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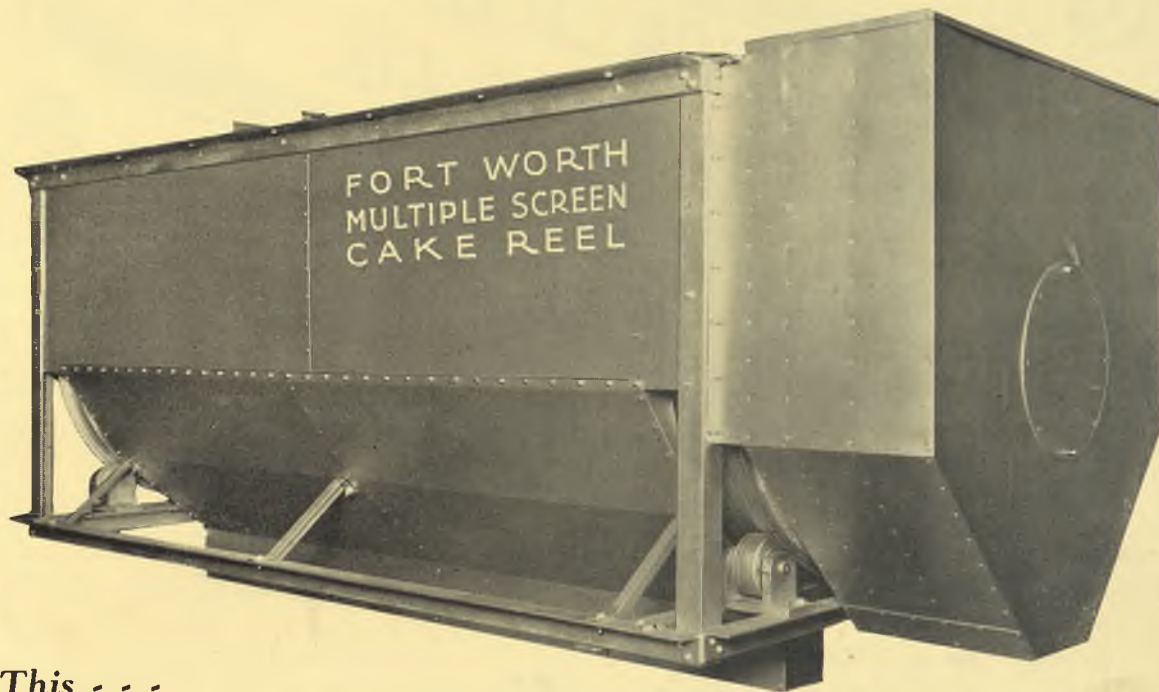
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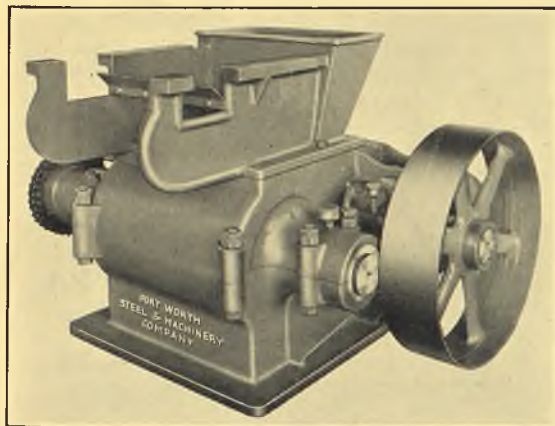
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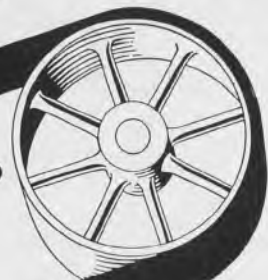
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### SHORT COURSE PRAISED

Just a few lines in regard to the Short Course at A. & M. College this past June. I don't see how anyone could afford to miss the course. This was my first year, but not my last.

They have a splendid course there for you and if you miss it you just miss something that is really worth while.

How those boys did stay in there and pitch! And my observation was that everyone there hit a home run. It's worth anyone's time, for they certainly have a great course in store for those who attend.

