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WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

The Weather Dry and the Temperature High.

**Cotton Crop Poor in Many Sections
Corn Crop Unsatisfactory
Tobacco Doing Well.**

The North Carolina bulletin for the week ending Monday, August 7th, reads:

"The weather during the past week has in general been very dry. The temperature has been high and above the normal. The week has been characterized by hot days and cool nights. This dry warm weather has aided in the harvesting of hay to a great extent, and indeed all outside work has been pushed as rapidly as possible. Some rains have been reported, but the only unfavorable conditions resulting therefrom are in the eastern part of the state in the lowlands. In the central and western districts rain is needed badly, although in the west part of district on account of too much rain, the crops are again becoming weedy. All crops are now suffering for the want of rain, but corn is most affected.

"The farmers in some sections are beginning to pull fodder. In a great many sections corn is reported to be not so good as was expected. In some sections a good crop will be harvested, in others about one-half a crop, while some correspondents report a very poor crop. Some corn is reported to be spotted. In some sections it has been too wet for corn to ear well. Tobacco is generally reported as doing well. It is ripening fast in the central portion of the state while in the east the crop does not seem to be as good as that of cotton. Some tobacco is badly diseased and is specking, due to too much rain in the past. Also some tobacco is burning badly. Cotton in the west and central districts appears to be doing well, although in some sections red dust is appearing, and it is shedding some. Lice is attacking cotton, due to the cool weather. A hail storm on July 30th damaged some cotton in the west, and the cotton in some sections in the west is not fruiting well. In the east and central districts the cotton is shedding in some sections and turning yellow. Only one-half a crop will be realized in some parts. Sweet potatoes are reported as doing fine. Irish potatoes are now being planted. Turnips are being sown, and where already planted are doing well. Hay is generally reported as being harvested, but in some parts of the west it was too wet to save. Tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, cantaloupes doing well. Wheat is being threshed, and a great many report a poor crop. Apples and peaches are shedding in some sections; the apple crop will not be good. Peanuts are generally reported as doing well.

"Rains reported: Raleigh trace, Goldsboro trace, Greensboro 0.90, Lumberton trace, Weldon 0.01."

Board County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday with all members present.

The settlement of the Finance Committee with the sheriff for all taxes for 1904, was approved.

The report of the jurors appointed to lay off and establish new road from J. D. Eason's in Oneals township to W. M. Murphy's in Wilders township was accepted.

C. S. Upchurch was elected constable for Bentonville township to succeed S. W. Lassiter, resigned.

Fendish Suffering

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers, that eat away your skin. Wm. Bedell, of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothes and heals cuts, burns and scalds. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store; guaranteed.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

A twelve-year old boy was killed by lightning in Mecklenburg county last Friday.

The State has chartered the Blue Ridge Consolidated Mining Company, of Morganton, with a capital of \$1,000,000.

There are now more than 1000 rural free delivery routes in North Carolina. The monthly pay roll of the carriers is about \$60,000.

Wilmington, desirous of avoiding any cases of yellow fever, has established a quarantine against New Orleans and the State of Louisiana.

Last Saturday the State chartered the Bank of Yadkin at Yadkinville with an authorized capital of \$50,000. The Bank of Mitchell at Bakersville, with \$10,000 capital was also chartered.

Franklin Sherman, who has been State Entomologist of North Carolina for the past five years, has resigned his position to accept the professorship of zoology and entomology in the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Canada.

C. F. von Herrmann, for the past sixteen years section director of the United States weather bureau for North Carolina, stationed at Raleigh, left for Baltimore Saturday, where he has been assigned to service as director of the bureau in connection with Johns Hopkins University. A. H. Thiessen is his successor at the Raleigh bureau.

President Mills, of the Raleigh and Southport railway, says his whole energy is now concentrated on getting to Fayetteville as soon as possible. It was thought a few days ago that he would get there by January 1st, but there was a little delay owing to high water on the Cape Fear river, and some check in getting the material for the steel bridge at Lillington.

