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Southern Cotton Oil Co. Buys Eastern Cotton Oil Co. Plant

Wrecked Mill Will Be Rebuilt at Once By New Owners

WELCOME NEWS

Industry Provides Employment as Well as Home Market

The Eastern Cotton Oil Company's plant here has been sold to the Southern Cotton Oil Co., and the oil mill which was wrecked by a boiler explosion on January 13, 1934, which killed 6 men, will be rebuilt at once.

The plant of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company located at Weldon was also sold to the Southern Cotton Oil Co. in the transaction. The purchase price for the two plants, including the oil mill, gin, fertilizer plant and 18 acres of land, in Hertford, and the oil mill, gin and 6 acres of land at Weldon, was \$100,000.00.

The other holdings of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company, which include plants at Elizabeth City, at Edenton and at Freemont, are not affected by the sale.

The announcement of the immediate rebuilding of the oil mill here will be gladly received in the entire community. For many years the industry played an important part in the business life of this entire section, particularly to the Town of Hertford and Perquimans County. Not only did the industry provide employment for a large number of men, but it was a home market which was of inestimable value to the cotton farmers.

The reduced pay roll incident to the wrecked oil mill has been keenly felt in Hertford, and its restoration is an occasion for general thanksgiving.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company is one of the large corporations of the country, owning gins and oil mills throughout the entire Cotton Belt.

Prepare The Silo For Fall Harvest

Many North Carolina dairymen, not now using silage as a cattle feed, would find it profitable to do so.

"We have come to recognize silage as one of the best and most economical home-grown roughages for dairy cattle," declares John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "Silage is succulent and palatable. It is a good substitute for grass in winter and a valuable supplement to pasture in summer. An acre of corn that will yield ten tons of silage when fed to dairy cows in the form of silage will produce about 400 pounds more milk than if the corn were fed in the dry state. Then, too, the loss of feed sustained during harvesting and feeding operations is almost eliminated when the corn is converted into silage."

Mr. Arey urges dairymen to repair their old silos or build new ones during the latter part of July and through August while the rush of summer work is over and fall work has not yet begun. This will avoid serious delay when the silage crop is ready to cut.

The dairy extension office at State College has plans and bills of material showing how to build the vertical silo and Extension Circular 201 may be secured telling how to dig a trench silo. The silos dug in the State show that the labor cost per ton of capacity was about 50 cents. In some instances, the labor cost was not reported as the farmers said the silo was dug during odd times.

The equipment used in filling the trench silo also costs less than that used in filling the vertical type. However, the vertical type is probably better adapted to the needs of dairymen with large herds of cattle. The trench silo will be suitable for the men with a few cows and who has had no experience in feeding silage, Arey says.

HOSTS AT DINNER PARTY

Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Cox were hosts at a delightful dinner party on Wednesday evening at their home in Hertford, their guests including Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Morgan of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morgan.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Minnie Wilson Missionary Society of the Hertford M. E. Church met on Monday night at the home of Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr., with Mrs. E. W. Lordley, chairman, presiding.

MATTHEW BANKS PLACED IN JAIL

Charged With Criminally Attacking Little White Girl; Caught In Portsmouth

Matthew Banks, the 14-year-old colored boy accused of criminally attacking the 8-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ivey, was located by Sheriff W. G. Wright in Portsmouth, Virginia, on last Friday night and was brought to Hertford and placed in jail.

The boy, who is a son of Sam Banks, had fled when officers went to arrest him after a report was made a week after the attack is alleged to have taken place. Although officers had been looking for the boy in Portsmouth, he had not been located up to last Friday. Sheriff Winslow, armed with a search warrant, went to the home of the boy's father, looking for evidence of the boy's whereabouts. A letter written to the boy's sister by another sister in Portsmouth, led the sheriff to make further search there. When he had located the home of the boy's grandfather on Friday night nobody was at home. Neighbors told the officer, who was accompanied by a Portsmouth officer, that the family had gone to church. The officers waited for their return and saw the boy in the company of his people.

Sheriff Winslow reports that the boy is very intelligent and fairly well grown. He further said that the boy admits his guilt.

Farmers' Convention Has Been Called Off

In line with the general procedure in the eastern and central part of the state of not holding public gatherings on account of the infantile paralysis situation, it has been definitely decided not to hold the regular annual Farmers' Convention at State College, Raleigh, this year, according to an announcement made by L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Farm Agent.

Mr. Anderson has been advised by I. C. Schaub, Director of the Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics at State College, that, while conditions might improve sufficiently that the convention could be held at the scheduled time in September, it is believed wiser not to plan to do so because definite arrangements as to speakers and program activities would have to be made at this time.

