

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Miss Scott Will Wed Mr. Cramer in Fall
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Scott, of Charlotte, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Baxter, to Mr. Stuart Warren Cramer, Jr., the marriage to take place during the latter part of the fall.

Miss Margaret Carr Engaged to Wed
Announcement is made in Atlanta in Sunday morning papers of the engagement of Miss Margaret Louise Carr, of Durham, grand-daughter of General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, and of Mrs. J. W. Cannon, of Concord, to Mr. Clark Howell, Jr., business manager of The Constitution. The ceremony will take place in the fall.

Miss Carr is well known in Atlanta, where she has visited often as the guest of prominent citizens. She was sponsor for the South at the last Confederate reunion held at New Orleans. Mr. Howell graduated at the University of Georgia and took post-graduate courses at Harvard and Oxford. He entered the service of Uncle Sam during the war as a captain and was promoted to the rank of major.

Mrs. Wade H. Harris in Poor Health
Charlotte Observer.
The many friends of Mrs. Wade H. Harris will be very sorry to learn that she arrived in the city quite sick Friday, and has been undergoing treatment ever since. Mrs. Harris, with her daughter, Miss Cora Annette Harris, and her sister, Miss Lula Springs, was spending the summer at Blowing Rock, where she has a charming summer home, when she became ill and was obliged to come to Charlotte for medical consultation. Miss Harris drove her mother down the mountain and will remain here until tomorrow, when she will rejoin her aunt, Miss Springs, at the Rock. It is uncertain as yet whether or not Mrs. Harris will able to return here for the remainder of the season.

Brooks-Lipe
A beautiful but simple ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage by Dr. G. A. Martin Sunday at three o'clock, when Miss Helen Lipe became the bride of Mr. Forrest B. Brooks, of Shelby. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks left immediately for points in Eastern North Carolina, where they will travel for some time. Mrs. Brooks is the youngest daughter of Mrs. L. E. Lipe, of Concord, and has made her home here for many years. Her father was the late Mr. L. E. Lipe. Mr. Brooks is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Brooks, of Shelby, and is a young man well known and of fine character.

State College Alumni of Kannapolis Hold Smoker
Last Thursday evening, July 26th, the State College Alumni of Kannapolis held a very enjoyable smoker at the Cannon Memorial Y. M. C. A. They pledged their allegiance and support to Dr. E. C. Brooks, who has recently been made president of the institution since the resignation of Dr. W. C. Riddick.

Short talks were made about the college and its bright prospects for the future. After the clearing of business the meeting became informal and many interesting stories were told about the old days spent on State campus. Those present were: G. G. Allen, H. B. Robertson, C. E. Bailes, T. W. Alexander, R. H. Wilson, W. N. Pharr, Z. B. Bradford, J. D. Mellon, W. W. Blake, and J. D. Pell.

Party for Bride-Elect
Mrs. C. O. Gillen's home was the scene of much enjoyment when her two daughters, Mrs. Charles Porter and Miss Laura Gillon entertained at bridge and sewing on Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Jessie Willeford, who will in September become the bride of Mr. J. Lee Crowell, Jr. The house and porch were profusely decorated with all kinds of beautiful summer flowers. Punch was served to the guests on their arrival and also during the game, by Mrs. John Porter.

After several progressions an elegant salad course was served by Misses Pink Caldwell Willeford and Leora Long. There were about forty guests who enjoyed this hospitality.

To Visit Mrs. Sherrill
Charlotte Observer.
Mrs. E. C. Register will leave today for a three weeks' trip to the mountains. She will first go to Lake Junaluska for a short stay, and from there to Asheville, where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sherrill, of Concord, the latter her sister, at their beautiful summer home, From Asheville Mrs. Register will go to Hendersonville to be a guest at Fassen Inn. En route home, she will stop in Black Mountain, to visit Misses Matt and Ella Dowd, of the city, at their summer home.

Shinn-Simpson
A marriage of peculiar interest to their many friends in Concord and throughout this section, was solemnized at the Forest Hill parsonage at three o'clock, Thursday afternoon when Miss Ray Melle Simpson became the bride of Mr. Archie Shinn. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Church was used by the officiating minister, Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, pastor of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Shinn will make their home in Concord.

