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## SOME CROPS HURT BY DRY WEATHER

### Cotton, Tobacco And Corn Not Up To Standard; Showers Help Some

RALEIGH, August 15—The month of July was probably the driest and hottest that North Carolina has experienced in many years, and some sections of the State have had near drought conditions. While a large reduction in the use of fertilizer has been general, the lack of moisture has resulted in very little loss of that applied. The rainfall during the month averaged from 1 to 4 inches and consisted mostly of light showers which were of little benefit to plants. The severely hot ten-day period about the middle of July was seriously harmful to crops. During the last few days of July and the first of August, good rains occurred generally over the State, but these have not been sufficient to relieve the dry conditions.

**CORN:** Corn has probably suffered more from drought than other major field crops. On August 1st, farmers reported a condition of 57 per cent of normal for the State's crop, or an expected yield per acre of 15 bushels. This represents a decline of 27 per cent during July and is 29 per cent below the condition on August 1st last year. If realized, this will be the smallest average since 1905. Early planted and upland corn has suffered more from dryness. The crop in the Piedmont section in general has poor prospects, while the extreme eastern and western counties will produce a fair crop, but not on equal to that of last year. Late planted corn in most sections of the State shows good prospects and is expected to make better yields than the present maturing crop. Cultivation of the crop is unusually good through out the State.

**THE TOBACCO CROP:** Beginning with the plant beds, the tobacco crop has experienced unfavorable seasons. While the cultivation has been excellent, the lateness of setting much of the crop combined with dry conditions has offset the favorable factors and is expected to produce low grade quality. There are spotted areas of very good and extremely poor tobacco. The plants have not grown as tall as usual and the leaf texture is relatively thin. The leaves will be considerably lighter than usual. On August 1st the reported condition averaged 49 per cent of normal compared with 57 per cent a month ago and 76 on August 1 last year.

**PEANUTS:** The reported condition of peanuts on August 1st averaged 71 per cent compared with 77 per cent a month ago and 80 per cent on August 1st a year ago. The August 1st average is 8 per cent below the past ten year average. The crop has a healthy appearance and recent showers have been very helpful.

The condition of cotton in North Carolina on August 1st was reported by growers as 65 per cent or normal, which is very close to the average for the United States. This is 13 per cent below the condition a year ago and 7 per cent below the past ten-year average. With the acreage under cultivation about 7 per cent below that harvested last year, the crop indicated for the State is 509,000 bales, compared with 756,000 ginned last year. The yield per acre indicated was 196 pounds of lint, compared with 271 last year and a past ten-year average of 242 pounds.

On July 1st (a month ago) the presence of weevils was greater than ever in the history of the State. While weevils are reported present in all sections of the cotton belt, the hot dry weather during most of July reduced their numbers most effectively. Plants are fairly well fruited; they are unusually small, however, and squares are few. Many plants have completed putting on bolls. While general rainfall might increase the squaring, it would also favor the increase of weevils which could easily destroy any added new crop.

The unusual small size of plants is largely the result of lack of moisture, although the shortage of plant food by decreased usage of fertilizer has added its influence also. The stand of cotton is estimated by growers at 81 per cent of normal and is slightly better than usual. The poorest stands are to be found in the western portion of the belt where germination was irregular and rainfall lightest.

The production of crude petroleum in the United States in 1931 totaled 851,081,000 barrels.

## POLICE COURT RECORD

Four defendants were in Police Court Tuesday and all either plead guilty or were convicted. One who was not present was given ten days for not being there.

Guyon Smith, white youth, charged with cursing and fighting plead guilty and was given five days.

Guy Dudley, white boy, disorderly conduct said he was guilty and was given five days.

Dave Davis, colored, cursing, convicted and given 10 days.

Leo Wigfall, colored, charged with hitting Dave Davis with his fist, got 10 days.

