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N. C. RANKS FOURTH IN BEE-KEEPING IN U. S.

193,000 Colonies of Bees in This State According to Mr. Sams, Beekeeping Specialist of N. C. Agricultural Extension Service

BY JOHN PAUL LUCAS

Raleigh, May 17.—"Enough free nectar goes to waste in North Carolina each year to produce honey enough to replace the sugar required by several times our population." This estimate of the bee-keeping possibilities of North Carolina is made by Mr. C. L. Sams, beekeeping specialist of North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, who is largely responsible for the tremendous strides North Carolina has been making recently in beekeeping. North Carolina ranks fourth among beekeeping states of the Union, being exceeded only by Texas, California and Tennessee. And she is still going strong.

I had been warned before talking with Mr. Sams that if I submitted myself to half hour's conversation with him I would develop an irresistible impulse to start keeping bees. I rather agreed with Mr. Sams's declaration, however, that a Live-at-Home campaign should properly include some sort of a drive in the interest of the bee industry, so I decided to risk an interview.

"There are approximately 193,000 colonies of bees in North Carolina at the present time", declared Mr. Sams. "The State would support several times that number and a ready market could be found for all the honey produced. In fact, notwithstanding North Carolina's high rank as a bee state, honey in car lots has been imported within the past year into Charlotte, Asheville and other North Carolina cities. This honey came from Texas and Tennessee. The normal production of honey in North Carolina with the present number of hives is nearly 7,000,000 pounds a year. We could produce more than ten times this quantity. The average production in North Carolina last year was about 28 pounds per hive and last year was the poorest year in more than a decade.

"The normal average production is about 35 pounds per colony. The average would be much higher but for the large number of bee-keepers who are still using the old type box and gum hives. Some time ago we made a survey and ascertained that the average production in this type of hive was only 9 1-2 pounds per year, as compared with several times that figure for improved hives. With the proper sort of management and care and with modern equipment, the average production should be not less than 60 pounds per colony. This average would give us this year approximately 12,000,000 pounds of honey instead of the 7,000,000 or so which we will probably produce. Many beekeepers in the coastal plains and in the mountain sections average more than 75 pounds per colony year in and year out. The opportunities for large production is not so great in the Piedmont center sections of the state but man of our best bee-keepers are in these sections.

"Any one who has sufficient intelligence to successfully raise poultry and hogs can make a success of beekeeping. The successful beekeeper studies his job and gives the proper attention to his apiary, but very little time is required for the work necessary in an apiary. The small amount of labor, the equipment and the foundation stock constitute the entire investment necessary for the production of honey. No crops are grown and no land is used except the land actually occupied by the hive. The bees gather the honey from a field and render a distinct and necessary service nature while they work, aside from the honey which they produce."

According to Mr. Sams, it costs about \$10.00 per colony for equipment and stock to build up a real first-class apiary. The size of an apiary, by careful management, may be increased quite rapidly. The number of colonies can be doubled each year without any considerable sacrifice of production. By sacrificing production a much more rapid

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MAY CROP REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA

N. C. and U. S. Reports Show That North Carolina Has the Advantage of the Average State in the Union

With a slight increase in the acreage of wheat and a better condition of the crop than last year at this date, the Piedmont Farmers have favorable prospects for a good crop. The farm conditions, however, are considerably backward as evidenced by the reports of the belated plowing and planting. But the state's work is much more nearly up to the average than that of the entire nation, which shows a considerable percentage below last year and from the usual work done.

With a 2 per cent increase in the area of the wheat harvest and having a condition of 92 per cent of a full yield prospect with only 1 per cent abandonment from the area sown, North Carolina has the advantage of the average for the nation, where the abandonment is 14.5 per cent, or considerably above the average, while the condition of 83.5 per cent is not good. The national production forecast of 584,793,000 bushels is 23 per cent less than 1919, but 9 per cent above last year's production, although the area for harvesting is 11 per cent less than last year.

The condition of rye over the state averages very good at 95 per cent, while the acreage is reduced 3 per cent from a year ago. The national crop averages almost 92 per cent, which is appreciably above the average condition.

A year ago the hay prospect was considerably above normal, while this year it is 9 per cent below for clovers and early planted crops. The acreage is about the same as usual for the state. The national prospects indicate much the same trend as North Carolina, being a 90 per cent condition. The stocks of hay remaining on farms show about 16 per cent of last year's production still on hand, while for the United States there is but 11 per cent as compared with 18 per cent a year ago, in the hands of farmers.

