

DECLARE CROPS ARE VERY CLEAN

DRY CONDITIONS SHOW GREAT-EST EFFECT IN NORTHERN ORDER.

REPORT BY FRANK PARKER

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Raleigh
Crops in North Carolina are "remarkably clean" as a result of excessive drought and frequent cultivation, according to the semi-monthly crop report of Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician of the Department of Agriculture. The dry conditions are showing most effect along the northern border, the report states.

"Truck crops and herbaceous plants are suffering," the report continued. "Melons are shedding and not producing the size they should. Stands of some crops are irregular due to weather conditions."

"Corn is late, small, and in the excessively dry areas, is stunted. Many sections showed curled blades. Crop is clean and in the southern half of the state, looking very fine."

"The cotton crop is generally good, wonderfully rapid growth having taken place, plants are branching and squares forming well. Stands are fairly good in the main belt. The weevil effects have been noticed in only a few border counties. Root lice is bothering some."

"Tobacco is suffering heavily from the dry weather. Stands are irregular, especially on stiff soils. The growth is starchy and leaves close together. Good color in the southern half of the state, but yellowish, small, and sickly in the main, or old belt area where the acreage is slightly reduced."

"The wheat crop is the best for several years. Spotted areas show undeveloped grain but mostly it is good. The harvesting season was favorable for saving the grain. Several places expect to thresh directly from the field when cut. The grain is remarkably well-cured and dry."

"Apples are short and seriously affected by insects, as are peaches where not heavily sprayed."

"Peaches in the Sand Hill area will probably yield better than was expected unless the dry weather continues. Orchards are in nice condition."

"Truck is in poor condition, especially in the Northern Coastal Belt, where rain is greatly needed. Melons over the whole area are suffering severely from dry weather."

"Although scarce, farm labor is handicapping the farm work more by its independent nature than by shortage. This state suffered least by its migration northward."

"Considerable dissatisfaction is existing with the Cooperative Marketing due to the members being dissatisfied with payments. The well-organized tobacco warehousemen are not displeased at this. Most people believe that the idea of the organization is good and want it to succeed."

"A distinct increase in the amount and grade of fertilizers used this year is reported from all parts of the state. Some losses by leaching was reported in early May, and that there is not enough moisture to make the plant food available, it is reported."

Two Thousand Given Employment.
Positions were obtained during the month of June by the employment bureau of the Department of Labor and Printing for 2,094 men and 386 women, according to the monthly report of the bureau issued here. Of the larger centers Charlotte led the list with 637 placed in positions of remuneration, Wilmington coming second with 592 placements.

Following is the summary of the work for the month issued by the bureau:

Charlotte:	Skilled, 105; unskilled, 464; domestic, 15; industrial, 4; clerical, 49; total, 637.
Wilmington:	Skilled, 96; unskilled, 433; domestic, 29; industrial, 9; clerical, 25; total, 592.
Asheville:	Skilled, 21; unskilled, 295; domestic, 62; industrial, 0; clerical, 8; total, 384.
Winston-Salem:	Skilled, 43; unskilled, 179; domestic, 64; industrial, 13; clerical, 49; total, 339.
Raleigh:	Skilled, 60; unskilled, 85; domestic, 43; industrial, 0; clerical, 38; total, 226.
New Bern:	Skilled, 29; unskilled, 79; domestic, 47; industrial, 0; clerical, 9; total, 115.

Ship Commission to Meet July 18.

The ship and water transportation commission of the state, it was announced here, has adjourned its sessions until July 18 and 19. The commission met here to consider briefs and arguments presented on behalf of ports desiring improved facilities and recognition as State ports.

The meeting which begins July 18, it was said, will be for the purpose of considering other petitions and briefs which may be presented by the ports.

State Banks in Good Shape.

"The condition of state banks in North Carolina is much better than usual," the State Banking Department announced, following a survey conducted after the failure of two national banking institutions.

