

### Port Faud, New City, Destined To Play Important Role In Commerce Of World

Enter Port Faud! Search the maps, run through the atlases, sift the gazetteers and you will not find Port Faud. It is a newly hatched city. Not until February 21, will it be two months old.

"But Port Faud has prospects," says a bulletin of the National Geographic Society from its headquarters in Washington, D. C. "Its proud and very new city fathers expect that within a few years, when a railroad comes to town, Port Faud will be the chief port of Palestine.

"They hope for this fortunate day despite the fact that Port Faud is in Egypt, not Palestine. The new city is at the Mediterranean end of the Suez Canal. But that is the location of Port Said, nearly everyone will say. So it is. But every canal has two sides and Port Faud is the other side. Port Faud and Port Said are twin cities, like El Paso and Juarez, San Diego and Tijuana, Detroit and Windsor, Canada, and Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Before De Lesseps Had A Dream. "On December 21, the godfather of the new city, King Fuad of Egypt, a portly Moslem in a fez, walked down the gangplank of the royal Egyptian yacht to inspect and christen the city. With him were the diplomatic representatives of all the major powers including the United States.

"The official proclamations of Port Faud did not have to dedicate a sand waste to future hopes. They landed, drove through green lawns and parks, passed five hundred or more newly occupied homes, some for laborers, some for skilled workers, viewed playgrounds, schools, stores, wharves and all the essentials for a town. There is much space to grow, to be sure, but that is no reason why Port Faud is a city.

"Until Ferdinand de Lesseps, then a French vice consul at Alexandria, had a dream of a ship canal between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, the present sites of Port Faud and Port Said were buried under blue water. Examination of a detailed map reveals that the Suez Canal passes for 20 miles through the eastern end of Lake Menzala, which is a huge lagoon of the Nile delta. The lake is sprinkled with sand clays or islands. Before the construction of the canal a line of narrow islands provided a thin dike between the Mediterranean and the lake.

#### Where The Ocean Makes Real Estate.

"On one of these islands and on sand thrown up by dredges was built Port Said from which a long breakwater of concrete blocks stretches straight out into the Mediterranean. Port Said is a small but growing island. It looks out on the Mediterranean and looks back on Lake Menzala. Nearest mainland is about 20 miles away. The breakwater has pocketed sand discharged by the Nile and so the shore is growing steadily in the direction of Gibraltar. The statue of de Lesseps, his arms spread wide in welcome to ships of all nations, stands on an ever-lengthening breakwater.

"In spite of the sea's real estate activities Port Said is too small. Therefore the Canal company decided 20 years ago to develop another port on the opposite bank. A companion breakwater and the dredges have manufactured the foundations of Port Faud there than at Port Said. Having put into practice the newest principles of city planning, the Canal company began moving their people over. Four days before Christmas they called in the King of Egypt to declare Port Faud incorporated and full-fledged.

"At present, the railroad which connects Palestine and Cairo crosses the canal at Kantara which is 20 miles south of Port Said. None of Port Said. None of the 5,000 steamers which carried nearly 300,000 passengers last year stop at Kantara but they all stop at Port Said to take on or drop a pilot. Many coal there. Since the steamers halt anyway citizens of Port Faud now hope that a branch railroad will come to give quick access to Palestine. Then the easiest way to Jerusalem would be through Port Faud instead of Jaffa, which is off the ship lanes.

#### Front Doors to Asia and Africa

"Port Said and Port Faud, are, by nature of their business, cosmopolitan. The official language which will be taught in Port Faud schools, is French. We are accustomed to regard the Suez Canal as a British canal. Indeed, Britain owns a large block of stock. Britain has the military responsibility for the canal. Yet the headquarters of the Compagnie Universelle du Canal Maritime de Suez are in Paris and the majority of its 30 directors are French. Management of the canal is entrusted to French engineers. Rivalry will undoubtedly spring up between these two ports, one the front door to Africa the other the front door to Asia."

Last year's foreign trade totalled 94,183,000 tons; think of the number of coals it would require marching single file, to move this load.

### FOOTBALL TITLE COST GASTONIA \$35,000. REPORT

Sporting Editor Asks Questions About Gastonia Principal Saying Title Costly

Gastonia Gazette.

