

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE BOLL WEEVIL.

Raleigh, Sept. 4.—"Undoubtedly such money has already been wasted in North Carolina this year in needless and ineffective attempts to combat the boll-weevil. Time and time again we warned against this," says Franklin Sherman, chief in entomology for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

"We advised against any extravagant outlay of money for machines or poisons of whatever kinds in the area where weevil-injury was due to be fought, yet we are told of persons who have used 'remedies' and now because their injury is light doubtless some of them think they have controlled the weevil; whereas, in fact, the weevil is equally scarce in other fields, where no expense was incurred to protect from weevil."

Mr. Sherman states that in the region where injury was due to be severe this season advice was given to prepare for using the standard dust-poison method and to follow the official advice, which is not to begin poisoning when the weevil first appears, but to wait until there is a harmful damage in immediate prospect. A number of cotton farmers sought machines and poison and urged by directions with good prospect of success. There are others likewise equipped who have not yet applied one pound of poison because they haven't needed to and their investment is still safe.

But there are many others who thought they would go one better on the official advisers, states Mr. Sherman. These determined to use other forms of poison and to begin when the first weevils appeared.

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They have applied their poisons repeatedly for two months or more, and certainly killed some weevils, especially before squares formed, but it is known today that in many such fields there has been no real need of this expenditure, and that in other fields the weevil-injury is increasing in spite of their "treatments."

"Weevil injury is not equal and alike in all fields," says Mr. Sherman. "He who thinks that he must adopt a certain 'remedy' into his practice and use it whatever happens, stands every chance of wasting money and effort. He who follows the standard official advice will prepare, and will then apply the poison when it is needed and where it is needed. The one expends blindly on a yet questionable method; the other uses his judgment and knowledge in the timely application of a known method. There is a wide difference, and perhaps this difference will grow wider as we grow in our weevil experience."

ROBESON MADE FINE RECORD IN NEAR EAST RELIEF.

Oversubscribed Its Quota 26 Per Cent—State Chairman Says It Is a "Wonderful Showing."

To the Editor of The Robesonian: The following is the report of the Near East work of Robeson county for the year ending June the 30th:

Robeson county raised \$4,885.76 on its quota of \$3,960.00, an over subscription of 26 per cent. Cash sent in, \$2,707.76; pledges, \$754; clothing valued \$1,524.

It will be remembered that Mrs. E. C. Murray of St. Paul was chairman of the clothing campaign and did splendid work, as the report shows. State Chairman Geo. H. Bellamy in his letter to county chairman has this to say:

"Truly this is a wonderful showing in these times when money is nothing like as plentiful as it used to be. I want to congratulate you and all who had a part in raising this splendid sum, and to extend to you all the thanks and gratitude of our state committee."

Mrs. L. T. Townsend,
County Chm. of the Near East Relief

UNCLE GILES ROZIER'S 75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: Please find space in your good old Robesonian for this as I would like to read it in print. Thursday, August, 23, will be long remembered among the colored people of the Meadows, when they gathered together at the Meadow school house and celebrated the 75th birthday of Giles Rozier. He is the father of the Meadows, born in the Meadows, always lived in the Meadows; has been married 3 times and is the father of 32 children and 110 grand children. He is still spry and living with his third wife and 9 children at home, the youngest one three years old, the most of whom was gathered for the occasion. About 300 friends and neighbors were present, led by Bro. Jimmie Hooper, who sang "Blessed Assurance". Rev. Fasan led prayer and a fine dinner was served, and cold drinks, then ball game and jolly good time for all, old and young.

Hoping to read this in the next old Robesonian, with best wishes to the good old reliable paper.

KATTIE BLOUNT

Who Will Oppose McLean? Editor Keener of The Durham Herald, is putting a "wanted" advertisement at the head of his editorial columns. What he wants is "an opponent" for McLean, and he makes this statement of the situation: "Max Gardner declines to assist the anti-Administration forces defeat A. W. McLean. It looks as though the job will again be passed back to J. W. Bailey, and he doesn't show much of an appetite for it, either. Of course Maxwell still has his ear to the ground, but the things that he is hearing are not rousing him to make plans for moving into the Governor's Mansion early in January, 1925. Everett flatly refuses, and Gardner does likewise, making it incumbent upon Bailey to assume the burden or hand it over to McLean without a contest. Therefore, Bailey will probably be laid on the sacrificial altar."