And how those boys did oil mill at night, too. They just didn't know when to stop. I received lots of benefit from the course, and I'm sure everyone else did, too.

Everyone is busy running by now as it's getting oil mill season now. I have been very busy or I would have written sooner, but it seems that superintendents are always very slow on writing. If we would consider how the manager of the mill does his business we could develop a better spirit of co-operation by following his example. You never see the managers saying, "I will write later," they just get right down and write then and get it over with.

I'm wishing the new Superintendents' Association of Ark-La-Texas great success, and we may be sure that with our good friends at the head of it, it is certain to be a success.

Let's hear from all of you fellows, and let's try to fill this Gazetteer full of good dope. We could all use any helpful information on oil milling. Every year looks like a different year in milling and there is lots to learn from year to year as we take our jobs in hand to make money for our good companies. The best way to do this is to get right down and give your manager the best results possible, then when you go around the office you will hear words of cheer and not words you do not like to hear. The manager has his hands full in buying your seed and selling the products, so don't worry him with, "I can't do this or I can't do that." Just show him by giving him all you have then he will be right there to help you if you need him. Of course, I need all the help that I can get and appreciate all I can get, as oil milling is getting to be a more complicated business every year. It is one of the South's greatest industries and growing larger every year, and the oil mill superintendent plays an important part in making a grade of cottonseed products that will sell and bring good prices.

RALPH HUNEYCUTT,  
Superintendent, Fidelity Products Co.,  
Houston, Texas.

### McNULTY URGES ECONOMY

I have been wondering how the mills are getting along since they have been put under NRA, which calls for eight hour watch and forty hours per week. I have not started running up to this time so cannot give any information on the subject. I would like to hear from some of the Superintendents just how they are working the eight hour watch. I would also like to find out how much more per ton it is costing. I figure it costs about \$1.25 per ton more as the price of labor is higher.

I understand that a good many mills came out in the red last season. If this be true what can you expect at the end of the 1934 season unless the seed is bought at the right price. The oil mills know what it costs to crush a ton of seed. They also know what they can get out of a ton of seed, and what it will sell for, so why should these losses show up at the end of the season—something is wrong and should be corrected. A losing business is a bad business. If it is in the buying and selling, that is wrong and should be corrected. If it is in the manufacturing, that is wrong and should be corrected. I will admit the last three years have been bad, the mills have not been keeping up repairs as they should have. If your mill is not in good running condition you certainly cannot get the best results. Shutdowns during the running season makes expensive repairs when these repairs should have been made before you started at a small expense. Many mills have had bad breakdowns during the running season that could have been avoided if looked after during the summer season and at a small cost.

Mr. Superintendent, you surely realize that it is up to you to reduce the expense as much as possible. You might say, I have done that already—well you will have to do it over. We have started on a new deal and it calls for more reduction. How about getting a little better extraction? You may have this where you have been satisfied but a few more pounds of oil per ton would help. You might say, how can that be done?

Did you look your former over during the idle season? Did you take the plate out of the meat tray and caliper same to see if it was worn on one side? If it is worn you cannot make an even cake, which will give you poor extraction; again, it is hard on presses as it puts more strain on one side of the press, which will help break columns and headtrees. Bad formed cake will give poor extraction. All the changes you make in cooking will not improve a bad formed cake. Don't overlook your former as it is as essential to extraction as the cooking of meats. Small details must be looked after more closely than ever before if we expect to keep out of the red. Don't let the other fellow get the jump on you; if he does you will find it a hard matter to catch up with him. You will have to be more up to date than ever before to come out on the right side.

