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WEEKLY CROP REPORT

A Week of Wet Weather and Rapid Growth.

The Rainfall Twice as Much as the General Average—Tobacco Crops Taking on Second Growth.

Cloudy, threatening weather with showers nearly every day, prevailed over the entire state during the past week, until Sunday, July 16th. The rainfall was generally detrimental to crops and caused a complete suspension of all farm work. While mostly in the form of light showers, heavy downpours occurred at many places on the 12th, 13th and 14th, which caused a rapid rise in the rivers, with flooding of lowlands. This was the case especially in the west, where all streams were out of their banks, and the French Broad was very high; thousands of acres of lowlands were under water, and the crops growing thereon were badly damaged. Hillsides were washed in places, and generally the ground is so soggy that work in the fields is quite impossible. The average rainfall for the week from twenty selected stations was 3.00 inches, or more than double the normal amount. Very little hail, however, was reported. The temperature conditions were not unfavorable; the mean was slightly above normal, but without extremes; no maxima above 90 degrees occurred until the close of the week. The sultry, damp weather caused rapid and rank growth of most crops, as well as of grass and weeds, which are again becoming very troublesome in many fields. More sun shine is needed, and opportunity to finish laying crops.

Cotton is reported quite generally to be making rank growth, and in the central-eastern portion is not fruiting well; considerable damage by shedding of forms and young bolls also occurred; some rust is reported; in the western portion of the state the crop is fruiting well. While cotton at present appears to have been considerably damaged, the crop was generally in such good condition as regards tillage just before the rains began that probably a few days of dry weather will show less injury than anticipated. Upland corn was benefited by rain, except where pollen was washed off from plants just in bloom, but young lowland corn was injured nearly everywhere; the true extent of the damage, however, cannot yet be ascertained. Tobacco did fairly well on well drained land, but suffered a little on low ground where some is taking on second growth; cutting and curing are now under way in a number of counties, but conditions were not favorable for making good cures during the past week. Some wheat and oats still in shock in the west were damaged by sprouting, and some uncut oats were lodged. Peanuts and sweet potatoes were slightly injured, more for want of work than otherwise. Field peas grown for hay are very thrifty, and many more will be sown. Melons have suffered from excessive moisture and are poor in quality. The wet weather has favored the rapid development of those fungus growths which cause the decay of fruit, and much rotting of peaches, apples and grapes is reported. Early grapes are ripening.

Rains reported: Goldsboro 0.30, Lumberton 1.22, New Bern 1.48, Weldon 2.06, Wilmington 1.30, Hatteras 0.60, Davis 1.50, Nashville 3.74, Southport 3.61, 3.96, Raleigh 2.23, Moncure 3.24, Lexington 89, Pomona 5.50, Angier 2.25, Charlotte 2.10, Asheville 4.20, Hendersonville 8.50 and Morganton 8.76.

Raymond D. Bynum, the slayer of James H. Alford on December 29th, 1904, was Monday afternoon in Wake Superior Court sentenced to fifteen years at hard labor. The judge later reduced the sentence to 12 years.

POLENTA NEWS.

Picnic at Oakland Saturday. The people at large are invited to attend.

Mr. Willis Austin and wife, of Smithfield, spent Sunday at Mr. Joseph Austin's.

Miss Mildred Young is spending this week with Misses Dixie and Lillie Young.

Preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Souders.

After spending several days with her parents in this section, Mrs. W. T. Adams, returned to her home in Smithfield Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. N. Booker, who has been critically sick, is somewhat improved, and, it is to be hoped is now on the road to a speedy restoration to health.

Mr. J. W. Smith has commenced the erection of a handsome residence on the site where his former residence recently stood, at Preston. Mr. Smith is an energetic, thrifty, go-a-head man—just such a one as every community stands in need of.

Messrs. J. W. Myatt, G. B. Smith, Bennett Wall, H. M. Barber and Claud Sanders all have extra fine corn crops. They are all good farmers, and never fail to make good crops; they believe in heavy manuring. Their cotton crops are also fairly good.

The protracted meeting that was to have been commenced Saturday before the second Saturday in July, at Shiloh, was postponed to the next regular appointment Saturday before the second Sunday in August, at which time the farmers will not be so busy.

