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NORTH CAROLINA CROP CONDITIONS

Corn Average Will Be Good. Cotton in The East is Poor, Some Better in Piedmont Section

RALEIGH, N. C. Sept. 30, 1922.

WEATHER: The weather during the past week continued fair and dry, with cool temperatures in the eastern counties where the weather is ideal for harvesting cotton and hay. The weather was warmer in the central and western areas of the state.

CORN: Much corn is being harvested and will average a good crop. The condition is 83 per cent, as compared with the ten-year average. The forecasted production of 49,105,000 bushels is not quite up to that of last year, or the five-year average, but the price is very good at 98 cents per bushel. Silo filling is about completed. There is practically no danger of frost harming the late crop.

COTTON: Cotton in the Coastal belt seems never to have recovered from the excess rains of the summer and the insect depredations. Here the best crops will show only about a two-thirds yield, while the average will not be over 50 per cent. Cotton in the Piedmont plateau shows a better condition than that of the east. Durham and Warren counties show the best condition in the northern Piedmont counties, with good quality and yields about 90 per cent. In the south-central, Lee county shows a fair condition. In the western belt cotton is fair with a 75 per cent condition in Polk county.

HAY AND PASTURES: This has been a fine year for hay and grasses in most of the Atlantic states, on account of the favorable weather conditions and heavy rainfall. Increased acreage in hay is reported from Scotland county. Pastures are drying up considerably on account of dry weather.

TOBACCO: Tobacco is all cured and reports a

and ranges from 55 to 95 per cent. Orange county reports a 100 per cent crop with good quality. Tobacco prices are very favorable.

TRUCK: Sweet and Irish potatoes show a good condition and yield, but the prices are still somewhat low. It is late for other truck.

FRUIT: Apples, grapes and pears show a good condition east of the mountains. There will be a low production of apples this year in the mountain area.

LIVESTOCK: Increased interest is being shown in better breeding of livestock. There is a slight increase in the number of hogs in Forsyth and Scotland counties over last year. The condition of hogs is better than that of cattle on account of the slight growth of pastures due to the dry, cool weather.

PROGRESS: The tobacco market is very active, with good prices prevailing. Much cotton is being harvested with some being sold. October 15 will find little cotton in the fields.

ORGANIZATION WORK: Farmers are becoming united in their effort for the production of more and better livestock during the coming year. The cooperative marketing interest are active, especially in Halifax and Forsyth counties. Farmers are learning more about how to detect and fight the boll weevil and are uniting in their effort to fight this insect next year.

LABOR: Labor is scarce in most sections of the state, but farmers are managing to get their crops harvested in time. Normal labor conditions are reported in Orange, Pasquotank, Sampson, Scotland, Surry and Polk counties.

Frank Parker,
Agricultural Statistician.

BUDDIE WANTS A HOME!

Who will give Buddie a home? Buddie is an orphan boy, three years old, and Oh, how he longs for a loving Mother and Daddy! He has been placed in our care and we will give him to the first good mother who applies. Write at once and make Buddie happy, and your home a REAL HOME.

JOHN J. PHOENIX,
State Superintendent,
Greensboro, N. C.

BUILDING INDUSTRY WILL BREAK ALL RECORDS—GREAT INDUSTRIAL/CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON—According to a compilation of building construction data, the total amount of building construction of all kinds for the year up to September 1, to the sum of \$2,362,872,000. This is the largest amount of building construction ever recorded for the first eight months of any year in history. It is greater by \$7,000,000 than the total amount of building construction for the 12 months of 1921. The most encouraging feature was the fact that the industrial plant construction amounted to 21 per cent of the total, which is evidence that the manufacturing world is preparing for a period of good times and increase in their capacity, which means an increase in number of men employed and an increase in payrolls. This, in turn, means increased purchase of all kinds of commodities and food which will react to the profit of the producers and the business world.

IMPROVING THE CORN CROP.

WASHINGTON—Selected seed corn was planted on 1,600,000 additional acres in 1921 through the influence of demonstrations by county extension workers, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture, and 160,000 farmers selected seed corn for the next year's use.

RECORD OF DISCHARGES.

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has received a book which is to be used for entering records of those who were discharged from the United States army or navy. This record will be a permanent one and will be of interest to future generations in years to come. The cost of having these entries will be about \$1 each. All former service men who wish to have their discharges entered upon the records should see Register of Deeds Morris as soon as they can.

NEW TEACHERS HERE.

The latest addition to the faculty of the Beaufort Public Schools is Mr. J. R. Raper of Linwood, N. C. who arrived here Sunday. Mr. Raper will teach mathematics and science.

YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS BROUGHT INTO COURT.

