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WEEKLY CROP REPORT

Favorable Week for Crops Except on Uplands.

Cotton Thrifty. Tobacco in Fair Condition. Corn Earing Well. Grass in the Crops Fruit Rotting on Trees.

The following is the weekly crop bulletin for the week ending Monday, July 24.

From July 17th to 20th, inclusive, the weather was generally dry and very warm. The mean temperature for the week was 81 degrees, or nearly 4 degrees daily above the normal. Maximum temperatures above 90 degrees and reaching as high as 96 degrees to 98 degrees occurred at most stations during the middle of the week. The period was quite favorable for farm work and for the progress of crops, although, coming so soon after heavy rains, it tended to fire or scald some crops on thin, sandy uplands. On the 21st showers occurred nearly everywhere, which were heavy in only a few places with minor damage to crops. The remainder of the week was showers. Too much rain continues in a few counties, chiefly in the extreme west. On the whole the weather was favorable, and caused considerable improvement in crops, besides giving farmers an opportunity to finish laying by, which is about completed everywhere, except as regards cotton and some young corn. The soil is in good condition, except lowlands which are too wet.

Cotton continues to do fairly well and looks thrifty, especially on dark lands; plants are making too much weed, which will make the crop late; it continues to bloom but is not fruiting well in the east; though plants seem to be well loaded with young bolls in western counties; damage to cotton by shedding, rust, boll worm and lice is reported by comparatively few crop correspondents. Generally corn is doing well, though the yield will be below the average; a little old corn on sandy land was fired; young corn is thrifty, except that injured in bottoms by flooding. In some western counties, on account of extensive moisture corn is tall and thin, but seems to be bearing well; much grass is in the crop in places, especially in the west; some fodder on old corn is ready for pulling. Tobacco is generally in fair condition, except the portions were injured by rains which caused weedy growth; dry weather caused considerable improvement in the growing crop, and made curing easier; cutting and curing will be general within a week. Peanuts, sweet potatoes, field peas and gardens were benefited by the period of dry weather. Some turnip and rutabaga seeds have been sown and are coming up nicely. Oat harvest is nearly over in the extreme west, in which section oats and wheat were considerably damaged in shock by wet weather; thrashing wheat continues with good yields in only a few counties. Some hay was cut and cured early in the week, but the season has not generally been favorable for this work, though very favorable for the growth of the crop. Apples and peaches are ripening rapidly, but there is much complaint of fruit rotting and falling from the trees.

Rains reported: Nashville 0.30, Goldsboro 1.12, Lumberton 0.82, New Bern 1.10, Weldon 1.60, Hatteras 0.20, Wilmington 2.00, Ponomia 1.00, Moncure 1.08, Angier 2.00, Raleigh 3.35, Greensboro 2.34, Asheville 0.05, and Charlotte 0.80.

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.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. L. C. Orrell, of Salisbury, is visiting Mrs. Pat Massey.

Misses Mamie and Alica Johnson, of Benson, are visiting the Misses Stancel.

Messrs. Jesse Hilliard and Jesse C. Ellis went to Raleigh Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Pierce's little baby died Monday and was buried Tuesday evening.

Miss Pauline Branham, of Benson, has been visiting Mrs. John S. Barnes and Mr. Louis R. Branham.

Mr. Walter and Misses Norma and Margaret Priddy, of Keyville, Va., are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. W. Carter.

Arthur Ferrell, a colored convict on the Clayton roads, succumbed to the intense heat last Friday and on Saturday died.

Mrs. A. T. Beddingfield returned last week from a two weeks visit in Louisburg, accompanied by her niece, Miss Bessie Hale.

Miss Maie Perry, of Sanford, and Mr. Robert Branton are spending this week here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Robertson.

An infant of Mrs. and Mr. Charley Carter, died Monday and was taken to Garner Tuesday evening for burial. We sympathize with the bereaved ones.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will give an entertainment at the school auditorium on Saturday night. 'Tis said that a rare treat awaits those who hear this charming class of singers.

The young men gave a party Wednesday evening in honor of the visiting young ladies. The chaperones were Mrs. Cadmus T. Young and Mrs. Will H. McCullers. A score of fine water-melons and plenty of cream and lemonade made up the refreshments.