The farm work for the nation is considerably behind, the plowing being almost 14 per cent below what it was this time a year ago and 7 per cent below the average at this season, while in this state the work is 8 per cent behind a year ago, making the spring plowing 79 per cent done, while planting is 60 per cent compared with 72 per cent a year ago. The national planting at 53 per cent, is 10 per cent below a year ago and 4 per cent behind the ten-year average. The pasture condition showed the rather low condition of 84 per cent of the normal growth. From this it is very evident that the spring weather has been unfavorable for farm work throughout the nation.

The losses of live stock due to disease and exposure were lighter than usual, indicating that the winter was favorable to most all animals. The condition of all classes of live stock was from 92 per cent to 95 per cent, while the mortality varied from 1.5 per cent for horses and mules dying from disease to 5 per cent of swine from disease.

The weather has been unfavorable during the spring, it being unusually warm early in the season with variable cold periods which resulted in practically no damage to North Carolina fruit but which has greatly belated the farm work, making replanting and late planting of crops quite common. The prospect for fruit is unusually good especially with the Sand Hill peach crop. The fruit of more northern states suffered from frost damages while reports indicate a heavy drop of apples, due to failure of bloom to set, in North Carolina.—Reported by the Cooperative Statistician, Frank Parker, N. C. and U. S. Departments of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to thank our neighbors for their many favors extended us during the illness of Mrs. Dilday and the death of our little son. We also wish to thank Dr. A. W. Greene for his faithfulness.

MR. and MRS. S. E. DILDAY.

5-19-22.

GROWERS WILL MEET IN SUFFOLK MAY 20

Hertford County Director of Peanut Exchange Urges All Growers to Attend Meeting in Suffolk Saturday, May 20. Public Cordially Invited

All members of the Peanut Exchange and the public generally are urged to go to Suffolk on Saturday, May 20th.

I have just received notice from Mr. Fooshe, that the management of the Exchange had definitely made arrangements with Mr. Aaron Sapiro to speak in Suffolk on May 20th. Efforts are being put forth also to secure the attendance of both the governor of Virginia and of North Carolina. A free barbecue dinner will be served.

As director of the Exchange for Hertford county and a member of the organization and as one most vitally interested in the success of the undertaking; because I know the benefits that will be forthcoming to the entire Peanut belt of the two states when it is operating smoothly; I hereby appeal to all members of the organization in the county to make an earnest effort to be present for the meeting Saturday.

I would also appeal to all Peanut growers and the public generally to go. It is high time that the very erroneous impressions that have been made on the mind of the public, and especially the business enterprises of the two states, through so many false statements, be corrected. And this can best be done through these big mass meetings.

We want between 3000 and 5000 people to go to Suffolk on the 20th. Even if you did go to the stockholder's meeting on the 10th, go again and let nothing keep you away. I happen to know of the very diligent and persistent effort it has required on the part of the management of the Exchange to secure Mr. Sapiro for this one day. He can speak with authority on the problems and obstacles confronting the Exchange, due to his knowledge of and wide experience in connection with organizations of like type which have had to undergo the very kind of troubles and handicaps we are having.

It is evident to everyone, I think, that there is a fight on between the Exchange, and that means its entire membership—should mean every peanut grower in the two states, and what we term the cleaners. I would not omit either, either, a great many of the local representatives of these corporations in the belt. I happen to know who started the "scrap," and it all came about because we farmers THOUGHT we had the right to dispose of our product grown by us, very largely on our own land, with our own efforts, and at our own expense, as we saw fit. It seems now that we have not this right and one of the cleaners in public print a week or so ago stated that they OBJECTED to our doing certain things with our own peanuts. Think of the word folks, "object;" I wonder how many mortgages they held against individual crops last year. If not, wherein have they the right to object to how the farmer disposes of his product.

And you, Mr. Peanut Grower, who is standing off in the bushes and watching the scrap—what about you? You may not think the matter concerns you, but it does, and you hold the balance of power. To which side are you going to throw it? And in your present position, are you not exerting friction on the wheels of progress and the advancement of civilization? If the story of co-operative marketing in other states and other lands is true, and I wish to state most emphatically that it is true, you are. I hope you will consider very seriously what you are doing, and if you are willing that a part of us should undergo the sacrifice and suffering in order to improve conditions generally for you and your offspring. Why, we will assume the burden. But the growers of the two states would as well make up their minds that no movement for the advancement of civilization and the uplift of mankind will ever be brought to a successful culmination without sacrifices.