"After the failure of the Commercial National Bank, at Wilmington, and the People's National Bank, at Salisbury, both of which are not under the jurisdiction of the State Banking Department," said Judge George P. Pell, of the Corporation Commission, "we made a survey of the state banking field and decided that after the failure of several small banks, whose weakness is attributable to these national banks and to the shortcomings of the old banking laws, the days of state bank failures will be over."

The State Banking Department is one of the branches of the Corporation Commission and Judge Pell is most directly interested in the supervision of the work.

The Commercial National Bank was closed by the comptroller several months ago, Thomas E. Cooper was head of the institution and W. B. Cooper, lieutenant governor of North Carolina, a stockholder, J. D. Norwood, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, was head of the People's National Bank when it also was closed recently by the federal banking department.

Numerous civil suits have been filed against Thomas E. Cooper in connection with the failure and the filing of criminal proceedings in Wake county resulted in a settlement of this particular case.

Serious Shortage in Teachers Ranks.
A serious shortage of teachers exists in North Carolina according to Jule H. Warner secretary of the North Carolina Educational Association and Miss Edith F. Gilbert, its placement secretary.

Despite the fact that many additional registrations have come to the office of the bureau during the past few days, a large number of teachers still can be placed, said Miss Gilbert. Mr. Warren, who has just returned from a visit to summer schools in the western part of the state, reported that practically all of the better trained and qualified teachers have secured positions already and that only a small number is now available in these schools.

"Any teacher in the state who has not obtained a position for the year is invited to use the services of the placement bureau," said Mr. Warren. "This service is rendered members of the association at cost. A slightly larger fee is charged non-members. While placements cannot be guaranteed registrants will be notified of positions."

"About the only class of teachers in which there is an apparent surplus is the high school principals."

Child Welfare to Make Survey.

Putting in its new plan of organization which, by means of the doubling of its appropriation by the last legislature, will make possible work on a larger scale than ever before, the State Child Welfare Commission, under the direction of E. F. Carter, executive secretary, will make a complete survey of every county in the State relative to child labor conditions in industrial plants, including mines, which have not been thoroughly investigated before, due to lack of funds.

This survey will enable the State Child Welfare Commission to gather information concerning the industrial growth of the State and the condition of the children and women of the State and to make recommendations to meet any of the problems arising. A study of the child's health, morals and education will be enlarged and carried on as before.

During the past three years much information has been gathered concerning the manufacturing concerns in North Carolina. Probably no State in the South ranks with North Carolina in recognizing the supreme importance of the study of child labor. Over fifteen thousand children have been certificated in the past three years. Valuable information has been secured, relating to the working conditions in the factories. The health and schooling of the child has been investigated in every mill village in the State. A special study of the native and foreign laborers in North Carolina has been made. As soon as all the material has been gathered together from the surveys.

The executive secretary will put into the field an industrial engineer to cooperate with the mill owners in suggesting ideas covering ventilation, elevators, fire escapes and sanitary laws concerning the factories. Certified nurses will be put into the field to examine the health of the working child. Other field agents will be used for the purpose of investigating the child labor conditions and certifying the child.

Smash Records in New License Tags.

One hundred and twelve thousand automobile license plates, costing slightly over two million dollars had been distributed to as many automobile owners throughout the State when the license bureau closed for the week and the limit for the old green and white plates expired at midnight, breaking all records for the department during the twelve years it has been in operation.

Twelve months ago the year closed with only 78,000 new licenses issued.

Prominent People

Commends Forestry Methods of France



Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Tree Association, who has been sending millions of young trees to France to help reforest the devastated battle areas, commends to Americans the methods of the French as told in a report received by the association. He says the operations in the forest of Roentgen near Aix in Chappelle and in the forest near Cleves are conducted along the most scientific lines.

"We find," says Mr. Pack, "that the French and the Belgians have cut something like four million board feet, with the coming growth fully in mind."

"This is much different from the slashing and girdling done by the Germans during the war in their retreats. In this French method there is a great lesson for the United States. With France there are always more trees coming."