Mr. Joseph Austin, Jr., is now a full graduate in Dentistry, and is now ready for business—or rather will be when he decides on a location, which will be, we suppose, after he has looked around a little. He is one of our brightest young men, and will succeed in the avocation he has chosen.

The recent rainy weather has badly damaged the growing crops, especially has it hurt cotton, and if it turns off hot and dry will still further damage it. In some sections (sandy land) it will take about six acres to make a bale. The crop in this section may average one-fourth of a bale to the acre.

Polenta and Wilson's Mills Baseball teams crossed bats at Wilson's Mills last Friday afternoon. The game was exciting throughout, every inch of ground being contested by each team, proved to be the prettiest game of ball ever played in Johnston county, resulting in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of Polenta. Batteries: Young and Williams for Polenta; Radford and Stevens for Wilson's Mills. Our boys speak in the highest terms of the Wilson's Mills team. Of course, they were highly elated at having won the game after such a hard fight. The Polenta team has lost only one game this season, and then not half of the regular team played.

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A Trip To New York.

Clayton, N. C., July 18.—Messrs. John T. Talton and John Irwin Barnes, with Messrs. Ashley Horne & Son, at Clayton, left yesterday over the Seaboard Air Line for New York city and other points on a vacation trip.

Bent Her Double.

"I knew no one, for four weeks, when I was sick with typhoid and kidney trouble," write Mrs. Annie Hunter, of Pittsburg, Pa., "and when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double, and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by Electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength, and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney disorders; at Hood Bros. drug store; price 50c.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Tuesday the number of rural free delivery mail routes in North Carolina reached 990 and in a few more days it is expected to strike the 1,000 figure.

Rev. R. J. Bateman has resigned as pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist church and accepted a call to the Fayetteville Street church at Raleigh.

A Young Men's Christian Association building, to cost \$20,000, is to be built at Spencer. Of this amount the Southern Railway gave \$15,000 and the citizens of Spencer \$5,000.

At the convention of the New York State Bankers' Association at Frontenac, N. Y., Friday, Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens' National Bank of Raleigh, delivered an address, his subject being "Voice from the South."

At a meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Railroad at Greensboro Thursday, A. H. Eller, of Winston, was elected secretary and treasurer to succeed D. H. McLean, and R. A. Doughton was elected attorney to succeed S. M. Gattis.

Charles F. Von Hermann, for sixteen years in charge of the North Carolina weather bureau office as section director, has been notified by the chief of weather bureau that orders will be issued putting him in charge of the Baltimore station.

Thomas W. Dewey, the defaulting chasier of the New Berne bank, was tried week before last, found guilty and sentenced to six years in the Penitentiary. His counsel took an appeal to the Supreme court and Dewey gave the required bond of \$40,000.

Dr. A. J. McKelway has brought a suit for slander against Editor J. P. Caldwell and The Charlotte Observer on account of a scathing editorial denunciation which appeared in the Observer some weeks ago. The case promises to be a hard fought one.

Mr. Victor H. Olmstead, who has been appointed associate statistician of the national Department of Agriculture to succeed E. S. Holmes, removed for improper practices, is a North Carolinian, having been appointed to the government service from Henderson county.

Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt is a public-spirited citizen and he frequently gives evidence of it. He recently gave two acres of land for a district school house in Buncombe county and also agreed to contribute to the school fund an amount sufficient to extend the school term from five to nine months.

Mississippi has made the book "Agriculture for Beginners," by Prof. Burkett, Stevens and Hill, of Raleigh, compulsory in the schools of that State. Prof. Massey delivered several lectures at the Mississippi summer school recently, and spent a few days in Georgia, which state is experiencing an awakening for a better agricultural college.

J. Rowan Rogers, ex-Sheriff of Wake county, and J. P. Sorrell, who submitted to a verdict of guilty of embezzlement in attempting to influence jurors for President Kilgo, of Trinity, and B. N. Duke, of the American Tobacco Company, in the case of Rev. T. J. Gattis, suing them for \$100,000 for malicious libel, were Friday sentenced to six months each in the county jail. They have already served thirty days for contempt of court.

