

FARM OUTLOOK IN NORTH CAROLINA

Mild Spring Has Been of Considerable Benefit. Will Plant More Tobacco

Raleigh, N. C., March 29—North Carolina farmers have enjoyed the benefits of a comparatively mild and early spring as have those of other states, and farm work is advancing rapidly. There is at this time a more stable outlook than usual for most crops. Cotton, having suffered a defeat at the hands of excessive production and low prices, will likely not be a large factor in the farmers' problems, as it will require a season of convalescence to recuperate. Tobacco started off last summer with fairly good prices which were maintained in spite of one of the largest crops ever grown. The farmers say they expect to plant 10 percent more this year. They should study the situation carefully before doing so. Records of past events are casting their shadows this season.

The price determining factors existing on the National market require study at this time. This season cotton, potatoes and wheat will be planted under the influence of lower but more stable price levels. The presumption is that present prices will tend to reduce cotton acreage, increase potatoes and about maintain wheat. The spread of cooperative marketing and the development of machine cultivation and picking are important new factors in the situation.

The profit in feed crops is dependent upon the relative price of the livestock which eat them. "It is probable that the South will increase corn and other feed crops this year. A good growing season with continued large acreages will result in another year of cheap feedstuffs. Nevertheless, the farmer is in better position to make a profit from low priced feed stuffs this year than from low priced cash crops. The important thing this spring is a wisely selected acreage of cash crops."

With the exception of cotton and potatoes, the prices of farm commodities January 1st this year vary little from those of January 1st last year. The price trend of both of these is higher at this time, as is also that of beef cattle and wool. The price trend of wheat, hay, butter and eggs is lower, while that of corn and hogs is unchanged. "The general index of purchasing power of farm products in terms of non-agricultural commodities advanced 1 point to 81 in January, the five pre-war years being considered as 100 percent. This compares with 88 the previous January and 84 two years previous." The purchasing power of farm products in North Carolina was 73 percent of "other commodities."

(By Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician for North Carolina)

QUICK PROFITS MADE GROWING SLASH PINE

Washington, D. C. March 30—Slash pine, or yellow pine, according to the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, is one of the most profitable timber trees in this country, combining the merits of rapid growth and of early money returns from turpentine and timber.

An acre of slash pine, well set, may be expected to yield at present prices an average of \$3 to \$5 yearly in turpentine and timber. On an average soil and at an age of 20 years the trees will be from 40 to 50 feet in height and from 5 to 7 inches in diameter. There are often from 200 to 300 such trees on an acre.

The department warns, however, against attempting to grow slash pine except in an experimental way, above the coast plain of North Carolina or west of the Mississippi River. It is a tree of the warmer Southeastern States and the outlying groups of islands.

Slash pine is particularly well adapted to the soils of old fields, and it grows better than most of the pines in flat, poorly drained lands. It is easily propagated from seed, and the small trees stand transplanting well. Some of the Southern States are now growing pine seedlings which the public can obtain. A seed bed 4 feet wide and 16 feet long would require about 12 ounces of seed which produce from 5,000 to 8,000 small trees for planting.

Information is available upon request to those interested in the subject. Farmers' Bulletin 1256 - F. "Slash Pine," may be obtained, as long as the supply lasts, from the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Baptist Church Buys Ann Street Residence

The First Baptist church closed a deal Monday for the residence on Ann street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overstreet. The house was built by a Mrs. Washington and was later owned by the late Alonzo Thomas. The Baptist congregation has had in mind for some time the purpose of securing a suitable place as a residence for a pastor. They feel that they have now gotten a house that will be very suitable for that purpose. The property was bought from the Bank of Beaufort and the News understands that \$5000 was the price paid for it. The church owns another piece of property at the southwest corner of Ann and Moore street which many people think will be enhanced in value very considerably by reason of being so near the terminus of the bridge.

HOSPITAL FOR BEAUFORT NOT YET ASSURED

If plans which have been in the making for some days do not miscarry Beaufort will have a hospital very soon. All the details have not been settled but most of them have been and parties who are interested hope to get every thing straightened out in a few days so the contract for the building can be let. The News hopes to have definite information by next week's issue and that it will be able to give the public full details about the proposed hospital.

Forest Preservation An Important Matter

This occurs this time for the whole country April 23rd to 30th. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill, N. C., is the Chairman of the North Carolina Committee. He has asked me and all the members of the N. C. Forestry Association to serve as members of his committee for the State. I am glad to do what little I can.

Dr. Pratt will send me literature pertinent to Forest Week, which I shall be glad to give to any who apply.

He asks that Superintendents of Schools, leaders of Civic Clubs, Women's Clubs, Boy Scouts and other groups arrange for forestry talks during American Forest Week.

