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COTTON CONDITION REPORTS FAVORABLE

Benefitted Materially by The Weather Conditions in Cotton Belt.

New York. — A detailed analysis of reports received from approximately 1,600 reliable correspondents of the Journal of Commerce leads to the belief that cotton has benefited materially by the improvement in weather conditions noted throughout the greater part of the cotton belt the past two weeks or more. These returns, gathered under an average date of June 24 place the estimate of percentage condition at 72.4 per cent, an increase of 6 per cent over last month, and the highest June condition figure since 1918, when it was estimated at 82.1 per cent.

It is, however, not the largest increase in recent years, since in June, 1920 a gain of 3.5 per cent was indicated and in 1918 of 1.9 per cent. Last June there was a decline of 5 per cent and in 1919 no less than 7.1 per cent. Percentage condition a year ago was only 68.3 per cent, but 71.5 in 1920 and 71.4 per cent the year before that.

Although considerable late cotton has been planted during June, correspondents have not changed their estimate of acreage increase for the whole belt, and the total is placed by the government at 34,339,000 acres. From this, with a condition of 72.4 per cent, according to the government formula a crop of 11,224,000 bales might be raised, which compares with an actual production last year of 7,953,641 bales, 13,439,603 bales in 1920, and 16,134,930 bales in the banner year of 1916.

Lynching Denounced at Atlanta.
Atlanta, Ga. — Denunciation of lynching, laxity in law enforcement and of "maudlin sympathy" which it was asserted encourages the lawless was voiced here at a conference of the league for enforcement of law through constituted authority, a newly organized Georgia institution.

Jess Mercer, secretary of the league and former federal prohibition officer in this state, declared that many sheriffs in this state care not a button for the law. He charged that the Hall county courthouse doors at Gainesville are propped open with tombstones broken from the "sod of a negro graveyard and the negroes have been told they have no right to have stones over the graves of their dead."

Failure to punish a murderer in Bartow county, damage done around Fitzgerald since the strike on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway, dynamiting of cattle dipping vats in southern Georgia, extensive bootlegging operations, attempted intimidation of the chairman of the board of county commissioners at Columbus and other overt acts were charged by Mr. Mercer.

W. Woods White, Atlanta, was elected president.

Government May Buy Canal.
Washington. — Purchase by the federal government of the Cape Cod and Dismal Swamp canals, now privately owned and operated is authorized under senate amendment to the rivers and harbors development bill adopted by the senate commerce committee. With the acceptance by the committee of the two important amendments, the bill was made complete and its favorable report to the senate was ordered.

Under the terms of the amendments the government agrees to pay \$5,000,000 cash and to assume bonds aggregating \$6,000,000 face value for the Cape Cod waterway. The Dismal Swamp canal, which runs from the Chesapeake bay to Beaufort, N. C., would be purchased for \$500,000 under the amendment.

Morrison Speaks at Meeting.
Wilmington. — An address by Governor Cameron Morrison and a resolution opposing a constitutional change giving superior court judges the right to express opinions to juries during trials, featured a session of the North Carolina Bar association at Wrightsville Beach.

Governor Morrison urged the lawyers of the state to join heart and soul in the program for the development and expansion of the natural resources of the state. More than 100 new members were received into the association.

GEORGE W. CONLEY PASSES.

George W. Conley, a highly respected citizen, passed away at the home of his son, J. Clay Conley, in Marion on last Monday morning. Mr. Conley had been in feeble health some time. His death, however, will be a shock to his many friends and business associates throughout McDowell county.

Mr. Conley was a man of fine combination of qualities. He was not only a man of strict moral character, but a man of influence and business ability. He was influential in his home community and a leading force in every power that meant for the uplifting of the community. He was loyal to his church and liberal in his gifts to every charitable cause.

Mr. Conley was a good business man. For some time he has been closely identified with the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Marion and other business enterprises. Mr. Conley was not a rich man in any sense of the word but he had accumulated a comfortable living by frugal habits and the application of good business principles.

There has never been a citizen of McDowell who was probably any more widely known than Mr. George W. Conley. He was every man's friend and was universally loved and respected throughout the entire county.

Mr. Conley was not a politician but he has held several important positions of trust in McDowell county. At one time he was elected county commissioner of McDowell.

The funeral was held from the residence of Mr. J. Clay Conley and was conducted by Rev. J. C. Story, assisted by Rev. G. O. Yount. Interment was made in the family graveyard in North Cove.

Mr. Conley was twice married; first to Miss Annie Gardin, who died a number of years ago. There were six children, J. Clay Conley, of Marion, Mrs. Mattie Conley Bateman, of Johnson City, Tenn., Harvey, Reid, Gardin and Thadeus, all of whom survive. The second marriage was to Miss Etta Greenlee, who also survives him.