A correspondent of the Raleigh Post writes that paper that he got on the train a few days ago and took a seat by an old man who proved to be Wm. Bethea, of Burlington, 73 years old. Mr. Bethea told the correspondent, in a burst of boyish pride and confidence, that he was en route to Lemon Springs, Moore county, to visit his father, Stephen Bethea, who is 97 years old.

The Waccamaw Railroad Company with a capital of \$100,000 was chartered by the State last Saturday. The company proposes to build a railroad from Old Town in Brunswick county to Lake Waccamaw and thence to connect with the Atlantic Coast Line at Bolton and the Seaboard Air Line at Manlyville. The road is to be 50 miles long and will traverse Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties.

The Greensboro druggists who were licensed to sell whiskey upon prescription of physicians filed only 339 in July. A comparative statement of the number of arrests for drunkenness during the month of July, 1904, under high license, and July, 1905, under prohibition, makes a good showing. There has been a decrease of more than two-thirds of drunkenness arrests and one-half for assaults and batteries. This is only one example of what prohibition will do for a town.

A Touching Story

is the saving from death, of the baby girl of Geo. A. Eyer, Cumberland, Md. He writes: "At the age of 11 months, our little girl was in declining health, with serious Throat Trouble, and two physicians gave her up. We were almost in despair, when we resolved to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. The first bottle gave relief; after taking four bottles she was cured, and is now in perfect health." Never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. At Hood Bros. drug store; 50c and \$1.00 guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Japanese have concentrated 430,000 men and 1,600 guns in front of the Russians in Manchuria.

In order to seek rest King Oscar of Sweden has again handed over the reins of government to the Crown Prince.

Mrs. Mary J. Carlisle, wife of ex-Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, died at her summer home last Friday.

Commissioner Yerkes announces that the internal revenue receipts for the past fiscal year amounted to \$234,187,976.

E. H. Conger will in two months retire as Ambassador to Mexico, and it is believed that Francis B. Loomis will succeed him.

Capt. Evan P. Howell, prominent in Southern affairs for many years and part owner of the Atlanta Constitution, is dead, aged 65 years.

Dr. Alexander Melville Bell, a noted scientist, died in Washington Monday, aged 86 years. Dr. Bell was the father of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone.

The Federal authorities took charge of the yellow fever situation at New Orleans Monday, and revenue cutters as well as surgeons from the Marine Hospital Service were ordered to the Crescent City.

P. L. Hutchins, formerly Chief Chemist of the Louisiana Board of Agriculture, has been appointed by Secretary Wilson traveling inspector of the Agricultural Department in the cotton districts.

Beulah Township Sunday School Convention.

The third annual convention of the Beulah Township Sunday School Association was held Thursday, July 20, at Carter's Chapel. It was well attended, seven schools being represented with a goodly number of delegates.

Several interesting addresses were delivered by prominent Sunday School workers. Mr. Z. T. Broughton, of Wilson, spoke on "The Sunday School Teacher, His Preparation and Work." Prof. J. P. Canaday, of Benson, delivered two addresses, "The Superintendent's Difficulties," and "The Sunday School as an Educational Institution." All these were well worth listening to. The Round Table discussion was led by Mr. D. T. Perkins, of Kenly, who spoke on the subject: "Some Knotty Problems in Sunday School Work." Many took part in the discussion which was interesting and helpful.

As the roll was called each school gave a report of the year's work. These reports were very encouraging.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, it will stimulate to greater effort and thereby greater results in the Sunday School work in our township to recognize true merit by some token, therefore, be it,

"Resolved, That annually hereafter a banner shall be presented to the Sunday School making the best report for the year's work, and making the largest contributions through the year for State work."

The following officers were then elected:

D. B. Sasser, President.
D. T. Perkins, Secretary and Treasurer.
J. G. High, Superintendent of Home Department.
J. H. Kirby, Superintendent of Teacher Training.
Miss Lemmie Batten, of Micro, Superintendent of Primary Department.

REPORTER.

Duplicates.

She—Did your sister get any duplicate wedding presents?
He—Yes, she married a widower with two boys.—Chicago Journal.

TWO SELMA BOYS ABROAD

Robert Noble Tells of a Visit to Cologne

A Visit to a German Village Where Small Children Gaze in Wonder at the Two Americans.