Matthews-Caldwell
Miss Blanche Caldwell, popular young woman from Charlotte, and Mr. Ben R. Matthews, prominent young Raleigh man, were married here Friday evening at the parsonage of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church by Rev. M. R. Gibson, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews left Concord to make their home in Raleigh.

T. R. Shufford, Gastonia, Pays \$30,000 For Charlotte Home
Charlotte, Aug. 4.—J. A. Jones who purchased the former home of E. D. Latta, Sr., in Dilworth, his own home on South Tryon being included in the transfer, sold the Latta home today to T. R. Shufford, of Gastonia, for \$30,000. The house has 16 rooms.

Prof. Sidney J. Ludwig, of Albemarle, is spending the day in the city.

PERSONALS

Miss Helen Carmack, of Charlotte, is the guest here of Mrs. Grace Brown Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis and daughter have returned from a visit with relatives in eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Heath Pemberton, who attended the summer school at the University of North Carolina, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Pemberton.

Mrs. Julius Fisher and Mrs. Lindsay Rees have gone to Shelby to spend the week-end with friends.

Mrs. J. H. Long has returned to her home here from Charlotte, where she visited her sons, Messrs. S. H. and H. C. Long.

Rev. J. C. Rowan left last week for Columbus, Miss., where he will spend several weeks with friends. He was formerly pastor of a Presbyterian church in that city.

Misses Stella Benfield and May and Sadie McAnulty have returned from a week's stay at the Carolina Cottage at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Barnhardt and children and Miss Alberta Shinn, spent Thursday in Concord.

Albemarle Press: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Correll and son, Ed., and Mr. H. F. Swink, of Concord, spent yesterday sight-seeing at Badin and stopped over in Albemarle. The party was struck with the marked development in this section. Mrs. Correll is a daughter of Mrs. R. L. Lipe, of the Millington section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts and children, Carl and Dorothy, and Owen Crouch have returned from a week's stay at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. W. D. Pemberton and Miss Mary Phifer Pemberton spent several hours in Charlotte Thursday.

Mrs. James N. Simpson and daughter, Cornelia, left Thursday night for Seranton, Pa., where they will spend, some time with relatives.

Miss Ruth Cannon has returned to her home here from Monroe, where she visited friends for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Smith have returned from their wedding trip to western North Carolina. They are living in their new home on South Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brunley and daughter returned Thursday to their home in Easley, S. C., after spending several days in this city with relatives and friends.

Messrs. Vernon Brunley and Karl Broome, of Newton and Hickory, respectively, spent Thursday in Concord on business.

Miss Agnes Ebird, of near Norwood, arrived in Concord Thursday to visit her aunt, Mrs. A. E. Harris.

Miss Jessie Burkhead left Thursday night for Norfolk, where she will visit relatives and friends for some time.

Mr. C. L. Mossman, of Asheville, is spending the week end here with his family.

Mrs. John A. Barnhardt and William Barnhardt left last Friday for Virginia, where they will spend several days. Mr. Barnhardt plans to spend several days fishing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ramsaur, of Salisbury, with their two fine boys, Kerr Craig and John E. Jr., spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. John P. Allison.

Miss Maude Brown is visiting Mrs. J. H. Separk in Gastonia.

Miss Jenny Brown will go to Gastonia a house party given by Mrs. L. A. Brown.

Miss Maggie Bessent will go to Jerusalem, N. C., today to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Sara Ellen Linker has gone to Ridgecrest for a fortnight's stay.

Miss Alice Bryan, who has been matron of the Laura Sunderland School, for almost thirty years, has resigned her position there and is leaving for Red Bank, New Jersey.

Mr. Hubert Laughlin returned this morning from Camp Glenn, where he had gone with the military company to the annual encampment. While in camp Mr. Laughlin had an operation for appendicitis, having had an attack while on duty. The operation was successful and his condition is very satisfactory.