On next Tuesday evening at the High School Auditorium, there will be given a grand concert. The very best local talent and an array of select visiting talent, will make this one of the most enjoyable events Clayton has had the pleasure of presenting. Miss Blanche Barnes who graduated with high honors at the Conservatory of music at Durham will add to the delights of the evening by her rare skill as a pianist. There will be choice recitations by several of the visiting young ladies. General admission, 25 cents, children under 12 years, 15 cents.

SELMA NEWS.

A postal was received from Robert P. Noble dated Luzerne, Switzerland, July 14. He says "All are well; we are having a big time. I walked from Interlaken to a glacier and walked on top of a mountain of ice—ate some; will write one more letter."

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Arthur J. Oliver, which occurred Tuesday night. She was buried at the Futrell grave yard near Pine Level Wednesday afternoon. She had been sick some time and her death was not unexpected. She was a daughter of Mr. John W. Roberts, who formerly lived near Selma, but who now lives at Raleigh.

SENEX.

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 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The late John Hay left an estate valued at \$1,000,000.

Miss Lamotte died in Carroll county, Maryland, Monday, aged 91 years.

About 200 died in New York last week on account of the intense heat.

Gold ore has been discovered in Wyoming that runs \$138,000 to the ton.

Cardinal Gibbons celebrated his 71st birthday at Southampton, L. I., Monday.

It is estimated that the Canadian wheat crop will be anywhere from 80,000,000 to 120,000,000 bushels.

A fire which broke out Sunday night in the Texas oil fields resulted in the loss of twelve lives and \$650,000 of property.

Two massive bronze doors, costing \$45,000, are to be placed at the main entrance of the House of Representatives.

The remains of Admiral Paul Jones were landed at Annapolis Monday and deposited in a temporary vault in the Naval Academy grounds.

Tobacco planters are demanding an investigation of the June report of the Agricultural Department, alleging that it was in the interest of the Tobacco Trust.

The bomb thrown at Sultan Abdul Hamid as he was emerging from the mosque Friday killed 24 persons and wounded 57, but the ruler of Turkey escaped.

It is said that the Japanese have 550,000 men confronting General Linevitch and their formation is like a great sickle, with warships along the coast harassing the Russian rear.

It is rumored that William J. Bryan has promised to support Governor Folk, of Missouri, for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1908 if the Governor appears to be an available candidate at that time.

All the crew of the gunboat Bennington have been accounted for; of 197 men on board at the time of the explosion 58 are dead 46 wounded, and 92 uninjured. The boiler of the gunboat exploded Friday morning at San Diego harbor, California.

At Portsmouth, N. H. Saturday a ledge of three acres obstructing the harbor was blown up by 45 tons of dynamite, the largest charge of explosive ever used in the world; huge waves were rolled into a neighboring town but no damage was done.

Emperor William and Czar Nicholas met first on the Hohenzollern and then on the Polar Star Monday, and it is said the former urged the conclusion of peace as well as the institution of internal reforms, so as to stop the prevailing disorders in Russia.

The Score was 39 to 0.

A correspondent writes us that the boys of the Emit section are playing some fine baseball these days. They crossed bats with Barnes X Roads and Archer the second Saturday, resulting in a victory for Emit by a score of 5 to 4.

Last Saturday they played another game, the score standing 39 to 0 in favor of Emit. J. O. Hinton and J. T. Maden did the twirling act for Emit. Oh, how tired the runners must have been after those 39 runs had been finished.

Horse Killed by Lightning.

Last Friday night Mr. J. E. Stanley who clerks for Mr. J. T. Cole, of Four Oaks, was returning from Benson on a buggy when at the Alex. Creech place two miles from Four Oaks, the horse was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The lightning came down a telephone pole. The horse fell to one side into a deep ditch. The buggy turned over and Mr. Stanley was thrown out. He was stunned but not seriously injured. The horse belonged to Mr. Cole.

BENSON NEWS.

Mr. L. Gilbert spent last Sunday night in Dunn.

J. E. Wall left Tuesday to visit his parents at Wilson's Mills.

Miss Rena Bingham, of Smithfield, arrived on Tuesday of this week to visit relatives in town.

