

Crops Throughout Entire South Are Far Above Average, Crop Map Shows

Farmers Using Better Prices For Crops To Retire Indebtedness

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 6.—Referring to a map issued by the United States Department of Agriculture showing that the crops as of Aug. 1 in the whole of the South except Texas, Oklahoma and a part of Arkansas were "average or above," Julian H. Scarborough, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia and president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, said that farmers of the third Farm Credit Administration District comprising the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, may justifiably realize their good fortune in having crops better than elsewhere in the nation.

"Now that the harvesting season is upon us," Mr. Scarborough said "the farmers of the district who have availed themselves of the credit facilities offered by the various agencies of the Farm Credit Administration to tide them over the worst depression in modern history should plan to protect their credit with these agencies and to insure a continuance of the agencies by meeting their obligations to them."

"These agencies, during the past tense months have not only thrown a line of defense against the loss of homes and farms through foreclosure by instituting a program of refinancing but have set up an organization now capable of giving the farmer a permanent system of complete credit for all-round purposes—whereby farm borrowers through cooperative responsibility may take advantage of the nation's money markets under low terms of interest and favorable terms of repayment."

"The farmers of the tobacco belts of our district where the markets have already opened have shown a desire to meet their obligations to the agencies making up this system most promptly and many of them who were borrowers from production

credit associations have wiped out their obligations to the associations completely.

"Likewise many of them have made substantial payments on their land bank and land bank commissioner loans. The favorable prospects for cotton ought to put the cotton growers in splendid position to meet their obligations to the production credit associations and to make payments to the land bank."

"By making prompt payments the farmer-borrowers effect a saving in their interest charges."

At the headquarters of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia it was said that the collections from the tobacco districts were continuing to be excellent. At the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, it was reported that substantial payments were being made by tobacco growers on their obligations to the land bank and the land bank commissioner.

PARK ROUTE HEARING TO BE SEPTEMBER 10

Washington, Aug. 30.—Secretary of the Interior Ickes will hold a hearing in Asheville on September 10, to determine whether the Great Smoky National parkway will enter the newest national park on the North Carolina or Tennessee side.

He told Representative Zeb Weaver today he will conduct the hearings himself, after Mr. Weaver had spent about two hours with the cabinet officer. Weaver told Ickes it would be a great injustice, and in a sense, controvert the objective of the parkway to shunt it into Tennessee at Blowing Rock, below Linville Gorge as the Tennesseans propose.

Emphasizing the beauty of the North Carolina route, Weaver pointed out that Asheville is recognizedly the gateway to Great Smoky Mountain park. He said that to build the parkway from Linville Gorge into Tennessee and enter the park via Gatlinburg would deprive tourists of the enjoyment of a vast North Carolina area.

After hearing the congressman out Ickes said he would immediately notify Governor Ehringhaus of North Carolina and Hill McAlister of Tennessee, of his intentions to hold the hearing. He said he would permit Ehringhaus and McAlister to present the claims of their states in person, if they wished, or accord them the privilege of selecting speakers. One hour and a half will be allotted each side.

Birthday Dinner For Thos. K. Faw

Enjoyable Time at Farlcar Home Sunday; Other Community Items Given

PURLEAR, Sept. 4.—On last Sunday a company of one hundred and twenty persons assembled at the home of Thomas K. Faw, at this place, for the purpose of bringing good cheer to Mr. Faw, it being his 54th birthday anniversary. The honors were also extended to his daughters, Misses Eva Zelle and Vienna in honor of their 10th and 21st birthday anniversaries, respectively.

A table was prepared on the yard and when well filled with the choicest delicacies, Rev. Lee Miller made a brief but interesting address. Then followed the dinner hour. The greatest of enjoyment was in evidence as the crowd talked and laughed and partook of the good things of the table to their hearts content.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Faw, fifty-three, the mother of nine children, saw them all together on this occasion for the first time in life.

Among those present from a distance were Mrs. Malissie Davis, of Richmond, Va.; Dude Walker, of Becklin, Va.; Mrs. Ida Bear, Mrs. Fairmington and Mrs. Artie Bolden, of Wagoner; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bear and family, of Glendale; Mr. and Mrs. J. Higgins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Finley Church and family, of Wilkesboro; Rev. T. V. Church, of Wilkesboro.

After spending a most delightful social hour in the afternoon the company left for their homes wishing for Mr. Faw many more happy birthdays.

Our farmers are very busy at this time as the rainy season has somewhat subsided and it is fine foddering weather.

We are glad to say that our Sunday school at Purlear is progressing nicely. Here's an invitation to the people of the community to join in this good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Matherly, of Brookford were visiting relatives in this section last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Miller, of Idlewild, were visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jas. T. Nichols, Sunday.

Mrs. Jas. T. Nichols, of this place is visiting relatives at West Jefferson this week.

Mr. Balmer Hays, son of W. A. Hays and Miss Dora, daughter of Rell Caudill, were united in matrimony Saturday evening. Rev. D. J. White, officiating.

Evidently

Helen—They say that girl over there puts all her father makes on her back.

Toni—Evidently he must be out of a job now.

Batting Strength Which Put Detroit Tigers on Top in American L.