Salisbury Post, 4th: Mrs. C. H. Holmes is entertaining a number of young people this afternoon in compliment to Miss Elsie Howell and Miss Alice Bernice York, guests of Mr. T. W. Grimes, Jr. They will be again honored this evening by a dinner party given by Mrs. E. C. Gregory.

Mrs. Upchurch, of Norwood, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Sapp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller, and children returned from Black Mountain Saturday.

Mr. John Kern, Jr., of Salisbury, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sherrill and little daughter, Ellen, left yesterday morning for Asheville in their car, and Mrs. Sherrill and daughter will spend a month with Mrs. J. B. Sherrill. Mr. Sherrill will return to Concord Tuesday night.

Misses Lillian and Ruby Burrage, of King's Mountain, are visiting Miss Lucy Burrage, on Meadow street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Brown spent Sunday in Yadkin county, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cook.

Miss Maude Brown has returned from Gastonia.

Miss Mollie Brown, of the Specialty Hat Shop, is enjoying a vacation.

Miss Virginia Bailey is spending the week in Graham with friends.

Misses Mary McInnis, Caroline Kime and Margaret Hopkins, and Messrs. Earl Crowell and Irvin Shankle spent Sunday in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rowland and Miss Emma Rowland spent yesterday at Bear Creek.

Misses Beniah Praetner and Esther Fisher, of the clerical force at the Parks-Bell Company, are enjoying a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. G. Robinson and child, of Charlotte, are visiting relatives here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Long, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in Concord with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jarrett and family accompanied by Mrs. Jarrett, of the Wrightsville Beach where they will spend about a week.

Mrs. M. E. Welsh passed through Concord yesterday on her way to her home in Mt. Pleasant, after a visit to relatives in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. R. Meredith and child, of Thomasville, are guests at the home of Mrs. Meredith's father, Mr. G. W. Petrea, on North Church Street.

Miss Mary Young Crowell, of High Point, is spending a week's vacation here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Crowell on West Corbin Street.

Mrs. Frank Petrea and children, of Columbus, Ga., are spending some time here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Webb will leave this afternoon for Statesville. They will make the trip from there to Blowing Rock and Boone, returning to Concord Friday.

Miss Ola Mae Litaker spent Sunday in No. 11 township with her grandmother, Mrs. Faggart, who has been ill for some time. Mrs. Faggart rested very well yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crowell, of Winston-Salem, spent Friday and Saturday in Concord with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Barnhardt.

Little Miss Marvin Earnhardt left Sunday to spend a few days with her cousin, little Miss Margie Earnhardt, of No. 5.

Mr. J. B. Sherrill returned last night from Asheville, where he had been to spend two or three days with his family. Mrs. Sherrill and Miss Cottrell Sherrill moved Saturday from 62 Orange street, where they had been boarding for six weeks, to their home at 232 Montford avenue, which they will occupy the remainder of the summer.

Miss Gertrude Shaw has returned from a vacation, which she spent with her home folks in Rockingham.

Prof. P. E. Wright, of Landis, spent today in Concord on business.

Miss Kathleen Wilson, home demonstration agent, left today for Plymouth, Washington county, where she will spend about a week assisting in the club encampment for that county.

Miss Katie Fisher, at the county health officer's office is enjoying a week's vacation this week.

Miss Frances Gassle, county health nurse, is spending this week in Rowan county, assisting the health nurse of that county.

Mr. J. M. Simpson is spending the day in Salisbury on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, Mrs. P. B. Rufford, Jr., Miss Jessie Willeford and Mr. J. Lee Crowell, Jr., spent the weekend in Blowing Rock.

Mr. Joyner Entertainers. Mr. Edward Joyner, formerly a member of the clerical staff at Ebird's, entertained the management and sales force of Ebird's, and a few other friends at a watermelon feast Thursday afternoon at his home at White Hall.

