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July Crop Report For North Carolina

The first important crop report of the year was released on July 10th by the National Crop Reporting Bureau. The Raleigh office, however, has much detailed county and district data not available from the Washington Bureau. The cotton report released yesterday shows one per cent increase in acreage; tobacco released today shows 5 per cent increase; small grains show variable increases. In fact, the area under cultivation this year shows a 1 per cent increase in total crop area.

The condition of crops shows that grasses and allied crops have very good prospects. Small grains showed yields appreciably above the average. Wheat was indicated at 11.7 bushels per acre; oats, 24.1; barley 24 and rye 13 bushels yield. The quality of these were consistently good. Corn, with a condition of 77 per cent, is better than last year. The best condition of the crop is in the western mountain counties and the poorest in the northeastern coastal belt where excessive rains have occurred. The acreage of this crop appears to be reduced about 2 per cent. Thus the increases in other crops were largely at the expense of the corn acreage.

The tobacco condition of 69 per cent as of July 1 is 3 per cent poorer than last year. In reality the condition last year was much better than was reported. Many argue that it is poorer this year than it is reported. With an increase of 5 per cent in acreage and with a record production of 500,000,000 pounds last year, it will probably be to the farmers' advantage to have a decrease in the yield per acre this year. The burley type in the extreme western counties show the best condition. The Bright Leaf tobacco is generally reported at not over 71 per cent, the lowest condition being 63 in the piedmont area. Curing has started in many of our eastern counties. The South Carolina Belt has been curing for some time.

The condition of peanuts, reported at 78 per cent for the state, shows an average of 75 per cent in the commercial northeastern producing counties. The acreage shows an 8 per cent increase over last year. In order to get more dependable legume information than has been published before, a special inquiry is to be sent to growers in all parts of the state. The final results and probable production of these crops will be published in September. Peanut forecast will be included.

Fruit crops are generally short—peaches show an average of 51 per cent; apples 44 and pears 41 per cent of a full crop prospect. The average for peaches is 71 per cent. Soy beans and cowpeas are both less than last year, the present condition being respectively 81 and 74 per cent.

The early commercial Irish potato crop was cut almost 50 per cent in acreage, while the yield was generally considered as being very good. A yield of 115 bushels for the state's early crop and 126 bushels for the commercial crop was reported. Prices have been fairly satisfactory.

A distinct advantage that North Carolina holds over the Southern states and probably any state of the union is what is known as the identical farm comparisons made available from year to year through the State Farm Census. Prior to the July report 6,246 such samples were available for indicating the acreage percentage changes from last year. These have proven so dependable that they are supplanting almost all other sources of information. More and more the Farm Census is proving to be a most valuable source of farm economic information. The records are available since the work was begun in 1918. Counties having new farm agents are finding in this valuable inventory to safely speed the agent in getting acquainted in a business like way.

HAMMOND-McRAE

A marriage centering the interest of friends throughout North Carolina and Georgia was that of Miss Polly McRae and Dr. H. C. Hammond which was solemnized in Red Springs Monday evening at 8:30. Rev. J. B. Black pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian church, officiating. The ring ceremony was used. The bride was attractive in a navy blue georgette dress with tan accessories.

The wedding was very quiet being attended by a limited number of relatives and intimate friends. The bride is the only daughter of the late Lucius McRae. She is a graduate of Flora Macdonald college, and is one of Red Springs most beloved and useful young women.

Dr. H. C. Hammond, a successful pastor for a number of years, has been until recently engaged as Bible teacher in Flora Macdonald college. Dr. and Mrs. Hammond are planning a trip to Clayton, Ga., Dr. Hammond's summer home, after which they will return to Red Springs where they expect to make their future home.

Father of Mrs. J. D. McLeod Dies Here

Mr. Neill McKay died early Friday morning from a sudden heart attack at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John D. McLeod.

Mr. McKay made his home among his children and while his visits to Red Springs were short he made many friends who will be sorry to learn of his death.

Mr. McKay was seventy years of age. He is survived by seven children: Mrs. J. H. Brown of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Sam Trogen, of Sea Grove; Mrs. Carlos McLeod, of Sanford; Mrs. J. B. McDonald, of Erwin; Mrs. F. P. Holland, of Buies Creek; Mrs. J. D. McLeod, of Red Springs; and Mr. Neill E. McKay, of Atlanta, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Union church in Moore county, five miles from Carthage by Rev. Mr. Menius, of Lillington, pastor of Buies Creek Presbyterian church, where Mr. McKay was an elder, assisted by Rev. M. D. McNeill, of Camden, Rev. W. S. Golden, of Carthage, and Rev. J. B. Black of Red Springs.