This decision was reached after much deliberation, as the organization officials were very reluctant to give up the idea of holding this meeting at which hundreds of farmers and farm women from all sections of the state have been present regularly for years.

A larger and better Farm and Home Week in 1936 will be planned, according to Mr. Schaub.

Farm Agents Meet In Edenton Friday

A meeting of the farm demonstration agents and the representative peanut growers of this section will be held on Friday of this week in Edenton, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

There will be representatives of the AAA from Washington, D. C., as well as from Raleigh, and matters pertinent to the peanut contracts, the processing tax and other interesting points will be discussed.

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Agent, is very anxious that as many peanut growers from Perquimans as possible will be present.

Infantile Paralysis Victim In E. City

A case of infantile paralysis at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, the first to occur in Pasquotank County, has resulted in a part of the hospital being quarantined. According to a telephone message from the hospital on Wednesday, the whole hospital is not under quarantine as was first reported here.

The victim is Robert Harris, who is said to have come to Elizabeth City on a yacht, the boat having been in the Elizabeth City harbor for six or eight weeks.

Dr. G. E. Newby, Perquimans County Health Officer, said Wednesday that there has not been a case of the disease in Perquimans.

More than 80 tons of triple superphosphate supplied by the TVA will be used on demonstration farms in Henderson County this summer.

NEWS of the WEEK

Anti-Semite, Anti-Catholic, Anti—?

Berlin, Germany—With her foreign policy on a seurer footing, Germany has undertaken another internal purge on not one, but two fronts. Beginning with anti-Semite rioting on fashionable Kurfuerstendamm, the putsch was immediately followed by the appointment of Count Wolf von Helldorf as Berlin's new Chief of Police. This fanatical Jew-hater succeeds the more conservative Admiral Magnus von Levitzow who was appointed in 1933. A day or two later Hermann Goering, head of the Nazi Secret Police, issued an injunction not only against Jews but against Catholics, warning them against political anti-Nazi activity. On Sunday, secret police were said to have been stationed in Catholic congregations throughout Germany on the alert to nab preachers of rash sermons. But no arrests were reported. Priests played safe and stuck to ecclesiastical subjects.

Railroad Lobby Alleged

Washington, D.C.—Senator Black's committee to investigate lobbying heard charges, not against utilities, but against railroads from Edward Keating, ex-Congressman editor of "Labor". The roads, he held divided up New York State's Senators and Representatives among themselves, each line assuming responsibility for guiding and influencing certain legislators. Representative John J. O'Connor, supposed to be allotted to the Pennsylvania Railroad, waxed skeptical: "My connections with the Pennsylvania have been very costly to me. I estimate that in the last year I have paid about \$1,500 in fares, and I have difficulty in getting a reservation. I am anxiously waiting for the 'railroad official' to call on me so I may amplify my opinion of the Pennsylvania."

Old Protocols Embarrass Britain

London, England—Two secret Anglo-Italian protocols made in 1891 have bobbed up to plague British diplomats. For by them Great Britain agreed that Italy should have almost all Ethiopia as her sphere of influence. In 1906 Britain and Italy reaffirmed this and included France in the bargain. This makes it only necessary for France to renounce her rights, thus leaving Britain alone to answer Mussolini's demand for payment of the 1891 agreement. France's displeasure at the Anglo-German naval treaty may cause her to play her hand in this way. If she does so, Britain will probably seek refuge in the stand that the League of Nations Coccant abrogates the old protocols. The mazes of European diplomacy each week become to unravel. Meanwhile, Ethiopia's Conquering Lion of Judah, Haile Selassie, urges his countrymen to fight for their freedom "to the last man."

Big Business

Washington, D. C.—Franklin D. Roosevelt runs the country's biggest business. The United States Government hires some 1,300,000 employees. Last fiscal year its gross income twice exceeded that of the United States Steel Corporation, Pennsylvania Railroad, and the American Telephone and Telegraph's Bell System combined. The chief executive gets \$75,000 a year salary. How many private executives earn more? As revealed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, 58 corporate executives last year received bigger salaries than the President. Last year General Motors Corp. paid \$553,387 to its three highest salaried executives—their identity remained secret. Highest salaried executives whose names were published were George C. Crawford, president of Jones & McLaughlin Steel Co., and Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., each with a yearly \$250,000. Sol A. Rosenblat, film code administrator, reported last summer that 110 film folk received 1933 salaries higher than \$75,000. One star was said to earn \$315,000. In 1933, 4,000 Americans enjoyed net incomes higher than the presidential salary. But these include returns from investments and other sources which are also available to the President.

Four-H club boys in Nash County who are keeping record books on their corn and tobacco projects find they are making excellent gains at comparatively little cost.

