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"AUNT BECKY" WRITES OF CROPS AND TRAVEL

Refreshing Rains in the Fork. Poor Corn Crop. Visits Friends in Laurinburg.

Special to The Exchange.

Old Fork, July 1.—We are feeling good in the Fork this morning, and very thankful for a gracious rain, which fell here yesterday afternoon, the first real season we have had in three weeks; and corn, gardens, cantaloupes, etc., were suffering considerably, while cotton seemed to hold its own and worry very little over the drought.

Men and mules are very busy this morning turning up the stubble lands and sowing peas, which was a bad job before the rain and very little of it had been done.

Last Tuesday I returned from a short trip to Dillon county on a visit to the McLaurin family. My grandson, Robert McLaurin, accompanied me down in his car on Friday; we went by way of Red Bluff, Clis, Little Rock, Dillon and Floydale, and saw diverse looking crop conditions en route. From our home to Clis we noted some fine fields of cotton, but corn all along the way with very few exceptions was underripe and very puny-looking; and in the Dillon and Floydale section the universal complaint was the discouraging corn prospect. Cotton and tobacco, for the most part, were fine in that section, some fields of tobacco especially were very beautiful. The curing season was just in the incipency and Robert's hands were "cropping" the lower leaves when we left. A great oat crop had been harvested down there and considerable wheat. On account of the stiffer soil they beat us raising oats, and they also plant a greater acreage, but our lands are better adapted to wheat production.

In the suburbs of Dillon I noted a large 4-story brick flouring mill in course of erection, the Dillon mills owned by a stock company of which Mr. Stackhouse is the chief promoter. We passed through the great Dunham plantation, which lies about 6 miles from Clis, and our travel was very comfortable, but the growing crop was below the usual standard; much of it showed neglect which I attributed possibly to labor shortage. With the neglected and discarded areas I especially noticed that it was corn and not cotton which was thrown aside; this I considered a grievous mistake.

We found Mr. McLaurin sick in bed and a doctor in attendance, but left him slightly improved and hope he will soon be up again. When all in readiness for the return journey with bonnet on and grip in hand, Robert announced that he could not find his "Dodge" keys. After a thorough search by the entire household we despaired of finding them to the delight of the little grandchildren, who rejoiced that "Grannie" had to stay longer and come back on the train. A day or two after we departed Halle, one of the little granddaughters, found the missing keys while she was in quest of some other lost article.

Mrs. Olmstead came in just now with 20 guinea eggs, on which one of the guinea hens had been sitting for some length of time in the dense woods and briars of a ditch bank, which we had frequently hunted but never could find. A colored man and his mule came upon them this morning and we transferred the eggs to the care of a turkey hen, who was previously in charge of sixteen of the same kind and is now happy with a full nest of 45 eggs.

Mr. J. T. McRae of Maxton, according to appointment, came down to Oak Grove Friday afternoon and gave us a live address in the War Savings Stamps drive, and on the same afternoon Rev. Mr. Ormand and Mr. J. E. Wiggins of Maxton addressed the colored people at Piney Grove on the same subject. Our citizens of the Fork have responded generously to each and every patriotic call and will doubtless come up to the standard in this instance.

Two weeks ago I had the pleasure of a brief stay in your delightful and progressive town, where I have friends, relatives and former school mates, and the sole drawback to my complete enjoyment was that I could not see all of them. But some of these days I am going to spend a whole week and try to get around the clock. I spent a delightful afternoon in the hospitable home of Dr. John and family, who have the happy family of making an old country lady feel perfectly at home. In their nice car they "rode" me through and around town, showing me the mill was struck with the sanitary and stately appearance of the location and

TWELVE COLORED MEN TO CAMP DIX JULY 17TH.

The local exemption board has received instructions to entrain twelve colored selectmen for Camp Dix, New Jersey, on Wednesday, July 17. The following men have been selected and from this list the twelve men will be taken:

Will Long.
John Core.
John Lucian McKay.
Fairley McLean.
Sylvester McNeill.
Dan Kelley.
Dennis McCallum.
James McIntyre.
Mack Daniel Harrington.
Redmon Hall.
Robert Leak.
Mitchell McKeithan.
John Kelley.
George Anderson.
Daniel Murdoch Fankey.
John Wesley Harrington.
Robt. Davis.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

The examination for teachers desiring certificates to teach in the public schools of Scotland county will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9-10, at the court house in Laurinburg. Those desiring to take this examination are asked to report promptly Tuesday morning.