Snake Bites Indian Boy Last Friday

A nine year-old boy, the son of the lower edge of Hoke county near John Chavis, Indian, who lives in Mr. Hector Currie's was bitten by a snake last Friday afternoon about four o'clock. The boy with two companions was cutting wood, when he was bitten on the right foot. The description of the reptile given by the boys fits that of a rattlesnake.

The boy was rushed here where he was treated by Dr. Hodgkin, and who sent him on to the Baker Sanatorium in Lumberton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED BY TEACHER

Miss Sadie Covington's Sunday School class had a picnic at Johnson's Pond last Tuesday afternoon. After a nice swim a bountiful lunch was enjoyed.

Those present were: Roscoe Smith, Lucy Davis, Celia Newton, Haskell Hall, David Meachum, Ida Turner, David Ray Hall and Junius Goodwin, Jr.

The chaperones were: Misses Bessie and Sadie Covington, Eunice Pearsall, Jessie Singleton and Mrs. David Hall.

FIRE OBSERVATION TOWER TO BE ERECTED NEAR LUMBER BRIDGE

On the highway between Lumber Bridge and Parkton is being constructed an observation tower which will be used to prevent the spread of forest fires. Material is now being placed for the erection of the tower which will be one hundred feet high and will be completed in the near future. The person having charge will keep watch on miles and miles of forests; thus the tower will be of great service to our community by the prevention of serious damages each year caused by carelessly begun fires.

WORLD WANTS TO BUY AMERICAN PRODUCTS

Opportunities throughout the world for the sale of American goods ranging from garbage trucks to roller skates and steel bridges to manufacture sets are included in the list of world trade opportunities made public today by C. Grant Isaacs, district manager of the Carolina office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Charlotte.

Many countries are in the market for a diverse variety of articles. American corned beef and menu cards are wanted in Germany; air field equipment in Brazil; Ethiopia wants tractors; Venezuela is inquiring for phonographs; a wide assortment of textile manufactures are in demand in Canada, Mexico, Europe, Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

"What The World Wants" is one of the outstanding services of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, representing as it does bona fide inquiries made of the United States Government's foreign offices for the purchases of American products. This service is part of the expansion of American-foreign trade program of the United States Department of Commerce and has already resulted in American manufacturers adding many millions to their sales each year. The small, as well as large, manufacturer thus has brought to his door-step opportunities for the sale of his product, which he could not otherwise obtain unless he maintained his own branch offices in all of the countries of the world.

Full details of these world trade opportunities may be obtained from the Carolinas office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 1287 First National Bank Building, Charlotte.

"Nort, why haven't you brushed down that cobweb?"

"Cobweb? Lor, mum, I thought that had something to do with yer wireless."

'Chic' McKinnon Now A Full Fledged West Pointer

Young Man's Father Receives Notice Tuesday of Acceptance of His Son at Military Academy Effective July 15.

Mr. Neill McKinnon received notification Tuesday from the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., that his son, Robert, has been accepted as a full fledged cadet at that institution, his acceptance dating from July 15.

Young McKinnon received his appointment through Congressman J. Bayard Clark, of the Sixth North Carolina District, and reported to West Point July 1 for physical examination. The preliminary examinations proved to be satisfactory and after a stay of two weeks he was admitted without condition into the cadet corps.

PEMBROKE NEWS

Correspondence of The Citizen.

Pembroke, July 16.—Rev. Roy Tyner closed a meeting week before last at Bethel on the Elizabethtown road, receiving 12 members into the fellowship of the church, six of whom he baptized yesterday at the Jennings Mill Beach. This makes fifty members he has taken into his two churches in the last 90 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cole, who were recently married in Lumberton, have returned from their bridal trip.

Mr. G. M. Chandler, bookkeeper for Pates Supply Company, Mrs. Chandler and their small son, Ralph, expect to leave Wednesday for Yanceyville, in Caswell county, where they will visit Mr. Chandler's mother.

Messrs William and Russel Tyner expect to leave tomorrow morning for Dearborn, Mich., where Mr. William Tyner's brother, Mr. Wade, has been at work for some time.

Word has been received here that on July 4th, Master Billy Logan was run over by a car and killed. Billy was the son of Prof. Logan who taught here in the Indian Normal School for several years prior to last year. Last year he was principal of Laurel Institute. Billy attended Pembroke consolidated school when they lived here, and friends here will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Logan in the untimely death of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ray and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bradus Kelly spent Sunday afternoon at Lake Waccamaw.