"In the United States there are millions of acres of idle land once covered with growing trees. They could be that way today had scientific forestry been practiced in this country just as there are other kinds of crops."

Hungarian Invents Far-Seeing Machine

The telehor, the machine which sees at great distances, is the invention of Denes Mihaly, twenty-nine years of age, the chief engineer of the Budapest telephone works and head of several other mechanical organizations. Mihaly, a well-known student of high frequency electrical currents, has no less than 62 inventions on the market, including the speaking kinematograph, a new system of colored kinematograph, a plastical kinematograph, and many automobile and wireless inventions.



The telehor is made of two separate instruments, the receiver and the reproducer. The connection of the two instruments may be effected either through a wire, wire connection or wireless. Every photograph, landscape, figure, handwriting or any object which is placed before the objective of the receiver is seen under less than 1-10 of a second on the screen of the reproducer. The principle of the telehor is similar to that of the photo-machine of Professor Korn. The latter, however, makes necessary an ordinary photo proceeding.

With the telehor it is a question of transferring moving pictures, similar to those which appear in an ordinary camera. Every time the objective is opened, the electro-light transformer is effected in the telehor, also, with a selenium cell which changes the different light elements of the picture to similar electro-light currents in the instrument. The obstacle to effecting this up to now has been in the nature of the selenium, which acted very slowly so that the cell was ineffective. The solution of the problem was made possible in the telehor with the invention of an exceedingly small selenium cell, which is capable of registering 100,000 light changes per second.

Horace Towner Has Ungrateful Job



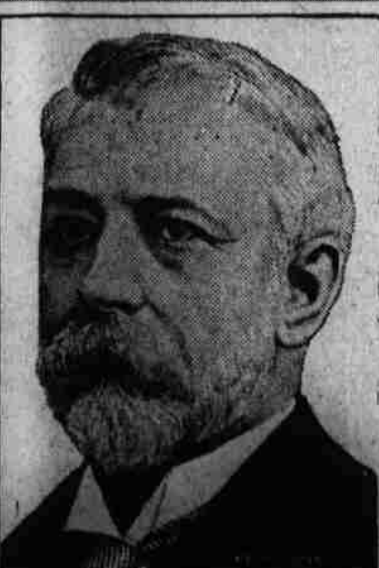
Only a little while ago Horace M. Towner, former congressman from Iowa, was appointed by the President to be the governor of Porto Rico, to succeed E. Mont Rely. Scarcely had he assumed his new duties than he found himself confronted with an opposition as determined as that which had succeeded in having Rely ousted from the position.

Governor Towner is charged with ignoring the Republican party, which Governor Rely favored in his appointments, and with turning virtually all offices over to Unionists, the dominant party of the island, whose appeals to Washington brought the change in administration.

President Harding probably will be carried into the whirlwind of Porto Rican politics when he visits San Juan after his trip to Alaska. Reports to Secretary Weeks show continued friction. He considers it virtually impossible to name an executive who will please both factions. The secretary denies Governor Towner has ignored the Republicans completely. Pleas for the removal of Towner are expected when Mr. Harding reaches the island.

Canadian Favors Reciprocity With U. S.

Back in 1911 Hon. W. S. Fielding of Canada negotiated with President Taft for a treaty of reciprocity between the United States and Canada. It failed because eastern Canada opposed it. Mr. Fielding is now finance minister, and recently he made another trip to Washington to revive the proposition. It is said in Ottawa his plan will have the support of a large majority in the new Canadian parliament. The farmers of the western provinces have increased their voting strength, and the Liberals stand with them on this proposition.



The Fielding proposal, made in the house of commons at Ottawa, is that President Harding reduce by 50 per cent the duties on cattle, wheat, flour, oats, barley, potatoes, onions, turnips, hay and fish. The Canadian government would then be authorized "to make such reductions of duties on similar articles imported into Canada from the United States." Preliminary to any effort to secure a broad arrangement which would call for the ratification of congress and the Canadian parliament, efforts will be directed to that action which the President is already empowered by congress to take under the Fordney-McCumber tariff.

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