The guests gathered at the home of Mr. Joyner about 4 o'clock and remained until about 7 o'clock. Watermelons in abundance were served. Mr. Joyner also serving punch to his guests. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harris, Miss Vencie Barnhardt, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cook, Miss Annie Brice Baird, Mr. Flynn Johnston, Mrs. Bessie Long Hartsell, Mrs. Joe Glass, Miss Jamie Lee, Miss Louise Medlin, Mrs. Joel Honeycutt, Miss Ethel Honeycutt, Mrs. W. I. Little, Miss Wilby Craver, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watts and daughter and Miss Margaret Cress.

The affair proved one of unusual interest for those present.

DEFICIT ON CASH BASIS IS ADMINISTERED BY AUDITORS

Maxwell Says There is No Further Room For Controversy. Raleigh, Aug. 5.—Admission that the deficit of approximately \$5,000,000 claimed by Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell to exist in the State finances figured on a cash basis as of December 31, 1922, actually existed, was contained in a letter received here today by Mr. Maxwell from Price, Waterhouse and Company, auditors, of New York City, employed by the State to make an audit of the State's financial condition.

The letter further stated that the auditors had summarized schedule F, page nine, of the audit "unfortunately, without sufficient consideration" of the misunderstanding which might arise in the public mind as a result. In a statement issued shortly after the letter was received Mr. Maxwell declared that the confessions in the letter leave little more to be said, and no room whatever for further controversy as to the \$5,000,000 deficit on December 31, 1922.

Salisbury Pastor Loses Child. Salisbury, Aug. 5.—Thursday, twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Moore. Today the little girl died. Mr. Moore is pastor of the First Baptist church of Salisbury.

CALVIN COOLIDGE IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Was Sworn In By His Father in Plymouth Notch Farmhouse Where He Spent His Boyhood Many Years Ago.

LEAVES AT ONCE FOR WASHINGTON

Special Train Will Carry Him to Capital—In Washington He Will Take Over Duties of the President.

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 3 (By the Associated Press).—Calvin Coolidge, sworn in a few hours before as President of the United States, by his father in the Plymouth Notch farmhouse in which he spent his boyhood, left for Washington at 7:30 this morning.

Accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, Congressman Dale of the Second Vermont district, and two federal employees, who had been hastily pressed into secret service duty, the President left by automobile for Rutland where a special train was prepared to take the party to New York. Col. John C. Coolidge, the President's father, who is 78 years of age, resisted the efforts of his son to induce him to make the journey to the capital.

Neighbors from Plymouth and nearby towns gathered to wish the President and Bridgewater came men who had gone to school with one they remembered as "Red" Coolidge. An army of newspaper men and photographers, invaded quiet Plymouth Notch until the start to Rutland became a procession of automobiles. Within a few hours the lonely farmhouse had become the mecca for hundreds. Less than an hour after Mr. Coolidge had learned of the death of the President a telephone had been installed in the farmhouse and the President had learned direct from Washington the form of oath of office and the fact that his father might have the honor of administering it. In the meantime Congressman Dale had arrived from Springfield with two federal employees.

A soon as the ceremonies were over the President and Mrs. Coolidge retired to gain a little rest before the trip to Washington. The swearing in formality was short and simple. The father's voice trembled as he read. Mr. Coolidge repeated the words distinctly and calmly and at the end added solemn affirmation "So Help Me God." Congressman Dale, Edwin C. Geisser, Mr. Coolidge's assistant secretary, a Vermont editor and the two secret service men were sole witnesses other than Mrs. Coolidge.

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 3.—President Coolidge left Plymouth for Rutland on his way to Washington at 7:30 a. m. Eastern Standard Time. At Rutland a special train was ready to take the party to New York. In the living room of his father's home here Calvin Coolidge took the oath of office as President of the United States. The oath was administered by his father, John C. Coolidge, at 2:47 a. m., Eastern Standard Time.

A telephone had been installed in the Coolidge farmhouse within an hour after word of the death of President Harding had been received, and by communication with Washington the exact form of the oath was obtained. In a clear voice the Vice President repeated after his father the words prescribed by the Constitution: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and I will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Then, although the Constitution does not require it, he added, "So help me God."

Visits Mother's Grave. Rutland, Vt., Aug. 3 (By the Associated Press).—A visit to his mother's grave in the outskirts of Plymouth was part of the itinerary of President Coolidge in his automobile journey here today en route to Washington.