Frank Spencer, sporting editor of The Winston-Salem Journal, has the following comment on Principal J. E. Cassell's recent statement in Charlotte relative to cost of a high school champion football team:

"Now comes the shocking story that Gastonia paid \$35,000 for a championship football team in 1925. This question seemed to be the outstanding reason that Gastonia, led by Mr. Cassell, is backing a plan to change the state elimination series, now operated under the wing of the University of North Carolina.

"Thirty-five thousand dollars for a high school football team? While, but the price of Gastonia winning the championship was high, but when the Green and White was celebrating the victory not one word was said.

"Queer thing is the fact that \$35,000 was spent. It might be interesting to see an itemized statement of just where all this cash went during one season and how much of it was really thrown to the winds.

"Gastonia must have taken in a few dollars for playing during the season and this must be deducted from the amount spent. This would bring the amount down a considerable bit, but still where did the rest of the money come from and where did it go? This question could be answered and would take a load off the mind of the writer, as well as possibly a lot of the fans and even state high school officials.

"Three thousand dollars is a large amount for a high school team to spend during the season, including transportation of teams to playing fields, uniforms and other expenses. This is just \$32,000 less than Gastonia operated a team, according to alleged figures.

"No wonder Gastonia wants a change in athletic policies in the state, if these figures be true. Maybe the Green and White officials would like some nice kind person like Henry Ford to take over the race. But, if Henry was to undertake such a move, the writer is inclined to believe that he would not be called upon to spend half this amount on any three teams in the state.

"If some high school football teams in the state can operate with \$3,000 allowance, and many under this amount, which of course does not include the salary of players, the building of a stadium, a \$25,000 a year coach and many other things necessary to some teams, a useless waste of money has been thrown away somewhere. This is the only thing that can be conceived when it costs a team \$35,000 a year.

"As previously stated in this discussion of 'what price fame,' the writer certainly would like to see an itemized statement of where all this cash went during the season, as it may prove extremely interesting to University of North Carolina officials, who conduct the elimination series, as well as the football fans in the state.

#### Hartness Improves His Sanford Mill

Former Shelby Man Builds Huge Elevator With Enormous Storage Capacity

Cleveland county friends of Mr. W. R. Hartness, formerly with the Eagle Roller Mill of Shelby, now president of the Sanford Milling company at Sanford, this state, will be interested to know that considerably improvement is being made at his Sanford plant.

"My faith in this section," he told a representative of The Journal, "is unbounded. We are here to stay and we expect in the near future to build a concrete and steel elevator that will store 50 to 75 thousand bushels of grain."

Mr. Hartness' statement coming at this time is significant. From one viewpoint it shows that there is no lack of spirit in Sanford and that there still remains with the city's business men as much confidence in the future and the growth of Sanford as ever. It is one of many indications that Sanford is to go forward.

Well, the worst has happened; a new device enables a phonograph to play an hour without stopping. A good idea of frankness is contained in Suzanne Leuzler's statement that she made "sufficient money."

### Rich Co-Ed Desires Re-Instatement

By International News Service

Syracuse, N. Y.—Expelled from Syracuse University last October without any good reasons given, she claims, beyond the assertion that she was not the "Syracuse type," Beatrice Anthony, 21, daughter of a wealthy Binghampton manufacturer and a former junior in the college of Domestic Science and Home Economics appeared in special term before Judge Edward N. Smith, plaintiff in an action to compel the university to reinstate her.

The suit brought by Miss Anthony is the first of its kind ever instituted against Syracuse University and as far as the records show, the first of its kind to be brought against any institution of learning, it is said.

The action involves a fine question of law, and a decision will determine whether a university or other institution of learning may summarily dismiss a student without just cause after the student has attended for some length of time and successfully met the scholastic requirements.

#### Asks Faculty to Explain

The plaintiff, in addition to demanding her reinstatement as a student, is also asking that the faculty of the university explain the reasons for her dismissal, which, she alleges, she has never been able to obtain.

The university board of trustees is fighting the suit to preserve a principal and maintain a rule of the university, taking the position that the dismissal of Miss Anthony was wholly within the right of the faculty and in accordance with the rules governing the acceptance or dismissal of any student.

It contends that attendance at the university is "a privilege and not a right, and in order to safeguard its scholarship and atmosphere the university reserves the right to request the withdrawal of any student when the student's presence is deemed detrimental," quoting from the rule upon which the defense is combatting the action.

Both sides are represented by counsel.