Mr. R. B. Harper came home last Tuesday from Raleigh, where he had been attending summer school at State College.

Messrs C. E. Snoddy and R. B. Harper spent Thursday in Raleigh on business.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore of Wilmington, on July 8th, at a hospital in Wilmington, a son, Master Earl Moore. Mrs. Moore was before her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Prevatte of this community, and is pleasantly remembered here.

Mrs. A. D. Prevatte spent last weekend in Wilmington, visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore.

Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Throver and children of Matthews were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert White last Tuesday. All of them returned home Tuesday except Miss Lelia Knowles who remained for a longer visit.

Judge L. R. Varner of Lumberton was in Pembroke a few minutes Friday on his way back from the N. C. Tennessee National Park Commission at Asheville.

Mr. Dan Buie and sister, Miss Mira, went to Buie last Sunday afternoon to see their aunt, Miss Rebecca Eule (Miss Bee) who is sick. They reported her condition a little improved.

Mr. J. W. Williford, highway patrolman, is giving his residence a general remodeling.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gaitley of Rocky Mount, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. N. C. Stubbs, of Hunter's Lodge, spent last weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs and other friends and returned to Rocky Mount Sunday morning carrying with them Misses Margaret and Theresa Culbuth and Mr. Kemp Culbuth.

Mr. Croom and family of Wilmington also spent the weekend with the Stubbs' returning to his home Sunday and taking with him his daughter, Miss Louise, who has been spending some time as a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs.

TOM JOHNSON TO BE TRIED AT KENANSVILLE COURT

The trial of Tom Johnson, the young negro youth of Lumber Bridge, who was arrested in Lumber Bridge in May for the murder of J. W. Boney of Wallace, was held last week at Kenansville, Duplin County. He was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to be electrocuted October 10th. Ed McKinnon, a negro of St. Pauls, was also tried and convicted with Johnson of the same murder and was sentenced to be electrocuted at the same time.

Lumber Bridge Items

Mrs. J. O. Leggett and little daughter, Doris, is spending sometime with Mrs. Leggett's mother, Mrs. Sallie Covington.

Miss Lucile Tolar is at Marion, S. C., visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Garland Maxwell, who has been visiting Mr. J. J. Shaw and family, returned Saturday to his work in New York city.

Mrs. H. M. John and daughter, Miss Margaret, Lacy John, Jr., and the triplet, Stacy, Mary and Marion Kirkman, spent Sunday with Mrs. John's son, Mr. Dan John, at Antioch.

Mrs. C. M. Usher and sister, Miss Jessie Duncan, of Lumberton, R. F. D., were visiting Mr. A. L. Usher and family Sunday.

Misses Katie Lou and Myrtle Geddie of Fayetteville visited at the home of Misses Julia and Thelma Tolar last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stamps and son, Walker, left Monday morning for Raleigh to visit Mrs. Stamps mother, Mrs. Walker.

Mr. C. S. McLean and children, James and Margaret visited Mrs. C. J. Lyde of Maxton Sunday.

Miss Nancy Allen of Washington D. C., arrived Sunday and will spend several days with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Miss Ruby Lee Tolar is able to be out again after several days illness.

Mrs. H. M. John and daughter, Miss Margaret, and grandchildren, Lacy John, Jr., Stacy, Mary and Marion Kirkman, spent Friday with Mrs. John's brother, Mr. Sandy McNeill and family of Wakulla.

Miss Elizabeth Williford visited Misses Elizabeth and Rebecca Brown of Wakulla last Friday.

Mrs. T. P. Flowers and children of Barker Ten Mile spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. J. Ammons on her way to visit relatives at Raeford.

Mr. Hal Stevens of Loris, S. C., visited Sunday at the home of Mr. D. E. Packer and family.

Miss Olga and Craig Breeden of Maxton spent several days last week with Mr. C. S. McLean and children James and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Johnson from Atkinson, Mrs. James R. Poole, Miss Pearl Poole and Mr. J. R. Poole, Jr., from Lumberton spent Friday with Mrs. W. E. Marley.

Mr. S. Thornton Cobb of Great Falls, S. C., arrived Saturday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cobb, for the weekend.

Mr. Angus Shaw of Richmonds, S. C., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shaw.

Mr. Frederick Cobb of Fayetteville spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Martha H. Cobb.

Miss Amanda Cobb left Friday for Connely's Springs where she will spend several weeks on a vacation before going back to her school work at Aulander.

Mrs. L. E. Smith and children who have been visiting Mrs. Smith's brother, Mr. C. S. McLean, and children left Friday for their home at Rocky Mount.