Our Country is using up its available timber so fast that lumber is fast increasing in price owing to its scarcity and a lumber famine will soon be on us, if we do not mend our ways. Also much land is lying idle that could easily be made to grow timber profitably. Nature has been so lavish with her bountiful gifts that we have lived only in the present. Now we must take stock and provide for the future. All this applies in a large way even in Carteret County. But what The N. C. Forestry Association "wishes continually to emphasize is our PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY in the protection and preservation of the forests."

I would suggest in the talks to be given that great attention be paid to the beauty lent to our land by the trees, especially those that have flowers and berries, and that young and old try to stop all vandalism in destroying such trees and try by replanting to add to the beauty of our roads, farms, streets and yards.

GEORGE W. LAY.

PRIZES GIVEN FOR COTTON FASHION SHOW

The Cotton Fashion Show to be given under the direction of the Community Club in the interest of using more cotton in every way possible, will be held at the school auditorium in April. Prizes will be given for the following entrances: Ladies most attractive house dress, ladies most attractive street dress, ladies prettiest afternoon dress, most attractive and sensible school dress for girls from 7th grade through high school; most tasteful school dress for girls from 1st grade to 6th inclusive; most attractive suit for boys up to and including six years of age.

The requirements for entrance are that clothes must be made of cotton material bought in Beaufort.

As many people as will are asked to wear the exhibits. Those who will not wear them are asked to display them on coat-hangers. Any one who expects to enter, please notify Mrs. N. F. Eure as soon as possible.

There will be no charge for admission to the show, but everybody is asked to wear cotton dresses. Those who take part in the show must be attired in cotton hose, dresses or suits.

For information concerning the show, see Mrs. J. H. Stubbs.

SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Superintendent Fritz Re-elected. Work on New Buildings Makes Good Progress

The board of trustees of the Beaufort Graded School held a meeting Tuesday night at which a superintendent for the schools was elected and some routine business was transacted. Mr. R. L. Fritz was re-elected superintendent for the next school year.

The matter of buying equipment for the new school buildings now in process of erection was discussed rather fully. An order for blackboards was given. Desks, Chairs and other equipment have not been purchased yet. The new buildings will be well equipped with all necessary appliances for school work.

Good progress is being made now on the building for white pupils. Bricklaying is in progress and if the weather conditions prove favorable within ten days the big building will begin to show up in good shape. In digging the trenches for foundations quicksand was encountered in some spots and caused some trouble and extra expense. This difficulty has been overcome now and the work should go forward now without a hitch.

Work was started on the building for colored pupils last week and satisfactory progress is being made on that. The concrete foundations have been finished, the work work started and brick laying would have started and brick laying started today. This building is located at the southeast corner of Mulberry and Queen streets. It will be 127 by 141 feet and will have ten class rooms and an auditorium. It will be built of brick and will be a fine building. The Davis Construction Corporation of Beaufort have the contract and R. E. Davis of Bath is the foreman in charge of the work. Both of the school buildings will be ready for use when the fall term opens so the builders say.

Police Court Monday Did Some Business

Police court did a little more than an average business Monday afternoon and its proceedings brought a considerable crowd of spectators to see what might happen. Most of the defendants were charged with drunkenness.

The first case tried was that of Willie Dickinson in which it was alleged that he was drunk. The evidence however did not sustain the charge and the case was dismissed. It appeared that Mr. Dickinson was sitting on his porch at home Sunday afternoon and that Tom Saddle came in and started a scuffle with him and that Dickinson ordered him to leave. Tom Sadler was tried on the drunk charge and denied it but the Mayor thought the evidence sufficient to prove the charge and fined him \$10 and costs or 10 days.

Bert Lloyd admitted that he was drunk Sunday afternoon and two or three witnesses corroborated that statement. He got a sentence of \$10 and costs or 10 days on the streets.

Rosa Belle Pigott was very positive that she was not drunk Sunday afternoon, in fact she refused several invitations from white men to drink with them. On account of the absence of one of the witnesses for the prosecution the case against her was continued until next Monday.

The case against Floyd Robinson alleging drunkenness was continued until next Monday afternoon.

For not being in court on time a warrant was issued for Dave Pearson who had been summoned as a witness. He will answer to the charge Monday afternoon.

B. D. Barnhill was brought into court on the charge of abandoning and failing to support his wife. His wife Mrs. Edna Barnhill and her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hill testified that he had not contributed anything to the support of his family in six months or more. The defendant went on the stand and admitted the charge. He said he had found it very hard to get a job and the work he now has pays only about \$8 a week. He is working in Morehead City now. The Mayor had no jurisdiction in this case and so he put the defendant under a bond of \$250 for his appearance in Superior Court in June.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one permit to wed has been issued by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace this week, that was to J. A. Belangie and Georgia Cannon, Merrimon.

