

COTTON IS HAVING AN UPHILL FIGHT

Cotton has had an uphill fight during the past week. Many conferences have been held in an effort to settle the rail and coal strikes, but little has been accomplished. Several soft coal mines have re-opened and are producing approximately 60 per cent of normal, but the anthracite people have failed to agree. Latest advices from rail centers are that no agreement is yet in sight.

Weather news is unchanged, the West being too dry and the East too wet. Boll weevils, army and boll worms continue to take their toll.

Many private condition reports have made their appearance since our last week's letter was written. Most of these reports indicate a condition of 57 to 63. If our advices are correct we believe the Government's official condition for next Friday at 11 a. m. will be 56 to 57. A figure less than 50 should cause the market to advance. No doubt fluctuations will continue until the condition report is issued.

Weather conditions are continuing reading between the lines we see signs of a better demand for cotton abroad. American mills should take 6,500,000 bales of the 1922 crop. If the total yield does not exceed 10,000,000 bales it will be very easy to dispose of 3,500,000 bales to Europe, as this is nearly 50 per cent less than was exported last season.

Let us repeat: Don't be scared into selling much, if any, cotton for less than 25 cents. Savannah buyers are now paying 25 to 30 points off Oct. for middling with dry old crop cotton bringing a premium.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Raleigh, September 1.—Low bids by 216 contractors at Wednesday road letting for building 200 miles of road and several large bridges announced yesterday by the State Highway Commission formed an aggregate total of \$4,571,807.70 and the total authorized expenditures for roads this year to approximately \$23,000,000 for 1,114 miles of road let to contract since the first of the year. Although the total is somewhat above the estimates of the Highway Commission, on the whole prices submitted were very satisfactory to the Commission. Some apprehension had been felt that a sharp upward trend would develop in road costs, due largely to the approach of winter and the present tie up in all construction on account of the railroad strike.

Included in the total of 200 miles of road are 125 miles of hard surfaced road, the longest mileage of permanent roads yet let to contract at a single letting by the Commission, and bringing the total paving mileage for the year to 565 miles, a record of road building in America for an eight months period.

No more big lettings will be staged by the Commission for several months to come. The goal for 1922, which was hoped that 1,000 miles of road would be let to contract during the twelve months has already been passed by 114 miles. For the remainder of the year and for the first several months of next year, the Commission will devote its energies largely to pushing construction.

BEAR GRASS ITEMS

Mrs. Chas. Roebuck spent the weekend with her mother near Plymouth.

Mr. Jesse Bailey attended church at Piney Grove Saturday night.

Miss Nellie Roebuck spent the weekend with Miss Louise Rogerson.

Mr. Dennis Bailey was the guest of Miss Elsie Harris Sunday evening.

Misses Mandy Cowen and Louise Rogerson and Mr. Gilbert Rawls motored to Washington Thursday evening.

Mr. Kader Rogerson is still in the hospital following an operation for appendicitis but is reported as doing well.

Mr. Lloyd Cowen was the guest of Miss Mildred Waters Sunday.

Misses Annie Bell Rogerson and Thelma Sprull have returned home after spending a few days with Miss Mandy Cowen.

Mr. Samuel Rogerson spent the weekend with his daughter, Mrs. Claude Robertson.

Mr. Seth Bailey was the guest of Miss Louise Taylor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Javin Rogers attended church Sunday at Smithwick's Creek.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us during the sickness and loss of our dear one and brother.

MR. AND MRS. J. L. BAILEY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

Boll Weevil Makes Its Appearance In Martin County; Farmers Must Wake Up

DISTINGUISHED MEN TO BE HERE FOR OPENING

Hon. Josephus Daniels and Ben Dix on McNeal of the Raleigh News and Observer, Editor Ralph Pool of The Virginian Pilot with his photographer Mr. George White of the American Portland Cement Company will attend the opening of the bridge here on the 7th.

Editor Ausborne of Plymouth and the Chamber of Commerce of Washington have accepted invitations to attend the bridge opening.