I have had to write this article

WINTON SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Six Graduates Honored at High School the Past Session. Hon. J. W. Bailey Delivered Address at Closing Exercises

The commencement exercises of the Winton High School proved a fitting climax to one of the most successful and harmonious years in the history of the school.

On Friday night, May 5th, the members of the graduating class entertained a large audience with their interesting class exercises. A masterly and appropriate sermon was preached to the class on Sunday night by the Rev. Dr. Archibald, formerly of Cambridge, England, but now rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Norfolk, Va. On Monday night, the grammar grades presented a varied and interesting program featured by an operetta "Under the Sugar Plum Tree," and a beautiful drill "The Silver Stars."

The graduating exercises were held Tuesday morning. The medals and prizes were fittingly awarded by the Rev. R. N. Price of Murfreesboro. In his own attractive manner the Rev. J. L. Saunders of Winton, presented the diplomas to the six graduates. Attorney John E. Vann introduced the speaker of the occasion as possibly the next governor of North Carolina—the Honorable J. W. Bailey of Raleigh, N. C. Well did he measure up to his reputation as one of the best speakers of the state for, he held his audience spell-bound for more than an hour as he handled in a masterly style, his subject "The Formula For Success."

Tuesday night, perhaps the most enjoyable program of all was presented under the direction of the music department. After several musical selections were rendered, the large audience was delighted with "Hiawatha Dramatized." The settings and costumes lent color and attractiveness to the artistic production.

The exercises were concluded on Wed. night when the high school department presented in a highly creditable manner, Oliver P. Parker's latest play entitled, "Borrowed Money." Thus ended one of the best years of the school.

The members of the graduating class are: Marietta Bridger, Anna Lee Carter, Dorothy Hale, Mildred Piland, Clarence Dickerson and John Bruce Joyner.

Some other things which might be of interest are the following: The entire seventh grade passed the examinations for entrance into the high school. These diplomas were ably presented by Supt. N. W. Britton. The school won the county championship in basketball. The Betterment Association, always a faithful ally of the school, has under consideration a plan to beautify the building and grounds.

The entire faculty has been re-elected for another year with an addition to the teaching force. With these constructive and progressive measures in view we predict for the Winton School a bright future.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our appreciation of the many kindnesses shown and the beautiful floral tributes given during our recent bereavement.

MRS. WM. H. SESSOMS and Children.

very hurriedly and leave out so many things I desired to say. Hope to have others for publication shortly. In conclusion, let me most urgently insist that Hertford county be represented by a large number of farmers and business men, and women too if they will go, at Suffolk Saturday. If we must fight, the sooner we realize it the better. Also, it does not amount to anything if you have quite a bit of fighting spirit in you, and do not show it. And if it requires a most strenuous fight to put our proposition across, let's endure. My sentiments are that if 12 or 15 cleaners are to dictate to 15 or 20 thousand growers in the two states; we had better close up shop and go to work for them or someone else at \$2.00 per day or less.

H. J. VANN.

STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

Statistics compiled by the War Finance Corporation show that North Carolina leads the entire nation in paying up state debts. The figures also prove that our state, from a financial standpoint, is in better financial condition, and stands at the top of the list, as regards to ability to meet obligations. This follows from the fact that better business conditions exist in North Carolina at the present time than in any other state.

It is expected that the observance of Memorial Day, May 30, will be given more prominence in North Carolina this year than ever before, owing to the increasing sentiment among Tar Heels as to honoring the State's war veterans, especially the Confederate veterans.

Approximately 30,000 baskets or more than 60 carloads, of May peas have gone out of Elizabeth City, since shipping began, over two weeks ago. This breaks the records of previous seasons.

From a political standpoint, Robeson County is on a boom. To date, seventy-five candidates for county offices have announced themselves for office in that county. No other county quite approaches this record in the number of aspirants for county offices.

Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, is visiting North Carolina this week. Today, Friday, he speaks at the American Legion banquet in Raleigh, the largest celebration of this nature ever held in that city.

The 116th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina assembled in Raleigh Tuesday, May 16th.

The oldest woman in the United States subscribing to the Wilson Memorial Fund is Mrs. Becky Jane Pack, of Mt. Airy, who was born during the administration of President Monroe, and is now 103 years of age. Mrs. Pack, a Tar Heel by birth, was a contributor to the Fund immediately after its organization.

Meredith College will be moved to the Tucker Estates, near Raleigh, where a million dollar plant, with a capacity of over 500 students, will be completed by 1925.

A committee of 100 men and women from all parts of the State have been chosen to investigate the prisons of North Carolina, and to suggest immediate improvements in the present system. Particular attention will be given the State prison at Raleigh.