**LOW GRADE TOBACCO IS SELLING BETTER THIS YEAR**

Tobacco markets in South Carolina and six towns in North Carolina opened Tuesday. There were large breaks of tobacco in all of them and big crowds attended the sales. Reports are that most of the tobacco offered was of rather common quality and that the low grades sold considerably higher than last year. Prices seem to have averaged about nine cents. Low grades have advanced more than the high grade tobaccos so it is said.

## WILL ERECT MILL LENOXVILLE ROAD

### Start Erection of Planing Mill and Dry-Kilns; Will Use Portable Saw Mills in Woods

Within a comparatively short while the people here at Beaufort will again have the pleasure of seeing a saw mill operating close to the city limits, for a crew of men of the Scarborough-Safrit Lumber Company of Mt. Gilead are here now laying out the plant and the building will start immediately. The machinery will begin arriving here next week. The site of the new lumber producing plant will be located just out of town between the Lenoxville highway and the Norfolk-Southern tracks that go to the Beaufort Lumber and Manufacturing Company.

R. W. Safrit is here now looking after the interest of his company. A planing mill and dry-kilns will be erected within a short while. In the beginning, only portable saw mills will be used—of which the company already has two on their timber tracts near Smyrna. Mr. Safrit told a News reporter that the mill would be started in a small way and as the demand increases the mill will be enlarged. Between fifteen and twenty men will be employed in the beginning at the planing mill and dry-kilns. Others will be employed at the various portable saw mills, which are under the supervision of R. G. Best.

After the timber is felled and sawed in the woods, the rough lumber will be freighted to the planing mill by motor trucks. There it will be transformed to the various types of lumber demanded by the retail and wholesale trade. A siding will be run to the plant by the Norfolk-Southern railroad. Later if business is sufficient to justify it, a small stationery saw mill will be erected at the site of the planing mill. The planing mill in the beginning will be run by about 300 horse-power steam engines.

The Scarborough-Safrit Lumber Company has a large mill at Mt. Gilead, N. C., and a sizable planing plant at Lancaster, S. C.

## LINDBERGH HAVE SON

A second son was born to Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh Tuesday. The infant was born at the home of Mrs. Marrow, Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, in New Jersey.

## DIES FROM FOOD POISONING

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Eyer and daughter of New York, who are well known in Carteret County, were taken critically ill and their daughter died as a result of food poisoning. Mr. and Mrs. Eyer have not fully recovered yet.

## SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

For every idle man there are seven employed.

Since the depression began savings deposits have increased by more than \$1,200,000,000 and the people now have in savings banks more than \$29,000,000,000.

The number of owners of stocks dealt in on the exchange has increased 38 per cent since 1929. The people have been picking up bargains.

In spite of much hoarding, currency now in circulation totals \$5,500,000,000, which is \$750,000,000 more than in 1929.

The national income still exceeds \$50,000,000,000 a year.

## NEGRO USES ICE PICK UPON WIFE

### Immediately After Trial, Negro Man Follows Wife, Critically Wounding Her and Sister-in-law

After promising Judge M. Leslie Davis in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning to faithfully support his three minor children to the best of his ability, James Oden—better known as Jimmie—preceded to go out immediately and stab his wife—Priscilla Oden—in numerous places about the arms, neck, chest, abdomen and thigh with an ice pick his sister-in-law, Blanche Pearsall, twice in the back. Priscilla was critically wounded, but will probably live, while Blanche was not seriously injured. Both Negro women were treated at Potter Emergency Hospital by Drs. Maxwell and Moore, and then returned to their home.

During the past several weeks, Jimmie has been tried in many state courts on various and sundry charges brought against him by his wife and sister-in-law. On several of these charges, among which were attempted arson, Jimmie was being held under a \$250 bond for the October term of Superior Court.