SANDY RIDGE NEWS

Miss Marie Riddick spent Tuesday night with Miss Blanche Hopkins.

Mrs. W. A. Hardison and Mrs. Joe A. Manning spent Sunday with Mrs. S. E. Hardison.

Mrs. J. Herbert Taylor and Mrs. W. A. Perry spent Tuesday with Mrs. J. M. Hopewell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor.

Miss Gladys Reberson spent Sunday with Miss Eliza Coltrain.

Misses Sallie Robertson and Lettie Cherry are the guests of Miss Marie Riddick.

Mrs. Annie Peel Cherry, Creole and Edessie Perry spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. J. H. Riddick.

Misses Nina and Corneil Jones spending some time with Miss Marie Riddick.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Cherry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cherry.

Miss Katie Mae Cherry and Mr. Martin Cherry entertained a host of friends with a chicken stew Tuesday night.

Mrs. John Cherry spent Wednesday with Miss Maggie Cherry.

FEDERAL FUNDS AID STATES IN FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

Washington, D. C., August 28.—Allocations of \$400,000 of Federal funds to States cooperating with the Government in protecting forest lands from fire have just been completed by the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

This sum, together with at least an equal amount which must be supplied by the State cooperating, is expended jointly by Federal and State agencies in protecting from fire forest lands at the headwaters of navigable streams. The allotment is made on the basis of timbered area and cost of adequate protection. The Federal expenditure in any State is restricted to not over \$24,000.

According to the Forest Service, although the money is insufficient to insure adequate forest fire protection, it has in connection with State funds enabled substantial progress to be made in that direction.

MISS WATTS HOSTESS

Wednesday evening from eight to eleven at her home in the Grove Mrs. Mary Gladys Watts entertained with many tables of bridge and rook honoring her house guests, Misses Martha Hardy of Kingston and Mary King Ellison of Belhaven.

The home was attractively decorated with fall flowers and shaded lights. The guests were met by the hostess and the guests of honor and given cards to find their places at the tables. At the end of the game Miss Emma Robertson and Mr. Bob Hyendrick had made the highest scores and were presented attractive prizes as were the honorees. Then a delicious salad course was served with ice cream and cake by the hostess and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Watts.

The guests for the evening were: Misses Martha Hardy, of Kingston, Mary King Ellison of Belhaven, Lydia Cooke, Gladys Mizelle, Martha Crawford, Margaret Everett, Elizabeth Burras, Sarah Harrell, Ethel Harris, Louise Harrison, Mattie Lou Anderson, Nellie Wynne, Vella Andrews, Martha Mizelle, Mary C. Leggett, Nina Upton, Emma Robertson, and Miss Elizabeth Etheridge of Virginia, Mesdames Maurice Watts, J. W. Watts, Jr. W. H. Crawford and Messrs. M. D. Watts, J. W. Watts, Jr., Bill Carstarphen, Job Hyendrick, Benjamin Lewis, C. D. Carstarphen, Jr. L. Corsey, James Manning, James Cooke, Boyd Hight, Julius Purvis, Bill Manning, Hugh E. Anderson, Lyman Britt, Harry Clinton James, Earl Wynne, Mr. Mitchell, and Albert Wadsworth of Cove City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hassell and son C. B. Jr. and Miss Lucile Hassell and Mrs. E. S. Peel attended the ball game in Tarboro today.

MUCH TOBACCO BEING MARKETED THIS WEEK

Tobacco receipts are larger than at any time since the market opened. The farmers seem to think the prices are about the same as they have been all the season. The auction houses and the cooperative house are alike in increased receipts. So far we have seen only two farmers who complained at the proceedings of the Association. On the other hand there are many who are not members that have looked for themselves and joined the Association upon the strength of same.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION READY TO RECEIVE COTTON

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—Warehouses in practically every county in the cotton belt will be opened Friday for the receipt of cotton from members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. Arrangements are being made for many receiving points in addition to ware-houses, and field agents of the Association will be on hand to receive cotton on designated days.