It is a good probability that The Durham Herald's advertisement will bring no satisfactory responses. Maybe, after all, the people of the State will be inclined to give the nomination to McLean, to discouragement of any party opposition at all, leaving the job of defeating him to the best efforts of the Republicans. But the editor of The Herald appears to have formed a strange idea of McLean's personality. It believes him a hard man to approach. What The Herald has taken for aloofness however, is nothing more than native modesty and bashfulness. To those who want to approach him, he will be found entirely approachable. He is not a lime-lighter or a player to the galleries. He is not effusive; he is rather earnest and sincere. He is so much of a stranger to the usual characteristic of the politician that he might be regarded as a curio in that respect. The Herald thinks the people "do not care for so much talk and hand-shaking," anyway, and that's where McLean makes a fine fit-in.—Charlotte Observer.

PHILADELPHUS NEWS.

By W. H. M. Brown
Philadelphia, Sept. 3.—Mr. Locke McGeachy of St. Pauls filled the pulpit here at the Presbyterian church yesterday, on account of Mr. Dixon not being able to preach.

Rev. Mr. Goodwin of Antioch spoke to the Christian Endeavorers last night. A chorus was sung by Misses Amanda Brown and Mary Belle McMillan, Messrs. George McKay, and I. P. Ray.

Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont spent Friday night at the home of Mr. J. M. Brown.

Those soon to leave for college are Messrs. John Pat Buie, Edwin Tiddy, Douglas Brown, and Miss Amanda Brown.

Mrs. J. P. Ashley and daughter, Miss Julia, has arrived, and the former will again teach in the Philadelphia high school.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST.

Visited 15 paupers. Visited county home twice; sanitary conditions very good, all inmates well cared for.

Admitted Lucy Hall McDonald to the county home.

Placed one crippled child in orthopaedic hospital for treatment and operation, Gastonia.

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COST OF PRODUCING TOBACCO

Orrum High School Boys Determine Cost of Production This Year to be \$10.82 Per Hundred Pounds.

By H. Wilson Bullard

Is tobacco an expensive crop to produce? Every farmer freely admits that it costs a lot to produce this crop. How much does the crop cost? How many farmers actually know what it takes to produce tobacco by keeping cost account records? Every business farmer is interested in knowing what his different farm enterprises cost him. The boys studying vocational agriculture in the high schools know what they are doing by keeping an accurate cost account record on all crops grown.

Records for the year 1922 show a total of sixteen boys of this school who had tobacco projects. These boys kept a cost account record on 30 acres of tobacco, an average of 1.87 acres per boy. A total of 19,723 pounds was produced on the thirty acres, or an average of 657 pounds per acre. The yield per acre sounds pretty small. However, when we remember that 1922 was not an extra tobacco year, and make some comparisons, it looks good for the boy studying agriculture. Average pounds per acre 1922: Orrum pupil 657, Robeson county 548, State 541.

A further study of records shows that for each 100 pounds of tobacco produced, it required a total of 48 man and self hours, and 9 horse hours. An allowance of 12 1-2 cents per hour for man labor and 10 cents per hour for horse labor was made. There was an average of 940 pounds of fertilizer used per acre, at an average cost of \$14.45 per acre. This figures an average cost of \$2.24 per unit of 100 pounds of tobacco. Rent of land was placed at \$10 per acre.

Final results show that after all expenses had been figured, the tobacco cost \$10.82 per 100 pounds to grow it, and get same ready for market. If this had been sold for an eleven-cent average, as was the case in the South Carolina Belt in 1921, where would the profit for the farmer come in?

WEEKLY COTTON LETTER

By Cotton Factorage Co.
The Government's condition report as of August 25th was published Friday morning, showing 54.1 per cent of normal, against 57 per cent last year, 49.3 per cent in 1921 and 67.5 per cent in 1920. The condition declined 13.1 points from July 25th to August 25th 1923. The condition of the crop in this section of the belt was given as follows:

Georgia—42 per cent, a loss of 6 points during the month; S. Car.—57 per cent, a loss of 7 points; N. Car.—71 per cent, a loss of 11 points; Fla.—30 per cent, a loss of 22 points; Ala.—52 per cent, a loss of 14 points; Texas lost 16 points.

