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Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably showers on coast. Gentle to moderate winds.

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Finds The Albemarle Much Favored Section

Crops in Three Counties to North of Albemarle Sound Set Standard of Excellence Unsurpassed in Two States Says Elizabeth City Merchant

Back from a one week's motor trip through Eastern North and South Carolina, C. A. Cooke returns to say that the crops in the three counties north of Albemarle Sound, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck, excel any that he saw in any three counties of the two states, though he travelled all the way across Eastern North Carolina and as far south as Georgetown County in South Carolina.

Not only does Mr. Cooke say that the crops of the counties bordering on the northern shore of Albemarle Sound excel those of any like area he passed through, but also he is of the opinion that business conditions are as good in Elizabeth City as in any town in the eastern half of the two states; and that too despite the fact that Elizabeth City last year weathered a period of very decided depression on account of heavy losses by the farmers on their Irish and sweet potato crops and the further fact that in the case of the towns to the south Mr. Cooke passed through them when the tobacco season was at its height.

Mr. Cooke took the trip to make a visit to his brother, N. W. Cooke, at Andrews, South Carolina. But he chose different routes for the going and the return expressly that he might get a line on two things; first, crop conditions in general, and, second, the ravages of the boll weevil in particular.

"We left Elizabeth City," says Mr. Cooke, "on Sunday, August 19, going by way of Rocky Hook, Colerain, Windsor, Williamston, Wilson, Fayetteville, Lumberton and Florence to our destination at Andrews, Georgetown County, South Carolina. The return trip was made by a different route entirely, Columbia, the state capital, being our first objective on leaving Andrews.

"Pergulmans, Chowan, Bertie and Gates we found the crops very nearly as good as in Pasquotank. In Wilson, much to my surprise, they were not so good, though in Johnston we came again to crops that compare very favorably with ours. In Cumberland, again, the crops were not so good and from there on to Kingsree conditions seemed to grow worse and worse. I was rather surprised to see the extent of boll weevil damage around Fayetteville.

"Very little cotton, comparatively, is being planted in those counties of South Carolina last affected by the boll weevil. The farmers, apparently, are relying altogether on their tobacco patches as a money crop. Otherwise, they are trying to live at home and wait out the scourge of the boll weevil's first arrival in full force. They seemed in the main to be eking out a bare living and that was all.

"When one gets into the belt where the boll weevil is in its third year of heavy infestation, cotton cultivation is being undertaken again on a scale of about one-third the acreage put in cotton before the weevil's coming and I found the farmers in this belt looking for from a half to three-fourths of a normal yield.

"My brother's farming operations are a case in point. Before the boll weevil reached Georgetown County he used to plant about 400 acres of cotton a year. From this in a normal year he expected a yield of from 500 to 600 bales of cotton. In 1921 he put in his usual acreage and got 50 bales. In 1922 he practically quit cotton altogether and tried to grow truck, but with ill success, and the same thing is generally true of the South Carolina cotton farmer. He can't make a success of truck, either because his situation is not favorable and his lands suitable for it or else because he doesn't know how to grow it. This year my brother has 135 acres in cotton and expects a yield of 115 bales.

"So good a crop in a belt in which the damage from the weevil was so heavy only two years ago is due to two factors. One of these factors is the fight being made to combat the weevil. The other is the exceedingly favorable cotton season this year. Cotton thrives and the weevil pines in dry weather. And in the belt of which I am now speaking the dry weather lasted this year until August 15.

"To combat the weevil, my brother is using the methods of cultivation recommended by the Government, he is burning the squares and he is poisoning with Hill's mixture. He uses Hill's mixture in preference to calcium arsenate not only because it attracts the weevil as well as poisons him, but also for the reason that the powder has to be used at night while the mixture may be used in the day. The machine that is used to put out the mixture is drawn by one or more mules or horses. The one-mule machine sprays two rows at once; the two-mule machine, three rows.

"The method of poisoning used by my brother is expensive, the picking up and burning of the squares and the poisoning process together, with the very cheapest sort of labor, costing him about \$10 an acre. But I had a very clear and forcible demonstration of the value of poisoning to combat the weevil. When my brother went to South Carolina he took another Bertie boy along with him.