While it is not expected that there will be a heavy movement of new cotton before September 10, the Association will be prepared to receive cotton from its members after September 1, at its designated warehouses. By September 10, a complete schedule of receiving points will be worked out for the field men of the Association.

Negotiations are pending for additional warehouses in the cotton belt, and every effort is being made to facilitate the delivery of cotton by members.

Field representatives of the Association met here Monday to receive final instructions from department heads and officers of the Association.

Saturday will be observed as "Sig-Up" day by the cotton Association and mass meetings will be held in the courthouses of every county in the cotton belt at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. The goal set for that day is five thousand new contracts.

Intensive campaigns are being conducted this week in many counties in the cotton section with very gratifying results. The Association now has more than thirty thousand members, and is the biggest commercial organization in point of volume of business in the State.

Secretary Ashley E. Bing, of the Association, has completed a tour of Western North Carolina to acquaint farmers with the new system of cooperative selling and is this week in eastern North Carolina. He has a field force aiding him in this work. He has already completed arrangements for financing the advances to be made on cotton delivered by members.

MRS. M. A. COLTRAIN DEAD

Mrs. Annie Ann Coltrain died at the home of Mrs. N. J. Corey early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Coltrain was almost 77 years old. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woolard. She married Mr. John W. Coltrain when a young woman. Mr. Coltrain died about 5 years ago, they having lived together for almost fifty years. She has been in poor health for several years, almost an invalid part of the time. She was the mother of twelve children of whom the following are now living: Mrs. Mamie O'Creary, Mrs. Susan Peel, Charles A., William A., and Oliver S., all of Williamston, John H. of New Jersey, Joseph L. and Dana A. of Streator, Illinois and Robert A. of Chestertown, South Carolina.

The funeral was conducted by A. J. Manning and the burial was held at the Woolard's burial ground this afternoon.

MRS. HARRY MEADOR ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF GUESTS

Mrs. Harry Meador entertained with two tables of bridge complimentary to her house guest, Mrs. R. N. Bishop of Rocky Mount on Tuesday evening from eight to eleven. Attractive place cards marked the places of the guests and mints were served during the games. After a pleasant hour was spent playing cards the hostess served delicious cream and cake.

Those who enjoyed Mrs. Meador's hospitality were Misses Emma Robertson, Daisy Wynne and Sarrie Dell White and Mesdames J. C. Anderson, W. H. Biggs and J. W. Watts, Jr.

OFFICERS FIND STILL IN BEAR GRASS SWAMP

Sheriff Robertson and Revenue officer Snell found a nice seventy-five gallon still on Bear Grass Swamp near the Beaufort county line, with about two hundred gallons of fresh molasses beer.

They also found a batch of two hundred gallons of beer on Tranters Creek. No one was found at either place.

ATTENTION!!!

The attention of our readers is directed to the Norfolk section of this issue. It shows clearly that Norfolk does not only want to hold its present trade in this section but to increase it. They are advertising their business houses and are inviting people to come. They know the importance of the new bridge and expect to use it to a big advantage to that point.

AUTOMOBILE SMASHES BUGGY

Wednesday evening Mr. Will Perry and Mr. Bob Harrison were crossing Main Street at Haughton Street with a mule and buggy when they were hit by a Ford driven by Harry Ore, a colored man. Ore was coming down Main Street, he says, at eight miles an hour, but Mr. Perry and Mr. Harris say he was coming at a high rate of speed and they are evidently correct for the wheels of the car ploughed trenches about twenty feet long when the negro applied brakes.

The buggy was totally demolished. Mr. Perry was injured but not seriously, however, while Mr. Harris escaped without a scratch.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—W. C. Manning, superintendent. Sunday morning service at Macedonia. There will be no service at the church here on Sunday except Sunday School.

A. J. MANNING, Pastor.

Martin County's Fair Prospects Grow Better Every Day As The "Big Week" Draws Nearer

Plans have been made for the best district fair ever held in this state.

Martin and adjoining counties will show some of the best bred as well as some of the finest hogs and poultry ever exhibited in North Carolina. Fine beef cattle from Martin county will be one of the leading features. The dairy cattle exhibit will, we believe, be second to none in the state. Farmers are showing a willingness to show their good cows and thereby assist in making a less shifty agriculture for their country.