Miss Nellie Parrish left on Tuesday of this week for Seven Springs where she will spend some time.

Misses Jewel Hall, and Willie Duncan left Tuesday evening to visit Miss May Hatcher near Selma.

Rev. N. H. Gibbs left last Monday for Angier where he will assist Pastor Holleman in a series of meetings.

Rev. P. D. Woodall, of Murfreesboro, is spending this week in and around town with relatives and friends.

John Strickland left last Saturday night for Greenville, N. C. where he has accepted a position in the telephone business.

Miss Ora Pool and little Miss May Robinson Moore, of Smithfield, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Peacock this week.

Miss Neta Pearl Penny, teacher of music in the Benson Graded School, after spending vacation at her home near Raleigh, has returned.

Mrs. Preston Woodall who several days ago was carried to the Wilson Sanatorium to be treated for appendicitis is improving very nicely.

Mr. D. J. Ellis's Death.

News of the death of Mr. D. J. Ellis, which occurred at his residence yesterday afternoon at 1:10 o'clock, came as a shock to his friends and relatives. Mr. Ellis had been in declining health for a number of months, but no one thought the end was so near. He was once a popular and prosperous merchant of this city and made many friends by his unassuming courteous manners. Though of quiet, retiring disposition, his comrades remember him as a brave and fearless soldier. Congestion of the brain caused his death.

Don Juan Ellis, oldest son Ferdinand F. and Polly Ellis, was born July 27, 1845, in Noxbury county, Miss. Removed to Smithfield, N. C., about 1850, entered 50th Regiment, Confederate Army at the age of seventeen and served through the entire Civil War; was converted when twenty years old through the influence of an aged colored servant and joined Bethesda Baptist church.

When Mr. Ellis came to Raleigh, in early manhood, to engage in business he moved his membership to the First Baptist church and remained a member till the time of his death. December 17, 1873, Mr. Ellis was married to Miss Allie Jewel, only daughter of Mr. Holland Jewel, of Wake county. Five children were born, one of whom Hubert died in infancy. Besides the wife and children Mr. Ellis leaves an aged mother and two brothers, Prof. D. L. Ellis, of Fair View, N. C., and Mr. A. J. Ellis, of West Raleigh.—News and Observer 23.

After thirty days in jail, waiting for the physicians to pronounce John Dockery out of danger, Policeman Isaac W. Rogers, who shot John Dockery on the 24th of June on the steps of the Tucker Building in Raleigh was Monday released under a bond of \$5,000 till the preliminary hearing on the 15th of August.

A Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party may be given to your stomach and liver, by taking a medicine which will relieve their pain and discomfort, viz: Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are a most wonderful remedy, affording sure relief and cure for headache, dizziness and constipation. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. W. J. Hooks, of Benson, spent Monday with relatives here.

Mr. Ed. Taylor, of Tarboro, spent Thursday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Darden, from near Godwin, came Monday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. Thad Whitley and daughter, Miss Maggie, of Selma, spent Thursday here as the guests of Mrs. J. G. High.

Mr. John Adams has gone into the mercantile business at Fayetteville, and moved his family there today (Wednesday). We wish for them much success.

Miss Lida Adams, of Four Oaks, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. John Adams here, went to Wilson Tuesday to spend some time with relatives there.

Mr. J. W. Darden, who has been gone for several days to Baltimore and other northern cities, buying a stock of goods for his store which he will soon open, returned Tuesday night.

Several from here attended the Beulah Township Sunday School Convention which was held at Carter's Chapel, last Thursday, July 20th. They report the Convention very good and well attended. Seven schools were represented.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton and Miss Emma Matthews went to Genoa, Wayne county, Saturday to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives, and to attend the Quaker quarterly meeting, which was held near there at Woodland church, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Pearce, who was elected Mayor at the May election, having failed to qualify and having stated to the Board of Town Commissioners he did not desire to serve, they at their last meeting elected Mr. J. R. Sauls Mayor. Mr. Sauls is well qualified for the place, having served as mayor of Black Creek several years.

A very sad incident happened at the Lowell Mill, near Bagley, Sunday evening. Mr. Mike McKeel and others after drinking much cider during the day, went late in the afternoon, to the river and went in swimming in the mill pond. It seems they were betting who could swim the nearest to the tall dam. Mr. McKeel got too near and was washed over the dam. His body was not found until late Monday morning, having been washed some distance down the river and lodged against a tree.

