ADVISES FARMERS HOW, EFFECTIVELY. TO COMBAT WEEVIL

District Agent Gaither Returns From a Tour of Southern States

By E. W. GAITHER,

District Farm Demonstrator. The writer has just returned from a through South Carolina and Georlooking into the boll weevil situation in these states.

The stops included Augusta, Dublin, and Atlanta, Ga.; and Florence, S. C. and Atlanta, Ga., and Plotence, S. C., and triors in this territory were very scouraging as a whole. However, there were oases in the desert.

At every point it was found that the farmers and a great many business men felt that they would not be hurt by the weevil or that if it came that it would in some mysterious way pass farm or business by untouched. Even after the weevil showed up many farmers felt that it would stay a year or so and pass on. Very few did any thing toward changing the cropping system or in any other way to prepare for the havoc played with every thing

connected with cotton.
Farm business and bank failures and general demoralization has been the

After this calamity, the men with grit began to look around to see what could be done to come back. The man withnut this spirit has run away, gone and and left the battle field. At one place after four years of weevil, more than 1,000 negroes bought tickets out of the state and left one station in one year. ione north.

In the piedmont section of Georgia. without a sign of having produced a boll of cotton, which was a distinct surprise to all, since we expected to see less damage done in this section han in the coastal plains.

The story was the same as it has been from Texas to Virginia.
"The boil weevil will not come here and if he dues it will do no damage, t cannot live here" with results the same everywhere, the weevil came, did lamage, destroyed the crop brought isaster to the cotton farmer and every one who had any dealings with it, and he will do the same thing in North arolina that it has done every where ise and the North Carolina farmer will do the same thing the other farmhas done, sit calmly down and wait, he is allowed to do so. He has done his in the infested counties of this state and he is doing the same thing in those counties recently infested. The nly hope for him is in the fact that e raises some other crop than cotton as a cash crop. If he doesn't he will it the same as the Georgia and bouth Carolina farmer has gotten it. This will happen in this state in the same proportion as the cotton crop hears to other crops grown on the farm, nless we wake up and profit by the exerience of our neighbors.

Have these farmers come back? ome have and some never will. Where he has come back he has done by growing his home supplies; his estock and his garden. He grows eed, food and forage crops and sells otton he has it as a profit if he doesn't

doesn't go broke. Dublin, Ga., offered the best we saw the trip. This town showed some hings worth seeing, real team work. This section was as hard hit as any of the rest, they waited just like the est and got hit just as hard for the waiting. When they woke up they got busy and have helped the farmer come back as best they could. A new sysem of farming was introduced, food feed and forage crops are grown which are consumed on the farms by the people and livestock, cows, pigs and poultry. These crops are wheat for home insumption, corn, velvet beans, soy beans, peas, oats, rye and peanuts. All hat can be marketed profitably is marketed and the rest fed to livestock but recious little is marketed except corn and peanuts. The livestock make the eeds into pork, poultry, eggs and nilk, which is sold to the creamery: the livestock do the milling of these eds and save freight.

Every farmer we saw who has come ack has done it on this basis. The farmers have a big co-operative evator where corn is husked, shelled, offshed and graded for the market and sold. They have a hammer mill for grinding velvet beans and other feeds, hree corn mills and stock pens for lvestock. Teh lice plant and a private packer cure meat for the farmers at a small fee, which goes back to the farm for consumption. This can

eason that they fail to grow for the arket, o standardize their products and to seek the discriminating customwell and will do better,

What does all this mean to the cotwhat does all this mean to the coton section of this state?

I will at empt to answer in part only.

It means that unless the businesslen farmers, tankers and professional

ten and every one else who is in any less the hor cortains.

Season is disastrous on poor land, if
failure on ordinary land and doubtful
on good land, even if every thing is
done that can be done.