Miss Anthony sets forth in her complaint that she entered the university in September, 1923, pursuing her duties there until she was dismissed last October. She alleges that in June she was informed that she might return in September and did so, remaining until October 6, when she alleges, without being given any good reason she was informed she must leave.

She relates that she consulted Chancellor Charles W. Flint, vice-chancellor William P. Graham, Dean Marguerite Woodruff and other members of the faculty, requesting that they explain to her why she was being, summarily dismissed, but that in no instance did she obtain any information beyond the statement that she "was not just the Syracuse type" and that it was deemed best that she be requested to leave the university.

#### Wants To Graduate

Repeated requests for information regarding her dismissal and demands that she be reinstated and permitted to complete her last year in college and to graduate, if proficient, were all met with refusal, she alleges.

She relates that she was studying domestic science and home economics with a view to becoming a teacher and that her dismissal resulted in a situation depriving her of a means of livelihood.

While the action of the trial revolves solely upon the question of whether the university has the right to dismiss a student without reason beyond not considering her a "Syracuse type," it was intimated that an action for damages might follow.

#### Rutherford Pair Married 66 Years

Rutherford county has a couple, if they live together until July 29, will have been married 66 years.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spratt of Route 3, Ellenboro. Mr. Spratt is 88 and his wife 85 years old and both are enjoying reasonably good health. They have nine living children and one son who died about two years ago. There are 44 grand children and 13 great grand children in the family.

Mr. Spratt served three years and one month in the civil war and has never been seriously ill a day in his life. He has drunk coffee all his life and has chewed tobacco for 78 years. He hasn't taken a drink of whiskey in 20 years. He has been a farmer all his life and even now can do a full day's work.

#### Heard Over the World

New York.—The address of President Coolidge made on Washington's Birthday is thought to have been heard all over the world. The short-wave transmission put on by the National Broadcasting company through KDKA and WGY was picked up in Europe and reports have been received from Berlin, London and Paris of clear receptions of the address.

### Kaiser's Experts Let Big Opportunity Pass

Colonel Deport, inventor of the "75," the rapid-firing gun that saved France, died a few years after the war. Before he passed away the colonel wrote the story of the gun and revealed how France came within an ace of losing the plans and models long before the war. When the first models had been constructed, they were carefully sealed in a freight car and shipped to an isolated section of the country for a tryout. The car was by mistake hooked up to a goods train, destined for Germany and actually landed on German soil. The Germans opened the car and immediately officers of the artillery school came down to examine the guns minutely. But they let them go again, reporting that no officer would be able to manage a battery of guns that could each fire a hundred shots per minute. And so the guns came back through the Germans managed to make an imperfect copy. The real secret of the hydro-pneumatic was never mastered in Germany, even in 1914, when the Kaiser's armies captured plenty of models.—Pierre Van Passen, in the Atlanta Constitution.

### Napoleon Unique in Capacity for Work

Napoleon "could work for eighteen hours for a stretch at one subject or many." No wonder, says him. "Never," says Theodore, "I have seen his mind weary; never have I seen him without spring; not in the strain of body, wrath or the most violent exercise." One of his ministers complained that "it would require a constitution of iron to go through with what we do. After a day's ride in a carriage we no longer alight to get the mount on horseback and sometimes remain in our saddles for ten or twelve hours successively." In his fortieth year Napoleon rode ninety miles without stirrups in five hours and a half. His surgeon, Percy, said that he was "made of iron, soul and body, always on horseback, galloping about in all weathers, bivouacking, working like ten men, never ill, never tired." Even his enemies declared that Napoleon had a capacity for work equal to that of four other men.—Scientific Monthly.

#### Few Truffles in America

Truffles are subterranean fungi, and in Europe, especially in France, are collected quite extensively for food. While a few varieties of truffles or related forms are found growing wild in this country, their cultivation is not a commercial proposition. It is recognized that truffles grow especially in association with certain oaks, and some years ago the Department of Agriculture imported and distributed two or three species of these oaks, but the industry has never really been developed in this country. Abroad, in regions where truffles are abundant, they are collected by aid of a dog or pig, or small animal having a keen sense of smell. Truffle hunting is an important business and requires considerable experience and knowledge of forests.