Hailed into Recorder's Court Tuesday on a charge of non-support of his three children, ages five, seven and ten, Jimmie told Judge Davis that it "would be a pleasure" to support his children. He claimed that his wife left him several weeks ago and that up until she left him of her own free will he had supported her and the children to the best of his ability. Priscilla seemed to think that Jimmie had given her sufficient cause to leave him. Jimmie was evidently quite agreeable and said he was willing to support his children. Judge Davis decided to continue the case for two weeks to see if the matter could not be arranged between husband and wife.

Within thirty minutes after the defendant and his wife and sister-in-law left the court-room Jimmie had stabbed both of them and had returned to the court-house and given himself up to the jailer. The affray took place on Marsh Street about half way between Cedar and Pine Streets. Hansen Peterson said he saw Jimmie rush up to his wife and stab her with the ice pick and then take out after the running sister-in-law as she disappeared around the home of Henry Green. Evidently he caught up with her, for the woman sustained two wounds in her back. Now Jimmie has another charge hanging fire against him.

When Hezekiah Gillikin of Otway, remarried Saturday before last after receiving a divorce from his first wife at the October term of Superior Court last year, he brought something on himself that he little suspected. His former wife, Arietta Gillikin, proceeded to have his haled into Recorder's Court for the non-support of their two minor daughters, ages 11 and 13. Mrs. Gillikin said in court that her former husband had contributed rather irregularly to the support of the children; this was in the form of clothing, since she had provided their food. She contended that since Mr. Gillikin had remarried and was now supporting the child of his present wife by a former marriage that he should also support his own children. Mr. Gillikin said that his former wife left him seven years ago. (Continued on page eight)

## FORMER RECTOR DIED LAST WEEK

### Dr. George W. Lay Ends A Long And Active Career

There were many people in Beaufort and in Carteret county who were genuinely grieved last Friday when they learned of the death of the Reverend George W. Lay which occurred early that morning in Duke hospital. The cause of his death was cancer of the esophagus. Dr. Lay came to Beaufort in 1919 and served as rector of St. Paul's church here for nearly ten years. He also established St. Andrew's Mission at Morehead City and served as rector there. He was always deeply interested in his clerical duties and very active in the discharge of them. Dr. Lay's influence was not confined to the bounds of his own denomination. He liked people and loved to talk to them about all sorts of subjects. He probably knew more people in Beaufort than some folks who had lived here all their lives. Practically every one knew him personally or by sight.

Dr. Lay was buried Saturday afternoon in the family plot in the Chapel Hill cemetery. The funeral was conducted in the Chapel of the Cross by the Right Reverend Joseph B. Cheshire of Raleigh assisted by the Reverend A. S. Lawrence rector of the church. The pallbearers were friends of the family from Raleigh and Chapel Hill. He was buried in his clerical robe. Music for the funeral was rendered by members of the choir of Good Shepherd church in Raleigh and the choir of the Chapel Hill church. The funeral was attended by a large number of people from Chapel Hill, Raleigh and other places.

An account of Dr. Lay's death was carried in the daily newspapers and from this the following excerpts are taken:

Dr. Lay was born in Huntsville, Ala., February 26, 1860, while his father, Rt. Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, was a missionary bishop of the Episcopal church in the southwest.

After receiving degrees from Yale university and the General Theological seminary in New York, Dr. Lay was ordained a priest in 1886 and until 1888 served as assistant rector of St. George's church at Newburgh, N. Y.

That year he was made master of St. Paul's school at Concord, N. H.

In 1907 he came to North Carolina as rector of St. Mary's Episcopal school for girls at Raleigh, where he remained a quarter of a century until he retired in 1918.

He took an active part in religious and educational work in his adopted state and was a member of the North Carolina Good Roads association.

In August, 1918, Dr. Lay went to Springfield, Mass., as rector of Christ Church, where he remained until September, 1919, when he accepted a call to Beaufort, N. C., as rector of St. Paul's Church. While there he established St. Andrew's Mission at Morehead City.