Poisoning seemed to be the only
thing mentioned below Augusta. All on section of this state? dependent on cotton do not wake ind some sane construcive plan of cropping and credit, based ence of the entire cotton darolina to Mexico, self personal gain and perin the work for the

the rest of the edition belt. It means that we are not going to do lers have done all the way along to cotton as long as we can get

will find an occasional commu-like Scotland Neck that will do We will fine an occasional who has there is all of his dife

LONDON NEWS LETTER

By Cable to the Associated Press

LONDON, March 3.—(By the Asso- tauguing work in carrying out the clated Press.)—This has been a week exacting requirements of the contracof congratulatory messages for Ellen tors. Terry. The famous actress celebrated her 75th birthday on Tuesday and was The famous actress celebrated showered with telegrams, letters and

ductions, she remains the most popular figure connected with the British the game, only 35,000 will have seats. theatre. She attends all important Among the latter will be King George first night performances and her apearance in the playhouse whether behind the footlights or in the audience is the signal for an ovation.

Terry and Mrs. Kendal are about the survivors of one of the greatest periods of the English stage, a day that knew Irving, Tree Alexander and

From Monte Carlo where she is living quietly comes word of another once famous star, Lily Langtry who for years was England's foremost professional beauty. She is now 71.
"I would like to return to the stage

immediately," she told an interviewer. "if offered a suitable part and play." Langtry, however, doubts whether this would be possible because "they are all flapper plays now." This gives the theatrical managers an opportunity to deny in the newspapers that all parts are flapper roles and they point with pride to the popularity of the old standbys.

Cyril Maude and company sailed on he Majestic last Wednesday for an American tour in "If Winter Comes."

When John Bull shuts up his shop on a Saturday afternoon and decides the heads of the meteorologists swam to attend a championship association as they tried to tabulate forecasts. In the piedmont section of Georgia, football match, he casts a heavy Most of the gales were easterly in we saw large fields of cotton stalks shadow over the attendance figures the north and westerly in the south. registered by his American cousin Samuel at a world's series baseball game

Thousands of the unemployed were formed into companies and maneuvered over the ledges in the new structure, raching, marking time and sway Although Miss Terry appears on the stage only in occasional charitable proof the others will not even have soap boxes, but will be packed into open spaces between the seats and the playing field. The packing will be done by officials who stand in the field and

sout their directions and commands through megaphones. Charles Critchley, who for 20 years, has been a night patrolman, made his debut last week as a grand opera baritone in the Empire theatre. Throughout his career as a policeman, Critchley's vocal talent remained dormant. Two years ago, however, he had occasion to sing before a policeman smoker which marked the beginning of his new career. Friends immediately persuaded him to cultivate his voice and soon afterward Critchley was discovered by a prominent opera manager, who completed the transformation.

February's weather was unusually varied and severe. The last fort night of the month was marked by an amount of rain unequalled for years. Nearly every day brought a downpour, and so many gales were reported from various quarters of the British Isles that

Most of the gales were easterly in Thunder and lightning gave variety, and a church steeple in London was Two or three snow storms or a college football contest. struck. Two or three snow storms

At the annual championship match swept the midlands and the counties. which is held in April, the number of The newspapers described these lavspectators far surpasses the record for ishly, but to New Englanders and Can-American football. Preparations are adians the squalls would have been being made to accommodate 125,000 comic failures, for drifts that drew lowed when unexpected help came in persons at this year's match.

of unemployed found temporary and seldom falled below the freezing mark.

HISTORIC PAGEANT TO FEATURE SYNOD **MEETING IN HICKORY**

Will Deal With the Establishment and Growth of Lenoir College.