Many Good Roads Planned This Year

Washington, D. C. March 30—The construction of 26,841 miles of road and the maintenance of 239,847 miles are included in the 1927 State highway programs of 47 states according to reports received by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. The programs also include the construction of a number of large bridges and the reconstruction of roads previously improved. On account of uncertainty of supporting legislation no estimate of the season's work is possible as yet in Connecticut.

In carrying out the above program it is expected there will be expended under the supervision of the State highway departments in the 47 states a total of \$648,483,000.

In addition to the State expenditures approximate estimates indicate that counties and other lesser subdivisions of Government will expend during the year \$475,000,000.

Of the expenditures by the State highway departments of the 47 States approximately \$421,000,000 is the estimated amount for road construction and, according to present plans, more than \$56,000,000 additional will be spent for new bridges. For reconstruction of existing roads it is estimated that the expenditure will be nearly \$27,000,000, and for maintenance approximately \$126,000,000.

Motor Vehicles Are Increasing Rapidly

Washington, D. C. March 30—More than twenty-two million motor vehicles were registered in the United States during 1926 according to reports received from State registration agencies by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. The year's registration represents an increase of 10.3 per cent or slightly more than 2,000,000 more than that of 1925.

Florida with an increase of 40.2 per cent, not including nonresident registrations, shows a greater gain than any other State. Oklahoma, with a gain of 17.8 per cent, and second only to Florida in respect to the amount of increase, was followed closely by Alabama, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi and Utah, all of which had increases over 15 per cent.

Of the total number of vehicles registered, 19,237,171 were passenger automobiles, taxis and busses and 2,764,222 were motor trucks and road tractors. The increase in motor trucks and tractors amounted to 13.2 per cent, which is somewhat greater than the increase for all classes of motor vehicles, indicating a continuation of the development of commodity transportation by highway.

Receipts from registration fees, licenses, etc. amounted to \$288,282,352 as compared with \$260,619,621 in 1925. Of the gross receipts \$190,406,060 was available for highway construction under the supervision of the State highway departments, \$51,702,184 was allocated to counties for expenditure on local roads and \$25,274,158 was used to finance highway bond issues. The remainder was used for payment of collection costs and miscellaneous purposes.

COMMUNITY CLUB NOTICE.

The regular business meeting of the Community Club will be held in the Club room over Mr. Clawson's store, Thursday April 7, 3:30 p. m. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. All members are asked to be present.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, Pub. Chmn.

Dr. Elijah Rice formerly of Beaufort now living in South Carolina is here on a visit to his sister Mrs. Jake Pagel and brother John Rice.

Fishing Boat Caught In Gale Was Wrecked Last Saturday

A tale filled with thrills and dangerous experiences was told here by a fisherman named Herbert L. Orde. The man who is an Englishman but has lived in America for many years, left Wrightsville Beach Saturday morning in a 32 foot fishing boat, got caught in a gale, lost his boat and came near losing his life. Orde says that his engine gave out after he was a few miles from Wrightsville Beach and that he raised a small sail and kept on his way. The storm came up and drove him along at a fast clip. The seas were tremendous and almost washed him overboard several times. Finally

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CRITICISED BY EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Failure To Submit Eight Months School Term Question To Voters Of The State Is Resented. Provision Requiring Auto Owners To Have Registration Card Is Not Popular So It Seems. Fish Commission Merged

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Town And Country Property Is Selling

Real estate deals recorded show that some trading is going on in various parts of the county. No very large transactions is shown on the record but a considerable number of town lots and some farm property have changed hands. The list is as follows:

T. W. Brinson et als to Nannie G. Geffroy, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.

Mary J. Manson to Mamie B. Helten, part lot, Beaufort, for \$10.

Geoff Austen and wife to Addie M. Conway, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$4440.

W. M. Webb and wife to S. F. Campbell, 1-2 interest in Horse Island for \$10.

Rt. Rev. W. J. Hafey to Joseph Eldred and wife, 1 lot Morehead City for \$100.

Mary Hardy to L. H. Hardy, 1 1-8 acres, Merrimon, for \$1.

Mary Hardy to B. G. Hardy, 1 acre Merrimon, for \$1.

Monroe Gillikin and wife to Warren Gillikin and wife 2 tracts Straits Township \$1000.

Edward Pigott—Single to Capt J. S. Pigott, 3 acres Straits, for \$50.

F. A. Norris and wife to F. C. Norris, 30 acres White Oak Township for \$10.

F. A. Morris and wife to A. L. Morris and wife, 27 acres White Oak Township for \$10.

F. A. Morris and wife to W. C. Morris, 22 acres White Oak Township for \$10.

F. A. Morris and wife to Jasper Morris, 28 acres White Oak Township for \$10.

Jeremiah Abbott to W. O. Williams 4 1-4 acres, Portsmouth for \$200.