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## CONTRACT LET FOR FILL

At a meeting of the State Highway Commission Tuesday contracts were let for road work totalling \$903,600. The projects are scattered about over the State. Carteret county benefits by one letting, that of a hydraulic fill on the Beaufort-Atlantic road. The contract calls for the expenditure of \$56,283.65 and want to T. A. Loving.

## Intoxicated Young Man Has Exciting Accident

One of the most exciting automobile accidents that have ever taken place in Beaufort occurred about 9:30 Saturday night in front of the home of Mrs. Ludie Jones on Front Street when John Styron, young Sea Level man, drove his Model "T" Ford roadster—in which three other young men were riding—into a parked Ford Coupe owned by Christopher Jones. Officer Holland subsequently arrived on the scene. Styron, a young giant with the reputed strength of a modern Sampson, was endeavoring to get his wrecked car started. He was said to be crazily drunk and when Officer Holland tried to get him in his own car to take him to a cell in the city hall the man went on a rampage.

A crowd of several hundred people, who heard the commotion, quickly gathered. Some local men endeavored to aid the officer in putting the drunken man in the officer's car, but Styron is said to have fung them away as if they were children. After much effort the young man was finally deposited in a city cell, but Officer Holland had some difficulty in getting away from him and getting the door of the cell locked.

Styron is said to be a mighty fine young man when sober, but intoxicated turn him into a wild man. Officer Holland said that he understands that the Sea Level man has not been drinking very long. He was released under a \$250 bond, but will be arraigned in Police Court Friday afternoon on the following charges: Driving a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor; reckless driving; resisting arrest; and assault on an officer. Riding in the car with Styron at the time of the collision were the following other young Sea Level men: Claus Harvey, Lem Gaskill and Gaston Hill.

The Jones car was damaged somewhat, but the Styron automobile was almost totally wrecked.

## SHERIFF RECENTLY CAPTURED FIFTEEN GALLON DISTILLERY

A fifteen gallon whiskey still, two barrels of peach brandy mash and other distillery paraphernalia was found recently in a swamp in the upper North River section about a mile from the North River road and a mile from the Laurel road by Sheriff E. M. Chadwick and Deputy Sheriff R. E. Chaplain. No one was found at the miniature plant.

## JUSTICE DISMISSES CASE OF ALLEGED AUTO SIDE-SWIPING

Mrs. A. H. Outlaw, of Elizabeth City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickinson of the Core Creek section, was arraigned before Justice of Peace Clarence Guthrie recently for side-swiping the car of W. T. Lane, of the Wire Grass community, on the highway about a mile south of the "steel bridge." The following witnesses were examined: W. T. Lane, Miss Sybil Alexander, Hubert Whitley, Raymond Dickinson, Miss Beth Dickinson and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickinson. The case was dismissed because the Justice could find no evidence to substantiate the charge.

## LOCAL FIREMEN SAVE LUMBER

The woods around the place where the lumber is being stacked on the Lenoxville road caught on fire Monday and the local firemen were called out about noon when the blaze got too close to the lumber. Fire trucks went to the scene of the fire and prevented it from destroying the lumber. One line of hose twelve hundred feet long was used, the longest line ever used at a fire by the local firemen. The woods in the vicinity of the lumber burned for some hours after the visit of the firemen.

## W. P. SMITH BANKRUPTCY PETITIONED FILED RECENTLY

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed recently in the federal court in New Bern by J. F. Duncan, attorney for W. P. Smith, until recently Beaufort dry goods merchant. The liabilities were listed at \$23,401.93 and assets at \$15,524.79. W. B. Duncan, referee in bankruptcy, appointed Wilbur Willis as temporary receiver for the W. P. Smith Dry Goods Store.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

E. H. Gorham, Commissioner to M. L. Mansfield, 3 1-2 lots Morehead City, for \$52.  
D. S. Oglesby Jr., and wife to L. Beeda Oglesby, 140 acres Morehead Township, for \$100.  
G. V. Cowper, Trustee to R. H. Therrall et al 1 lot Morehead City, for \$10.

