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## SERIOUS PROBLEM IS CONFRONTING THE FARMING INDUSTRY

### Farm Boys and Girls Leaving The Farms.

### Crop Reporting Service Gives Brief Outline of Conditions Existing on Farm Today—Serious Times Ahead for the Farming Industry—Labor Is Scarce.

(By Frank Parker, Field Agent)

Raleigh, June 15.—Suppose the farmers of the South were to stop work (not strike) and refuse to produce more food crops until they were paid prices commensurate with what they are having to pay for necessities (not luxuries). Of course they are too "American" to do that, but the results are leaning in the same direction. The boys and girls are leaving the shelter of their farm parents for the brightly lighted town attractions and prices where they will be largely free of the early to rise and early to bed hours where no ready money of their own is available.

### June Conditions Low

The United States official Agricultural outlook as announced by the Co-Operative Crop Reporting Service shows that the June average condition of all crops of the Nation is ten per cent below that of a year ago, and five below the ten year average. Then draw your imaginary boundaries to the thirteen states of the south and it will be found that the average of all crop conditions is 88 per cent compared with 99 per cent for the remaining thirty-five northern and western States.

### June Crop Prices High—Expenses Proportionate

Then consider the prices of American farm products. Meat animals are selling at twenty per cent lower than a year ago, while the present June crop prices are from twenty-four to forty per cent higher than they were one to two years ago. Contrast with this are the farm labor costs of about twice what they were. Most of the manufactured farm implements and farm necessities are proportionately higher.

### Town Ideas of Farm Life

A recent conversation with a city dweller revealed the idea that the farmer's living expenses are negligible. "Why doesn't he grow his pork off the kitchen waste? His chickens merely consume wasted materials about the place. His fruit is being borne without working and his fuel is plentiful for the mere cutting. Consequently all he sells is velvet." Then again a farmer had difficulty in saving his fruit from the joy riders of the city, those who constantly passed by and were attracted by the rich colors. He was called "stingy" and "sorry" because he would not let them freely eat their fill and fill the autos and all this free from any outlay.

### Grain Acreage Decreased

Then here comes the North Carolina wheat forecast. The acreage is greatly reduced, although the yield promises to be good. But who is to harvest it? And the harvesting has to be done at a certain time or else it is likely to suffer or to be a loss. No six or eight hour day for the farmer at this period. Then, too the oat acreage shows a decided decrease for each of the past three years.

### Comparative Crop Values

The annual bulletin for the Crop Reporting Service which has recently been issued shows that North Carolina wheat brought a return of \$19 per acre. Rye was \$21; Oats \$25; Corn \$42; Cotton \$118; sweet potatoes \$130; and tobacco worth an average of \$305 per acre to the farmer. Do you blame him for decreasing his grains and increasing his cotton and tobacco? Wheat occupies nine per cent of the crop area of the State and returns to the farmer 2.3 per cent of the total crop value. Tobacco has 6.2 per cent of the crop area and it

## STATE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION IN SESSION THIS WEEK

No problem confronting our State in this generation involves a reconciliation of such diversity of interests the expenditure of such large sums; or promises greater returns on the amount invested (provided it is well spent and the investment properly protected) than the acquirement of that portion of our transportation system included in a State Highway System. It will mean that every small political unit of the State must surrender some of its time worn "rights" for the good of the State as a whole; it will mean an expenditure during the next twenty years of something like two hundred million dollars for construction and an annual expenditure of from million or two million dollars for maintenance; it will mean the building up of a state department of such great strength and efficiency as has not yet been attempted in the State for the solution of any other problem. By enabling our people to visit among each other, establish the trade relations with each section of the State to another, from one county to another, from one section of the State to another, it will cement us as a State, will help us overcome some of our provincialism and conservatism, some of our petty sectional jealousies and rivalries; and will enable us to develop a great State, with greater clarity of purpose and spirit.

The results of this achievement are almost beyond the scope of our imagination. The saving of our investment in automobiles and trucks in the use of gasoline, tires, repairs, clothes, nerves and everything else the automobilist takes with him and which are frayed and damaged by the bumps and dust; the increase in property values, in population, in better and more extensive farming and better rural schools, better everything—all will be as nothing compared with the vast freedom of spirit which comes about through the surrendering of individual selfishness, through the development of the spirit of co-operation and public interest incidentally developed in the achievement of such a great public enterprise. Up to the present time such a spirit has thrived in North Carolina only in certain communities. It is the belief of those who have already striven long and earnestly for our State's advancement that the successful carrying through of this developmental program will have results far beyond the material gains, great as they will undoubtedly be.