Every good poultryman in the county will, we believe, take pride in making the poultry building one of real interest to all poultry lovers visiting the fair.

If you would not miss the best fair in North Carolina be sure and visit the fair every day and see the great exhibits of work, stock, team mules, singles, harness and saddle horses, ponies, etc. The best will be here.

The Roanoke District Fair will make the best show specimens of farm crops between Richmond, Va. and Tampa, Fla. for this 1922 Fair season.

Preparations are being made for the best and biggest entertainments ever seen here.

All the neighboring counties are included in and are invited especially to show their products at the Roanoke Fair at Williamston from Oct. 2 to 6 inclusive.

Live stock including poultry will be handled by one of the most efficient men in the whole fair district. Therefore all stock poultrymen may rest assured that their stock will be cared for in the best and most scientific manner possible.

Feed your stock a balanced ration and oil and smooth their coats for the next thirty days and be proud of your stock as well as yourself when the fair opens Oct. 2nd.

Secretaries Moye and Holliday are leaving nothing undone that in their judgment will aid in boosting agriculture in this Eastern Third of the state.

Get ready, come and see these great exhibits, races, shows and other wonderful features of the great Roanoke Fair.

The great gateway that links up Northeastern, Eastern and Southern North Carolina will be opened up on September the 7th with a great celebration. Let everybody come and see the great bridge and highway at Williamston and through Bertie county and you will join us in a great and good day for all Eastern North Carolina. Visit the fair grounds while you are here and note the equipment and improvements and we believe you will join us in expecting the greatest fair of the season.

J. L. HOLLIDAY, Agricultural Secretary.

DR. C. C. HUNT OF U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE IN COUNTY

Dr. C. C. Hunt of the United States Department of Agriculture, Department of Hog Cholera Control, has been doing some work in this county this week. Dr. Hunt is located in Washington, N. C. and he will assist hog raisers in Martin county who have cholera in their herds as this is in his territory. Dr. Hunt was accompanied by Mr. J. L. Holliday.

They say they found some very fine hogs in the county. They mentioned those belonging to Mr. A. E. Smith, Mr. W. W. Griffin, and Drs. Ward and Ward. They also say the hog exhibit at the Roanoke Fair will be the best ever shown here.

FARM LIFE SCHOOL TO OPEN SO

Professor George W. Smith and family of South Carolina are in town. Prof. Smith will teach at the new Farm Life School in Griffins township. Mr. Smith was educated at Clemson College, the South Carolina Agricultural College and he has taught for six years in agricultural schools. The last two years he taught at Winthrop College.

The work of Prof. Smith will be under the Smith-Hughes law and will embrace not only teaching at the school but in vacations to do institute work in any part of the county.

The course in agriculture will be first year: soils and crops second year the study of animals third year, horticulture, gardening, fruit culture and the fourth year, farm management.

Any pupil in the county as high as the fifth or sixth grades are entitled to attend this school free.

Farming is going to increase in importance and it is the thing our young people should study and the young people of the county should be encouraged to take this course.

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LITERARY DIGEST'S STRAW BALLOTT

The questionnaire now being sent out by the Literary Digest asking for a straw ballot on the matter of bonus for the soldiers and the modification of the Volstead Act is subject to much just criticism. There can be no lawful modification of the Volstead Act in contravention of the United States Constitution, and so to modify the Volstead Act as to allow the sale of wine and beer would be to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment. This is true because medical science and the courts of our land, for fifty years past, have held that beer and wine are intoxicating liquors and the Eighteenth Amendment prohibits the manufacture and sale of "intoxicating liquors, for beverage purposes. Because of this fact, thousands of people who favor the strict enforcement of the Volstead Act and oppose any nullifying modifications are paying no attention to the ballots. But the wets are turning their heads and therefore the Literary Digest results are erroneous. However, there are many people who will overlook the fact that the results of the political primaries, which are to be held upon, are proving that the great majority of citizens are not only against the beer and wine amendment but are against congressmen, United States senators, and governors that declare themselves in favor of it. It would be fine, however, if all the drys who receive the Literary Digest ballots would mark them and send them in. We have just received information that two and one-half million ballots are now being distributed among the women.