TWO ARE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Philadelphia, August 31.—Two workmen were killed today and ten others injured when a large nathaline still exploded at the dye and chemical works of Barrett & Company. The blast rocked the neighborhood and the fire that followed destroyed a building. Two of the injured may die.

Saturday Dawns September Morn

Stores' Half Holidays End And Many Vacationists Come Home

With Saturday of this week comes the dawn of September morn. With it also comes the end of Friday afternoon half holidays for local business employes and employers, the settling down to work and the opening of fall business.

Many vacationists already are back on their jobs again, and soon the Old Home Town will welcome others back. Club meetings will begin again, both the serious kind and the more frivolous sort.

College girls and boys will be getting off to their tasks pretty soon, armed with new clothes and vacation smiles, ready to tackle the problems of higher learning, not to mention social and athletic activities.

The Elizabeth City schools will begin later than usual, and Scoutmaster Scattergood expects to have time for a cruise with his scouts as soon as their boat can be got ready.

Pastors of churches, most of them, will be back in their pulpits Sunday, expecting their congregations to be present in full force of numbers. Sunday school attendance it is hoped will show gains, also.

And so, whether one feels that "The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year," or whether one greets the new month with zest for work to be accomplished, the time at hand.

The summer season came to a fitting climax Friday afternoon with the Kiwanian outing on which several hundred boys and girls were the guests of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club, with a big picnic of the Woodmen of the World, at Dawson's Beach, and with other smaller affairs of the kind.

DECIDE OPERATE FLEET INDIRECTLY

Washington, August 31.—At a conference with President Coolidge yesterday it was decided to operate the Government fleet indirectly by the Government through several subsidiary corporations.

FOUR ARE INJURED WHEN AUTO JUMPS

Asheville, August 31.—Four were seriously injured, one probably fatally, when an automobile jumped off the road near Bat Cave last night and landed 75 feet below. The auto was comparatively undamaged.

NEW BERN OFFERS JOB TO ALABAMA MAN

New Bern, August 31.—The position of secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association, recently made vacant by the resignation of Beemer Harrell, has been offered to C. R. Coons, present secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Bessemer, Ala., who formerly was of Hickory, according to an announcement by L. B. Smith, president of the local Y. M. C. A.

They bought their land together and then divided it and are now farming side by side. The other Bertie boy was John White. He is using the same methods exactly to combat the weevil as my brother, except that he is not putting out poison, and my brother will make a quarter of a bale more to the acre than White.

Mr. Cooke has returned but praise for the roads of South Carolina which, he says, compare very favorably with those in North Carolina, especially when the sharp contrast between the prosperity of the North Carolina farmer and the distress of his South Carolina neighbor is remembered.

"It took longer," says Mr. Cooke, "to go the 55 miles from here to Winton than it did to go any other 100 miles of our entire journey. When I hear a man say in public or when he tells me in private that our section is getting more than its share of the State's road money, I consider it an insult to my intelligence."

New Series Open In Building & Loan

Bookings Now Being Made Of Subscriptions To Stock In Seventeenth Series

The seventeenth series of shares in the Albemarle Building & Loan Association will open Saturday, September 1, Secretary-Treasurer W. Ben Goodwin announced Friday morning, and stock subscriptions in this series are already being booked.

Now in its ninth year, the Albemarle Building & Loan Association has had a steady and substantial growth, and has played an active part in helping to make Elizabeth City a community of beautiful homes, many of the most attractive of the new residences on Main street West of Elm and on Church west of Culpepper, admittedly the most attractive of the newer residence sections of the city, being the direct result of money made available for home building by the Albemarle Building & Loan Association.

No business organization in Elizabeth City has a sounder or more progressive directorate and management than the Albemarle Building & Loan Association, with J. P. Kramer, himself a designer and builder of modern homes, as president. W. Ben Goodwin, secretary-treasurer, has held that office from the organization of the association. Other officers are W. H. Zoeller, first vice-president, and S. G. Etheridge, second vice-president.

The following are the directors: J. P. Kramer, J. B. Leigh, J. C. Sawyer, A. G. James, W. Ben Goodwin, A. R. Nicholson, S. G. Etheridge, M. G. Morrisette, Noah Burfoot, Jr., W. H. Zoeller, W. H. Weatherly, Jr., and O. F. Gilbert.