HICKORY, March 3 .- A unique feature of the conference of pastors and ture of the conference of pastors and was startled by the crack of riding congregational chairmen of the North whips and French soldiers who had Carolina Lutheran Synod at Hickory, March 7 and 8, will be an historic pageant of the establishment and growth of Lenoir college—the first ever produced in the history of the institution. The conference, called to pledge wholehearted support of the North Carolina Synod to Lenoir College in its present appeal for \$850,000 for endowment and expansion, will be attended by over 200 delegates from every district in the synod. The reunion of Lenoir graduates and former students on Wednesday afternoon, and the banquet following, it is said will attract a larger as an inspiration for patriotic demonnumber of former Lenoirians than have ever been grouped together. In addition to the Pageant and the conference on Thursday there will be staged a has been expressing very forcibly here Grand Parade of students, former stu- her opinion of the law restricting imdents and townspeople of Hickory, migration into the United States. This which will express the indomitable woman born a Hungarian, recently

pre-war value, when it seemed though the struggle of decades to live and grow had been in vain and Lenoir must die, and the jubilation which followed when unexpected help came in ulty, and Miss Hortense Hoty, teacher

In 1902 and in 1906. Under the superb leadership of Mrs. C. L. Haywood, chairman of the hospitality committee, the superb leadership of the hospitality committee, the superb leadership of the superb leadership of the superb leadership of the chairman of the hospitality committee, the superb leadership of the contemplate attending this superbola of the superbola

BERLIN NEWS LETTER

By Cable to the Associated Press

BERLIN, March 3 .- (By Associated | year and be naturalized before she is Press.)—"King Lear" was being played entitled to a passport and vises for the theatre in the Ruhr the night general travel. The woman and her the French occupied the town of Reck-leinghausen. Gloster's son, Edgar, was land on their way to New York, but wandering about alone on the heath at the bride cannot accompany her hus-the opening of the fourth act. Gloster band. was approaching off stage and Edgar Women from Mediterranean states, interrupted his soliloquy by exclaiming the immigration quotas of which are

surprised actors watched the excite-ment from the stage.

"Old Heidelberg" is reappearing on retain their American passports the stage throughout Germany and attracting great crowds because of its nationalistic character and the nearness of the French occupation troops to Heidelberg and its historic castle, which was destroyed by the French in the 30 years' war.

A film of the life of Frederick the Great also is attracting great crowds and taking rank with "William Tell"

An angry woman without a country

in a loud voice, "but who comes?"

filled, are in a worse predicament than

At that very moment the audience the Hungarian woman if they are

soil Fertility Agronomist North Caremarried to Americans, as they cannot even get a vise to the United States forced their way in to the auditorium direct, but must register and wait their hastily dispersed the crowd while the turn for admission, which may be a surprised actors watched the excite- year in some cases. On the other hand American women who marry Germans

In living pictures the pageant will show many incident from history of the institution—the days of struggle when institution—the days of struggle when the state was young and poor, the growth of the student body, the erection of now historic buildings, the resonance of the woman a vise direct to sognition of Lenoir as a Grade A Col-

turned to other interests, and the col- country, arguing that she first must go living in Rome. She wrote continu-lege dollar shrunk to one third of its to the United States and live there one ously until her death in 1903.

Miller, librarian and araduate of the Kennedy Home Gifts.

of expression. London suburb. The final tests for the safety of the new stands were made in the last few days when a small army southern England the thermometer has pared and will be presented under the liver his first address on North Caroton Star, by the publishers; cakes and direction of Dr. Robt. L. Fritz, con- lina soil that day, Hon. Josephus Dan- rolls, St. John's church; bread and sal-

was the greatest book ever written by a German woman.

lege in 1915, the after-war depression ing the facts in the case; but they The memoirs of the noted woman with students gone to the army, friends will not give her a vise to any other were published in 1876 while she was

gifts to the Catherine Kennedy Home:

EXPLAINS HOW TO FERTILIZE COTTON IN WEEVIL REGION

Fertilization Under Cotton Pest Conditions Explained By Expert.

line State Experiment Station.