At the Asheville Convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association which is being held in Asheville this week, many phases of this great problem will be discussed and the progressive and purposeful business men of the State are needed to take part in these discussions and to help translate them into action.

### Notice of Monument Unveiling.

Elm Camp No. 328 W. O. W. at Ahoskie, N. C., will unveil monument of Joe Jenkins at the residence of Mr. J. D. Jenkins near Ahoskie on Sunday, June 27, at 4 P. M. All the Woodmen are requested to meet at the hall at half past two o'clock. The Public is cordially invited.  
A. P. Thompson, Clerk.

made last year 25 per cent of the State's crops value. Can you blame the planter for doing what seems but fair to him?

### This Year's Fruit Will Be Good

The fruit outlook is extra good this year and it will be the opportune time to can large quantities for the future use. The grower who pruned, sprayed and thinned his fruit this year is the one who will have profited most. The soft rot on peaches is rather prevalent on overloaded trees.

### Cotton Lowest on Record

The cotton conditions throughout the southern states about June the 1st was the lowest on record. The late and unfavorable spring seasons have been bad on its development. The present hot nights and recent rains will greatly help to revive all crops.

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## CARPET GRASS PERMANENT PASTURE FOR THIS SECTION

(Special to the Herald)  
Wilmington, June 15.—Carpet grass is the most important grass for permanent pasture in the Coastal Plain area of the South.

Carpet grass is not a native grass, but was accidentally introduced from tropical America before 1830 and has spread generally over the Southern States.

Carpet grass requires a moist or at least not droughty soil and succeeds better in such soils if sandy than any other pasture grass. The minimum temperature it will survive is about 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Carpet grass pastures are readily established in tilled land by seeding at any time from early spring to late summer on a well firm seed bed, when moisture conditions are favorable. On unbroken or stump land good results can be secured by burning or mowing the toll native grasses, seeding at a favorable time, and then pasturing to keep the native grasses constantly short. Under this treatment the native grasses are eradicated in one or two years and replaced by a pure stand of carpet grass.

The carrying capacity of good carpet grass pasture is one cow to the acre for the five best months and one cow to 2 acres for three to five months longer.

### Condition of Peanut Market Given.

(Special to the Herald.)

The Secretary and Manager of the Virginia-Carolina Co-Operative Peanut Exchange advises as follows as to the present market situation on peanuts:

Not only do the receipts of foreign peanuts continue to show a great decrease for the past six weeks as compared with the arrivals earlier in the season, but official cables from both China and Japan show that the surplus of peanuts in these two countries for export is very small indeed, even less than has come into America any month since January.

The shipments of unshelled peanuts from the cleaning establishments in Virginia and North Carolina show a big improvement. These heavier movements of unshelled peanuts clearly indicate that there is a good demand for Jumbos and Fancys and that there is a decided improvement in transportation facilities.

The big factor in holding the market down at the present time is the tendency of small growers to get frightened and sell, and the big efforts of the cleaners who are putting forth to scare others into selling. There is absolutely no excuse for any grower to get scared at this time, as these conditions would seem to justify higher prices soon. Growers who can do so should continue to hold on with reasonable assurance that prices will hardly be lower, and with fair probabilities of even being much better.

And right now while the market is unduly oppressed by unjustifiable manipulations, the growers should make full use of the opportunity to perfect their organization so as to fortify themselves fully in the future.

### Work On Ahoskie's Water System Is Progressing Rapidly.

Much of the pipe for the municipal water system has been laid and the work is progressing every day with a large force of workmen on the job. The ditcher has not worked any now for several days. The workmen have been busy for several days digging under the railroad tracks on Main Street. The intensive heat has made rapid progress at that point almost impossible. One of the colored men working at that point on Wednesday was overcome by the excessive heat.

Work on the tanks commenced today, Thursday, several workmen having arrived in town Tuesday for the purpose of constructing the water and filter towers.

The work on the municipal light plant is now being held up on account of the non-arrival of the generator. The large engine which arrived last week has been placed in position and as soon as the generator puts in its appearance and can be installed, the day services will begin. Several of the local concerns are already equipped with motors in anticipation of the day current.

