be special speaker at the Baptist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The pastor will be present at both services, and Mrs. Harper Holiday will sing at one of the Sunday services.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor will speak on "The Meaning of Church Membership", and is especially anxious that everyone of those who have recently united with the church be present.

The pastor is inexpressibly grateful to his congregation for their thoughtfulness and generosity as expressed at a recent service.

Closing Exercises at Griffins School Today

With several prominent speakers on the program, the Griffins school at Smithwick's Creek, is holding its annual picnic dinner and closing exercises today.

Jamesville School Finals Next Week

The commencement sermon in the Jamesville school auditorium Sunday night by Rev. C. B. Mauburn, pastor of the Robersonville Christian church, marks the beginning of the closing exercises of the school there.

Only \$3,000 Allowed For Deepening River

The negligible sum of \$3,000 has been allotted for improvement of the Roanoke river, according to an announcement made by General Edgar Jadwin last Tuesday in Washington, D. C. The allotment is for work during the year beginning July 1. Pamlico and Tar rivers were allotted \$25,000; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, \$184,000; Neuse river, \$51,800; Trent river, \$4,200.

Local people who are acquainted with the condition of the Roanoke river's mouth are at a loss to understand the why so small allotment was made. They state that the amount is entirely too small to be of any value in deepening the river at its mouth, and it would be better given over to the improvement of some other stream.

FORMER CITIZEN TO OPPOSE KERR

Hoyt G. Roberson Enters Race Against Smith Advocate

Hoyt G. Roberson, of Snow Hill, has entered the race for Congress against Congressman John H. Kerr. Mr. Roberson is a native of Martin county. He was born in Williams township near here where he lived until he was about seven years old when his father, John Alfred Roberson, moved with his family to Jones county. Hoyt attended the University of North Carolina and received his degree there. He taught school at Conetoe in Edgecombe county for several years and married Miss Cobb of that county.

Although Mr. Roberson is a lawyer, he has not practiced for several years, having served as superintendent of schools in Greene county where he has done a constructive work for the advancement of education.

Congressman Kerr has been one of the most successful politicians in the State, having held office for twenty-three years. He is leading the Al Smith campaign in North Carolina while Mr. Roberson is against Smith.

FARM AGENTS IN MEET HERE

Quarterly Conference Held With B. Troy Ferguson, District Agent

The quarterly conference of farm agents in this section was held here yesterday with District Agent B. Troy Ferguson, Raleigh, E. P. Welch, Beaufort County agent, R. E. Dunning, Washington County agent, and T. B. Brandon, local county agent, attending.

District Agent Ferguson reviewed the reports of the several agents, offering constructive suggestions to the agents in outlining their work for the next several months. The program outlined at the conference calls for a constructive work this summer. County Agent T. B. Brandon stated this morning.

Mr. Ferguson, sent out from Raleigh, holds conferences with the various farm agents in the State and offers suggestions in bettering demonstration work.

Oak City Elementary School Standard Raised

Through the efforts of the principal and several teachers, the elementary school of Oak City will be raised to class A for next year, it was announced yesterday by an official of the schools there.

During the past several years, the principal, Mr. H. M. Ainsley, with his teachers, has worked toward this end, and the promotion given the school comes as a just reward to their efforts.

District Meeting of Modern Woodmen

The Everetts camp, Modern Woodmen of America, held a special meeting last Monday night with more than thirty members attending. Plans for the district meeting to be held with the camp, Thursday, April 26, were made. Hon. M. L. Tremain, State Deputy, will be the principal speaker at the meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend the morning session which will be held in the Everetts Baptist church.

Macedonia School Will Close Tonight

The Macedonia school will close the 1927-28 term tonight with the presentation of a play. The students are also staging a minstrel tonight.

PEEL MOTOR CO. PLAN TO ERECT MODERN GARAGE

To Erect New Building On Site of Present One; Buy Additional Land

TO START NEXT WEEK

New Building Will Have 75-Foot Frontage on Washington Street; Whole Front of Plate Glass

Plans have just been completed, and the Peel Motor Company will start the construction of a new garage within the next few weeks, it was stated yesterday by Mr. H. T. Roberson, member of the firm. The building, to be located on Washington street where the company has its present quarters, will be modern in every respect and will be "modernly" equipped with duco rooms, wash and grease pits, a spacious showroom, offices and repair department.

The company is purchasing additional land from Mr. J. S. Peel, making possible a structure with a seventy-five foot frontage and a depth of around ninety feet. According to the plans there will be no front entrance to the building, but a driveway will be built and all cars will be entered from the side. "The entire front of the building with an exception of a small door to the main office will have large windows," Mr. Roberson stated in explaining the plans for the new structure. At the present time, the builders are planning only for one story with provisions for a second story at a later date, if necessary.

While operations on the new building will not be started until the latter part of May, carpenters will be put to work tearing down the present garage sometime next week. Much of the material for the new building has already been purchased, and once work is started, the builders say they will have it completed by the first of August or near that date.

During the construction of the garage, the company will maintain its repair department in the rear of the York building on Washington street, it is understood. Arrangements for storing cars are being made at the present time, but no definite agreement that would provide a showroom had been reached this morning. It is probable that the Farmers warehouse will be used for the storing and showing of cars temporarily.

The Peel Motor Company has been in business here about a year and a half, and during that time it has met with much success in the handling of Chevrolet cars and trucks.

ARREST THREE FOR SPEEDING

Two Men and Girl Arrested Here at Request of Hertford and Edenton

Yesterday afternoon John L. Wood and D. L. Saunders, of Elizabeth City and a Miss Parker, whose address was withheld, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff S. H. Grimes and Chief of Police Daniel on the Roanoke river bridge, charged with speeding in Hertford and Edenton.

The ride seemed to outclass Paul Revere's Boston-Lexington dash. As the party passed through Hertford the rush was so great that the suction almost snatched the awnings from store fronts, it was said. Pedestrians there had to shriek up to prevent being swept away. The Hertford police asked the Edenton authorities to pick up the car when it reached that town. The party was too fast for the Edenton forces, so Windsor officers were asked to stop the speeders. When the officers there failed, the job was passed on to officers here with the result that the car was met beyond the river bridge where the speeders were enjoying the blessing of a flat tire. Messrs Grimes and Daniel detained them and called Chief of Police T. S. Broughton, of Hertford and Chief R. L. Pratt, of Edenton, who formally lodged charges of speeding and reckless driving.

The car, a new Hupmobile, belonged to Wood and was driven by D. L. Saunders against whom the charges were made.

The members of the party claimed that they were going to Kinston to see the sick mother of Miss Parker. They gave bond for a hearing at 4 o'clock today in Hertford.

Former Pastor To Preach in Everetts

Rev. F. A. Burns, former pastor of the Everetts Baptist church will preach at the church there Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Burns is now connected with the Baptist Orphanage and is doing a splendid work for that institution.

The public is cordially invited to hear him.