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CROPS DRYING UP IN PATRICK

Our Sister County To the North Is Suffering Severely From Drought — Low Water Causes Power Plant To Fail — Road Work.

No rain to speak of has fallen in Patrick county for months. Crops are drying, the early corn crop is a failure except in low bottom lands, where it is very good. The late crop will also fail unless rain soon falls. Many of the small courses have dried up together, and the large streams are lower than seen here in over 50 years. The local power plant is compelled to run only part of the time due to the low water. Pasture lands are so dry that many people are feeding their stock.

Considering the situation from every angle it is very grave to say the least.

The power situation is so grave here that the entire town is being aroused. The water is so low that the dam is soon drained, making it impossible to generate power with the big plant for more than 6 or 8 hours at the time. The rest of the time all motors and electrical equipment stand idle. Naturally this affects all persons using power for any purpose. The meat market is afraid to keep meats, and all people having electric refrigeration lose much of their food.

Work is progressing nicely on R. 12 and 23 State Highways, passing through Patrick county, also along Route 200, leading to The Hollow.

The top dressing of fine stone is being spread on the highway from the N. C. line to Stuart, which makes a smooth firm surface.

Work on the cement bridge over Mayo on Route 12 and 23 1 mile north of Stuart is being done rapidly and grading on this stretch of road to Cruise's Store is going right ahead.

Grading and construction work on the J. E. B. Stuart Highway towards Hillsville by the convict camp force.

Tobacco Starts At The Bottom

Tobacco is selling around ten and twelve cents on the Georgia markets, which opened this week.

The low price is very discouraging, but certainly not unexpected. Farmers have been warned and repeatedly warned that they cannot expect anything but disaster from the tobacco situation, but this fact has not deterred them from going strong on it again, and it will not deter them from going strong next year, and the year afterwards, and so on.

England is becoming somewhat worried over India's salt propo-Gandhi.

KING HAS A ROBBERY

Thieves Took \$300 To \$400 Worth of Dry Goods From Store of J. H. Helsabeck & Co. Monday Night.

Thieves entered the store of J. H. Helsabeck & Co. at King sometime Monday night and carried away from \$300 to \$400 worth of dry goods, principally ladies' ready-to-wear goods, silk hose, etc.

Sheriff John Taylor was called to King Tuesday to investigate several clues, some of which led into Forsyth county and Winston-Salem, but none of the goods were found and no arrests have been made so far.

The Helsabeck company only recently opened a new store at King, carrying a general line of merchandise.

PEACH GROWERS SHIP MANY CARS

An Average of 70 Cars Daily Being Shipped From Aberdeen This Week — Season Nearing Close.

Aberdeen, July 29.—In spite of the sweltering heat and sizzling atmosphere, while the thermometer stood at 97 in the shade, the warehouses being used as temporary packhouses are doing a rushing business in peaches this week, working hundreds of men in bringing peaches from the orchards, grading, crating and loading them into iced refrigerator cars, while negro boys cool off the tin roofs and the floors of the warehouses with use of the water hose at intervals.

An average of 70 cars for each day this week has been estimated for the Sandhill section, as shipped out from Aberdeen.

The fruit is the best that has been grown in years, both as to quality and flavor, and brings a price of from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per crate.

The Sandhill section has taken on a spirit of optimism and general rejoicing prevails as to prospective business outlook, and it looks now as if the high peak of depression is a thing of the past. There will be about two more days of a rushing business, but after this week, there will be few peaches shipped.

Protest Danish Rule

London, July 30.—Copenhagen dispatches say that wild demonstrations in favor of immediately ending Danish rule in Ireland were made Tuesday at the opening of the Icelandic parliament in Reykjavik.

Mrs. McCormick, of Illinois, is said to be "keen, alert and intelligent," which fact casts some doubts on her qualifications for the Senate.

LOW PRICES ON GEORGIA TOBACCO

Average Price Below Cost of Production, State Official States — Seven Warehouses Report.