SIMMONS DEEPLY REGRETS MR. HARDING'S DEATH

Senior Senator Pays Fine Tribute to President Harding. New Bern, Aug. 3.—In a short statement issued at his home here today Senator F. M. Simmons paid tribute to President Harding whose sudden death last night came as a distinct shock to him. He said:

"President Harding was a man of charming personality and engaging manner. While of strong and virile intellectuality, his nature was essentially kind and gentle. "He was one of the most democratic and approachable men I have met in high public station. His predictions and convictions were strong, but not obstinate or unyielding, and he welcomed free and frank interchange of views and opinions. His ideals were high and purposes and aspirations unselfish and patriotic."

"Kind hearted and trustful in his dealings with his friends and the public, he instinctively sought to do what he conceived to be right and just. "I think all will agree that there was a notable development in his naturally strong and virile mind and personality during his tenure as President and I believe history will accord him creditable rank among the many distinguished men who have preceded him in the executive office. "Irrespective of party good men and women throughout the land will mourn his untimely death and recognize it as a national misfortune."

The Toledo team, though at the bottom of the American association race, has several of the leading basemen in the league.

One of the largest aluminum bearing deposits in the world has been discovered near Zapolca, Hungary.

FIRST LADY OF LAND AN EXPERT HOUSEWIFE

Tall and Graceful, She Has Made a Wide Circle of Friends at Capital. Washington, Aug. 3.—Friends of Calvin Coolidge say of him that he is "as plain as an old shoe," but for Mrs. Coolidge, the new First Lady of the Land, is reserved the title of being one of the best housewives in New England.

Restricted in social entertainment here by living in a hotel while her husband was Vice President, she has not had the opportunity to demonstrate the excellence of her cooking, which her friends say held wide repute in New England, but now it is predicted that she will resume the practices of marketing and shopping; will supervise the menus at the White House, and probably will cook some of the President's favorite dishes, as she used to do in Northampton.

Tall and graceful, with black hair and blue eyes, Mrs. Coolidge already has established a popularity in Washington which is confined to no faction or party. A good mixer socially, she came to Washington with no prejudices and has allowed none to develop. As wife of the Vice-President, she became president of a dining club composed of wives and daughters of Senators, and in that capacity she proved a distinct success.

Mrs. Coolidge is noted for a conservative taste in clothes. Finely poised, she wears things comfortably and well. She likes suits best of all. The Coolidge red was made fashionable by her soon after coming to Washington, but recently she has worn blue a great deal because it is economical. She also has been noted here for her well-shod feet, generally having her footwear match her costume.

Mrs. Coolidge plays the piano, insisting that she does so merely to accompany her two sons, both of whom play string instruments. The two boys have been away to school during most of the time their parents have been in Washington with the result, she says, that their music has not caused much annoyance to Mr. Coolidge. She also is a dyed-in-the-wool radio fan.

While Mrs. Coolidge found the duties of the wife of the Vice President arduous, she always showed marked vigor and pleasure in meeting them. Deeply interested in the welfare of her husband, she has been a frequent visitor to the Senate galleries, where she followed the debates over which he presided. She often accompanied him on his speaking trips.

Mrs. Coolidge is a staunch Republican but she has never been partisan and has never attempted to advance herself as a leader. She never permits herself to be interviewer on political subjects, although remarking in explanation that she has established the rule so as to keep from contradicting her husband.

DENTAL CLINIC FOR COLORED CHILDREN

Clinic Will Be Held in This County Beginning Today.

Dr. S. E. Buchanan, county health officer, today made public the schedule for the dental clinic for colored children, which will be held in this county beginning today, August 2nd, and continuing through the month.

The clinic will be held in many of the most prominent colored schools of the county, and in other community centers for colored people, and the examinations will be made free of charge.

The clinics will begin each day at 8 o'clock, and colored children are asked to report for examination at the school they have been attending, or expect to attend in the future. All children between the ages of 6 and 13 years are invited to the clinic.