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## COLERAIN NEWS

Mr. Cecil Nowell went to Norfolk last Tuesday where he will spend several days.

Messrs. Joe Carroll and Claude Jenkins of Aulander were in town Tuesday in the interest of the automobile business.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Smithwick of Merry Hill spent last Tuesday night in the home of Mr. J. H. Myers.

Miss Willie Forehand, who has been milliner at Snow Hill, Md., returned home last Tuesday to spend the summer.

Miss Helen Johnson of Ahoskie spent last Wednesday in town as the guest of Miss Margaret Overton.

Mr. Cecil Beasley, Mrs. C. W. Beasley and Miss Mabel Morris went to Ahoskie last Wednesday.

Mr. Commander an insurance agent, spent last Wednesday in town as the guest of Mr. L. E. Stokes.

Miss Thelma Forehand left last week for Greenville, where she will attend the summer school.

Messrs. W. R. and K. T. Raynor went to Windsor last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Deans, Messdames M. T. Wilson and G. M. Holley were visitors in Ahoskie last Thursday.

Mrs. Philips of Hurlock, Md., came last Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Northcott.

Miss Kate Newsome spent the past week end with Mabel Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Britton went to Ahoskie last Friday.

Miss Rose Nowell left last Friday for Lumberton, where she will spend some weeks.

Mr. Scott of Elizabeth City was in town last Friday.

Mr. Leroy Saunders who has been attending school at Trinity College returned home last Friday to spend the vacation.

A number of young men from Kelford passed through town last Friday enroute to Edenton to attend a base ball game.

Mr. Robert Sessoms, who has been in school at Chapel Hill, returned to his home here last Friday.

Mrs. Mattie Northcott, who has been visiting her daughters, in Norfolk, and Portsmouth, returned home last Friday, bringing two of her grandchildren with her.

Mr. W. H. Sessoms has been on the sick list for the past week. We hope he will soon be out again.

Mr. J. P. Nowell went to Edenton last Friday.

Miss Amanda Leaty, who has been in Norfolk under the treatment of Drs. Bybee, returned home last Friday much improved.

Messrs. G. M. Holley, J. C. Beasley and Manley White went to Norfolk last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Deans and Mrs. Tucie Evans went to Gatesville last Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. N. G. Phelps and children went to Ahoskie last Saturday.

Mrs. C. W. Beasley went to Harrellville Saturday to spend the week end with her mother.

Mr. Jim Forehand, who is in the insurance business at Roanoke Rapids, came home Saturday to spend a few days with his parents.

Messrs. Villa and Hazel Montague and Miss Ernestine Wickens left last Sunday for Asheville to attend the summer school which is now in session.

Rev. Mr. Lineberry filled his regular appointments at Christian Harbor last Saturday and Sunday, being the regular June quarterly meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Harrell of Whaleyville, Va., is visiting relatives in and around town.

We are sorry to report Mrs. T. E. Forehand on the sick list this week.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Nowell spent last Sunday in Powellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter of Williamson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stokes last Sunday.

The crowd at the Pleasure Beach on last Sunday was one of the record breaking crowds—a large number enjoying a dip in the surf.

Messrs. Lass Nowel, Vance Forehand and Cecil Nowell spent Sunday in Windsor.

Miss Mammie Stokes left Monday for Hertford where she will visit relatives.

### Card of Thanks

We take this method of expressing our appreciation to our friends in Ahoskie and vicinity for their many expressions of sympathy and their unflinching willingness to offer and give assistance in our recent bereavement.

R. C. Harrell and wife,  
L. S. Savage.

## CONDENSED PLATFORM OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Condemns Wilson's league covenant.

Endorses senate's rejection of the treaty.

Blames democratic administration for loss of American lives in Mexico.

Declares friendship for the Mexican people.

Condemns president for Armenian mandate request, while sympathizing with Armenian people.

Stands for world pact to preserve peace without sacrificing American principles.

Recognizes justice of collective bargaining for labor.

Approves governmental limitations on strikes and lockouts.

Denies right of governmental employees to strike.

Favors impartial tribunal to settle disputes in public utilities and voluntary mediation in private industry.

Demands exclusion of products of convict labor from interstate commerce.

Advocates consolidation and reorganization of governmental departments and bureaus.

Plays President for clinging tenaciously to autocratic war powers.