Miss Elizabeth Williford is spending this week with relatives in the Saddletree section.

Religious services were conducted at the convict camp just out of town Sunday afternoon. Many people of the Lumber Bridge community attended. Dr. Stamps led the services and made a splendid talk to the prisoners. The convicts seemed to enjoy the services and showed their appreciation by asking them to come again.

Jimmie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lennon Marley, was taken seriously ill Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Butler of Loris, S. C., where Mr. Marley and family had been visiting for the past two weeks. He was rushed to Lumberton and was placed in the care of a baby specialist at the Thompson Memorial Hospital. He was very sick for several hours but was able to be brought to his home here Monday. We hope he will continue to improve.

Miss Allie Clifton of Charlotte spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ammons and children and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Parnell and children motored to White Lake Tuesday and enjoyed the day bathing and picnicking on the lake.

Miss Mary Baggett left Sunday for Raleigh and will go from there to Pikeville to visit Miss Mary Rachel Overman.

Mr. Chester Clifton and children, near Whiteville, drove up Sunday and were guests in the home of Mr. J. E. Clifton.

Mrs. E. H. Mehler and little daughter, Estelle Clifton, spent Tuesday in Dundarrach with Mrs. Mohler's aunt, Mrs. Mary McMillan.

LIBRARY NOTES

After Friday, July 19, the library hours will be changed to 5 to 6:30 on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

We have just received a traveling library from the Library Commission at Raleigh. Come and get a book. C. Council, chm. Library Com.

Presbyterians Enjoy Picnic At White Lake

The Red Springs Presbyterian Sunday School held its annual picnic at White Lake last Wednesday.

This picnic has been held at White Lake for several years and is an event looked forward to by every member of the church and Sunday School.

The party was in charge of Mr. James Graham, superintendent of the Sunday School. All enjoyed boat riding, swimming and a bountiful spread.

PARKTON NEWS

"Goodbye Parkton. Hello Morehead." shouted the boys of company "L" as they departed last Saturday night for Morehead, where they will be in camp for the following two weeks. The whole population of our town and a great part of the neighboring ones turned out to say goodbye. Sweethearts and wives are left to be consoled by the sympathizers of the community. It was fortunate, however, that a few of the boys planned to go through the country, for by some mischance or other one fellow unconsciously allowed the train to leave the station without him. Perhaps he was saying the last goodbye to his lover and could not hear the yells of the boys and departing "blows" of the train.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pittman and son, Rufus, have returned from a weeks trip to Lake Waccamaw. Mr. Pittman says the fish were hungry and easily fed.

Mr. O. A. Wright of Rocky Mount, was guest of Miss Margaret Cashwell Sunday afternoon. Mr. Wright was returning from his summer vacation with parents in Tabor.

The young people in town were guest at a delightful party last Wednesday night given in honor of Misses Cathelene Stephens and Pauline Adcox of Fuquay Springs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Proctor. Games and dancing were enjoyed by the guest. Delicious punch and cake were served as refreshments.

Miss Alice Whitley has returned to her home in Charlotte for a weeks visit with Miss Gladys Hughes. Misses Whitley and Hughes are graduates of North Carolina College, Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. Murray Balance of Greensboro was the guest of Miss Joie Williamson last weekend.

A quiet and enjoyable "fourth" was reported by those in town who spent the day at nearby lakes.

Messrs Colier Cobb, J. G. and L. E. Hughes, J. E. Blalock, G. G. Britt, J. Q. Parnell, C. A. Clark, F. W. Thompson and families had a barbecue picnic together at White Lake. Mr. D. C. Proctor and family spent the day at Page's Lake. Mr. E. L. Byrd and family accompanied by Misses Margaret Cashwell, Celia Adcox and Virginia Martin, reported a pleasant trip to Lake Waccamaw.

A lawn party was given at the Presbyterian manse last Friday night by the ladies and young girls of the church. All the boys and girls in town were invited. Games were played while lemonade and ice cream were served at five cents. Special music was rendered which consisted of several songs of yesterday—"Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Blue Heaven," "Girl of My Dreams." Judging from the noise made those of the junior ages enjoyed the party most.

Miss Sarah McCormick has returned to Wilson from her summer vacation with parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCormick. Miss McCormick is in training at the hospital at Wilson.

Mr. R. L. Andrews and Mr. Hayward, former members of Parkton high school faculty were visitors in town Sunday night. Messrs Andrews and Hayward are spending the summer in Durham.

Mrs. Edgar Maness and little sons Ted and William Lancaster, are visiting Mrs. Maness's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Lancaster.

