

COTTON OUTLOOK NOW INDICATES HIGHER PRICES

Boll Weevil And Weather Conditions Have Been Rather Unfavorable

N. C. CROP SEEMS FAIR

(By Crop Reporting Service)
RALEIGH, September 13th.—The cotton crop is commanding special public interest just now. While the prospective production of 12,692,000 bales is about two-thirds of last year's crop. The market price is about twice as much. What is still better, the present short crop will allow the much quoted surplus stocks on hand to be reduced by consumption. Thus a better future price will be insured.

North Carolina's crop prospect of 911,000 bales appears to be about three-fourths of the 1926 crop—which in turn was the State's record production. The acreage is reduced from 10 to 15 per cent this year. The condition reported by 549 farmers the first of the month was 64 per cent, while that a year ago was 69 per cent. Thus, it may be seen that the farmers last year saw the crop through blue glasses, and may be optimistic this year. With an average yield per acre of 292 pounds of lint last year, it hardly appears now that we may make 244 pounds this year.

The Crop Reporting Service at Raleigh made up three maps of North Carolina showing (1) county cotton conditions; (2) boll weevil infestation and (3) inches of August rainfall. Zones were drawn on these which showed similar waves across the State. The cotton condition map shows clearly that the poorest condition was below 50 percent. This area extends south from Scotland through Fender counties, and reaching up to include Cumberland and Duplin counties. The zone of 50 to 60 percent runs from Anson northeasterly to Bertie County. Then, 70 to 80 percent areas are from Mecklenburg to Gates counties, passing through Moore, Wake, Wilson and lower Halifax counties. This condition is also found from Lenoir to Carteret and from upper Pitt to Tyrrell counties. An area of above 80 percent condition is shown from Rowan to Alamance Counties.

The boll weevil infestation map shows Robeson County centering the southern area, where more than 80 percent of complete infestation was reported. The eastern zone of heavy infestation is from Wayne to Beaufort counties, and possibly extending on up to Gates. The 50 to 70 percent zone goes from Anson to Johnston, then southeasterly to Onslow, also upward to Tyrrell. In this area also. Below 25 percent of infestation occurs above the line passing through Charlotte, Concord, Pittsboro, Raleigh, Nashville, Halifax and Murfreesboro.

The weather map shows heavy rainfall during August. An area of over 8 inches of rain includes eastern Halifax and Edgecombe, and extends to Pasquotank. Complaint of too much rain is general. Red spider damage is frequent but spotted belated growth of plants and danger of rotting in bolls is important. The final crop is very problematical now.

SCHOOL LUNCH PERIOD WILL BE 30 MINUTES

Beginning next Monday the lunch period at the Public School will be 30 minutes so Superintendent Fritz asks the News to state. A vote was taken today in school on the question of whether the lunch period should be 30 minutes or 60 minutes. The 30 minute period got 299 votes and the 60 minute period received 164 votes.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

The board of county commissioners held a meeting here on Monday. The minute book was not available today (Thursday) and so the News is unable to give details of the said meeting but will try to do so next week.

Strong Defense Being Prepared For Alma Gatlin; Special Session May Be Requested

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Sept. 9.—Further developments in the sensational investigation of the R. Smith Petty murder were not expected over the week end, it was learned in reliable quarters here today.

Plans were being drawn for a formidable defense for Mrs. Eugene Gatlin, 20 year old bride of Reidsville's fire chief in Wentworth jail charged with the gruesome axe-slay-

Take Church Census Sunday Afternoon

The three churches of the city, Episcopal, Methodist and Baptist co-operating in taking the religious census of the town have the plans completed for this work to be done next Sunday afternoon. It has been very gratifying to those perfecting the plans for this work to know that sufficient workers have been secured to do this splendid service. The plan is for twenty six teams of two workers to each team to leave the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at two thirty o'clock, each team will be assigned one block of fraction of blocks that will approximate fifteen hours to be visited. The following information will be desired by these workers from each white individual in the city; Name? Street and House Number...? Have you been baptized...? If not church member prefer what Denomination... Prefer what local church?... Attend what local Church?... Do you attend Sunday School?... Member of what local Sunday School...?

The people of the city are urged to assist these workers in getting this information as accurately as possible as each question is of vital interest to some phase of our religious work in the community.