We are permitted through the courtesy of our Selma correspondent to publish the following extracts from a letter to Mrs. R. J. Noble from her son, Mr. Robert P. Noble, who has been traveling in Europe for the past six weeks.

"Köln, July 24, 1905.—"Well, here I am in Cologne at one of the swellest hotels in the town. I am not stopping here, though. Will Richardson and I have simply put on airs and butted in. You have to be nery on a trip through Europe and we have our share. There are a great many Americans here. In fact, I have come up with lots of them.

"We arrived to-day from Coblenz on the Rhine. Our trip from Moirz to Cologne on the Rhine was grand. The scenery was great all along and we enjoyed the ride fine. We are within one minute's walk of the Cathedral, and it is grand looking, too. We will take it in tomorrow.

"We go from here to Amsterdam, then to The Hague and to London. We expect to sail on the 10th. I will drop you a few lines before we sail so you may know when to expect us.

"I wish I could begin now and tell you what I have seen, but can't for there is too much. I have learned more about the people of the different countries than I could by a year's study in school. I must tell you one incident that happened to Will and me. We took a car ride out from Heidelberg to a small genuine German village, (about the size of Pine Level). While waiting for a return car, there gathered about seventy-three kinds to look at us—just like the kids of Selma gather around the monkey or bear man, so they came to look at us. We wore Panamas and American shoes with large strings, and the way they did look at them and snicker was worth seeing. They were out to see us from Avera Winston's size to the cradle, boys, girls and its.

"One very peculiar thing I notice is that the country people work cows as we work oxen. They pull by the horns, have no yoke. * * * I am having a delightful time. Lost sight of Uncle Cicero. Don't know where he is.

"ROBERT P. NOBLE."

We learn that a later letter from Mr. Noble states that he has reached Loudon and that he expects to leave Liverpool on the 10th (yesterday) and will reach Newport News on the 22nd of this month.

Sunday School Picnic at Pisgah.

A most pleasant occasion was the Sunday School picnic held at Pisgah last Saturday. A large crowd assembled in the grove about the church and at eleven o'clock entered the church and listened to two very interesting and instructive addresses by Prof. R. A. Merritt and Prof. J. P. Canaday. Prof. Merritt's subject was the "Sunday School." After giving a brief history of the Sunday School he developed clearly and forcibly its two-fold aim: "To bring souls to Christ; To build in Christ." Prof. Canaday followed in the same view, taking one of the ideas advanced by Prof. Merritt as the basis for his address.

Upon the conclusion of these addresses all adjourned to partake of a bounteous picnic dinner. There was an abundance of good things and everyone present enjoyed them immensely.

After dinner a portion of the crowd reassembled in the church and listened to an interesting talk to the young people by Mr. Oscar Creech. A few remarks by the Rev. D. F. Putnam closed the exercises.

CLAYTON NOTES.

We had a good rain here Tuesday afternoon and night.

Mrs. Buck Wall has returned from a visit to Wake county.

Mr. Edgar Barbour and son, Eugene, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. N. B. Hales and children, of Grantsboro, are visiting in this section.

Mr. Charles W. Horne spent Sunday and Monday at Morehead with his family.

Mrs. Macon Harris left Tuesday for a visit to relatives and friends at her old home.

Miss Nellie Pool spent several days last week with Miss Evie Wilson at Wilson's Mills.

Mrs. E. B. McCullers and Master Warren are visiting relatives in the Leachburg section.

Miss Daphne Williams has returned from a visit to relatives near Rousesville, accompanied by Miss Naud Broughton.

We hear that Mr. Jake Parker and Miss Beatrice Ellis will be married at the Baptist church here on Wednesday the 23rd of August, 1905, at 8:30 p. m.

Don't forget that Sunday School picnic at Swinney Old Field on the second Saturday in August. There will be splendid speeches by some of the best speakers of this State, and plenty of good things to eat.

On the third Sunday in August, Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, will preach two sermons at Elizabeth church near here. There will be morning and afternoon services and dinner on the grounds.

