

JULY WAS BONE DRY MONTH WITH THE IREDELL FOLKS

Rainfall During 31-Day Period Confined to Mere Threat—Deficiency for Year Now 15.82 Inches—Farmers See Ghost of Hard Times as Summer Wanes.

(Statesville Landmark)
Famine—dreaded next to death—would stalk abroad in Irredell county before next spring if the people were absolutely dependent upon the crop grown on Irredell farms this summer. Indeed, many is the farm that will not produce enough to sustain life in its tenants, man and stock, not to mention the thousands in the States directly dependent upon the products of the farm. There has been no set-up in the demand for raised goods all summer and prices are advancing.

The drought, long since serious locally, has reached the critical point as summer, with its growing season wanes, but autumn, without rain, while the earth is literally parched and all crops that sustain life are burning up.

Sensing the seriousness of the situation, a large audience gathered at a local church Monday evening to petition the Lord for rain. The wonder is that the audience was not ten times larger, realizing, as many do, that this is the people's last recourse in the emergency.

Meaningfully he made a record as a bone-dry month, with only a mere threat of rain on several occasions, the precipitation being only twenty-eight one-hundredths of an inch. The deficiency for July is 5.32 inches. The total deficiency for the year is 15.82 inches.

Beginning with January each month began to show an ever growing deficiency. March and April were rather dry months; May furnished a week of ideal growing season from the 14th to the 18th. There was very little rain during June and none worth mentioning in July. August as a general proposition is given to rainy seasons.

Crops in Irredell are going to be short, corn and hay especially. The condition of crops is, indeed, good in a few favored sections. Hay in other areas and almost worthless in places. Feed is bound to be scarce. Hay that will be greatly needed next winter is being fed in mid-summer, pastures having dried up. Cattle in many instances are feeding on wheat straw a forage they have to be started into eating in winter.

And yet there is little threat of famine. Other sections have been favored with opportune showers. Crops in Davie Rowan Cabarrus and parts of Mecklenburg are said to hold out almost normal prospects. Farther east the rains have been even more plentiful, especially east of Raleigh where bumper crops are in prospect. It has been rather dry at Raleigh but at Moncure in Chatham county, 30 miles southwest of Raleigh, the rainfall during July was 5.18 inches.

Statesville continues to be the center of the dry area, having been without rain for 75 days. Corn and peas planted July 1 by ambitious persons have not even sprouted in the ground.

Fruit is deteriorating. Streams, once strong creeks, have become mere branches, zigzagging lonely along in the empty creek beds. Barns of dairy-men, usually brimming with feed at this

season of the year, are great empty yawning chasms, while fertile fields are idle.

Great is the drought in the land and many are the lamentations.

Watauga County Sunday School Convention

BAPTIST CHURCH, SHULLS MILLS, N. C.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AUGUST 8 and 9.
Under the auspices of the Watauga County and North Carolina Sunday School Associations for all Sunday School Workers of Every Denomination

Beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday night August 8, and continuing through Sunday the Watauga County Sunday School Convention will be held at the Baptist Church Shulls Mills.

Participating in the convention program will be Miss Freda Bose, New Orleans, La. and Dr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh. Among the local county workers taking part on the program will be the following: Z. T. Green, Elder S. E. Gragg, Rev. Mr. McKarhaber, W. L. Cook, Jr., Rev. F. M. Huggins, Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Mrs. J. D. Brown, N. L. Mast, Mrs. W. W. Mast and Dr. A. P. Kephart.

One feature of the convention will be the presentation of a beautiful pennant to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. The pennant is open to all Sunday Schools in the County. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Sunday afternoon.

An unusually large attendance of workers from the entire county is expected. All sessions of the convention are open to the public, and all who are interested in the advancement of the Sunday School, whether they are active workers or not, are invited to attend.

The full convention program is as follows:

- SATURDAY NIGHT AUGUST 8**
8:00—Song service led by Z. T. Green and choir.
8:15—Scripture reading and prayer—Elder S. E. Gragg.
8:30—Song.
8:45—Youth and the church—Miss Freda Bose, New Orleans, La., Educational Superintendent, New Orleans Council of Religious Education.
9:00—Song.
9:15—Lesson Preparation, Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association.
9:30—Record of Attendance.
9:45—Adjourn.

- SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 9**
10:00—Song service, led by Z. T. Greene and choir.
10:15—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Mr. McKarhaber.
10:30—Song.
10:45—The Sunday School organized for service—Miss Freda Bose.
11:15—Business period.
11:30—Reports of Officers.
11:45—Appointment of committees.
12:00—Record of Attendance.
12:15—Song.

- 12:30—Steps of Progress in Sunday School work—Mr. D. W. Sims.
12:45—Offering for support of county and state Sunday Schools Assn.
1:00—Announcements by W. L. Winkler, Secretary.
1:15—Adjourn.

DINNER AT THE CHURCH—EVERYBODY COME & Bring a BASKET

- SUNDAY AFTERNOON AUGUST 9**
2:00—Song service led by W. L. Cook, Jr. and choir.
2:15—Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. F. M. Huggins.
2:30—Song.
2:45—How to make missionary instruction effective in the Sunday School—Mrs. J. D. Rankin and Mrs. J. D. Brown.
3:00—Preparing and Telling a Story—Miss Freda Bose.
3:15—Song.
3:30—Some Little Things that Make a Big Difference—Mr. D. W. Sims.
3:45—Suggestion and Problem Solving Period. Everybody requested to present their suggestions and problems for discussion.
4:00—The Moral Side of the Sunday School—N. L. Mast.
4:15—Business period.
4:30—Reports of committees and Election of Officers.
4:45—Place of next meeting.
5:00—Presentation of attendance Pennant.
5:15—Adjourn.

- SUNDAY NIGHT AUGUST 9**
8:00—Song service in charge of Mrs. W. W. Mast.
8:15—Scripture reading and prayer, Dr. A. P. Kephart.
8:30—Song.
8:45—Worship in the Sunday School—Miss Freda Bose.
9:00—Song.
9:15—Trained workers—Why and How—Mr. D. W. Sims.
9:30—Adjourn.

SPECIAL NOTICE
A pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in attendance at the convention the largest number of representatives, SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, according to the number of miles traveled. Records will be taken at each session of the Convention. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Sunday afternoon.

G. W. ROBBINS, County President.
W. L. WINKLER, County Secretary.

NOTICE

The Interstate Bus Line After the tenth of August will discontinue bus service between Blowing Rock and Elk Park via Linville and Newland and will start a new line between Blowing Rock and Elk Park via Boone Vale Crucis and Banner Elk on August 10, 1925.
(Signed) INTERSTATE BUS LINE

NOTICE

To the Stockholders of the Three Forks Cooperative Cheese Co.
On Saturday August 8, 2 p. m. every stockholder of the Three Forks Co-Operative Cheese Company is urgently requested to meet at the court house in Boone for the purpose of putting the factory in operation or disposing of it, as is seen fit.
H. J. HARDIN, Manager.

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FRI. AUG. 14, 10 A. M.

On the above day and hour we will sell at absolute auction about 150 acres of the splendid M. C. Cook farm located about five miles from Boone just off the Boone Trail Highway leading to North Wilkesboro near the state Fish Hatchery. This farm has been subdivided into small tracts ranging from one to ten acres, practically all cleared land and includes one good home, well watered, well timbered, and one of the most ideal spots that anyone can vision for an ideal home place. In one of the best farming sections of Watauga county and is known as one of the best farms in the county. This farm also contains an unlimited amount of magnetic ore which will either be sold with the farm or without the farm.

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