Eight Morehead City boys were on trial in the Juvenile Court presided over by Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell on Tuesday as a result of a jog ride which they took last week. The boys were Edward Purefoy age 9, Alton Piner age 10, George Piner age 14, Milton Piner age 15, Raymond Lewis age 14, Maurice Lewis age 11, Curtis Lewis age 8, Dan Guthrie 9. Another boy who was with the crowd ran away and has not yet been captured.

The offence charged against the boys was that they took Dr. Thompson's Ford coupe last Thursday and ran away with it. Several days later they were captured near Vanceboro in Craven county. They had done considerable travelling in Beaufort, Craven and Carteret counties and finally left the car in a swamp. The steering gear and wind shield were broken and it was otherwise damaged.

Mayor Wade of Morehead City reported the affair on Monday to Judge Hassell and on Tuesday County Welfare Officer J. Wallace Mason went to Morehead City and brought the boys over for trial. The court heard the case and after lecturing the boys put them under probation with the understanding that if they got into any further escapades they would be brought to Beaufort and put in jail until Superior Court convenes.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of commissioners held their regular session at the City Hall Monday, the Mayor and all members being present. The Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to borrow \$2000 for a short time to pay interest on bonds. This is to be repaid as soon as the tax money begins to come in. A number of bills were audited and a few other routine matters transacted.

NEW YEAR BOOK NOW ABOUT READY

Secretary Wallace Emphasizes Economic and Marketing Side of Farming

WASHINGTON—The 1921 Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture will come from the press in two or three weeks. This Yearbook will be entirely different from any previous issue of the Department of Agriculture. The reason for the change in the character of the Yearbook is the belief of Secretary Wallace that the great problems confronting farmers today are economic in character and should be treated as such.

In the past, about one-half of the Yearbook was devoted to magazine articles on numerous agricultural subjects. These articles have not been comprehensive and have dealt with generalities. The other half of the book has included, in general statistical material presented in rather a formal manner. In the 1921 book, and in those to come, the space heretofore given out studies on the economic situation with respect to our chief agricultural products.

The 1921 book has to do with corn, beef cattle, wheat and cotton. The articles deal with these crops from the standpoint of production, marketing and distribution and show their relative importance both as individual crops and to agriculture in general. They have been prepared in a concise and understandable form and are well illustrated with charts, graphs and photos. Much of this statistical material will appear in digest form and be supplemented by the inclusion of production data and news statistics on marketing and production.

Another special feature of the book will be a graphic summary of American agriculture as interpreted from the census figures of 1920.

In making these changes in the Yearbook, the Department of Agriculture points out that farmers must give more attention to cheaper production and more improved methods of marketing and distribution, so that the prices the farmer receives shall be more fairly related to production costs.

The report of Secretary Wallace will show the progress of agriculture during 1921 with particular emphasis on the economic phases. It will contain a brief statement of the work of the department and a discussion of the agricultural crisis of 1920-21.

Definite plans for the 1922, 1923 and 1924 Yearbooks have just been made, committees appointed and subject matter decided upon by the committee in charge.

Together with the 1921 Yearbook, the three to follow will complete a four-year series of articles, each of which will be specially prepared for the Yearbook and will be a complete treatment of the history and economic status of the subject. The 1922 book will include the subjects of swine, dairy, hay and forage, small grains and forestry. In 1923, fruits, poultry, sheep and goats, potatoes and truck, sugar and tobacco will be treated. The 1924 book will consider subjects of horses and mules, roads and transportation, land utilization, credit and insurance, land tenure, country life and education.

All requests for the new Yearbook should be sent to congressmen, who have a fixed quota allowed them. The Department of Agriculture itself is limited to comparatively few copies which are distributed to libraries, agricultural schools and other like institutions. It is therefore impossible for the department to supply the Yearbooks to the public. That can be done through the members of Congress.

STRICKEN SEAMAN BROUGHT ASHORE.

Captain Thos. G. Willis and his brother Reuben came into the harbor Tuesday night about midnight with a sailor from the light ship off Cape Lookout. The man whose name is John Meyer was stricken with paralysis recently and a wireless message summoned help. He was taken to New Bern yesterday morning and was placed in a hospital there.

BEAUFORT HARBOR TO BE IMPROVED

Congress Allotted \$24,000 for Improvements Here—\$2,000 For Taylor's Creek Cut

The session of Congress that adjourned a few days ago made a very substantial appropriation for improvements to Beaufort Harbor, the sum of \$24,000 having been specified for that purpose. The request for \$30,000 for deepening and widening Taylor's Creek cut from Beaufort Harbor to Core Sound was not allowed. However \$2000 was appropriated for this purpose.