From August 25th to date heavy rains have continued to fall east of the Mississippi, causing much damage from shedding, army worms and weevils. Even the best sections of North and South Carolina have been damaged much more than it was thought possible two weeks ago. It is interesting to note that the condition of the crop as of August 25th, 1923, is 10 points lower than the ten year average, and 2.9 points lower than the condition as of August 25th, 1922, when less than 10,000,000 bales were ginned. In view of the figures given we do not see how anyone can expect this year's crop to be 10,788,000 bales, as estimated by the Government on Friday last.

It looks like another good year to hold cotton for higher prices.

INVEST 75 MILLION IN NEW SCHOOLS IN LAST TWO YEARS.

More Than One Modern Structure For Every Erected Through Aid of State Loan Fund; Seven Hundred New Buildings; Entire Program Equal To Investments In Good Roads; Blair Makes Report.

News and Observer.

Five hundred and seventy-three new rural school buildings, costing \$14,042,445.58 and more than a hundred city school buildings costing \$11,264,000, altogether more than 700 structures costing \$25,067,043.58 have been erected in North Carolina during the past two years, according to the annual report of the Bureau of School House Planning issued yesterday.

Every county in the State with the exception of New Hanover is included in the list of new rural school buildings erected with the assistance of the five million dollar loan fund made available by the General Assembly of 1921 and duplicated again by the General Assembly of 1923. The first five million was stretched to \$5,800,000 before all applicants were in.

The slogan on which Governor Charles B. Aycock built the foundation of his administration—"Build a School House a Day"—is still working, and with more impressive results even than in his day. On an average the school building program for the two-year period has run slightly over one new building a day and within five years educational leaders expect to see the entire physical equipment of the school system rebuilt.

Along with that slogan is another informal platform of "tear down a school house a day", brought about by the consolidation movement. Approximately 1,500 school houses have been abandoned and torn down, the average running about three old buildings going when a new one is erected and districts consolidated around it.

Twenty-five million dollars, with approximately \$16,000,000 in permanent improvements for the colleges and normal schools of the State bring the total for educational purposes to forty million dollars, or just about the amount of the State's investment in roads during that period, two times in which the State has set up a leadership that has not been challenged in the country.

Impetus was given the building program for rural schools by the Brooks plan for a loan of five million dollars to be repaid by the counties in 20 annual installments. Months before the loan became available applications were on file for more than the total of the issue, and Dr. Brooks asked for another five million from the recent session of the General Assembly and got it. It has already been applied for, but will not become available until January.

State supervision of school buildings is in the Bureau of Schoolhouse planning, under the direction of Dr. John Jay Blair. Every building to which the State contributes aid must measure up to the standards set up by the Bureau, with special attention to lights, availability, sanitation, etc. Mr. Blair gives his entire time to inspection and conferences with architects and school committees.

The report made public by his department is a handsome pamphlet, well illustrated with photographs of many buildings that have been erected during the two-year period, together with some examples of the old "one-roomer" and others of the somewhat better but now equally obsolete structures of the Aycock period.

MEMORIAL BUILDING AT JACKSON TRAINING SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 11

Invitations have been issued reading as follows:

"The superintendent and officers of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School request the honour of your presence at the formal opening and dedicatory exercises of the James William Cannon Memorial building on Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, September eleventh, Concord, N. C."

The address of the occasion will be delivered by Governor Morrison. The memorial will be presented by Hon. David H. Blair. The following note follows the printed program: "The campus will be open to visitors at 2 p. m. and all are cordially welcomed to the privilege of an intimate inspection of the Memorial and its appointments and the plant in general until the hour for the program of the day."

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TOKIO DENSELY POPULATED CITY

(By The Associated Press)
Tokio, capital of Japan, with a densely populated area of 40 square miles, is one of the world's largest cities. The last census showed it to contain 2,173,162 persons. Conditions in it approximate more nearly both the crowded conditions of Occidental cities and their architectural develop-

ment than any other of Japan's cities. Until the Restoration, the city was called "Yedo" and it became the capital of Japan only in comparatively recent years, the old capital being Kioto, 200 miles distant. It is perhaps the city of Japan best known to visitors from the Occidental countries, being one of the principal railway centers of the empire.

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Mrs. Flora Flowers	1 lot	2.48
R. O. Edmonds	1 lot	90.80
Mrs. Fannie M. Prevatt	1 lot	108.08
L. S. Prevatt	1 lot	11.55
A. M. West	1 lot	21.45
Addie Avery Estate	1 lot	16.55
S. W. Millikin	1 lot	.83
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Charles McLaurin	1 lot	1.65
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