ton in this state, the best farmers have recognized for a long time that it paid (1) to have the land in a good physical condition; (2) to secure a good variety of cotton and seed that had a high good stand; (5) to cultivate frequently, Leaders of the movement among goo dstand; (4) to cultivate frequently, to keep down grass and conserve moishave celebrated the 100th universal ture, and (5) to fertilize heavily and birthday of Calvida Von Meysenburg with a fertilizer containing the best by issuing a complete edition of her writings. The centenary of the birth of the philosopher and idealist occurred six years ago, but war conditions prevented the publication of her worked the proportions of the different plant foods. six years ago, but war conditions pre-vented the publication of her works until the present time. Carl Schurz, and the farmers that pay little heed to once said her "memoirs of an idealist," these things stand a little chance to which was really an autobiography, succeed.

It has been proven time and again by experiments, carefully carried out. that Malvida von Beysenburg was born the cotton crop will respond by in-baroness, the sister of the Baden creased yields when fertilizers are addwhich which express the indominate woman born a flungarian, recently a baroness, the sistence of the countries of Lenoir College, victor over countless difficulties and supreme in the midst of dangers which threatened an American passport, but the American passport passpor which cotton is grown in this section

ered this year in growing cotton is earliness. The use of fertilizers correctly will aid in this particular. Phosphates tend to hasten maturity. Potash and nitrogen if used in excessive amounts will delay maturity, but are very necessary and if used Following is the monthly report of not unduly prolong the maturity date. Considering all the factors regarding gen and 3 per cent potash. For the heavier sandy loam soils, use 600 to

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF BAPTIST CHURCH TO MEET IN DURHAM

Thirty-third Annual Session To Be Convened On March Twenty-seventh.

By WALTER M. GILMORE DURHAM, March 3 .- The 33rd annual session of the Woman's Missionary than five delegates. cream and poultry for cash and raises tion, will be held in the auditorium of the past year's work, and yet it is some cotton on a gamble. If he raises the First Baptist church of this city un with the heat is the past year's work, and yet it is one cotton he has it as a profet labeled in the Baptist church of this city un with the heat is the past year's work, and yet it is one cotton he has it as a profet labeled in the Baptist church of this city un with the heat is the past year's work, and yet it is one cotton he has it as a profet labeled in the Baptist church of this city un with the heat is the past year's work, and yet it is one cotton one a gamble. Union convention of North Carolina, auxiliary to the Baptist state conventhe First Baptist church of this city up with the best in the history of the March 27-29. This is the one outstand-organization. The reports for the last this meeting.

of the state and easy of access, the ords. At their last annual report the largest delegation in the history of the Baptist women of the state reported convention is expected. At the Char-lotte meeting last year there were 629 is thought they will go beyond that present. It is estimated that there will mark this year. be at least 700 or 800, and possibly more at this session.

body of women, representing the very nighest type of womenhood in the state | various church and associational or-

sound program adopted by the state and federal agricultural workers, of food, feed, forage crops, a year round gar-den and selling the crops to pigs, cows, chickens and the family, marketing the surplus in the most marketable form.

Raise some cotton if you can.
As to the direct methods of fighting the weevil we saw all manner of dopes and contraptions and heard of all kinds of things to do and to buy, we The subject of Mrs. Jones' address this saw all kinds of machines and heard year will be "Builders With God." The all kinds of stories of wonderful things general feature of the work of the

of cotton per acre who did nothing but pick up squares, fertilize and plow. We saw farmers who raised 15 bales on done at any season of the year mak- a 150 acres of land who used every and cultured pastor at Wake Forest ing it possible for the farmer to kill thing they heard of, mostly the wrong es any time they are ready to kill. way and failed because they failed to Dr. R. T. Vann, corresponding secretary We were told that over 300,000 pounds pick up squares, fertilizer and plow. home raised meat has been cured or We found some who grew good crops s being cured for the farmers of this under fair weather conditions by using Birmingham, secretary of the Baptist metion this season. The big packers dust. Some who did the same thing board of education of the Southern ection this season. The big packers dust. Some who did the same thing lave all closed the local offices and with other treatments but the general These farmers are not getting the plenty of fertilizer, early seeding (not too early) fast and frequent shallow to sold on the open markets for the are sold on the open markets for the cultivation, about ten times, picking the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist up early fallen squares, and dry weath-er were the determining factors. If these things are done, poisoning pays if not it is a doubtful practice. A wet season is disastrous on poor land, a

and every one else who is in any of the bug catchers had been scrapped dependent on cotton do not wake so far as we could learn.