As to how the \$24,000 allowed for the harbor will be expended the News has no information at present. Many citizens here hope that it will be used for constructing a sea wall from Town Marsh to Bird Shoal. It is believed that such a wall would prevent sand from filling up the harbor and would greatly assist in keeping the channels open. Some work will be done immediately on the channel at Bulkhead Shoal.

The information in regard to these matters was furnished the News by Assistant Engineer Harry T. Patterson and is reproduced herewith.

New Bern, N. C.
Sept. 30, 1922.

Mr. W. G. Mebane,
Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 26th with reference to an appropriation of \$30,000 for the further improvement of the Waterway from Core Sound to Beaufort Harbor, (Taylor's Creek Cut), you are advised that this was not made by the last Congress.

This work has however been approved by the Chief of Engineers and there is a good prospect for an appropriation in the next river and harbor bill.

The last bill included the following items for works in your immediate vicinity; Harbor at Beaufort; \$24,000; Core Sound to Beaufort Harbor, \$2,500; Beaufort to Jacksonville, \$20,000.

The dredge Croatan will leave here Monday, Oct. 2, to do some dredging on the Bulkhead Shoal in Beaufort Harbor.

Very respectfully,
Harry T. Patterson,
Assistant Engineer.

POLITICAL POT IS BEGINNING TO BOIL

The political pot is beginning to boil pretty actively in Carteret county now. Owing to the fact that the county is closely divided between the two political parties there is more interest here in the campaigns than in those counties where there is only one side and the voters have practically no choice.

The Democratic chieftains held a meeting at the county courthouse last Saturday for the purpose of raising funds and devising plans to carry the county. The meeting was a private one but the News learns that it was decided to put on a vigorous campaign and that speakers will be sent to all parts of the county. It is probable also that prominent men from other parts of the State will be sent here to battle for the Democracy.

The Republicans are not idle by any means and are just as determined to hold the county as the Democrats are to capture it. They began their campaign Monday night with speaking at Straits, Otway, and Bettie. Tuesday night they had speakers at Mill Creek, Venolia, Holly Springs and Harlowe. Last night they were at Stacy, Sea Level and Williston. Friday night Messrs E. W. Hill, C. R. Wheatly and others are billed to speak at Merrimon. Saturday night there will be speaking at Atlantic by Mr. Hill and others and at Smyrna Mr. Wheatly and other candidates will appear.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by Registrar of Deeds Troy Morris to Norwood L. Mathews, Raleigh and Lela Chadwick, Gloucester. Also to Cornie Gould, Newport and Estelle Hill Morehead City.

BIDS ASKED FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Beaufort, N. C.
Oct. 2nd, 1922.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met this the 2nd day of October 1922 at their regular meeting place in the Court House at Beaufort, N. C. with the following members present to-wit: C. E. Wheatly, Chairman; Geo. G. Taylor; J. L. Edwards; Henry O. Piner and B. F. Small.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Rev. J. E. Lewis and a large number of land owners from Sea Level came before the Board and asked that a road be built through Sea Level connecting the Stacy road with the Atlantic road.

Ordered by the Board that bids be asked for, for the following named projects, to-wit: (1) Road beginning at Gilbert Hamilton's landing and extending to the end of the shell road leading from Atlantic. (2) Road beginning at Lynch's bridge and extending to Back Creek. (3) Road beginning at T. F. Mann's on fork of Newport River and extending to Harroll Weeks on White Oak Road.

Mr. Tom Wade appeared before the Board and asked that an error in the listing of the personal property of Geo. D. Willis be corrected, and that the property be listed the same as last year. The matter was referred to Mr. W. L. Stancil for adjustment.

Mr. L. G. Simmons came before the Board and asked that a \$1600 mortgage be taken from his tax list, said mortgage he did not own. The matter was referred to the Auditor for adjustment.

Mr. W. R. Powers came before the Board and asked for a reduction in the value of his real estate. Mr. Powers was referred to the State Tax Commission.

Report of the Public Health Officer was ordered filed.

Petition signed by citizens of Newport Township requesting that the Shoe Branch Road be taken over and maintained by the County, was presented and read to the Board. Upon motion duly made and passed the road was accepted, and petition ordered filed.

Petition signed by citizens of Williston and other citizens east of Beaufort requesting that a road be built from W. H. Gillikin's store to M. E. church was presented and read to the Board. The matter was deferred to a later date, and petition ordered filed.

George Fulcher, Beaufort, N. C. came before the Board and asked for aid from the poor fund. The matter was referred to J. W. Mason, Welfare Officer.