G. W. LAY,
L. L. SMITH,
J. P. HARRIS.

WORK GOES FORWARD ON SPECIAL EDITION

Good progress is being made in getting advertisements and material for the special bridge celebration edition which the Beaufort News will issue in a few weeks. Messrs. Ralph Noe and Henry Lay have been working on the task for several weeks and will be through with it now in a few days. Space has been taken in the special edition by many towns, communities and firms. A number of authoritative articles on various subjects pertaining to Carteret county will appear in the News. The object of this issue is two fold. First it is to advertise the county and second to arouse interest in the bridge celebration.

MANY ATTEND MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Many people from various parts of the county were on hand Monday to attend the County Board of Education meeting. Their business was mainly to make requests about the routing of school trucks and other matters preparatory to opening the schools next Monday. The board did what it could to satisfy the demands made upon it. Most of the day was consumed in hearing the various interested parties. The board considered a number of matters relating to opening the schools and transacted some routine business.

Ferry Boat Service Changes Are Made

Beginning Friday the 16th a change in the ferry boat service here will take place. The ferry boat Naomi which has been running between Beaufort and Harker's Island for several months will be taken off that run and put on the Morehead City route. The Pilot is to be converted into a fish boat and Captain Micajah Hayman will take her down to Florida as soon as the necessary changes can be made.

The Harker's Island ferry which has been running for several months by Captain E. A. Davenport has not proved to be a profitable venture, although it has done considerable business. It has been quite a convenience to the public though and the News has heard a good many express regrets that it is to be stopped.

Mrs. Irene Bowers of Miami, Fla., is here on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duncan.

BASEBALL SEASON CLOSED SATURDAY

Season Just Ended Seems To Have Been Most Successful In History of Town

Beaufort has just experienced the most successful Baseball season in the history of the community. Summer baseball had been tried here before, but had not paid and the backers went into debt. However, it was put on a paying basis during the past summer and good crowds were in attendance at every game.

The local club emerged at the close of the season with an average very much above the usual average piled up by small town teams. Out of 61 games 44 were brought home in the water bucket and 17 were tossed to the other side, piling up an average of .721. Not many teams are able to pile up such lucrative averages and it is a tribute to the ability of the local aggregation to handle the old apple and to sling the willow when the occasion demands it.

Beaufort lost the last game of the season to her old rivals from across the river, 4-2. One error at the wrong time let in two runs, that swamped the Beaufort boys and gave Morehead City the game.

Games were to have been played last Friday and Saturday, but the local management was unable to get any of the desired clubs to agree to come until finally Vanceboro agreed to play a double-header on Saturday. But Saturday afternoon turned up and Vanceboro wasn't here. They had decided not to play. Somebody had swiped their ball.

In order not to disappoint the crowd, the local club chose up sides and proceeded to play a game of ball that contained anything from a home run to a bow legged pinch-hitter.

Number of Home runs:
Joe Morris 10
Francis Longest 6
Sterling Chadwick 5
Bill Skarren 3
Harold Grady 2
Jas. Caffrey 1
Fred Shipp 1

Leading batting averages:
Morris, .376; Shipp, .333; Sharren .309; Chadwick, .293; Whitehurst, .280; Ferebee, .276.

Joe Morris not only led the club at getting safeties but he outstepped the whole crew in piling up four base hits. He got 10 of the team's 28 homers.

Here endeth the first successful baseball season in the city by the sea.

School Principals Here Today For A Conference

Superintendent J. H. Workman, and Miss Margaret Gustin, supervisor, held a conference today with principals of all county schools that have five or more teachers. Plans were discussed for carrying on the school work. According to the interest which was manifest at this meeting the schools are going to make considerable improvement over the work of last year.

All teachers and principals are to be present at the conference held in the courthouse on Friday. An outline of the work for the year will be presented by the county superintendent and supervisor. Short talks will be made by the county demonstration agent, farm agent, county health officer, welfare officer, some of the principals and teachers. Special teaching supplies will be distributed.

On Saturday morning the meeting will be held in the new Beaufort school auditorium. After a round table discussion led by L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, an educational address will be given by State Superintendent, A. T. Allen. Indications are that there will be a large crowd present. All committeemen, patrons and people who are interested in school progress should take advantage of this opportunity to hear State Superintendent Allen.

There will be no afternoon program.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

There was only one contested case tried by Mayor Jones in police court last Friday afternoon. This was the case in which Martha Bell, colored, was charged with fighting Ethel Pigott. Attorney C. R. Wheatly appeared for the defendant. The evidence developed the fact that the women had some words which resulted in a few blows being passed. Neither was injured seriously and the Mayor decided that both were guilty of an affray. They were fined \$5 and costs and warned not to get in trouble again.