On the 26th of August, the dispensary will go out of business. Shall we have blind tigers or prohibition? Our folks are generally very sensible and those who prefer breaking the record will have to suffer the consequences.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard closed a very successful meeting at Baptist Centre church last Sunday. On Monday the ordinance of Baptism was administered to eleven candidates. Pastor Blanchard's labors with this church have been richly rewarded.

Mr. Geo. M. Hinton, keeper of the County Home, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here this week. He reports the Home in first-class shape and the farm as good as general conditions warrant. Mr. Hinton is a model manager and this section has no kick coming as to his management of the Home.

Mr. J. H. Wood showed us one of the finest apples we have ever seen grown in this section. This is of the Ben Davis variety and measured 13 inches in circumference and weighed 12 ounces. Mr. Wood has the reputation of growing every thing he plants to the fullest extent possible. These apples are sold by Mr. Wood on our streets for 75 cents per bushel while other apples go begging.

We regret to note the death of Mrs. S. M. Spence, wife of our esteemed townsman, which sad event occurred on last Thursday evening at about 7 o'clock. She had been sick for some time and it was thought that she was on the road to recovery, when she was taken suddenly worse and died in a very short time. Her remains were interred in the cemetery here. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved ones. Aug. 9-05. Yelir.

The future tense of the verb "to love" is "to get married"—so says the school girl.

Peculiar Disappearance.

J. D. Ruyana, of Butlerville, O. had the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store, price 25c.

BENSON NEWS.

Dr. G. A. Hood has returned from Wilson.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, of THE HERALD, was in town Wednesday.

The showers this week are very refreshing to crops in this section.

Messrs. L. Gilbert and J. E. Wall spent Sunday night in Dunn.

Mr. J. J. Rose, father of our townsman, Mr. J. H. Rose, was in town Monday.

Mr. H. A. Goodrich, of Roper, is spending a few days here with Captain Goodrich.

A large number of the colored fraternity took in the Norfolk excursion Tuesday.

Mr. W. J. Hooks left last week for Orangeburg, S. C., where he will engage in business.

Mrs. J. W. Benson has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Orange county.

Rev. N. H. Gibbs left last Saturday for New Hill where he will assist Pastor Holleman in a series of meetings.

Several of our young people attended a most delightful entertainment at the home of Mrs. M. E. Turlington last Friday night.

Mr. P. B. Johnson has recently built a nice awning to the front of his store which adds much to the appearance of his new building.

Mr. P. A. Creech, of Wilmington, and Mrs. W. H. Stallings, of Selma, have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Emily Creech, for the past few days.

The opening sale of the Benson tobacco market last Thursday was fine, each warehouse receiving a large patronage, and the farmers well pleased with the returns.

The Benson Graded school opened Monday with a good attendance. One hundred and seven pupils were enrolled which is more than twice as many as were enrolled at the opening last year.

The dormitory being built by Mr. A. B. Hudson is nearing completion. It is a credit to the town of Benson and to the planner and builder, Mr. J. W. Norris. This up-to-date building contains 13 nicely arranged rooms and has 250 feet of porches. It will be occupied by Prof. Allen, the superintendent of the Graded School.

Justice J. G. Smith, manager of the Farmers Warehouse, says that while the heavy rains of Wednesday made the sale of tobacco dull, they did not stop the progress of matrimony in the least. At five o'clock in the afternoon, while Mr. Smith was attending to the duties belonging to his warehouse, in stepped Mr. Charlie Lee and Miss Maggie Stanley who had journeyed all the way from Four Oaks in search of some one qualified to unite them in the holy bonds of wedlock. So Justice Smith soon spoke the solemn words that made them one and they went on their way rejoicing. Aug. 10. Solon.

Married in Goldsboro.

The following account of the marriage of two of Smithfield's young people appeared in Monday's Goldsboro Argus:

"The marriage Mr. J. H. Strickland and Miss Mabel Lee, both of Johnston county, was solemnized in this city yesterday morning, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Barbrey, where she has been visiting for some weeks. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Walter Lee, formerly of Newton Grove but now a citizen of Smithfield, and the groom is one of the substantial young business men of that town. Rev. Father Stapleton, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church of this city, was the officiating clergyman. The Argus wishes the happy young couple the fullest measure of life's joys and prosperity."