Detroit . . . Above are pictured the claws on the Tiger, Detroit's American League baseball team which seems headed for the pennant and World Series glory. . . Pictured are ten Tiger regulars, including pitcher Schoolboy Rowe, who are hitting over .300 . . . Left to right, Goslin .322; Cochran (manager), .322; Greenberg, .337; Rowe, .333; White, .319; Hayworth, .330; Gehring, .366; Walker, .308 and Rogell, .312.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

TRADITION . . . up our way

Up in my county we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Congregational Church at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, the other day. Founded by Yale College theological students in 1733 as a mission to the Indians who lived at Charles Stockbridge's trading post, it was organized as a church in 1734, with the Indian chief, David Konkopat, and one of my own ancestors, as deacons. Many famous preachers have served the old church, most celebrated of them being Jonathan Edwards, who left it in 1758 to become president of Princeton College. The descendants of many of the first members of the old church still live in the town.

It is natural that those who have grown up in such an environment should be influenced by the ancient traditions of the country and its people. Our ancestors believed that every man was entitled to what he could earn, and that those who would not work should not eat. The landless man, who was content to work for wages, was looked upon as inferior; so it became every able man's ambition to own a home, however humble, and a piece of land he could till and live on, if wages failed.

DEPENDENCE . . . a la bear

The principal trouble with the American people today is that we have become too dependent upon the pay envelope. We are like the tame bear that a traveling showman took around the summer resorts in the Adirondacks. The bear would do his tricks, the showman would pass the hat, and the bear would get his supper.

Up in the thick woods, however, the call of the wild was too strong for the bear. He slipped his leash one night and vanished into the forest. Two days passed and the bear did not return. Finally some woodsmen at Paul Smith's organized a search for him.

They found the poor beast in the middle of a clearing, all alone, going through his whole repertory of tricks and then looking around for someone to come and feed him. It was the only way he had ever been taught to get a living.

I always think of that rather pathetic anecdote whenever people talk about moving city workers to the farms by wholesale. I am afraid that a great deal of the planning for "subsistence homesteads" overlooks the fact that nobody can get a living off the land unless he has first learned how.

DISILLUSION . . . of an heir

A young man who was running an elevator, in the building where my New York office is, inherited a small farm in his native Czechoslovakia. He took his wife and children and gaily set sail for Europe. Fourteen months later he was back—and, fortunately for him, was able to get his old job back.

"They think they are prosperous if they can get just enough to keep them alive and warm over there," he told me.

Everything in life is relative. We think we are in great distress because money doesn't come as easy as it used to. But the plain fact is that the lowest-paid workers in this country, and even the unemployed, have better food, better clothing, more enjoyment in life, than all but a few anywhere else in the world.

COMPETENCE . . . the job

Charlie, my Czechoslovak friend, got his old job back because he is a competent man at that particular work, of running an elevator. It is not easy to find competent men in any line of work. Too many are just good enough to get by.

"I think there is too much of a tendency to put the emphasis upon the enjoyment of leisure

time and not enough on doing one's job well.

In my own experience I know how difficult it is to find a really competent stenographer, and I hear many others make the same comment.

BUILDING . . . and workers

We hear a great deal about unemployment in the building trades, and the effort to stimulate home building in order to put them back at work.

My late father-in-law, who came of a family of builders and was a builder himself, had a name for the general run of carpenters. He called them "wood-butchers." The quality of workmanship with which many who call themselves bricklayers, stone-masons, plasterers and painters is appalling. Yet they demand, under union rules, the same high pay as the most competent.

I lately had to have a chimney repaired and a fireplace relined, in my country home. With past experience with poor workmanship in mind, I refused to let any of a dozen masons in my neighborhood tackle the job, but waited until I could get the services

of the one really competent man in that line. And he had so much work promised ahead that I had to wait two months before he could get around to my job!

There has never been any real lack of work for first-rate men in any line. Most of the unemployed are second-raters seeking first-rate wages.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: What minerals are necessary for laying birds?

Answer: The usual mineral feeds are bone meal, oyster shell or ground limestone, salt and grit. These are necessary for growth and repair of the body. Bone meal helps build bone and tissue; oyster shell or ground limestone are used for the calcium content; salt stimulates the appetite, and grit grinds the food. These minerals should be kept before laying birds at all times.

Sonny—Father, is it correct to say that ours is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people?

Father—Hardly, my son. Correctly speaking, ours is a government of the people, by the officeholders, and for the politicians.

Personal Items at Goshen Community

GOSHEN, Sept. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Barlow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Vaughn and family, of Independence, Va., visited friends and relatives here last week.

Rev. Isaac Watts filled his regular appointment Sunday night at the Goshen Baptist church his subject was, "Remember thy creator in the days of thy youth." He preached a wonderful sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Walker and Mrs. A. R. Barlow attended the Hollow Springs Primitive Baptist Association, Sunday.

Mrs. Al Pearson, of North Wilkesboro, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Dora Wallace here.

Mrs. T. G. Walsh, who has been in falling health for some time, is spending a few days this week at the home of Dr. Miles for medical treatment.

An ancient well, 250 feet deep, was discovered in Palamieh several months ago, relieving drought in Palestine.

FAMILY PROTECTION

We realize that an insurance policy of only \$50.00 on children and \$100.00 on adults may seem very small but when we have gone as far as we can with those we love and the time arrives that we have to think of placing them away, even this would be of great help to most of us.

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