Harry Bell submitted to the charge of drunk and disorderly and was fined \$1 and costs.

Julius Willis, drunk, submitted and fined \$1 and costs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith went to New Bern today to meet Miss Lottie Sanders who has been visiting her sister in Dover. Mrs. W. L. Howell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

The George Inn at Norton St. Philip, Somerset, is said to be 530 years old.

COUNTY HAS NEW HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. S. E. Buchanan of Concord Appointed To Position. Is An Experienced Man

Dr. S. E. Buchanan, the new County Health Officer, has accepted the proposition made him by the County Board of Health and has already arrived and started to work. Being a new man it will take him several days to get his bearings so that he can begin on his regular routine. His office will be in the old graded school which was sold to the county some time ago and is now being used for office purposes.

Dr. Buchanan comes to the county with good recommendations as to his ability as a health officer. He has had about eight years experience in the work. Recently he has been the health officer of Transylvania county, which is one of the mountain counties with a rather small population. Before that he was health officer of his native county Cabarrus.

No county health officer, who is paid partly from State funds, can be appointed without the approval of the State Board of Health. As the State contributes very largely to the expense of the health department of Carteret county its approval of Dr. Buchanan's appointment was necessary and has been given. The county budget which was published in the News on August 11th showed that the county had provided \$4200 for health work. This is supplemented by a like amount from the State.

Dr. T. C. Britt, former county health officer, left yesterday for Buffalo, New York where his family is on a visit to relatives. Dr. Britt on his return will locate in Durham.

FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN BEAUFORT

Messrs. D. M. Jones, B. L. Jones and James Noe Jr., attended a meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association in Plymouth Tuesday. While there they extended an invitation to the association to hold its next meeting in Beaufort which invitation was accepted.

The firemen will come to Beaufort on the 2nd Tuesday in November and from 150 to 200 are expected to attend. There will be no tournament but the visitors will have a business meeting and probably do some sight-seeing. It is possible that an oyster roast or some sort of entertainment will be given them by local people.

State Prison Gets First Woman Banker

RALEIGH, Sept. 14.—Miss Lena Woodard, 30, former assistant cashier of the defunct Bank of Princeton, was brought to State's Prison yesterday to begin serving a three to five year sentence for making false entries that led to the failure of the bank and loss to depositors of about \$38,000. Miss Woodard is the first woman banker ever to be committed to the North Carolina penitentiary.

The prisoner arrived by automobile three hours after sentence had been pronounced in Johnston county Superior Court by Judge Henry A. Grady. She was charged with embezzlement, accepting deposits after she knew the institution was insolvent, and making false entries. Through her attorneys, Abell and Shepherd, the defendant offered a plea of nolo contendere to the false entry charge, and Solicitor Clawson Williams, who was assisted in the prosecution by L. M. Bailey, State Banking Department Attorney, and Ed F. Ward, no prosed the other two charges.

Miss Woodard's father, George Woodard, formerly of Princeton, but now of Wake County, who was the cashier of the wrecked institution, was indicted on the same charges as his daughter, but tendered a plea of guilty to violating the misdemeanor banking statute. He contended that he knew nothing of what was going on until the crash was upon the bank. Judge Grady let him go with a suspended sentence upon payment of the costs.

The bank was closed on February 3, 1925 by W. L. Williams, State Bank Examiner.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Realty transactions for the week as recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds are as follows:

Beaufort Realty Corp. to James B. Fleet, 2 lots West Beaufort, for \$330.
T. C. Wade Sheriff to Samuel Collins, tract Beaufort Township, for taxes paid.

C. T. Gillikin and wife to C. A. Seifert, 1 lot Cape Lookout, for \$100.
T. J. Godwin and wife to Cicero T. Goodwin, 30 acres, Cedar Island, for \$100.

W. E. Currier and wife to Nora Oglesby Foreman, 1-2 acre Harlowe Township, for \$100.
G. L. Arthur et al to F. L. Fuller, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$800.

Walter R. Powers and wife to D. B. Willis, 1 lot Morehead City for \$1300.

E. H. Gorham and wife to W. A. McGlohon and wife, 1 lot Sunset Shores, for \$1000.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Chas. S. Wallace, 1 lot Sunset Shores, for \$1000.