Advocates simplification of income taxation laws and operation.

Wants federal reserve system freed from politics, which is blamed for present efforts at credit control to the detriment of holders of war bonds.

Condemns administration's unsound financial policy, which is held responsible for the high cost of living and pledges party to avoid inflation.

Declares democratic party was equally unprepared for war and for peace.

Endorses work of the republican congress during the past session, citing all legislation adopted and pointing out where balked by the President or democrats.

Advocates liberal appropriations in co-operation with states for highway construction and conservation and utilization of national resources as well as reclamation.

Declares for liberal legislation for disabled and infirm world war veterans and their dependents but avoids any reference to cash bonus.

Calls for civil service law enforcement.

Declares for an American merchant marine, privately owned and operated.

Opposes loose naturalization of the aliens and their annual registration until naturalization.

Opposes abuse of free speech to the extent of penalizing advocacy of violent overthrow of government.

Condemns postal inefficiency, scoring public operation of telephones and telegraphs and administration for failure to adequately pay its expert employees.

Welcomes women into full participation in affairs of party and calls for ratification of the Anthony suffrage amendment.

Pledges party to a solution of the problems facing social and industrial justice.

Endorses federal aid in education and thorough system of physical education of all children up to nineteen years of age.

Stands for rigid enforcement of the child labor law.

Advocates women's bureau and also equal pay for equal service for government workers; limitation of hours for women in intensive industry, the product of which enters into interstate commerce.

Advocates governmental aid, federal or state, for citizens to acquire homes.

Recommends federal assistance in Americanization in Hawaii, as well as home rule and rehabilitation for the Hawaiian race.

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R. F. Erwin Regarding His Troubles

"A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended for stomach troubles I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away" writes R. F. Erwin, of Peru, Ind. If you have any trouble with your digestion give these tablets a trial. They do you good.—ad.

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Watch that label on your paper. To be on the safe side it would be better that the last two figures were '20.

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## RAILROAD TO BE BUILT FROM WINDSOR TO MURFREESBORO IS PLAN

### Wellington and Powellsville Extension.

### Road Will Be Extended Provided Citizens Subscribe to Preferred Stock Amounting to \$200,000—Good Progress on Plan Has Already Been Made, It Is Announced.

Announcement has come to this paper that a project is now under way to extend the Wellington and Powellsville Railroad from Ahoskie to Murfreesboro, via Union, making the road standard gauged all the way from Windsor to Murfreesboro. A mass meeting looking to that end was held in Murfreesboro one day last week. Citizens of Murfreesboro and Union met with Mr. A. T. Baker of Edenton, president of the corporation that owns and operates that line.

At that meeting, it is understood that Mr. Baker agreed to extend the road to Murfreesboro, provided their citizens and other business interests along the proposed route of the road would subscribe to \$200,000 of seven per cent of preferred stock, one-fourth to be paid down and remaining three fourths in three equal payments. The editor of this paper was in Murfreesboro about two days after this meeting, and learned that citizens of Murfreesboro and Union had subscribed about \$35,000.00 Since that time canvassers have visited Ahoskie also. What the total amount has now reached we are unable to state; but reports are to the effect that prospects for the full subscription are encouraging.

In connection with this project, also comes the announcement that the main offices of the W. & P. R. R. will soon be moved to Ahoskie, and the business of that company directed henceforth from this city. It is understood that Mr. Baker, who has had his office in Edenton, will have a private office in the city of Norfolk, but the corporation's home office will be located here.

The Branning Manufacturing Company which is controlled by the same interests will be repaired and additions made to the already large plant here. The logging operations for this mill are also carried on over this railroad. The mill which is now closed for repairs will begin operations next week.

It is hoped that the railroad project can be successfully consummated and thus put the county in closer touch. Should the road go through as planned, it will mean much to the Baptist College located in Murfreesboro, as well as providing accommodations for the people of that town and those on the proposed route. Citizens of Murfreesboro and Union are backing the thing to the limit; and it is expected that Ahoskie interests will become interested to the extent of subscribing to some of the stock.

## FERRY SCHEDULE

On and After April 1, 1920

Leave Chowan Side Opposite  
—Colerain—

8:00 O'clock A. M.  
12:30 P. M.  
5:00 P. M.

—Leave Colerain—  
8:45 A. M.  
1:15 P. M. and 5:45 P. M.

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