The contract has been awarded to W. B. Barrow, a well known contractor and builder of Raleigh, for the erection of the \$40,000 addition to the State Hospital for the Insane in that city, the building to be completed by the 1st of November, 1906. It will be a wing to the main building, and will contain 176 rooms. It will be necessary to wait then for the 1907 Legislature for an appropriation to furnish the building. Material for the new building is being placed on the ground, and the excavating is under way.

BENSON NEWS.

Miss Bettie Underhill, of Smithfield, is visiting Miss Cora Jernigan.

Rev. D. F. Putnam closed a very successful series of meetings at Blackman's Grove last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock, of near Fayetteville, were the guests of J. W. Whittington last Monday.

Miss Floy Johnson after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. E. F. Moore, returned home last Monday.

Miss Alice Haywood, who has been spending some time here with Mrs. Alonzo Parrish, returned home last Monday.

W. R. Denning will on August 1st, open a large stock of general merchandise in his brick building on the corner of Main and Market streets.

The tobacco market here will open on August 3rd, with one of the best corps of buyers that can be had. The present outlook for a good market is very encouraging, and our warehousemen are putting forth every effort to have a fine market.

The trustees of the Benson Graded School met last Monday, and elected the following teachers for the coming school year: Prof. B. W. Allen, principal; Misses Jennie Baucom, Mary Hatcher and Ellen Eldridge, assistants; and Miss Neta Penny teacher of music.

SOLON.

ELEVATION ITEMS.

Several of our people spent last Saturday in Duke.

Mr. Clarence Johnson spent several days last week in Smithfield and Selma.

Miss Etta Wheeler has opened up a private Summer School at Pleasant Hill. She is an excellent teacher and deserves much success.

A series of meetings will begin at Elevation next Sunday, and continue on through the week. We trust that much good will result from the service.

Mr. J. Willis Creech is adding a lot of new, modern machinery to his gin, which will make it one of the most complete and convenient ginning plants in the county.

The citizens of this section who own land in Black Creek, have come together, and say, they will not allow anyone to fish with a seine on their land in said creek. Bravo, gentlemen! This seining business has been a long continued and much felt nuisance; and now if the landowners the entire length of the creek, will make this move and adopt like resolutions, not many years will pass, before we shall enjoy some real old time sport; fishing with a hook and line.

Re Porter.

Floods Were Destructive.

News received here from Transylvania, Henderson and Buncombe counties is to the effect that the great floods last week in those counties have ruined a great number of the farmers of the sections. It was the biggest freshet known since 1875.

Fine crops of corn and hay were swept away and wheat and rye that was in the shock on the field were carried away by the flood.—Raleigh Post.

The Diamond Cure.

The latest news from Paris, is that they have discovered a diamond cure for consumption. If you fear consumption or pneumonia, it will, however, be best for you to take that great remedy mentioned by W. T. McGee, of Vanleer, Tenn. "I had a cough, for fourteen years. Nothing helped me, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which gave instant relief, and effected a permanent cure." Unequaled quick cure, for Throat and Lung Troubles. At Hood Bros. Drug store; price 50¢ and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Emperor William has made King Oscar of Sweden a grand admiral of the German fleet.

Two earth-quake shocks shook the entire State of Maine Saturday morning, but no damage was done.

Leading cotton experts demand a new June cotton report, declaring that the Government has largely overestimated the acreage.

Secretary Wilson has directed Statistician Hyde to make an investigation of the alleged manipulation of tobacco statistics.

The President is said to believe that strict business methods in the Government service would have prevented the \$25,000,000 deficit.

For attempting a flirtation with a handsome New York woman, a masher from St. Louis has been sent to prison for six months by a New York magistrate.

The first bale of the new crop cotton of the season was received at New Orleans Friday. It was sold at auction for 20 cents a pound. As customary the proceeds were given to charity.

A Russian regiment near Tiflis has murdered all the officers and joined the revolutionists; a band of terrorists, equipped for making bombs and forging passports, has been captured in St. Petersburg.

Near Birmingham, Ala., Saturday afternoon two masked highwaymen held up a mine paymaster and robbed him of \$5,000; subsequently one of the robbers was killed and the money recovered.

The President, in a letter written to Attorney-General Moody, directs the prosecution of Assistant Statistician Holmes on the charge of supplying advance information on cotton to brokers, and to secure his conviction if possible.

Hot Wave in the North.