JEWELRY SALE STILL GOING ON

The big removal sale of the B. A. Bell jewelry business is still going on. This concern expects to move into its handsome new quarters in the Potter building about October the first. In the meantime all stock on hand is being sold at sacrifice prices. The sale will positively close on October the first. See large advertisement for a few of the bargains being offered.—Adv.

Scout Master Rose Presented With Cup

The Boy Scout meeting Tuesday evening was held in honor of Mr. M. S. Rose the retiring Scout Master who has left for Reidsville where he will be member of the Reidsville school faculty. Mr. T. W. Brinson, Scout Committeeman, acted as toastmaster for the occasion in a most fitting manner. He spoke highly of the work done by Mr. Rose among the boys. Reverend L. L. Smith also spoke in high terms of Mr. Rose's work.

A handsome loving cup suitably engraved was presented to Mr. Rose on behalf of the scouts by Mr. J. A. Hymnaday in a very pleasing talk. Several of the boys expressed their regrets at losing their former Scout Master. Mr. Rose responded to the various speakers, assuring them of his appreciation and of his regrets at leaving Beaufort. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued at the Register of Deeds office since last week:
Willie Grady and Mamie Collins, Beaufort.
D. A. Ballou and Katie G. Guthrie, Morehead City.

Mr. L. W. Hassell of Beaufort spent Monday in Raleigh.

SCHOOL OPENING HERE ON MONDAY DREW BIG CROWD

Probably Thousand People Present. Many Express Admiration For New Building

ENROLLMENT NOW IS LARGE

The opening of the new public school for white children in Beaufort Monday drew a large crowd of parents, children and spectators. The large auditorium downstairs was not quite filled but as there were many people standing in the rear and in the halls the entire number present must have been close to one thousand. There was considerable difficulty in hearing the speakers owing to the confusion in the back of the auditorium and the halls.

The opening exercises started at a few minutes past nine when a procession headed by Superintendent R. L. Fritz walked upon the large rostrum. After America had been sung Pastor Leland L. Smith of Ann Street Methodist church made the opening prayer and he was followed by Dr. G. W. Lay, rector of St. Paul's church who read a selection from 2nd Kings, 13th chapter, 14th and 19th verses. Dr. Lay made a short address in which he urged pupils and teachers to cooperate in their work to put forth every effort to achieve success.

Chairman of the school board U. E. Swann, said that the wishes which the people of the town had felt for many years was now about to be realized. He congratulated the people upon the fact and spoke of the efforts put forth by the board, Superintendent Fritz and the contractors to get the building completed in time for the opening. He said the two buildings were excellent ones and that praise was due U. A. Underwood and the Davis construction Corporation for the efficient way in which they had done their work. Mr. Swann gave facts and figures as to the cost of the two school buildings which he said had been erected at a remarkably low cost every thing considered. He closed his remarks with an appeal to the pupils, teachers and parents to support the school in every way.

City Attorney M. Leslie Davis spoke briefly and was followed by Superintendent Fritz with instructions to teachers and pupils in regard to starting their work.

For the most part citizens who attended the school opening Monday were loud in their praise of the building. A few however discovered some faults in the acoustics of the auditorium and in the location, which has been a matter of controversy from the beginning. Considerable cleaning up needs to be done on the grounds and will be done as soon as possible. The funds allocated for the two buildings have been exhausted; in fact a small deficit exists which must be taken care of in some way. The enrollment in the white school is 584 and in the colored school it is 288 this session. A considerable number of children from the rural districts are attending the school for whites.

Mrs. T. O. Osmundson and children of Portsmouth, Va., visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitehurst last week returning home Sunday.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, September 16	
11:12 A. M.	5:10 A. M.
11:47 P. M.	6:03 P. M.
Saturday, September 17	
12:12 A. M.	6:07 A. M.
12:51 P. M.	7:01 P. M.
Sunday, September 18	
1:19 A. M.	7:12 A. M.
2:01 P. M.	8:23 P. M.
Monday, September 19	
2:30 A. M.	8:23 A. M.
3:10 P. M.	9:30 P. M.
Tuesday, September 20	
3:39 A. M.	9:33 A. M.
4:13 P. M.	10:30 P. M.
Wednesday, September 21	
4:39 A. M.	10:36 A. M.
5:09 P. M.	11:05 P. M.
Thursday, September 22	
5:31 A. M.	11:22 A. M.
5:57 P. M.	11:33 P. M.