Atlanta, Ga., July 29.—Reports to the state department of agriculture from seven warehouses in the bright leaf tobacco area today showed a price range of from 10 to 15 cents per pound, with the average around 12 cents, a figure which Eugene Talmadge, state commissioner of agriculture, said was below the cost of production.

From Hazelhurst came a report of 400,000 pounds on the floor at market opening time, with a price ranging from 10 to 11 cents. Blackshear reported 250,000 pounds at 12 1-2 cents; Statesboro 290,000 lbs. with no price quotation; Waycross 130,000 pounds at 15 cents; Camilla 45,000 pounds at 12 cents; Nashville 350,000 pounds at 12 1-2 cents and Thomasville, 125,000 pounds at 12 cents.

Mr. Talmadge said reports from the remaining markets might bring the average prices higher, but that he did not expect it to reach the 19 1-2 cent average of the first week last year. Regardless of any minor increase, he said, "the price is below the cost of production and there is too much disparity between the prices paid the farmer and paid by the purchaser of the finished tobacco product."

Wind, Rain and Hail Storm in King Section

King, July 30.—This section was visited by a severe wind, rain and hail storm Monday afternoon. Trees were blown down and tobacco barns unroofed. The brick wall of the old Samet building on North Depot Street, which had been standing unprotected since the building was gutted by fire in 1925, were blown down. Falling brick did some damage to the adjoining store building which is occupied by H. O. Helsabeck and Company.

An area about a mile square, just north of town, was hit hardest by hail and wind. The crops in that section were literally destroyed. Some of the farmers are cutting off their tobacco at the ground and will depend on new suckers for a crop.

Record At Tarboro

Tarboro, July 29.—For the past week the weather here has been swelteringly hot and yesterday it broke all records for this summer when the thermometer reached 100 degrees in the shade, according to the official government record kept here by Dr. E. V. Zodler.

DROUGHT WORST IN HISTORY

States Between Rocky Mountains and Appalachians Still Hot and Dry—Great Loss In Crops.

Washington, July 30.—The searing drought which for weeks and months has baked large areas between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachians was listed today as the worst the country has experienced since state-wide weather records began.

J. B. Kincaid, meteorologist of the Department of Agriculture, described it as unparalleled in the records which reach back forty or fifty years.

Farmers who have watched their crops wither under almost unprecedented temperature records accompanying moisture deficiencies, particularly corn, pastures and fall truck crops, received no encouragement. The forecast division of the Weather Bureau said no relief was in sight for several days more at least.

"Every additional day without rain," Kincaid said, "notwithstanding cooler weather, necessarily will further reduce prospects."

Winter wheat harvest, however, is nearing completion without appreciable damage. Considerable deterioration to the late spring wheat was reported, but harvesting of the early crop is well advanced.

Extensive Area.

The drought has existed in some states since last December, others since March and in still others the dry weather began in the growing months of June and July.

In addition to the scanty rainfall in July, increasing drought conditions already prevalent over large areas, three extremely hot waves followed to intensify them.

To Fly the Pacific

Next fall it is planned to span by airplane the world's greatest expanse of water from east to west, the Pacific ocean. At City Island, N. Y., a giant seaplane designed to make the trans-atlantic trip is being constructed.

According to the announcement, the new plane will have a wing spread of 150 feet, will be propelled by 10 motors, and carry a pay load of eight tons.

In the light of the rapid advances in airplane engineering which have taken place recently there is no reason to doubt that the plan may be successfully carried out.

"Believe it or not" Ripley could hardly get away with this yarn: The New Hampshire legislature forgot to appropriate money for the members' pay before adjourning.

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W. F. MARSHALL, JR., HOST TO FRIENDS

Fulton Motor Co. Employees Enjoy Banquet—Other News and Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, July 30.—Mr. Frank Marshall, Jr., was host at his home here on Saturday evening to a number of out of town friends at a very enjoyable bridge party.