The full schedule follows: Harrisburg School, Bellefonte School, Benton School, at Bellefonte School, August 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Morehead School, Rock Hill School, Oak Grove School, at Rock Hill School, August 5th and 7th. Cedar Grove School No. 2 township, Meadow View School, at Cedar Grove school, August 8th and 9th. Snead School, Jacobs Rock School, at Snead School, No. 3 township, August 10th and 11th. Shankletown School, Macedonia School, at Shankletown School, August 13th and 14th. Kannapolis School, Bethel School, at Kannapolis School, August 15th and 16th. Flat Rock School, Piney Grove School, at Silver Hill, August 17th and 18th. Cedar Grove School, No. 10, township, Ebenezer School, at Cedar Grove School, August 20th and 21st. Concord, Reeves Chapel, Dry School, at Concord (Logan School) August 22nd to 31st inclusive.

A Successful Organization.

Charlotte Observer. The North Carolina Co-operative Marketing Association is strengthening its organization and setting forth to greater accomplishments. Rev. T. W. Chambliss, a North Carolina publicity man of considerable qualifications, has been placed in charge of the association's paper, The Cotton Grower, and Mr. D. D. Traywick, long time associated with the late C. B. Bryant, in the cotton business in Charlotte, has been secured as resident manager, located at Raleigh. In their respective capacity these two men are about the best the association could have picked up in the State. That the association has been marketing the cotton of its members at an advantage is manifest in the fact that the cotton sold through it averaged \$15 a bale higher than that marketed in the ordinary way. The fourth distribution of checks was mailed July 7 and the amount represented was \$1,810,695.54. General Manager Blalock's report says these checks covered all the accounts on the books of the association, except \$8, and approximately 50 per cent. of these, representing more than 100 bales, valued at \$12,000, are unsettled because the cotton has not yet been graded. The management has reason for satisfaction over this achievement. The verification of so large a number of accounts, proof-reading, and checking of each individual statement, and the necessary voucher, means a large amount of careful, painstaking, clerical work. With the exception of the work involved, it is an easy matter to make a distribution under the co-operative system, provided the money is in the bank to protect the checks.

The women of ancient Greece and Rome carried umbrellas but the men never did.

Lambeth palace, in England, contains examples of every style of architecture since 1170.

COTTON CROP GOOD IN NORTH CAROLINA NOW

Prospects in This State Are Better Than For Entire Country. Raleigh, Aug. 4.—North Carolina leads the main cotton producing belt with a condition of 82 per cent. of a normal, according to a statement issued tonight by Frank Parker, agricultural statistician, department of agriculture reporting service. The average of the whole belt is 67 per cent. Mr. Parker said this forecasts a July prospect of \$15,000 bales for North Carolina and 11,516,000 bales for the United States.

"The cotton crop is unusually promising in most parts of North Carolina as reported on a basis of July 25 conditions," continued Mr. Parker's statement. "Complaint is made from the Southern Piedmont area that the crop is damaged due to dry weather. Rain is needed especially in the Piedmont counties.

"The damage by the boll weevil is conspicuous from Mecklenburg to the coast with several complaints showing up in the Central Piedmont and northern coastal counties, although there is evidence that the damage in the latter area is not as great as was expected. This is to a less extent true in the central coastal belt also. The boll weevil ravages usually show up effectively after July 25.

"The crop is late and the plants somewhat small, but they are well fruited, which after all is the valuable factor. The crop throughout the state is generally in a good state of cultivation and growing nicely. The stands are usually good and the crops are clean. As many reported, it is the finest crop in many years in North Carolina. Very few places report poor stands, these being primarily in the lower Piedmont, while the northern part of the state reports the best yield doing some damage. The old adage that a dry June will make a good cotton crop seems to be holding true this year.

"The condition is consistently good, but the poorest area is 70 per cent. in the lower central or Piedmont counties. The next lowest is in the southern coastal or weevil-infected counties, where the condition is reported to be 82.5 per cent. of a full crop. The central coastal area reports the best crop, at over 90 per cent. of normal. A normal condition means that which would result if weather and cultivation were to be favorable throughout the season. The conditions mentioned do not include any factors that may be effective after this date.