The members of the loan board are M. G. Morrisette, J. C. Sawyer, A. G. James.

Livestock Show Offers Many Prizes

Will Be Held At Kansas City In November With \$25,000 In Premiums

Kansas City, Aug. 31.—Premium money to be offered for four breeds of beef cattle at the American Royal Live Stock Show, to be held here November 17 to 24, will total more than \$25,000, according to an announcement by show officials. In addition, there will be silver trophies valued at more than \$2,000. There will be cash prizes also for hogs, sheep, draft horses and mules.

Cash offered in the cattle carlot classes exceeds \$7,000; for six breeds of hogs, more than \$7,500; carlot swine classes \$1,800; seven breeds of sheep, more than \$2,100; carlot sheep classes, \$740; for draft horses and mules, \$7,800, and for the even-horse show, \$14,000.

A class for boys' and girls' livestock clubs of Kansas City's trade territory has been added to the offerings this year. The cash prizes offered amount to \$1,800, in addition to special prizes.

College students will have an opportunity to win cash prizes in judging contests and herdsman, groomers and shepherds may try for cash prizes for the best kept and most appropriately decorated exhibits.

MANNING OFFERS NO HOPE FOR RELIEF

Raleigh, August 31.—Attorney General Manning last night issued a statement on the oil situation suggesting that certain conditions would be a remedy but offering to officials hope for relief in the situation in this State.

Retailers claim that they are being stifled by big competitors. The Attorney General said that the varying prices are due to freight charges varying.

MORRISON AT HAMLET

Raleigh, August 31.—Governor Cameron Morrison, who left the capital Wednesday night for Hamlet, where an uncle was reported ill, will go to Asheville Friday or Saturday to fill an engagement with a dental specialist. It was announced at the Governor's office, Monday the Governor has an engagement to speak at a Labor Day celebration at Canton.

MISS CATHERINE ALBERTSON LEAVES FOR NEW POSITION

Miss Catherine Albertson left Thursday for Greensboro where she has accepted a position in the Extension Department of the North Carolina College for Women as secretary of the State branch of the Parent Teachers Association. This office was created in July when the college agreed to co-operate with the State branch of the P. T. A. in establishing the office in order to organize local branches of the association in as many schools as possible in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pritchard and son, Clarence, and Mrs. I. C. Davis, returned from Norfolk Wednesday after visiting relatives there.

COTTON FORECAST BOOSTS MARKET

Government Reports Based on Conditions of Crop on August 25 Predicts Crop of 10,888,000 Bales.

Washington, August 31.—This year's cotton production was forecast today at 10,888,000 bales of 500 pounds each by the Department of Agriculture.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop on August 25 which was 54.1 per cent of normal, indicating a yield of about 134.8 pounds per acre.

The forecast for Virginia is 93,050 bales and for North Carolina 71,885.

Five Dollars Hulse
New Orleans, August 31.—A bulge of \$5 a bale was recorded in the cotton market here today in discounting the government's report on the growing cotton crop.

Cotton Options Jump
New York, August 31.—Active cotton options jumped a hundred points in the local market today after the government report was published.

MINERS HAND PINCHOT ANSWER

Willing to Negotiate Further But Dissatisfied With Details—Operators Withhold Response from Publication

Harrisburg, August 31.—Miners' representatives today handed Governor Pinchot their answer to his proposal for settling the anthracite labor controversy without suspension.

The reply declared themselves willing to negotiate further on the basis of his suggestions but dissatisfied with several particulars of his offer as made.

The operators withheld their response from publication.

REV. N. E. GRESHAM COMES BACK ON VISIT

Rev. N. E. Gresham, formerly member of the faculty of Shiloh High School, now pastor of Baptist churches in Sampson county, passed through the city Friday on his way to spend two weeks with Mrs. Gresham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Gregory, of Gregory.

Plan To Change Bogs To Gardens

Massachusetts Expects Wonderful Transformation To Take Place

Boston, August 30.—The transformation into pastures and market gardens of hundreds of acres of swamp lands and submerged areas, is foreseen by John W. Plaisted of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture under the state drainage and reclamation law passed by the 1923 legislature.