The living rooms were made more attractive with lovely summer flowers, and here four tables were arranged for bridge. After a number of lively progressions Mrs. Olin Ward received a beautiful chiffon handkerchief as high score prize. Fred Vance held highest among the men and was given an ash tray. For consolation Marshall Matthews was presented a deck of bridge cards. During the game refreshing iced punch was served and at the conclusion of the games a delightful ice course was served by Misses Margaret Marshall and Dorothy Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fair and three children, of Dallas, Texas, were here the past week visiting Mr. Fair's relatives, Mesdames W. F. Bowles, Dolly Dodson, Minnie Fair and Miss Betty Fair. They made the trip from Dallas by automobile.

Misses Sallie Matt and Margaret Marshall attended the State Elementary School conference held at Chapel Hill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones announce the arrival of a son Monday, July 28th, at a Martinsville, Va., hospital.

Mrs. J. G. Stokes and children, Betty Jo and Frank Marshall, have returned to their home in Greenville, N. C., after spending two weeks visiting Mrs. Stokes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Marshall. They were accompanied home by Miss Margaret Marshall, who will be their guest a few weeks.

Mrs. Leake Lovin and son, "Rusty", and Mrs. Annie Carter left Tuesday for a visit with friends at Red Springs.

Mesdames Roy Holland, Joe Zimmerman and Miss Sallie Matt Marshall spent Monday in Winston-Salem shopping.

Mrs. H. J. White, of Elizabethton, Tenn., is spending awhile in town with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Woodruff.

The employees of the Fulton Motor Co. enjoyed their semi-annual banquet at the Carolinian Coffee Shoppe in Winston-Salem Tuesday evening with Dorothy Rothrock and Mr. Fulton as host.

Garet Fulton are visiting Mrs. Donnell Van Noppen at Mebane.

John V. Lewellyn, who has been confined to his home with illness several days is improved and able to be out again.

Walter Neal, student at Tulane University, New Orleans, has returned to his home here

UNEMPLOYMENT IS GREAT DISASTER

Worse Than Flood Or Fire In the Opinion Of Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare.

Raleigh, July 29.—Unemployment, with its resulting attendant—dependency—is the big problem facing welfare workers. Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, today told the twenty-eighth annual session of the farmers' and farm women's convention at N. C. State College.

Depicting unemployment as being "worse than a flood or fire," Mrs. Bost declared there should be a continuous program in order to prevent recurring periods of depression. "With six million or more men out of a job, it is demoralizing enough to the social and economic life of the country to be regarded as a disaster or worse."

DECLARES FARMS GOOD INVESTMENT

Now Is Time to Buy Them, Says Secretary of Land Bank.

Fayetteville, July 30.—Now is the time to buy farms, R. J. Taylor, secretary of the Federal Land Bank at Columbia, S. C., told 130 representatives of farm loan associations of central North Carolina meeting here today. Mr. Taylor stated that in many sections farm lands are selling below the actual value, and represent an attractive investment. The Columbia Land Bank has sold 184 farms during the first half of this year, as against 29 in the same period last year, he said. Every effort is made to find desirable buyers and not to dump properties on the market, he added.

The Land Bank secretary predicted a "turn for the better" in the farming situation. In some parts of this bank district farmers are making crops more cheaply than in any year since 1914, he declared. Farmers have more generally adopted the live-at-home idea and are not spending every surplus dollar. This, and the spread of diversification of farm crops and the production of more cash crops indicate a turn for the better in the farming business. Farmers are improving their own positions and are abandoning the idea that the government or any other agency is going to solve their problems, declared the speaker.

to spend the summer vacation with his father, Dr. J. W. Neal.

Dr. A. G. Jones and Miss Nannie Jones are visiting Mrs. Herbert Smith at Liberty. Mrs. A. G. Jones is in Greensboro with their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Lambe.

Prof. and Mrs. L. H. Floyd have returned from a trip to South Carolina.