Mr. Lacy Lancaster is relieving in the drug store of this town while Mr. Armstrong is at camp.

Mr. Henry Thompson left Tuesday for Benson where he will work in a hotel for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. E. L. Byrd and family spent last Sunday with relatives in Samson county.

Friends and relatives are glad to know that Mrs. W. J. Everette is gradually improving. Mrs. Everette has been ill for practically a month.

For last Tuesday a long begged for hay ride had been planned for the junior class of the Baptist Sunday school. Everyone met before the church dressed in overalls expecting to ride to the country on mule and wagon. Patiently they waited but no wagon came. Finally after hardships and trials an old horse and wagon were seemingly manufactured and the party was on its way. A delicious picnic supper was spread on the "old road" from Parkton to old Midway. Those of the class present were: Elizabeth Hall, Katherine Canady, Ethel Lee

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Miss Dorothy Toon Buried Here Friday

The people of Red Springs were sorry to learn of the death of Miss Dorothy Toon which occurred in Highsmith's hospital last Thursday night following a long illness.

Miss Toon until recently made her home in Red Springs where she was widely beloved.

She is survived by her father, a former resident of this town, Mr. H. S. Toon; and three sisters, Mrs. W. P. McKay of Fayetteville, Mrs. Ernest McPhaul of Antioch and Miss Elizabeth Toon of Fayetteville.

Funeral services were conducted from the Red Springs Methodist church of which she was a member Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. A. J. Hobbs, Jr., pastor, and Rev. J. B. Black, pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian church. Immediately following interment was made in the Alloway Cemetery. Floral offerings were profuse, covering the entire grave.

Pallbearers were: Messrs. Bill Hall, of Red Springs; Elick Snead, Devoe Austin, Mitchel Epstein, Neill A. McDonald and Curtis Smith of Raeford.

Judge Orders Bladen Animal Fights Invest.

Fayetteville, July 15.—Judge N. A. Sinclair of the superior court bench has ordered a thorough investigation of public fights between wild cats and dogs which were reported to have been held in Bladen county last week. Judge Sinclair, who is spending his vacation at his home here, received reliable information to the effect that these brutal exhibitions were being held in Bladen, and he immediately telephoned to the office of Sheriff Nash L. Tatum in Elizabethtown and telegraphed Thomas A. McNeill, solicitor of the ninth judicial district, at Lumberton, giving both all the information in his possession and directing them to make a full investigation. He also proffered the aid of the court in bringing the guilty persons to justice.

Judge Sinclair's information was that several dogs had been killed in the fights. Independent information obtained by newspaper men here is that such fights were held, but, according to the sources, one or more wild cats met death, instead of the dogs. Bladen has been noted for its cock fights for many years. In 1925 the state was given a sensation when women of that county memorialized the legislature, then in session, to prevent the holding of a big cock fight between fanciers of Bladen and Forsythe counties. Despite the action of the women and the airing of the matter in the General Assembly the chicken fights were held according to schedule.

This is the first time the holding of fights between dogs and wild cats in this section of the country has reached the ears of the public. Judge Sinclair's stand in a letter to Solicitor McNeill, following his telegram, that he was given to understand that "public exhibitions of this character have been held in Bladen County from time to time, for the last few years."

After first communicating his knowledge of the illegal exhibitions to the solicitor and the sheriff Judge Sinclair then addressed a letter to each of the officers, urging them to spare no pains in efforts to discover persons responsible for the conduct of the fights, and promising hearty cooperation from himself.

This afternoon Judge Sinclair had received no reply to either of his communications, though the earliest of them was dispatched Thursday. Sheriff Tatum, was not in his office when he was called at noon today, but a clerk stated that a deputy was sent to the reported scene of the dog fight and that as far as they knew no fight took place.

Haines Portrays Different Type

William Haines, star of "Excess Baggage," "Brown of Harvard," and other recent hits, returns to the screen in a distinctly different type of role in "A Man's Man," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's filmization of Patrick Kearney's famous stage hit which comes to the Red Springs Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

The new story, directed by James Cruze, who directed "Excess Baggage," and made film history with "The Covered Wagon," is a liting satire on Hollywood with Haines as a youth with a correspondence school complex, and Josephine Dunn, who played opposite him in "Excess Baggage," as his sweetheart, with movie star aspirations. They get married, and then the fun is fast and furious.

Despite the hilarious comedy of the story there is a delicate love romance that runs through it, and many human touches, some of them bordering on pathos. Thrills add to the ensemble.

How to avoid being gored by an angry bull: Avoid going where an angry bull is likely to be.