SCOTLAND NECK NIGHT COP SHOT BY BURGLAR

Thursday morning at 2 o'clock when night policeman Eugene Bishop was on his regular beat on the streets in Scotland Neck, and when nearing the store of the Josey Hardware Company he saw parties entering the store. Before he reached them he found the party to be four negroes. One of the four fired upon Mr. Bishop with a rifle. The bullet entered his abdomen. He was immediately taken to the Tarboro Hospital. It was found that the bullet punctured his intestines about ten times and there is hardly a chance for his recovery.

Three of the negroes were captured early yesterday and it is thought that the other one will be captured during the day.

Mr. Bishop is about 60 years of age, married and has five children. His attackers were said to be local negroes.

HAMILTON ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lawrence and children spent last Sunday in the country.

Misses Bruce and Margaret Cone Tucker of Greenville spent last week with Mrs. R. W. Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pollard of Farmville spent Friday night with Mrs. Lucy Council.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davenport spent the weekend in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Harry Waldo and daughter arrived Saturday from Norfolk and Virginia Beach where they have been for the last month.

Mrs. Walter Robertson and daughter spent the week end in the city with parents.

Miss Annie Jones spent last week in Norfolk.

Clayton Davenport and Sarah Edmondson are visiting in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peel and daughter spent the weekend in the country.

Messrs. Harry Waldo, L. R. Taylor, W. F. Haislip and J. B. Purvis spent the week at Pamlico Sound fishing.

Mrs. Alven Beal and children of Richmond have returned to their home after spending the summer with Mrs. T. B. Slade, Jr.

Messrs. T. B. Slade, Jr. F. S. Haislip, D. T. Matthews, C. D. Perkins and W. E. Davis spent the weekend at Pamlico Sound.

Mrs. B. L. Long left Tuesday for Richmond.

Mrs. D. G. Matthews has returned to the city after spending the summer in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Mrs. S. D. Matthews and Mrs. Mildred Everett are visiting Mrs. E. A. Council at Morehead City.

Mrs. E. Waldo arrived Tuesday from Black Mountain and Baltimore where she has been spending the summer.

Mrs. T. B. Slade is spending some time in Littleton.

Mrs. Sallie Johnson spent Tuesday here with her brother, Asa Johnson.

Mrs. B. B. Sherrod spent last week in Greenville.

R. A. Edmondson and W. A. Peel went to Greenville Monday.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.—J. C. Anderson, superintendent. Sermon by the pastor 11 a. m.

At 3:30 in the afternoon the pastor will preach at Riddick's Grove. B. Y. P. U. 7:15 p. m.

Sermon by the pastor 8:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

A. V. JOYNER, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIANS AT ROANOKE

The meeting at Roanoke started Wednesday night. A. C. Wildman is preaching this week and W. H. Sharpe will come Monday night to continue the service through Thursday night of next week.

Rev. J. T. Wildman will fill his regular appointment at Hobgood on Sunday morning and at Roanoke in the afternoon.

J. T. WILDMAN, Pastor.

NOTICE

Those desiring to enter by Elocution class will please make application by September fifteenth.

LUCY D. BIGGS, S114

Mr. Julius Slade Peale returned today from Virginia Beach where he has been spending some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Manning and Mr. Luther Peel went to Jamesville and Plymouth Thursday.

On the matrimonial sea, the hand that rocks the cradle very seldom rocks the boat.—Athens News.

BONUS BILL PASSED

The Bonus Bill has actually been passed. Under the terms of the bill there are five options for the soldier to choose from. One is cash if it does not amount to over \$60, an other is endowment insurance, one is vocational training, another loans to purchase homes, and one land grants.

Business won't come back; you'll have to go after it.—Lincoln Star.

Congress knows who wants the bonus, but can't find out who wants to pay it. Brooklyn Eagle.