COUNTY WOMEN HOLD QUARTERLY MEET SATURDAY

Home Economics Association Sessions at 10:30 A. M.

ALL ARE INVITED

Meet In Community House; Interesting Program

From all over Perquimans County farm women will gather on Saturday morning, to hold the quarterly meeting of the Perquimans County Home Economics Association.

The meeting will be held in the Community House, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, with Mrs. M. T. Griffin, President, of Bethel, presiding.

The Perquimans County Home Economics Association is made up of the various clubs in the rural sections of the county, there being particularly large and active clubs at Belvidere and at Winfall.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, Home Demonstration Agent of Chowan County, will be present, as will also Miss Helen Gaither, former Home Demonstration Agent of Perquimans, who is actively interested in all club work for farm women. Mrs. Thomas Nixon, of Hertford, who is chairman of the National Organization of Better Homes in America, will also be present.

Everybody is invited and visitors will be gladly welcomed.

A buffet luncheon will be served at the close of the meeting, to which each club member contributes some part.

Church Social Results In Charge Of Assault

Does it ever pay one to be greedy? It does seem that the person who always picks the best for himself, and who tries to get the most, so often "comes out", as the saying goes, "at the little end of the horn". This was true in the case of Jesse Whedbee. To be sure, every one inclined to be greedy isn't served quite so harshly as was Jesse. He got hit in the face with an axe.

According to the information given to Sheriff J. E. Winslow, a church social was being given at the home of Claude Spellman, not far from Chapanoke, on last Saturday night, and the merry-making went over into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Jesse Whedbee, so the story goes, had been making music and helping generally with keeping things lively. Richard Stewart was in charge of the refreshments which were being sold. It was his duty to look out for the eats and he had some difficulty in keeping Jesse Whedbee from snatching a hot dog now and then. He said he thought Jesse had had enough. As every body knows, if there is too much of that sort of thing the profit is all eaten up. One witness told the Sheriff that they had hoped to make enough to pay him a debt the church owed at the hardware store.

After a while the host, Claude Spellman, took a hand at trying to stop so much interference with the food by Whedbee, and from one thing to another the two finally went together. Just what provoked Stewart to resort to arms is not explained. Possibly Jesse was attempting to use a weapon himself. Maybe he was too much for his opponent. However that may be, the fact is that Stewart stepped up and tapped Jesse Whedbee none too gently in the face with an axe.

It was at this point that somebody telephoned the Sheriff that a man had been killed. The Sheriff found the supposedly dead man very much alive but bearing the marks of battle, at the home of Dr. W. G. Hoggard, where he was given surgical attention.

Whedbee's condition is said not to be alarming and he is expected to appear on Tuesday in Recorder's Court to testify against Stewart, who is under bond, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Rapid Progress Made In Pouring Concrete

The work of laying concrete on the streets under construction in Hertford has been rapidly going forward for the past week, with favorable weather conditions. The force is at work early and late and are making splendid time. With the fair weather continuing, it will only be a short time before the concrete will all be laid.

Approve Application For New School Loan

FHA LOANS STILL BEING APPROVED

Nine Applications Totaling \$9,200 Made In Hertford; Two New Houses Being Built

FHA loans are still being approved by the local office, according to the secretary, Mrs. P. H. Small. Nine loans have been granted up to the present, aggregating \$9,200. The largest of the loans made was \$3,000, and the smallest amount loaned was \$150.

While most of the loans are for the purpose of repairs and improvements, two have been used for building, two new houses being in process of construction in the Town of Hertford.

The canvassers are still at work in the county and more applications are expected to be made by the time all of the reports are in.

Two Cases Before Judge Oakey Tuesday

His reputation stood Eddie Jones in good stead in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, when he was tried for driving a car while under the influence of liquor and while driving with insufficient brakes.

The defendant was placed on the stand by his attorney, James S. Mc Nidair, and tendered to the State for cross examination without the defense asking a question. When W. G. Edwards, County Prosecutor, refused to question the defendant, Judge, Walter H. Cakely, Jr., took over the examination.

It developed that Jones was employed as a foreman at the mill of Major & Loomes Co., that he has worked there since he was about 9 years of age. It also appeared that he was returning home alone at 1:30 o'clock in the morning. He said some friends had called him out of bed for the purpose of bringing them to a dance over here and that they wouldn't go home and he had to go because he had to work next day. He admitted that he and the others had drunk half a pint of liquor. Jones seems to have a "trick" tongue. The Judge had some difficulty in understanding. The fact seemed to point to a possible misapprehension on the part of the arresting officer who testified he talked like he was drunk.

Asked why he fell at the cell door when placed in jail, which fact had been mentioned as an indication of his state of intoxication, Jones said there was a step at the door, that it was dark, and that he had never been in the jail before.