Above all we found no substitute for hard intelligent work and no method of weevil distruction that killed weevil as fast as they are hatched. The destruction of the cotton industry has moved neighborhoods, changed Carolina will be in the same fix and routed out the lazy farmer. It has and routed out the lazy farmer to

left big plantations without labor to grow even the crops that can be grown with farm machinery, it has reduced just like the rest of the cotton land values and taxable wealth.

farmer who has dente in all of his life in disguise but if North Carolina cotton and nerve who will break away will do as they have always done, just law nothing that in any way persuades me to depart one lota from the

those who contemplate attending this of the department of English, Miss Lela lina. meeting need have no apprehensions about entertainment, provided they notify Mrs. Haywood in time of their in-

The railroads also will give the usual reduction in fare on the return trip, provided a certificate is secured by the purchaser of the ticket from the agent at the starting point. Those who are entitled to membership in this body are the officers, exectuive committee, associational superintendents, five representatives from the entertaining so ciety, with one adult representative from each society of any grade in the state, provided no church has more

It is too soon to forecast the results ing event in the calendar of the Bap- quarter are now pouring into headquartist women of the state. Their multi- ters by every mail, and the prospects farious church activities head up in look bright. According to the corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Warren Durham being in the central section the third quarter eclipsed all other recfor benevolent objects \$298,694.24. It

Miss Warren, who was elected a year ago to succeed Mrs. W. H. Reddish Only twice before has Durham had the privilege of entertaining this fine ing secretary of the union, has made good in her work. She has visited the ganizations from one end of the state to the other and impressed them with her clear insight of the work and her zeal and consecration in performing her

The outstanding features of the program will be notable addresses by representative women and nien, both from outside and in the state. The address of the president, Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, is always a high light and gives the keynote of the convention. that promised to do the work but didn't. women that will be emphasized at this We found farmers who raised a bale convention will be education. The program is built up around that idea.

At the opening session Tuesday night

March 27, Dr. A. Paul Bagby, the gifted college, will preach the annual sermon. of the Baptist board of education of North Carolina, and Dr. W. C. Jones of Baptist convention, will deliver addresses. Another notable feature will be the address of Mrs. W. C. James of Birmingham, who is the president of convention. Other features will be addresses by the following returned missionaries: Mrs. D. W. Herring of Chang Chow, China; Mrs. M. L. Braun, of Kaifeng, China, and Mrs. John Anderson .of China, and very probably Miss Susan Anderson, of Abeokuta, Africa. All of these ladies are very interesting talkers. Mrs. Herring is the wife of a native "Tar Heel," though she herself is from Australia. She is a deeply spiritually minded lady and will be master of the situation. Mrs. Braun, now resting at Asheville, is an unusually gifted woman. Her singing at the recent Baptist state convention in Winston-Salem elicited much favorable comment. Mrs. Anderson, who was Miss Minnie Middleton, of Warsaw, is one of North Carolina's most gifted daughters. Some months ago her husband, who had already made a permanent place for himself in the work in It has left the man who can fight against odds and rise from defeat and come back. He is fighting his fight well and will win, but he is doing it after and not before he had to do it.

The holl weard may be a blessing the control of the new Boat at China, was drowned on his way to one a tragedy that stirred the Christian world at the time it happened Another feature will be an address by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, head of the new Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, in which the ladies have taken such a worthy part in stabilizing.

> A young lady tells us after her husband has worn a suit twice it looks as old as King Tut's suit.