## DEMOCRATS PLAN VIGOROUS FIGHT CHAIRMAN SAYS

### Defeated Candidates Asked To Speak For The Ticket

### FACTIONS NOW UNITED

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Aug. 15—Democratic headquarters will be opened for one of the most vigorous campaigns in years during the first half of September, J. Wallace Womborne, new State chairman, announced, saying he expected to "shell the woods" with the excellent forensic material to be found in the former factions, now the united and militant ranks, of the party.

Efforts of a few or minor factions to stir up a controversy over the chairman, both before and after the meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee here last week, were fruitless. Mr. Womborne was elected unanimously as was Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, Goldsboro, while John Bright Hill, Wilmington manager for Robert R. Reynolds in his second primary for the Senate nomination, was named by Mr. Womborne as secretary of the committee. The Reynolds forces and the J. C. B. Ehringhaus followers cooperated nicely, although there were efforts of other disgruntled factions to throw the apple of discord into the lovefeast. It failed to land.

"With a battery of orators such as Mr. Ehringhaus, Mr. Reynolds and Senator J. W. Bailey, we expect to present our cause all over the State," said Mr. Womborne. He said he would ask Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, defeated gubernatorial candidates; as well as Senator Cameron Morrison, Judge Thomas C. Bowie, Frank D. Grist, defeated for the Senatorial nomination, and other political speakers to take the stump in the intensive speaking campaign. Most of them have already volunteered their services.

**Bank Deposits Decline**

North Carolina State banks, savings banks and trust companies dropped in aggregate resources from \$252,178,489 a year ago to \$199,927,812 on June 30, when the call for conditions of banks was issued, and industrial banks decreased from \$20,699,792 to \$15,828,587 in the same period, the report of Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood shows.

State banks decreased in number from 356, including 87 branches, a year ago, to 294, including 78 branches, last June 30, the report shows. The highest point reached in aggregate resources of State banks at the midyear call was in 1928, when they were \$316,750,583, as compared with \$199,927,812 six weeks ago.

Savings deposits in State banks dropped more than \$17,000,000 in the year ending June 30, to \$29,104,000, and time certificates of deposit dropped nearly \$10,000,000, to only \$17,583,000, and deposits subject to check went down \$25,000,000, to \$55,410,000. In the same period the banks increased their U. S. Bonds (Continued on page eight)

## TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. 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, Aug. 19	
10:01 a. m.	3:35 a. m.
10:14 p. m.	3:58 p. m.
Saturday, Aug. 20	
10:41 a. m.	4:10 a. m.
10:50 p. m.	4:40 p. m.
Sunday, Aug. 21	
11:01 a. m.	4:47 a. m.
11:22 p. m.	5:23 p. m.
Monday, Aug. 22	
11:31 a. m.	5:27 a. m.
Tuesday, Aug. 23	
12:05 p. m.	6:09 p. m.
12:53 p. m.	7:02 p. m.
Wednesday, Aug. 24	
1:09 a. m.	6:59 a. m.
1:49 p. m.	8:02 p. m.
Thursday, Aug. 25	
2:12 a. m.	7:54 a. m.
2:50 p. m.	9:05 p. m.

## "Blue Heaven" Hostesses Vanish Following Saturday Night Raids

After operating for a number of years under several different management a short while to leave the county. This house has been generally well known among the men of the county, particularly of Morehead City and Beaufort. From the very beginning it was known to be a house of ill-repute and following an alleged free-for-all fight there this spring the grand jury at the June term of Superior Court proceeded to make an investigation, which was never completed but it asked that this be continued at the October term.

No liquor was found at the place when the raids were made Saturday night and no arrests were made. But Sheriff Chadwick informed the News reporter that if this house is later re-opened or another is started within the county that he would advise all prospective patrons to think twice before they frequent such places because by doing so they will put themselves in the way to be arrested as habitués of a bawdy house.