CITY BOARD ADOPTS PARKING REGULATIONS

A regulation about parking cars on Front street was adopted at a recessed meeting of the board of city commissioners last Friday night. Spaces will be marked off on both sides of the street between Turner and Craven streets and designated for cars. Previously to this cars have parked along this block in a disorderly fashion and in a way that was not satisfactory to either pedestrians or drivers.

The board also passed a motion appointing Mrs. J. H. Stubbs tax lister for the city. It recessed subject to the call of the Mayor.

CHARITABLE BROTHERHOOD HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Ocean View lodge of the Charitable Brotherhood in regular meeting Friday night March 25th elected the following officers for the ensuing year. President, Wm. H. Bailey, Vice President, W. A. Pierce; Treasurer, F. L. King, Secretary, George Styrton; Lecturer, J. J. Whitehurst; Chaplain, Fred Hooper, Marshall, Ed. Simpson; Guards, Earl Mason and C. L. Davis. R. D. Whitehurst and E. W. Hill were elected as delegates, and J. J. Whitehurst and George Styrton were elected as alternates to the meeting of the District Council meeting at Davis in May. J. J. Whitehurst and George Styrton, delegates and R. D. Whitehurst, E. W. Hill alternates, were elected to attend the Grand Lodge meeting to be held at Roper, N. C. in July.

Mrs. W. D. Grgeson and little daughter Sophia Ann returned Sunday from Sanford where they had been visiting relatives.

Raleigh, March 28—The headliner for the capital city during the week was the assembling here of the 43rd annual session of the North Carolina Education Association which held the center of the stage from Thursday evening until Saturday morning. Around 1200 teachers, superintendents and educators of high rank gathered from all sections of the State to exchange ideas and discuss professional problems. The program included subjects on art, music elementary education and other topics of general interest to the profession. The annual address of the retiring president, Dr. Edgar W. Knight, of the University of North Carolina was "warm a plenty." The Doctor knew which way he was headed and found himself facing a sympathetic audience, especially in his criticism of the recent General Assembly for its action in tabling the bill providing for submission to the voters in 1928 the question of an eight months school. Secretary Jule B. Warren thought it "a marked discourtesy to the teachers of North Carolina" and the prediction freely made is that quite a different story will be written on this subject by the Legislature two years hence. New officers of the Association: President, T. Wingate Andrews, superintendent of the High Point schools; Secretary, Jule B. Warren, Raleigh.

Auto Card Law A Blunder

Opinion in general that the Legislature blundered in the amendments enacted to the State Automobile Law. Especially obnoxious is the provision requiring registration cards and that they be kept in containers to cost fifty cents each. On and after July 1, license plates may not within a year be transferred from one car to another even in case of sale; license fees on cars of 25 horse power or less will be reduced from \$20 to \$12.50; on June 30 plates will be issued for six months at a cost of 25 cents to cover the expense. On and after April 1, signs, posters, stickers, etc., are prohibited on front windshields, side wings, rear or side windows and drivers must not coast down grade by throwing gears into neutral, and drivers involved in accidents are required to stop. Every car must carry a rear light; speed limit is increased to forty five miles an hour on the highways, 20 miles in residential sections, 15 miles in business areas, 15 miles on curves and in school zones when pupils are about the buildings. Cars must stop at crossings designated by the State Highway Commission and drunken drivers are to draw sentences ranging from thirty days to one year, or pay fines of \$100 to \$1000 while reckless drivers shall spend from five to ninety days in jail or pay fines of \$25 to \$100. Lights must not show a glare above 42 in. at 75 ft. etc. The new bus law, prepared by the Corporation Commission and enacted exactly as it was first written, has in it the practical experience of two years operation and is said to be one of the most complete measures enacted of any of the 44 States which have laws regulating bus lines. Not so with the bill passed by the General Assembly of 1925 which has been considered more of an experiment than a "honest-to-goodness" attempt to treat the subject in a proper way. Under the new law maximum car weights must not exceed nine tons, width 83 inches. No change was made in the franchise tax, while the insurance section is changed completely, and definitions of a number of important terms are clarified. All "for hire" cars, large and small, are required to obtain a permit from the Corporation Commission and all operators must procure license to drive. The Commission is given additional authority to regulate bus lines and may cancel franchise certificates for various causes set forth in the act, designate and supervise bus stations and renew franchises.

Banking Law Changes

Defunct banks may no longer be liquidated through receiverships appointed by superior courts. The Corporation Commission will attend to matters of this character hereafter, under legislative enactment, the plan authorized being similar to that observed in the liquidational banks and the banking department of more than half the states of the Union. The amended banking law requires a minimum capital of \$25,000 to begin business.

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