L. M. PEELE, Superintendent.

section which I had never seen and surroundings, in comparison with other mill villages in various places. I passed the night with friends and schoolmates of "Auld Lang Syne," Meadames Stackhouse and McKinnon, where every moment was a joy to me, envied by loving kindness. Here as a contributing pleasure I also found the 3rd sister, Mrs. Angus Fairley, and Mrs. Margaret McKinnon, and later on we were joined by Mr. Fairley, son, daughter, and daughter-in-law, and Mrs. Mary McIntyre and son, all of whom we were very glad to see. On arriving at the home of Mrs. Stackhouse I recognized a bright, sweet face which in childhood was familiar in old Smyrna church, but in later years I have rarely met her; Miss Ella McRae seated with her was Mrs. A. L. James, of whom I

heard much the people of Laurinburg always and at all times so kind and so friendly that it gives me genuine pleasure to be among them. From Laurinburg on Friday morning Mrs. Fairley and son kindly proffered to take me down to Johns in their car, which was my next objective point, so accompanied by the Meadames McKinnon, we made the trip quickly and pleasantly with young "CHE" at the wheel, an excellent driver we spun smoothly over as fine a stretch of road as can be easily found and drew up to the pretty and inviting home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, whose shaded, vine-wreathed verandas looked so cool and restful. This is indeed a pleasant home, filled with warm hearts, in which I spent two days of perfect enjoyment and at the even-tide a charming surprise awaited me in the beautiful Delco lights which had been recently installed in this model home.

Although I have lived on the farm all of my days and have been familiar with the activities in and around the barn yard, but saw at Mr. Stewart's one afternoon a performance quite new to me, when walking out to the lot we found two colored girls, one seated on either side of a fine milk cow, filling up their buckets with the foaming fluid.

Miss Ella Ferguson is a most welcome guest among her many friends in this section, and her presence in our home recently afforded us genuine pleasure.

The services at Smyrna church yesterday, when Rev. F. O. Haller was installed pastor were most solemn and interesting. The sermon preached by Dr. Siler of Maxton was great. The charge to the pastor delivered by Rev. Mr. Bailey was most excellent, and complete, a vocal quartette from the Laurel Hill church, accompanied by Miss Ferguson at the organ, furnished sweet music. We noted as visitors from other points, Mrs. Moorehouse and daughter and Mr. Russell of Lumberton, Mr. J. E. McCallum and family of Maxton, Mr. Fairley Murray of Laurel Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Macey John and daughter of Laurinburg, and all were rejoiced to see in his familiar place our devoted Superintendent of the Sabbath school, Rev. J. M. Graham, who has been long absent on account of poor health. A spirit of sadness pervaded the hearts of the congregation, as our newly-installed and beloved pastor is on the eve of departure for France and next Sabbath will be his last appointment at Smyrna until he returns.

"AUNT BECKY."

W. S. S. DRIVE FAILS BY ABOUT \$48,000.00.

Stewartville Township Goes Over the Top With \$164,800. Others Behind.

From reports filed with County Chairman W. H. Weatherpoon it is estimated that the county failed to raise its quota in the War Savings drive last week by approximately \$48,000. The total allotment for the county is \$338,000. From the reports of the four townships it is figured that approximately \$278,070 was pledged in the campaign last week or has been bought by the people of the county during the year. Some of the reports have not been tabulated accurately and the final figures may vary slightly from the total given here but in the main they are thought to be correct.

Stewartville township, reports the township director, Mr. J. A. Caldwell, has pledged \$164,800. Williamson township reports about \$29,000 (figures for this township not accurately established yet); Laurel Hill reports \$28,970, and Spring Hill \$23,900, making a total of \$246,670. Added to this is \$27,000 pledged by the colored people of the county, making a grand total of \$273,670.

The county chairman asks that the people generally continue with the campaign until the entire amount is pledged, and it is most earnestly hoped that before the end of the year Scotland will not only buy the \$338,000 asked of her but will go "way over the top" for additional thousands of the best form of Government investment in patriotic securities.

LAURINBURG SOCIETY

MRS. SHAW HOSTESS TO THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB.

Mrs. John D. Shaw was the charming hostess of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club on June 27th. As it was not a regularly scheduled meeting Mrs. Shaw arranged her own program and it was a rare treat that she had prepared for her guests. The program was: War poem, Miss Julia Stewart; piano, Miss Fairley; songs, Miss Fairley; and a letter, Miss James. Victrola selections, current events, Miss McRae. At the conclusion of the program the hostess, assisted by Miss Eva Covington and Miss Irene Prince, served delicious cream and cake followed by salted nuts. At a late hour the guests reluctantly departed very grateful to Mrs. Shaw for a delightful afternoon.

ST. CECILIA MUSIC CLUB WITH MRS. COVINGTON.