"The private cotton condition report made by the Southern Products Company (Japanese) of Texas, basis June 23, gives the cotton belt about 70 per cent. and North Carolina 80 per cent. of a full crop prospect. The week or ten day period differed and the fact that they do not have a field expert in this state accounts for the difference. It is found, too, that quite a bias in cotton estimates exists. In fact several factors have to be considered in order to determine the probably true status for estimates are no more reliable than those who report them. The broker, merchant, banker, farmer, specialist, and average traveler sees the crop through different glasses which effect the picture each gives. The composite picture is more nearly correct. The government cotton report for North Carolina alone is based on thousands of careful estimates averaged by counties and weighted or proportioned according to their acreage importance."

Will Designate Day of Public Mourning.

Washington, Aug. 3.—One of the first official acts of President Coolidge may be to issue a proclamation formally announcing the death of President Harding and designating the day of his funeral as one of mourning and prayer throughout the United States. When President McKinley died from an assassin's bullet, Theodore Roosevelt began his epochal career as President by issuing such a proclamation.

FILLERS

Women's suffrage societies now exist in many of the large cities in China. Birmingham, Ala., has established a school to teach textile designing to women.

According to the latest census figures, five women in the United States earn a living by cooping hatters. In Japan a settlement where the wives support the husband and children and are the acknowledge heads of the family. The men keep house.

In Ohio girls of 18 will no longer be able to marry without their parent's consent, as the legal age of women has been raised from 18 to 21 years.

Queen Alexandra, in her thoughtfulness for birds, has a tree at Sandringham on which in cold weather nuts, seeds and odd scraps of food acceptable to birds are tied to the branches.

GARRET TRAIL ENDS ABRUPTLY

Trial of R. O. Garrett Set For September Term. That of Larkin for Assassination of Cumberland Court-house, Va., Aug. 3.—The trial of Larkin C. Garrett, charged with the murder of Rev. E. S. Dixon, late today when Judge D. B. White held the contention under of the present was disqualified and ordered a master's report of counsel for both sides. The court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, but later by the conference of the court and attorneys R. O. Garrett, who stands upon the killing, was set for trial August 20, until the September term, which begins its session the fourth Tuesday of a month.

Judge White's decision of a mistrial came as a dramatic climax to a battle that has waged 10 days with an intensity that the oldest attacks of the case said was unparalleled in the history of Virginia jurisdiction in the territory of the State was made. The trial after all evidence for both sides was in and when final arguments were expected to begin. Affidavits were presented to support the State's contention that three of the jurors, Walter J. Wright, E. I. Irvitt and J. P. Tamm, should be disqualified because of statements which had made before the trial began which had just come to the attention of the prosecution.

Today was spent in hearing arguments and witnesses both on the part of the State and the defense. Judge White ruled only against the State. Witnesses and affidavits declared Wright had expressed himself as not believing in capital punishment and shooting Mr. Pierce had "done no more than any other man would have done."

After the jury had been dismissed this afternoon Acting Commonwealth Attorney Bonifant submitted for the third time his motion for a change of venue or at least a change of venue and all proceedings are that when the case of R. O. Garrett is called over his work again will be presented. In the meantime the Garrett brothers will be at liberty on bonds of \$25,000 each.

Make Arrangements For Confederate Reunion

Winston-Salem, Aug. 4.—W. T. Hester, secretary of the committee on arrangements for the 1923 reunion of the Confederate veterans of North Carolina, which will be held in Winston-Salem on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4 and 5, has written all camp commanders in the state for a list of those who will attend the reunion.

For generations the Chinese people drank no milk because a Chinese press who was tender-hearted thought it a mean trick to deprive them of their nourishment issued an edict against drinking milk.

The New Hardware Store

Have you visited the hardware store? If not you are missing a treat. We have a new and up-to-date line of Hardware, a complete line of pocket cutlery, season and shears, tools, builders' hardware, house furnishings, bicycles, sporting goods, automobile tires and tubes, sole agents for Low Brothers paints and