A Shriners Convention of considerable magnitude is staged for the city of Kinston, May 18th.

Judge Oliver H. Allen spoke at Windsor on the occasion of the Memorial Day exercises in that town, held Saturday.

The ninth session of the State College Summer School will begin June 13th, and will continue to July 2nd. This was recently announced by the directors.

Norlina and adjacent sections were visited by a severe rain and hail storm Sunday. The crops were almost completely destroyed by the hail, and damage done by the rain storm was considerable.

The inter-collegiate baseball season in North Carolina, the best ever known, ended with the two games last Saturday. The Tar Heel inter-collegiate teams have made the best showing of any state in the South during the past college year.

Baraca-Philathes Union, held in Salisbury May 14, was the largest religious meeting ever held in that city. Governor Morrison delivered the principal address.

Harnett County expects to go over the top in its \$2,000 apportionment for the Near East Relief. Over a thousand dollars was raised at a mass meeting in Lillington Sunday, for this purpose.

The city jail at Raleigh has been filled to capacity for the past several weeks, with prisoners guilty of petty misdemeanors, chief of which is the unprecedented prevalence of liquor in the city, and its resultant disorderly conduct on the part of the aforementioned prisoners.

No little alarm was caused among the colored element along the route traversed by the meteor, recently passing over parts of the state. Ne-

groes were not all which were disturbed by the appearance of the meteor, however. At Kinston, hundreds of persons attending a dance were affrighted by the passage of the "comet."

Thursday, May 18, is city-wide "Suburban Day" in the city of Raleigh. The purpose of the event is to demonstrate the advantages Raleigh offers as a shopping center for central North Carolina.

Thousands of dollars damage was done to growing crops in Cumberland county, Sunday, by a severe cloudburst and hail storm. Stones nearly the size of a goose egg fell in some parts of the county. In the Black River sections the hailstones stood 14 inches deep in drifts Sunday morning, whereas the crops in that section were totally destroyed.

Mrs. H. J. Ward, oldest woman in Wilmington, died at her home in that city, Monday. She was 85 years of age.

The Wilmington Dispatch, afternoon paper of that city, was offered to the highest bidder under the sheriff's hammer, Monday. The highest bid received was \$100—and the assumption by the successful of the sum of \$64,000 indebtedness attached to the publication.

The big wooden tobacco stemmery of the C. B. Cheatham Tobacco Co., of Louisburg, was destroyed by fire Saturday night, entailing a loss of over \$125,000. The loss is practically covered by insurance. This is said to have been the largest fire ever occurring in that city.

M. L. Shipman, State director of Employment Service, reports that a shortage of labor in this state will be experienced in the near future, if present indications hold good through the summer. The heavy demand for farm labor is the attributed cause.

The Tobacco and Cotton Co-Operative exchanges are at present engaged in a canvas of Kinston and surrounding section, to land this city, thereby taking in a large number of small marketing concerns in the city itself, and throughout Lenoir county as well.

Judge J. Lloyd Wooten, of Wilson, recently made the statement that the county jail in that city was unfit for the housing of beasts because of the general lack of care and proper sanitation. Other jails all over the State are being investigated, with the end in view of bettering the general conditions of penal life all over North Carolina.

The Scottish Society of America will render one of the most interesting programs of its kind ever held in the state at Fayetteville, Tuesday, May 23rd. A Scottish program in its entirety will be the significance of the event.

Many North Carolinians are expected to attend the meeting of the Peanut Growers in Suffolk, Saturday, May 20th.

COMMENCEMENT AT CHOWAN COLLEGE

The order of events for commencement exercises at Chowan college have been announced and are as shown below.

Saturday afternoon, May 27th, class day exercises.

Saturday to Monday, May 27-29, Art Exhibit.

Saturday afternoon, May 27th, domestic art exhibit.

Saturday evening, May 27th, annual concert.

Sunday 11:00 a. m., May 28, Baccalaureate sermon, W. N. Johnson, D. D.

Sunday, 8:00 p. m., May 28th, Missionary sermon, Rev. E. L. Wells.

Monday, May 29th, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Monday evening, May 30th, play the "Fairy Bride," by Dramatic class.

Tuesday morning, May 30th, address, Hon. J. W. Bailey.

Tuesday Morning, May 30th, graduating exercises.

A. J. Livingston, living near Ashland City, Tennessee, says: "I feel like going from house to house and telling the people about Tanlac. C. H. Mitchell. Adv.