The St. Cecilia Music Club held its last meeting of the year on Wednesday afternoon, June 26, with Mrs. Roland Covington. 'Twas indeed a delightful meeting. Quite a number of Mrs. Covington's friends were present, the out-of-town guests being Mrs. C. D. McCright and Miss Sallie Niemeyer of Hamlet. The program for the afternoon was "Afro-American Music." Hand-painted programs were presented the guests and on each card was a different sketch of a "little darkey." The first number was a paper, "Negro Folk Music," by Mrs. Walter McEchin. Song—Negro Spirituals, "I Want to be Ready," Miss Julia Stewart. Piano selection, Mrs. Bettie Shaw. Song, "Since You Went Away," Miss Mary Phillips. Reading, "A Change of Heart," Mrs. Roland Covington. Piano selection, Miss Margaret Henderson. Each number of the program was entertaining to say the least. An elegant late course was served by the hostess.

MRS. J. T. FIELDS HOSTESS TO MUSIC CLUB.

The St. Cecilia Music Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. T. Fields on Wednesday afternoon, June 19. The program for the afternoon was: A sketch of "The Creation," Mrs. Roland Covington; Overture to "The Creation," Mrs. J. D. Shaw. Misses Irene Prince and Mary John delighted the club with several instrumental selections. An elegant salad course, followed with cream and cake, was served by Misses May McRae, Edith Caldwell and Katherine McKinnon. The members of the club together with quite a number of Mrs. Fields' friends enjoyed her hospitality.

David Lawrence, special newspaper correspondent, visited the German alien internment camp at Hot Springs, N. C., last week and wrote a series of articles on what he saw there. Two of these are printed in The Exchange this week and were taken from the Greensboro News.

MEN WANTED FOR OVERSEAS WORK IN MECHANICAL UNITS.

Men With Special Training or Experience Will Receive Good Pay.

Mr. J. L. Sutherland, special agent in this county for the United States Public Service Reserve, has received from State Director T. L. Bland of Rocky Mount the following special notice:

Men of the following classes are wanted for induction or enlistment in certain railway regiments for overseas duty immediately. Induction of this regulation will probably stop about July 5th.

Automobile Mechanics or Chauffeurs.

Bridge Foremen.

Dugmen.

Earth Work Foremen—construction of light railways.

Brick Masons.

Empy Operators.

Railway Section Hands.

Truck Foremen.

Tinsmiths.

Water Supply Foremen—water mains, outside plumbing, etc.

The Aviation Section of the Marine Corps desires to enlist or induct men of the following classes at once. The chances for promotion are very good in this service.

Electricians.

Photographers.

Gas Engine Men.

Acetylene Welders.

Wire Workers.

The Department of Military Aeronautics has asked us to get as many college men as possible for induction as privates between now and July 5th. No special sort of college training is necessary. They merely specify college men in order to keep the standards as high as possible in that service.

The Hill Division of the Bureau of Construction and Repair needs men with training in mechanical engineering or electrical engineering. These will be civilian positions, but are open to citizens of Great Britain and France. These men should have had three years experience in which must have been a minimum capacity. Pay from \$10.34 per diem. Men not over 35 years of age. Applications for above positions should be sent here and they will be duly transmitted from this office.

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PEOPLE ASKING TO MAKE PLEDGES LARGER.

Not Satisfied With Small Contributions to War Savings Cause.

Winston-Salem, July 1.—State Headquarters for War Savings is calling attention to the fact that many people are making their pledges too small and are wanting to change them and make them larger. Numerous requests have come to State Headquarters for permission to destroy the old card which becomes their record and make a new one. Several to whom this privilege has been granted have doubled their pledge and one man whose first pledge was for only \$400.00 made his new pledge a thousand dollars.

Today's bulletin issued from State Headquarters says that this is not an unusual state of affairs following a campaign for War Savings pledges. The reason is so few people take the time to know the advantages offered by the War Savings Stamps first as an investment and second as an opportunity to show not only their appreciation of the sacrifice that the boys are making at the front, but to pay their debt of loyalty and service to their country.

"When men and women once know the value of War Savings Stamps" says the bulletin, "as the War Savings Drive has forced many to do this week, they are not satisfied to subscribe to the smallest possible amount, but on the other hand, regret that they have not made their pledges larger. Their first impulse was to make their pledge as little as possible that their obligations might be as few as possible. After they were forced to sign the pledge and know something of the value and attractions of War Savings Stamps they were not satisfied that so small a contribution should represent the support they gave to this call of the Government and the part they played in so great a cause as bringing peace to humanity and freedom to the world."

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