T. J. McNULTY.

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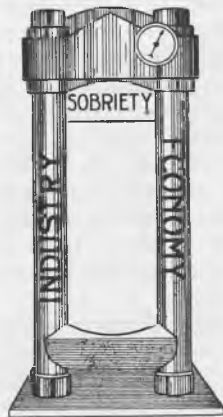
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Some one asked why it was there was so much in the Gazetteer about the Tri-States Superintendents' Association. Well the only answer we can give is that the Tri-States bunch are a live, wide-

awake set of fellows, and they want the world to know what they are doing and they see that the Gazetteer gets the news of what's going on in their association, and that's the reason you see so much in the Tri-States Superintendents' section. If the officers and members of our own association will give us the news regarding the activities of our own association why we would set up all night getting them into the columns of the Gazetteer. Now it is up to the officers and members of the National Oil Mill Superintendents' Association, to give us the news of what's going on in their immediate section, especially the State Vice Presidents should give us such news. They know about John Smith changing jobs as superintendent or putting in a new stack cooker, or another press or new linter or possibly he has had an accident. All of this would be news to the rest of the readers of the Gazetteer. If any of you officers or members can, will you please let us have such news, then we will not be getting such letters as we had in the September Gazetteer by the Rambler. Come on fellows wake up and let's hear from you.

We were out in our seed house one day this past month pulling a thermometer out of a pile of seed and looked up and there stood Duke Thornton with a grin on his face, and he says, "well we got 'em too," and I says, "got what?" he says, "hot seed." Then he told me of his trip around to the mills in South Texas, and every where he went he found the manager and superintendent pulling thermometers out of of seed piles. Well we did not have any that day but we had had them, and they were hot too. Duke was on his way back to A. & M. College, from a trip down in Mexico, but wait, he had his wife and babies with him and they had a nice trip so Mrs. Thornton informed me, and Duke says, "yes, a nice trip."

Who is it that can give us the information. What information? We would like for some one to give us the location of our Secretary. We have not heard from Secretary Denny since the convention in Houston. The Gazetteer would like to hear from him We know that he is a busy man, we are all busy and especially since the new crushing season has come on us. We have so many inquiries regarding our good friend Denny, so we would like to have a letter for the next issue of the Gazetteer from him.

We were forced to go to press last month without our regular monthly letter from our Worthy President. We are sure that he was sick or just too busy to think of the Gazetteer, we hope that we can have a long and interesting communication from him for this issue. Our vice presidents seem to be silent men, that is they are either silent or have writers cramps.

Our good friend Hoover, general superintendent of the Anderson, Clayton Mills, paid us a visit this past month. Hoover says he will take dry West Texas seed any day to our South Texas seed with 20 per cent moisture such as we have had this season.

Deacon McKinley called on us this past month. We found him the same old jovial fellow.

**OLD TIMER IS IN AGAIN**

In the February Gazetteer there appeared an article headed "Old Timer Challenged". When I first read the heading I thought someone was after my scalp, but after looking at the signature at the bottom and found that this article was written by an old friend, Hired Hand, then felt better as I knew as usual he had something worth while in his article that he wanted comment on.

There is no comment on this article, old sport, as it looks good and practicable to me and I agree with you that this is an economical way to handle the class of products mentioned.

It has been my method, as I have said in several articles before this, that it is a waste and a loss to the mill that allows the meal to accumulate in the meal box and stay there for days before working it up and I have always tried to avoid having this accumulation to accrue as this meal if held in the box for any length of time will become lumpy and sour and more or less a heavy per cent of free fatty acid will set up creating poor extraction and a bad grade of oil which will draw down claims that are a loss and could have been avoided had this meal been worked up as made.

Returning to Hired Hand's method of passing his screening over the rolls I wish to say this is a good way to handle this class of meal provided that the screening and the fresh meal meet at the rolls and pass through together. In this way the screenings and meal will be thoroughly mixed before reaching the cooker. The dry meal will naturally take up the excessive fat in the screenings and in this way equalize the two so there should not be any difference between a batch of this kind than a fresh batch of meal, provided these screenings are fed up behind every few lines to avoid having too much of this stock going at one time to the cooker.

It is a bad practice to let this class of stock accumulate in large quantities and then feed too much at one time to the cookers without thoroughly mixing it with fresh meal. If this class of already cooked meal and slush from around the presses is fed in the cooker in large quantities this stuff having been cooked before, the chances are will have a batch of oven-cooked meal coming over the former and presses which will create a lot of broken cakes, scorched oil and a very poor extraction.