#### First "Elevator" Ideas

The first parents of the today's elevator came into being in Europe in the reign of Louis XIV, and began the revolt of weary legs against the age-long tyranny of dark, corkscrew stairs. The first in date, 1670, was the "curious invention" by which an Italian duchess (or Turin) conveyed herself to her bath. Worked by a pulley and swing (counterweight), it was in the form of a cage, and held one person standing up, who could ascend or descend at will. It was covered with green velvet, and the ropes—for signaling "up" or "down"—were of silk. A similar elevator was said to be in the Palais Mazarin in Paris.

#### Inviting Crime

"Look here what I bought for that dog of Junior's," Mr. Burton announced, throwing a package on the table.

Mrs. Burton unwrapped it. "Why, George," she exclaimed, "A dog collar, of all things!"

"Yes, and I gave \$3.50 for it," Mr. Burton related.

"Three dollars and a half," echoed Mrs. Burton. "What on earth! I don't understand! You've always said you had no use on earth for Junior's dog and you wished somebody would steal it."

"Yes, that's just it," Mr. Burton agreed. "With that collar on it some one will be sure to steal it now."—Kansas City Star.

#### Clever Dog Thief

Within five days the police of Abington, Pa., received reports that 51 quart bottles of milk placed on as many doorsteps had been tapped and the cream extracted. The only clue was that in each milk bottle cap a hole was bored and the cap lifted from the bottle. Watchers then solved the mystery. The thief was a big collie dog with more than usual intelligence. The dog punctured the cardboard tops with one of his fangs, lifted out the caps and thus was able to lap out the cream with his tongue.

#### Hobby Is Training Worms

Training worms is the hobby of David Masters, London Journalist and scientist. Leading his visitors to his garden, Masters would take a blade of grass and stroke the back of as much of a worm's body as he could be out of its hole in the ground. Immediately the worm would emerge from its hiding place and he would stroke its back, which the worm would arch after a few strikes. "You see, even a worm likes a good turn," Masters tells his friends.

Speaking by the calendar, winter is over but you never can tell about a cold wave.

### Belwood Mention Of Late Interest

(Special to The Star.)

Belwood, Feb. 26.—Miss Charlotte Peeler spent Thursday night with Miss Lucilla Warlick.

Miss Helen Sain spent Tuesday night with Misses Ada and Ollie Dellinger.

Miss Mary Brackett and Miss Elnora Deal spent Wednesday with Archa Fava Gantt.

Mrs. Nerva Warlick and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Turner.

A large crowd attended the party at the consolidated school house last Wednesday night.

Miss Sarah Houser, Ruth Gambel and Lee Ware were the supper guests of Misses Mamie and Villa Quaster Wednesday night.

Miss Sadella Gambel was the guest of Miss Rosemary Peeler Wednesday night.

Miss Elnora Quaster spent Thursday night with Miss Estella Brackett.

Miss Lucy Dixon spent Friday night with Miss Bertha Brackett. Miss Inez Prout spent Wednesday night with Miss Felara Quaster.

Miss Ador Downs spent Wednesday night with Miss Pinky Hicks.

Miss Doris Deane spent Tuesday night with Miss Elnora Quaster.

Miss Olla Deane visited the Peeler family Friday afternoon at the Peeler club.

Miss Inez Wallace visited the Peeler school Friday to organize the Peeler club.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cline spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Smith.

Miss Annie Mae Taylor spent Wednesday night with her sister, Mrs. P. P. Peeler.

Miss Amy Sue Taylor spent Wednesday night with Miss Mollie Peeler.

Miss Ann Richard visited Mrs. George Cline Friday.

Miss Annie Lee Ooster and Miss Mollie Richard spent Monday night with Miss Mary Peeler.

### Annual Debate At Lattimore March 3

In the Lattimore high school auditorium Thursday night March 3rd, the third annual debate will be held of the Edgeronian Literary society of which Libby McCurry is president and Mollie Cabaniss is secretary.

Marshals are Evans Grigg, Ora Jones, Edwin Heafner and Evangeline McEntire. The program opens with a piano solo by Alice Potent, followed by declamation by Charles Wilson and vocal duet by Mary Elizabeth Willis and Mollie Cabaniss.

Debate Query: Resolved that Congress should authorize the establishment of a federal department of education with a secretary in the cabinet.

Affirmative: Ray McEntire, Carey Walker, Lola Davis, Negative: Edley Martin, Laurence Hamrick, Mary Agnes Lattimore.