The arresting officer had testified that Jones was driving at a rate of speed of only about ten miles an hour when arrested, and that he was picked up because it had been reported to him that the driver of a car which answered to the description of his car had passed some men whose car had broken down and that the driver had cursed the men. The officer admitted that the men had failed to identify Jones when he was taken before them prior to placing the man in jail.

"I am not going to send this man to the roads. He doesn't belong on the roads," said Judge Cakely.

He was found guilty of driving a car with insufficient brakes and instructed not to drive the car again until the arresting officer had examined and passed upon the brakes after they are repaired. He was fined twenty-five dollars and taxed with the court costs on the insufficient brake charge.

He was found guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor.

The case against Willie Jessup, found guilty of speeding on the streets of Hertford, was dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

SURPRISE PARTY HONORING BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

A surprise birthday party was given on Thursday in honor of Mrs. Louisa Elliott at her home at Winfall by her children. Ice cream and pound cake was served.

The honoree received many useful gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, J. T. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott and children, Iris, Alphonsa, Willie, Joseph, Margaret, Louise, Jarvis, Hubert, Hattie, Gertrude and little Annie Beatrice, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Elliott and daughter, Joyce, O. C. Elliott and children, Marie, Cecil and Elizabeth, Mrs. Pearl Stallings, Mrs. Willie Hurdle, Harvey and Alice Stallings, Mrs. Eunice Fox and children, Gwendolyn and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jordan and Miss Rosalie Griffin.

Present Plans Call For An Expenditure of \$77,311

TWO NEW PLANTS

County Commissioners Believe Cost Can Be Cut Down

Application for a \$44,000.00 bond issue was approved by the Board of County Commissioners, which met in special session on Monday afternoon, when the Board of Education of Perquimans appeared before that body and presented tentative plans for the schools to be built at Winfall and at Belvidere and improvements to other county schools. If the application for the loan is approved by the Local Government Commission, the amount borrowed will be \$36,000.00, if the commissioners finally decide to borrow this entire amount.

A. J. Fox, representing a Raleigh firm of architects, appeared before the Board and explained the drawings which his firm had made of the proposed buildings and improvements and outlined the procedure with respect to application for the loan to be applied for from the PWA and the grant which the PWA will make of \$45 of the amount borrowed.

The plans as submitted, which were only tentative, called for the expenditure of \$77,311.00 as the approximate cost of erecting a new school building at Winfall and one at Belvidere, each to cost approximately \$26,000.00; repairs and improvements to the Hertford Grammar School, to include a new auditorium built on the ground floor and fire escapes, of \$17,000.00; repairs and improvements to the New Hope School, including a new roof and a new auditorium, of \$5,790.00, and a garage for the Perquimans High School.

The opinion was expressed by the members of the Board of County Commissioners, which opinion appeared to be unanimous, that the cost of the buildings and improvements could be materially reduced. It was pointed out that, to borrow this amount, even if the Local Government Commission will allow the county to do so, will necessitate a considerable increase in the tax rate of the county, probably something like a ten-cent increase on the one hundred dollars.

E. M. Perry, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, asked whether or not each of the five members of the Board of Education would be willing to raise the tax rate to this extent. No direct reply was made, except that one member said it looked like we would have to do so. However, Mr. Perry pointed out that, while it was necessary to build two new schools and to make some improvements, it might be done on a cheaper scale, a suggestion being made that frame buildings might be erected.

After Mr. Fox had explained that, even if the entire amount of eighty thousand dollars could be secured, this would not mean that the entire amount would have to be accepted.

It was on this condition that the commissioners finally agreed to approve the application for the loan, stipulating that the Board of County Commissioners are to have the right to decide, after it is determined whether or not the entire amount is forthcoming, how much shall be used and what plans will be accepted.

As outlined, the plans call for two school buildings, each to have 7 class rooms, offices, an auditorium, a library and toilets, the class rooms to be of standard size, 21 by 32 feet.

Regular Services At M. E. Church Sunday

The regular services will be held at the Hertford Methodist Church on Sunday, with preaching services at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 8 o'clock at night. The pastor, Mr. Robinson, who has been attending the Pastors' Conference at Lake Junaluska, will return home the latter part of this week.

MRS. SUMNER ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB AT NAGS HEAD

Mrs. T. B. Sumner, who is spending the summer at Nags Head, entertained the members of her bridge club at a delightful bridge luncheon on Friday at Nags Head, the guests including Mesdames S. P. Jessup, E. W. Lordley, B. G. Koonce, V. N. Darden, Howard Pitt, W. T. McMullan, J. H. Newbold, T. S. White and Miss Kate M. Blanchard.