In conclusion will say that it is a bad practice to let meal and screenings or floor sweepings accumulate in large piles in corners and various places as the press room gang will shovel it in if not watched.

I wonder what has become of the old pard that used to write for the Gazetteer in the past? They must be too busy extracting "three point two" to have time to write.

OLD TIMER.

**A TIMELY SUGGESTION**

**EDITORS NOTE:** The following letter was addressed to us C. S. McKinley of 2819 Commerce Street, Dalals, Texas. We take pleasure in passing it on to our readers:

I have just read, with a great deal of interest, our esteemed Editor's article in the September issue of the Gazetteer on the general subject "High Moisture Seed". After reading this editorial over twice, it has occurred to me that what Brother Wilson needs is prayer, and I am outlining below a prayer delivered some time ago in Mississippi that I think will calm the soul:

"O lawd, give Thy Servant this mornin'  
 De eyes of the eagle an de wisdom of de owl,  
 Connect his soul with de Gospel telephone in de  
 Central skies;  
 Luminat his brow wid de sun of Heaben;  
 Pizen his mind wid love for de people;  
 Turpentine his imagination;  
 Grease his lips wid possum oil;  
 Loosen his tongue wid de sledge hammer of  
 Thy power;  
 Lectrify his brain wid de lightnin' of de word;  
 Put petual motion in his arms;  
 Fill him plum full of de dynamite of Thy glory;  
 Noint him all over wid de kerosene oil of Thy  
 Salvation;  
 And sot him on de fire."

Amen.

In his editorial I note that Editor Wilson wishes he had help from Brother McNulty; after seeing some of the seed that the South Texas mills were working I think he should take my advice and call on the Lord.

C. S. MCKINLEY.

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By Jane Inez Gordon

### OIL MILLING ENGINEERING INSTITUTE HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

Prof. W. R. Woolrich opened the first meeting of the year, September 2, at the Gayoso Hotel, Memphis, of the Oil Milling Engineering Institute, which is sponsored by the Tri-States Superintendents Association. These meetings are held the first Saturday in every month with Prof. Woolrich and Prof. E. L. Carpenter of the University of Tennessee conducting.

A brief review of the past year's work was given, and Prof. Woolrich made a summary by

presenting 12 unsolved problems that confront the cottonseed oil mills, and these will be worked upon by the institute for this year.

These problems are as follows:

1. Rapid methods of moisture determination
2. Effect of oil and moisture content on seed heating
3. Future seed storage methods
4. Control of static electrical charges in seed cleaning and crushing
5. Possibility of hot rolling and hydraulic pressing for the possibility of hot rolling and expelling.
6. Commodities that we should be producing from cottonseed in America.
7. Development of a continuous cooker.
8. Effect of various methods of adding moisture to meats on product.
9. Development of a stack cooker where the heat transfer is more rapid.
10. Development of a low priced method of producing starch free, oil free cottonseed flour.
11. A bacteriological method of producing cottonseed oil that is reasonably rapid.
12. A continuous solvent process for producing cottonseed oil.

These problems are open for general discussion and if any readers have any theories to offer, or any suggestions, Prof. Woolrich and the Tri-States Superintendents' Association would be glad to hear from you.

So get ready and let us hear what you have to say regarding these problems.

### R. G. STRAIN DIES

R. G. Strain, president and manager of the Tupelo Oil & Ice Company, Tupelo, Miss., died suddenly September 18, of a heart attack. He was stricken while at work in his office and died before medical aid could be given him.

Mr. Strain was the son of the late James Henderson and Sarah Jane Lilly Strain and was born at Verona, Miss. He was educated at the University of Arkansas and a member of the S. A. E. fraternity. He graduated at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he took a business course. He was a Mason

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### C. V. ROTHER DIES

It is with much regret that we note the passing of Charles V. Rother, superintendent of the Chickasaw Oil Mill, Inc., Memphis, and a charter member of the Tri-States Cottonseed Oil Mill Superintendents' Association.

Mr. Rother, a resident of Memphis since 1880 died September, 1, at his home, 598 South Cox, after a five weeks' illness. He was 70 years old.