The wet lands of the state, it is estimated, cover from 300,000 to 500,000 acres, and range from small-sized bogs to one large swamp of 7,000 acres. Many accessible swamps can be drained and tilled, Mr. Plaisted points out, and the soil may be made to produce crops of hay, vegetables or pasturage, thus helping to meet an ever growing need for agricultural land in these days of rapidly expanding towns and cities.

Financing has been the main problem in former reclamation projects in Massachusetts. The present law provides three separate methods: Funds may be raised by assessments in a given district, and deposited with the state treasurer; the members of the district may vote to incur debt, to be liquidated according to the terms of the law; or the old method of financing by appropriations by county commissioners may be adopted.

The law is held also to apply to lowlands in need of irrigation, and it is believed that such territory may be developed with the district methods outlined. The intent of the act is declared to be to help the people to help themselves. It is a private matter supervised and encouraged by the state, and, according to agricultural authorities represents a movement of the greatest promise.

PICNIC AT CHANTILLY

Mr. and Mrs. Thorburn Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Selig, and Dr. Linwood Lehman enjoyed a picnic supper at Chantilly and a sail on the "Hello" Tuesday evening.

For South Mills Guest

Edenton August 31.—Miss Mary Lucile Jones at the Bay View Hotel gave a rook party last night in honor of her cousin, Miss Margaret Jones, of South Mills. Those present were the Misses Isabelle and Mary Nejam, and Evelyn Leary, Annie Griffin, Tauloo Langston, Marguerite Goodwin, Helen Russ, Alma Sadler, and Mrs. Holmes.

SCHOOL OPENS OCTOBER FIRST

Elizabeth City schools, owing to necessary work to be done in the new High School building, will open on October the first instead of September 17.

This was the decision reached at the meeting of the board of school trustees at the meeting Friday evening, after careful consideration.

KU KLUX FIGHT AT PERTH AMBOY

Police and State Troopers Fight Mob Without Avail, and Reinforcements Join Mob from Nearby Towns.

Perth Amboy, N. J., August 31.—A meeting of the Ku Klux Klan was broken up here by a great mob, causing a riot and pitched gun battle in which many were injured and several badly beaten, and police and state troopers fought the mob without avail, at 3 o'clock this morning.

After several hundred Klansmen had left the hall swearing to "come back 10,000 strong," 150 Klansmen were besieged in their hall by a mob numbering many thousands, which the police fought in vain to break up, and hundreds of Klansmen are arriving hourly from nearby towns.

Perth Amboy, N. J., August 31.—Battling between the Ku Klux Klan and mobs was resumed on the streets here today as members of the order tried to escape from the hall where they had sought refuge during an attack on the Klan last night in which more than a hundred persons are reported to have been injured.

BOY SCOUTS GO ON GOVERNMENT CRUISE

Rocky Mount, August 31.—Over 100 Boy Scouts of Rocky Mount, Wilson, Whitakers, Spring Hope, Tarboro, and other towns in this section have gone to Norfolk, Va., where they were to board of government yacht for a cruise about Chesapeake Bay and up the Potomac river. Among the points of interest the Scouts were to visit are Fort Monroe, Mount Vernon, the Norfolk Navy yard, Arlington and the National Capital, where they were to visit President Coolidge, if arrangements for the visit could be made. They are expected to return here September 8.

STOCK EXCHANGE SUSPENDS RICHTER

New York, August 31.—Suspension of Marcel Richter of Rienter & Company of Philadelphia was announced today from the rostrum of the Consolidated Stock Exchange at the opening of business.

Bailey at Rockingham For Labor Day Speech

Raleigh, August 31.—Josiah William Bailey, attorney of the State capital who is mentioned in political circles as a gubernatorial candidate in the 1924 elections, has been invited by the Woodmen of the World of Rockingham to be a speaker at a Labor Day celebration at Rockingham next Monday.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Lee Anderson of Parsonage street returned home Tuesday after an operation for appendicitis.

Capt. Albert Drinkwater of East Burgess street is at the hospital for medical treatment.

Everett Arnold of Belcoron is improving after an operation.

R. L. Owens of Southern Avenue who suffered a broken leg returned home Tuesday after being at the hospital for treatment.