Male quartette: Ray McEntire, Ralph and Max Gardner and Worth Micham. Reading: Vella Covington. Chorus: Misses Lattimore, Potent, Davis, Cabaniss, Willis, Jones, McEntire, Covington, Walker, Wilson, Martin, Brooks, McEntire, Brooks and Martin. The public is cordially invited to be present. Program begins at 8:00 o'clock.

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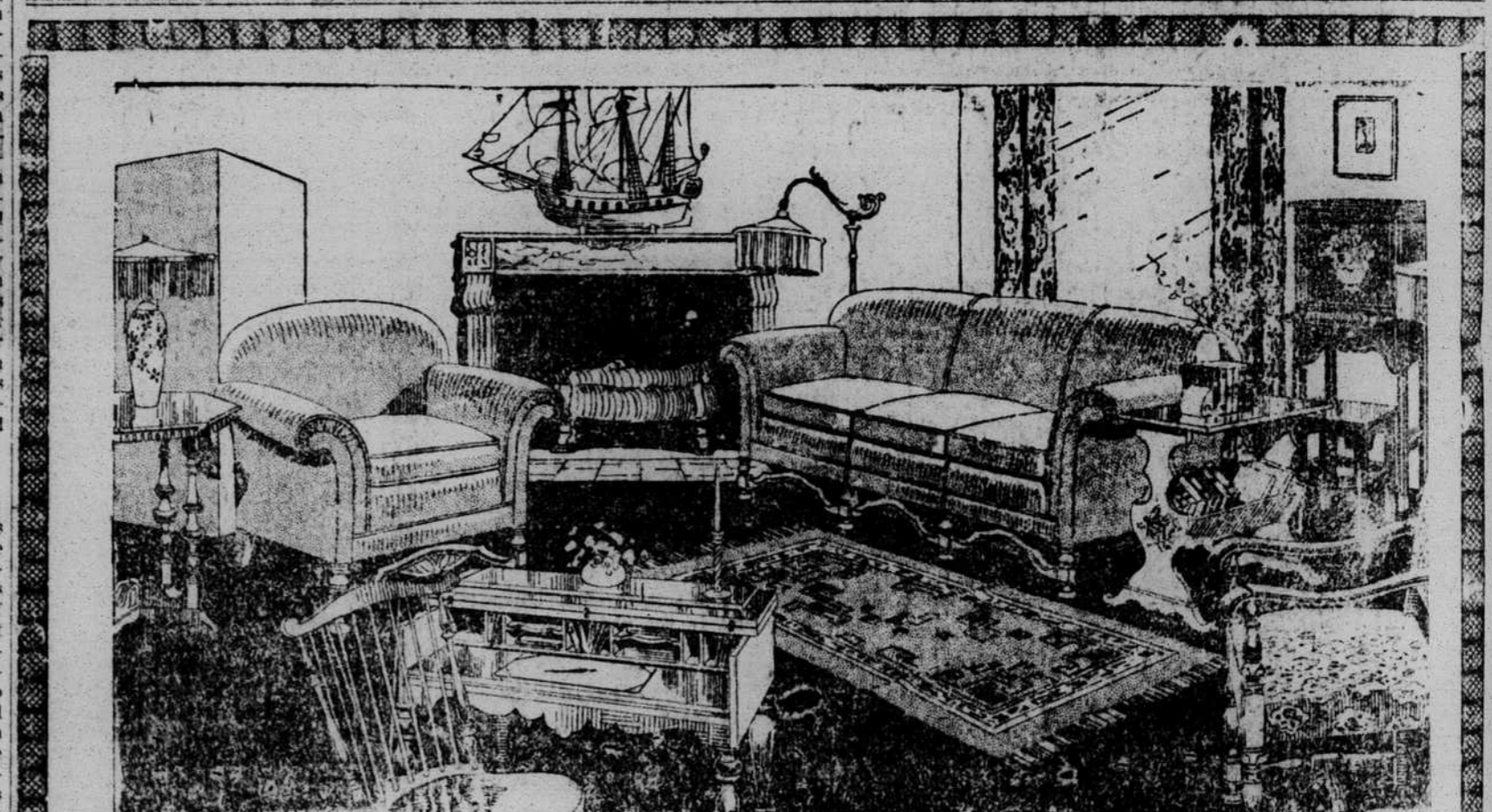
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