Born and educated at Amita, La., Mr. Rother entered the cotton oil and compress business when he was a boy of nine. He had been superintendent of the Tri-States Company for eight years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mr. Rother's only hobby was baseball and he rarely missed a game. Even during his last illness he insisted on a radio being brought into his room in order that he might hear the broadcasts of the Memphis games.

Mr. Rother's wife, Mrs. Dora Rother died last February. Surviving him are two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Anderson, Memphis, Mrs. Mamie Pye, New Orleans, La., and a brother, Octave V. Rother, Amita, La. The funeral was held from National Funeral Home, with services at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were: Homer Barnes, E. R. Lyle, Prentiss Arnold, E. E. Kressenburg, L. E. Roberts, Monroe Gotten.

Honorary pallbearers were: George Ryan, John Latsch, Edward Lampton, B. S. Spears, A. Latsch, Paul Arnold, L. D. Shaw, Robert Hightower, T. F. Goodwin, E. D. Rambo, J. P. Dickinson.

The Association extends their deepest sympathy to Mr. Rother's family in their bereavement.

### AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

The Oil Mill Auxiliary to the Tri-States Cottonseed Oil Mill Superintendents' Association was represented at the recent meeting of all women's clubs in Memphis to pledge themselves to trade only with firms who are flying the Blue Eagle,

symbol of the NRA movement. The meeting was held at a luncheon at the Peabody Hotel in the ballroom. Prominent Memphis women and men were speakers. Those who attended were: Mrs. Louis J. Saino, Mrs. Edgar Lee, Miss Inez Gordon, Mrs. L. E. Roberts, Mrs. Catherine Stroh, Mrs. O. T. Rauch, Mrs. Guy Petty, Mrs. John Rother, Mrs. W. P. Booth, Mrs. A. P. Holley, Mrs. G. M. Heckle, Mrs. J. P. Mariencheck, Mrs. L. J. Noverese, Mrs. John Latsch, Mrs. Homer Barnes, and Mrs. E. R. Lyle.

The auxiliary has again joined Mrs. Edgar Lee's parliamentary law class, which is being held at the Peabody Hotel every Monday and Thursday. This class includes various clubs of Memphis, and is called, "The Parliamentarians." The Auxiliary studied in this class last year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kressenburg are the proud parents of an 8½ pound baby girl, Thelma Joan, who was born at the Saint Joseph Hospital, September 16. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely. Mr. Kressenburg is with the Bellevue Cotton Oil Mill, Memphis, and Mrs. Kressenburg is an active member of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary sponsored a benefit fete September 26, at the Gayoso Hotel, Memphis, with the Tri-States Superintendents' Association joining in with the activities.

Bridge and bunco were followed by dancing, and a special feature of Hawaiian music and other selections of vocal and piano music were rendered during the evening. About 250 members and guests attended.

Handsome attendance prizes were awarded, as well as a table prize for each foursome at bridge and bunco.

Mrs. Louis J. Saino was chairman. Mrs. L. E. Roberts is president of the Auxiliary.

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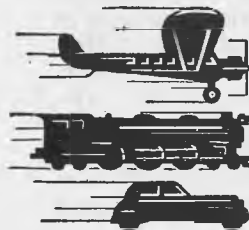
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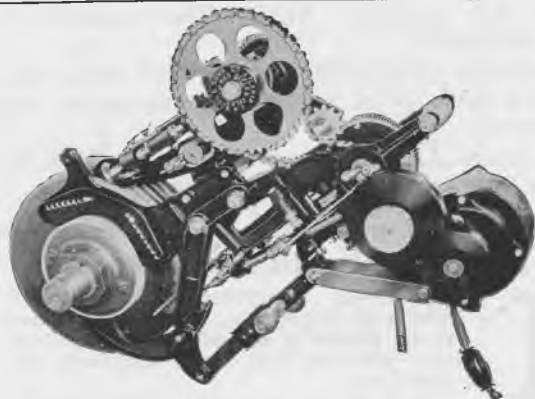
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