We are sorry to note the death of Mrs. J. L. Hinnant, which occurred Monday evening about 5:30, after a severe illness of several days. The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Whitaker, after which the remains were interred in the family burial ground near, Buckhorn church. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church, a devoted wife and a loving mother. She leaves a husband and three small children, and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Ruffin Davis, who lives near Boyett, while probably partially under the influence of whiskey went to the store of Mr. H. F. Edgerton and called for medicine, (a bottle of Laudanum) then got a half-pint of Blackberry wine and mixed the two together, and began drinking it. He gave Mr. Jesse Jones a drink of it, and in a few minutes he began to feel the effects of it and spoke about there being something in the wine. The bottle was found, and going to hunt Davis, they found him already in a stupor. Dr. Grady was once called and he gave him some powerful antidotes, from the effects of which together with the untiring efforts of the citizens here in walking him, pinching, tickling and many other ways, he was kept awake until he was out of danger, about 12 o'clock that night, when he was sent home.

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POLENTA NEWS.

Prof. Whitaker, of the Oak Ridge School, took in the picnic at Oakland last Saturday.

The wife of Mr. Fletcher Austin, we are sorry to learn, is quite sick. Hope for her early recovery.

The sermon preached at Oakland last Sunday morning was one of great power, and will prove effective.

Messrs. Jno. O. Ellington and Sam Honeycutt were out at Mr. Ellington's plantation a while Sunday evening.

Misses Johnson and Pool, from near Wilson's Mills are spending a few days in the neighborhood visiting Miss Bertha Jones.

Miss Ruth Jones and brother, of Wilson's Mills, spent Saturday and Sunday in this section, guests of Miss Ava Yelvington.

Miss Nellie Turlington, of near Benson, spent Saturday in the neighborhood in attendance upon the Oakland picnic, and visiting Miss Willie Johnson.

There will be a Sunday School picnic at Mt. Zion Church Thursday of next week. Our State Auditor, Hon. B. F. Dixon, and others will deliver addresses on the occasion.

Mr. H. D. Ellington, of The Ellington Buggy Co., was out amongst us Monday and sold a couple of buggies. Hunter is quite popular with our people and will likely do a good business in this section.

The crop prospect remains as about last reported, except corn has somewhat improved and cotton weed is some larger. I still adhere to my last estimate of about an average of one-fourth of a bale to the acre—certainly no more.

We are indeed sorry to chronicle the indisposition of Miss Neppie Smith, who is quite sick with fever, but it is pleasant to report her condition favorable. It is also painful to report the sickness of one of Mr. Joe Wall's little girls, who is also ill with fever.

The picnic at Oakland Saturday was a grand success; large crowd, plenty to eat and to spare, social intercourse, and an enjoyable occasion for all present. Not the least misbehavior occurred, which is to the credit of this community, which is noted for its orderly conduct and hospitality at such times.

On Saturday evening last three games of baseball was played on the Polenta diamond, viz:—Polenta against Leachburg, resulting in a score of 14 to 6 in favor of Polenta; Myatt School boys against Polenta School boys, resulting in favor of the Myatt School boys by a score of 10 to 3; The colored Polenta team against the colored Piney Grove team, resulting favorably to Polenta by a score of 13 to 8. This proved to be an exciting game being very close up to the last inning. A large number of white people witnessed this game, as well as the others. It is a treat to be an eye witness to a game of ball played by two colored teams. They go into it for merit and never fail to have it. They generally wind up the game with a humorous song, which the colored people only know how to sing.

TYPO.

The State penitentiary has sold the last bale of the 1904 crop of cotton and the income is \$20,000 more than the January estimate, so that the net earnings of the penitentiary for the year are slightly over \$120,000 instead of \$100,000 as was estimated at that time. The farm last year produced 1,098 bales of cotton.

The man who slapped the jaws of the mayor of Columbia, Tyrrell county, while the mayor was trying him for drunkenness, was sent to jail for fifteen days for contempt. The mayor is evidently a forgiving man. The offender deserved the full limit.