A hot wave swept over the Eastern and the New England States this week. Tuesday the thermometer went to 96 in New York City. On that day there were 187 prostrations and 23 deaths caused by heat in New York City; 50 prostrations and 5 deaths in Philadelphia; 93 prostrations and 13 deaths in Pittsburgh; 94 prostrations and one death in Boston. There were three prostrations in Richmond Tuesday. There were four deaths and 17 prostrations reported in Chicago.

Wednesday was another record breaker, in New York there were 167 prostrations and 75 deaths; in Philadelphia 40 prostrations and 10 deaths. Thunderstorms passed over the north in the afternoon and the hot wave was broken.

A "Handsome" Entertainment.

Carthage, N. C., July 18.—Miss Lessie Graves entertained in honor of her guests, Misses Abell and Morgan, of Smithfield, on last Wednesday night. The beautiful home of Miss Graves was lighted from top to bottom, which made a very imposing appearance as the invited guests for the occasion approached.

They were received in the parlor by Mrs. Graves and at the library by Misses Camilla Muse and Margaret Graves. Misses Lucile Waddell and Allie Graves served lunch.

The guests present those partners for the dining room by a ribbon suspended from a white umbrella in the hall at the end of which was a card with a young lady's name. Repairing from the dining room there was a voting contest for the prettiest young lady, the one winning this prize was Miss Abell, of Smithfield, while Mr. George N. Humber, of Carthage, carried off the prize for the handsomest young man present.—News and Observer.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. E. L. Hinton and children are spending sometime in Raleigh.

Miss Lillian Barbour, of Benson, is the guest of Miss Maud Turley.

Miss Ione Gulley left Monday to visit Miss Annie Denmark at Goldsboro.

Miss Imogene Thurston, of Burlington, is visiting Miss Winona Massey.

Mrs. John Robertson returned last week from a visit to Smithfield and Selma.

We are sorry to note the illness of Miss Maud Gulley. We hope she will soon be well again.

Rev. J. S. Farmer, representative of the Biblical Recorder, preached here Sunday morning and night.

Mr. Samuel Gulley, of Durham, and Mr. Chas. G. Gulley, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gulley.

Mrs. Thomas, of Leasburg, Va., is visiting her son, Mr. C. M. Thomas. "Yelir."

WILSON'S MILLS ITEMS.

Mr. W. C. Wilson left for Richmond Tuesday morning.

Mr. C. M. Wilson is spending some time at Chase City, Va.

Messrs. Bill Holt and James Abell, of Smithfield, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. Uzzle and children are visiting Mrs. Uzzle's parents in Mouroe, N. C.

Prof. J. Y. Joyner and family spent last week with the family of Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Misses Glennie Aycock and Ola Perry, of Louisville, are visiting Mrs. C. M. Wilson.

Miss Minnie Lunceford, of Smithfield, spent a few days last week with Miss Evie Wilson.

Mr. Paul Davis and Miss Elia Stephens will go to Washington D. C., Thursday to visit relatives.

Misses Eula and Bessie Rouse, of Wilson, are spending some time with their sister, Mrs. W. G. Wilson.

There was quite a crowd in town Friday from Smithfield, Selma and Clayton to see the ball games.

The weather has been fine for farm work for the past few days and our farmers have taken advantage of it.

Everybody is getting ready for the meeting which begins at the Disciples church Monday night July 24th. Rev. J. B. Jones, of Wilson, is to conduct the meeting. Mr. Jones is an able preacher, and we hope to have a good crowd out at each service.

Reporter.

Married Last Sunday.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huea Glover, in Selma township, on Sunday evening, July 16, 1905, at 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Andrew Brown and Miss Mary Glover were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by C. F. Kirby, Esq. The attendants were: Mr. Cicero Hatcher and Miss Bettie Batten, Mr. Harvie Brown and Miss Fannie Glover, Mr. Levet Brown and Miss Julia Batten, Mr. Dock Batten and Miss Viola McCall, and a host of relatives and friends. After the marriage the party returned to the home of the groom where a delicious supper awaited them.

May each have a long and happy life. A WITNESS.

Forced to Starve.

B. F. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years I suffered agonies, with a sore on my upper lip, so painful, sometimes that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve." It's great for burns, cuts and wounds. At Hood Bros. drug store; Only 25c.