Mr. W. D. Swain came before the Board and asked that the value of his real estate be equalized with the real estate surrounding him. The matter was referred to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner and W. L. Stancil, Auditor for adjustment.

Mr. Hermon Small came before the Board and asked that Mrs. S. A. Herrington's taxes be reduced. The Board notified Mr. Small that it had no jurisdiction in the matter.

No other business appearing the Board took recess to meet again at 2:30 P. M.

The Board reconvened at 2:15 P. M. with all members present.

Mr. W. G. Winberry came before the Board with a petition signed by citizens of Mill Creek requesting that a change be made in the road at Mill Creek. The matter was referred to the County Engineer and petition ordered filed.

Ordered by the Board that H. W. Noe and T. C. Willis, Smyrna, N. C. be appointed as expert tongs to aid the State Fish Commissioner to examine certain bottoms to be leased for oyster bottoms.

Ordered by the Board that Dr. E. B. Whitehurst of Marshallberg, N. C. be appointed Vital Statistician for old Smyrna Township.

Ordered by the Board that J. L. Edwards and Henry O. Piner, Commissioners be appointed a committee to act with the engineer in inspecting and taking over the part of the road now completed by Shull that has not been inspected.

Ordered by the Board that Nellie Mason, Stacy N. C. and Mary F. Willis Davis, N. C. be relieved of one half of their taxes.

No other business appearing, the Board adjourned.

NEWPORT FAIR IS MAKING PROGRESS

Arrangements Being Made for Community Fair—Date Set For November 3rd.

(By A. H. Harris.)

Mr. Podrie, president of the Newport Community Fair Association, called a meeting of the officers and committees of the association last week. Several representatives from the Womans Club, met with us and assisted in the work. Prof. N. J. Sigmon, Secretary and Treasurer, stated how much money was in the treasury and immediately we got busy and worked out the premium list. Numerous cash prizes will be given. The premium list will be turned over to the printer by the first of next week and one copy of the book will be sent to every man who gets mail on the R. F. D. routes from Newport. The remainder of the books will be distributed all over the county. Someone suggested holding a baby show on the day of the Fair and in my mind is a very good suggestion. This was not fully decided, but will be in time to make the announcement in the Premium List. Building committees were appointed. All of these are reliable men and women who have promised us their hearty cooperation and we are positive they will put their shoulder to the wheel and help us to make the Newport Fair the best one held in Eastern Carolina this season. This can be easily done and that is the goal that the officers and helpers of the association are striving to reach, and naught be him who says this won't be accomplished.

After quite a lengthy discussion, it was decided to hold the fair November 3rd. This will allow the farmers plenty of time to select their products for exhibition. I am planning to spend a good bit of my time in and around that community between now and the time of the fair assisting the individuals in selecting their exhibits.

Hog cholera is about at a standstill now, although practically all my time for the last two weeks has been devoted to this hog inoculation work. Practically every one in and around communities where the disease has appeared this year, are or have had their herds immunized against the malady. Many farmers around Bogue have had the work done as well as those around Wildwood. Several other calls have come in to my office for additional work up the sound and also in the Mill Creek section. Farmers who have had work done during last week are: Messrs. C. N. Hobbs, W. C. Piner, A. D. Willis, W. E. Fodrie, Lee Murdock, W. A. Murdock, Hugh Murdock, Geo. Taylor, A. S. Taylor, E. F. Cannon, C. W. Smith, J. W. Guthrie, Graham Duncan, W. P. Smith, L. C. Tolson, E. L. Tolson, Deck Smith, Arthur Smith, W. E. Taylor, Ellice Smith, B. B. Coal, S. T. Smith, E. T. Guthrie, Walter Smith, Lycurgus Humphrey, D. T. Cannon, J. A. Chaplain, and Alex. Wade.

One of the best and safest demonstrations ever conducted in this county is one that Mr. M. Hamilton, a farmer who lives on the North River road is beginning. Mr. Hamilton is converting a portion of his farm in to a model hog farm, and is going to raise pure-bred Duroc Jersey hogs. He is conducting this demonstration in cooperation with the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, State Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture. He has already made preparation for his permanent pasture and will seed the same during next week. Sometime in the near future he expects to go up the state and visit some of the best hog breeders and select his stock. It is probable that we will get Mr. W. W. Shay, Chief of Swine Extension, N. C. Extension Service, to assist Mr. Hamilton in the purchasing of his breeding stock.

Mr. L. C. Carroll, of Newport, a business man and farmer is putting in one acre of permanent pasture this year. His seed arrived last week and he will begin seeding the plot the first of the ensuing week.

Miss Elizabeth and Francis S. Duffey Jr., of New Bern spent the week-end here with their cousins Miss Emaly and Clarence Pemberton.