Frank Cohoon of East Lake returned home Thursday receiving treatment for a cut foot which was the result of an accident while cutting logs.

Mrs. Agnes West of Columbia is improving after an operation.

Leonard Morrisette of Grandy returned home Thursday after an operation.

Mrs. H. C. Harris of West Main street and little son who was born August 22 will return home Sunday.

Miss Gracie Mae White of Route One who underwent an operation on August 26 is getting along well.

Harry Perry of West Church street had his tonsils removed on the 28th.

Mrs. A. O. Tillett of Washington, D. C., underwent an operation on the 28th and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. D. Savin of Route One is improving, after an operation Thursday.

George Williams of Cypress street had tonsils removed Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Lee Thompson of Berkley, Virginia, had her tonsils removed Wednesday.

Guiney Needham of Coinjock had his tonsils removed Wednesday.

Christopher Perry of Camden had his tonsils removed on the 28th.

Miss Elizabeth Layden of Cherry street had her tonsils removed on the 28th.

GREEK REPLY NOT ACCEPTED

Agree to Part of Italian Ultimatum With Reservations, But Cannot Accept Rest and Situation Is Serious.

Rome, August 31.—The Italian cabinet today found the reply to its ultimatum to be unacceptable, says the Stefani agency.

Threatens Newspapers.
Rome, August 31.—The Italian government in a semi-official statement today urged the newspapers not to publish the movements of the Italian military or naval units, threatening severe measures against those who do so.

The Messagero says it is reliably informed that Greece's refusal to pay the indemnity of 50 million lire for the slaying of the Italian boundary mission and her request for modification of the Italian demands regarding saluting the Italian flag are considered by the Italian government as absolutely unsatisfactory.

Situation Serious
Athens, August 31.—The Greek government last night replied to the Italian ultimatum, accepting with reservations certain conditions of the ultimatum but refusing to concur in others as not compatible with national honor.

The situation is serious.

FULL RECOGNITION IS GIVEN MEXICO

Formal Announcement of Resumption Full Relations Between Two Countries Is Made at Washington.

Washington, August 31.—The United States and Mexico have agreed to resume full diplomatic relations, according to a formal announcement made by the State Department today.

Restoration of relations carried with it full recognition by the United States of the government of President Obregon.

Part Owner Giants Accused of Perjury

New York, August 31.—The Federal grand jury which has been investigating the affairs of the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Company today indicted Charles Stoneham, part owner of the Giants, on the charge of perjury.

GRAPE PRODUCTS SCHOOL SUCCESS

The school conducted by Mrs. Cornelia Morris of Henderson in the Chamber of Commerce rest rooms Thursday for the making of grape products was attended by the home demonstration agents of this section and by a number of leaders in home demonstration work in the County.

Miss Pauline Smith of Washington, district agent, was present, Miss Helen Gailther of Pergulmans County, Miss Eliza Knight of Chowan, and Miss Marcie Albertson of Pasquotank.

Scuppernon, Concord and Mish grapes were used. Cold pressed grape juice, jelly stock jelly, and grape paste were made.

The instruction was very helpful and the agents are enthusiastic over the school, particularly as grapes are at hand now for making these delicious products.

The agents were most appreciative of the kindnesses shown them by Manager Stalling of the Gas Company and by Secretary Job of the Chamber of Commerce.

HOUSE OF LORDS HAS FEARS ABOUT COLONIES

London, August 31.—Fear that American influences may eventually affect the relations between England and the British West Indies has invaded parliament and caused some members of the house of lords to urge that the government lose no time in strengthening the existing bond with the British colonies.

Viscount Burnham has urged that special representation at the Imperial Economic Conference be given the West Indies, and that better communication on the sea and under it be established at once with that part of the Empire. He points out that communication at the present time is very bad, a condition that does not obtain with any other part of the Empire. Almost all of the news supplied to the West Indian papers comes from America, and reflects the American point of view.

COTTON MARKET

New York, August 31.—Spot cotton closed steady with a 75 point advance. Middling 26.35. Futures closed at the following levels: October 25.05-10, December 25.02-06, January 24.75-81, March 24.81, May 24.79-85.

New York, August 31.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 24.40, December 24.28-30, January 23.95-94, March 24.00.