Mr. Conley was a good neighbor, a loving husband and father and his death is a great bereavement to the many who greatly loved him. The sympathy of a host of friends goes out to the stricken family in their hour of great bereavement.

PLACES AND DATES FOR FREE DENTAL TREATMENT

Dr. E. J. Griffin, the dentist sent to McDowell by the State Board of Health, to give free dental treatment to school children under 13 years of age, will be at the following places on the dates mentioned:

- Sugar Hill, July 10th and 11th.
- White Pine, July 12th.
- Harmony Grove, July 13th.
- Pinnacle, July 14th.
- Vein Mountain, July 15th.
- Dysartsville, July 17th and 18th.
- Glenwood, July 19th, 20th and 21st.
- Flat Creek, July 24th and 25th.
- Pitts, July 26th and 27th.
- Ashford, July 28th and 29th.
- Woodlawn, July 31st and August 1st.
- Chapel Hill, August 2nd.
- Garden City, August 3rd and 4th.
- Gowans (Buck Creek), August 5th.
- Greenlee, August 7th and 8th.
- Siloam, August 9th.
- Bethlehem, August 10th.
- Cherry Springs, August 11th and 12th.
- Stone Mountain, August 14th.
- Old Fort, August 15th, 16th and 17th.

BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Education met in regular session in the office of the County Superintendent on last Monday and transacted considerable routine business.

The board set the date of Monday, July 24th, on which the rural summer schools may open.

The school committeemen were appointed for the various districts.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell—Items About Home People.

OLD FORT
Old Fort, July 4.—S. J. Fortune and Miss Bonnie Fortune of Asheville spent Sunday with Mrs. G. Y. Gilliam.

Miss Maggie Allen, Miss Wells, Mrs. J. B. Robinson and Mr. Craven, all of Asheville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Maggie Allen.

J. O. McDaniel, Clifford Stepe, John Jordan and B. Y. Allison have returned from Middleboro, Ky., where they have been working.

R. W. Silver's choir was invited over to Stone Mountain last Sunday and everybody enjoyed the singing and dinner which was spread on the ground.

Mr. Craws of Greenlee spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Silver spent the 4th in Marion.

Harry Ditmore spent Tuesday with his brother, Ralph, at Arden.

J. C. Greene of Asheville was here on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Allison of Biltmore spent Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Sandlin.

Misses Frances and Lula Hicks who are attending summer school at Asheville spent the week-end with homefolks here.

NEBO.

Nebo, July 3.—Miss Margaret Roberson of Burnsville was the guest of Miss Louise Alexander last week.

Glenn Snipes and Fate Lentz made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Zeb Snipes made a business trip to Asheville last Friday.

Watson Wilson spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Sudie Alexander spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mrs. Annie Alexander was a visitor in Asheville last week.

C. S. Poteat made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Misses Georgie, Sigmom, Sue Tate, Vivian Parks and Bessie Cuthbertson are at home from Summer school.

Mrs. Charles Hemphill is on the sick list.

W. J. Kincaid and daughter, Mary, were in Marion last Monday on business.

R. V. McGimpsey made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

F. P. Cuthbertson of Asheville was a visitor here last Sunday.

There will be prayer meeting at the Methodist church every Wednesday night. Everybody invited to come.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, July 3.—Mr. and Mrs. John Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Parker of Gastonia spent last week with relatives on the creek.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gray of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. James Lavender motored to Chimney Rock Sunday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berryhill has been very ill for the past week.

Miss Addie Lavender is at home from Summer school at Union Mills.

Miss Lela Melton is attending the Summer school in Asheville.

Farm work is progressing nicely on the creek, grain is harvested and most everybody is ready to lay by the corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Parker had a family reunion Wednesday, June 28, in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Parker. All the children and grandchildren were present and spent a most enjoyable day.

A. D. Lavender made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gilliam of Old Fort visited relatives on the creek Sunday.

CARLYLE

Nebo, July 3.—A wedding which

came as a surprise to their many friends took place June 8th when Miss Maude Arrowood of the Carlyle section became the bride of Mr. Wayne Case of Asheville.

Miss Arrowood is a young lady of education and culture. She attended Mars Hill College, where she made an enviable record.

Mr. Case is a graduate of Barnardville High school. He holds a responsible position at Biltmore where the young couple expect to take up house keeping in the near future.

There will be preaching at Oak Grove next Sunday by Rev. P. J. Shell.

Miss Pearl Bivens was the guest of Miss Myrtle Arrowood last Friday night.

H. G. Arrowood made a business trip to Marion last week.

Ben Browning has returned home from OldFort.

Miss Myrtle Arrowood was in Marion last Saturday.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, July 3.—T. C. McDaniel and son of Cliffside were visitors at the home of J. D. Walker last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker visited relatives in Morganton last Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Foster of Marion, spent the first of the week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foster.

Miss Grace Poteat, of Morganton, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in this community.

Lonnie Foster, of Rutherfordton, has been spending several days with homefolks here.

S. C. Morgan and Jesse Price were business visitors in Marion Monday.

J. M. Walker made a business trip to Rutherfordton, Monday.

Henry Whitener, of Ruth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Whitener, here last Sunday.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, July 3.—The Presbyterian revival will begin here on the fifth Sunday in this month.

Miss Regina Matthews of Rock Hill, S. C., is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Key Landis is expecting to return to Detroit, Mich., soon, to finish his course in pharmacy.

The contractors of the public highway are progressing nicely with their work.

Mrs. J. Pack Walker is not improving in health.

There was a community singing at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon. It was good.

Wheat is not very good this season here.

MOVING PICTURE SCENES OF ASHEVILLE

A picture which should be very interesting to Western North Carolinians will be The Conquest of Canaan, which will be shown at Oasis Theatre on next Monday. This is a Paramount-Artercraft picture with Thomas Meighan as the star, and was made in and around the city of Asheville.

Many interesting scenes of familiar spots in Asheville are shown, and many beautiful views of our own Carolina mountains.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum 93 degrees; minimum, 64 degrees; rain, 3.72 inches; sunshine, per cent, 42.

The Baraca Class of the First Baptist church will have the much talked of picnic on Thursday, July 6th, leaving the church at 3:30 p. m.

Transportation will be furnished and plenty of eats. There will be several unique things on the program and we expect a big crowd. Place will be out at the lakes. The Phileathea and Junior Phileathea classes are all invited together with officers and teachers of the Sunday school.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Wilmington. — Figures available at the custom house here show that receipts at Wilmington during the month of May were more than half a million dollars, with the prospects for the entire year exceeding four million.

Durham.—Amendment of the league rule in regard to clubs employing ineligible players to read: "The manager shall be fined \$100 and the ineligible player employed shall be fined \$100." was the most important action of Piedmont league directors in session here.

Statesville. — E. S. Millsaps, farm agent for the Piedmont district, has issued a call for a conference of the agents of his district to be held in Statesville on July 18, 19 and 20th. While here the farm agents will have headquarters at the new Vance hotel.

Wilmington. — Although the shipping season is not yet over the amount of fruit and vegetables shipped north from Wilmington this season will amount, in cash returns to shippers, to more than \$2,000,000, agents of the Fruit Growers' Express announced here.

Elizabeth City. — The new 10,000 organ of the First Methodist church of this city is now completely installed and will first be used in the dedication service at the new church, which will be held as soon as all outstanding indebtedness against it is paid.

High Point. — Following a splendid address by Dr. T. H. Lewis, of Washington, D. C., president of the general conference of Methodist Protestant church, the summer conference of ministers of that denomination in North Carolina closed at the Children's Home here.

Mount Olive. — Notwithstanding unfavorable weather conditions, shipments of potatoes and cucumbers from this point this year have been unusually heavy. The potato crop nor the cucumber crop have been harvested yet, so final figures are not available.

Greensboro. — R. L. Barnhardt, local chiropodist, has the option of 12 months on the county roads or leaving the city for good. The roads or banishment sentence was imposed in the municipal court following his trial on a charge of having narcotics in his possession. He has until July 10 to wind up his affairs and hit the grit.

Kinston. — Amateur scientists here are delighted with numerous finds of fossils coming out of a new municipal artesian well at Hillcrest. They are bits of petrified wood, sharks' teeth and other things. Nothing has turned up yet that could not be classified. Persons versed in fossils say all the finds so far are only duplicates of things found in this region before.

Rockingham. — Declaring that he intends to conduct such a revival as will give the devil high blood pressure, "Cyclone" McLendon opened a four weeks revival at Rockingham before an audience of 4,500 people.

Lumberton. — Close observers declare that crops generally in Robeson county are the poorest seen in several years. The continued wet weather is the cause. The tobacco crop, which at one time was very promising, has been damaged seriously by the heavy rains, thousands of acres being practically ruined.

Charlotte.—Herman Massey, white, son of Noah Massey, was killed by being crushed by an elevator. He and another boy were playing near the elevator. The Massey boy went under the elevator while the other was pulling it up. It fell, crushing the boy to death.

The Progress will keep you posted as to McDowell county news better than any other means.