

COTTON CROP LARGER

CONDITION AUG. 16 WAS 64.9% - ESTIMATED TOTAL YIELD NOW 12,956,000 BALES. NORTH CAROLINA 795,000 BALES.

A cotton crop of 12,956,000 equivalent 500-pound bales was forecast Saturday by the Department of Agriculture.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop on August 16 which was 64.9 per cent of a normal. A forecast 12,361,000 bales was issued August 8 on the condition of the crop as of August 1, which was 67.4 per cent of a normal, indicating an acre yield of 146.3 pounds. Last year's crop was 10,128,478 bales and the condition of the crop on August 25 was 45.1 per cent.

North Carolina Crop.
 North Carolina's cotton crop shows a condition of 59 per cent of normal at present which indicates an improvement of 1 per cent over the condition as reported August 1st. and 2 per cent over July 16th this year. Last year at this time the condition was 71 per cent of normal or 12 per cent higher than at the same time this year.

The normal yield per acre this date would be 354 pounds of lint but the condition of 59 per cent shows the yield to be 208.8 pounds lint per acre. This gives an estimated production of 795,000 bales, which is approximately (Continued on Page 5)

TICKET IN MONTGOMERY.

The Democrats of Montgomery county met in convention at Troy Aug. 18th, and nominated the following ticket:

For Sheriff G. W. Stuart. For Reg. Deeds E. H. Wood. For Representative, B. S. Hurley. For Coroner, J. A. Lisk. For Surveyor, N. M. Thayer. For Commissioners, J. A. McAulay, B. A. Davis, J. B. Shamburger.

MR. EVERETT TO SPEAK.

Sec. of State W. N. Everett will be the speaker tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at the Anson county picnic at Blewett Falls. The basket picnic supper will be served at 6 o'clock, with the speaking program immediately afterwards.

PICKS NERVOY SPOT.

A negro, Garfield Bostie, was shot three times through the chest and instantly killed Saturday night, Aug. 16th, about 3:45 o'clock in front of the courthouse at Wadesboro. Several negroes were arrested charged with the shooting, but witnesses vary as to exactly who did the shooting. The shooter might have chosen the jail yard instead of the courthouse for his shooting.

NO MAIL NEXT MONDAY.

Next Monday, Labor Day, is a legal holiday. The carriers will not make their rounds, and the postoffice will observe Sunday hours.

REPUBLICAN GUNS HERE IN OCTOBER

Ike Meekins and J. J. Parker slated for speeches in Rockingham.

The Republicans seem determined to increase their 225 vote of 1922 in Richmond county this fall. And in this forlorn hope they are bringing their two biggest guns into action.

On Oct. 5th at 7:30 the Honorable Ike Meekins, candidate for Governor, will speak at Rockingham; and on Oct. 25th, at noon the Honorable John J. Parker will speak here.

PRESIDING ELDER SUNDAY.

Presiding Elder J. H. Shore is now on his fourth and last round. He will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "The Ideal in Christian Character."

PEACH SHIPMENT DID NOT PAY

PEACHES SHIPPED BY MR. DERBY TO ENGLAND BROUGHT ONLY \$3.96 PER CRATE. WAS NOT A PROFITABLE EXPERIMENT.

Editor Post-Dispatch:-

I wish to correct a statement in your last issue to the effect that the peaches shipped by Mr. E. A. Manice and myself to England sold well. You stated in your paper that they sold from four to six dollars a carrier.

Mr. Manice's shipment was put up in California boxes and these sold from seven to nine shillings over there which, at the present rate of exchange, would be between \$1.54 and \$1.98 per box.

My shipment was packed in crates and these sold at 18 shillings or approximately \$3.96 per crate. These peaches would have brought about \$2.50 per crate in New York at the time of shipment and though we have not got the final sales report in it looks as if we would receive considerably less for the export shipment than we would have received if it had been sold on this side. The expense of handling on such a shipment is naturally very great and unless a far greater return can be secured than we succeeded in getting the prospect of finding an outlet for the over-production of Southern peaches in Europe is not bright.

Very truly yours,
 Roger A. Derby.
 August 22nd, 1924.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

First Game is Sept. 19th.

Coach J. B. Lawrence in Rockingham and ready for the gridiron at the school there. The game will be in Rockingham and the school there. The game will be in Rockingham and the school there. The game will be in Rockingham and the school there.

The opening game will be on Sept. 19th, with Chesterfield. There is an open date for Oct. 31st, but this will likely be filled soon. The following is the schedule:
 Sept. 19—Chesterfield here.
 Sept. 26—Mt. Pleasant College here.
 Oct. 3—Fayetteville here.
 Oct. 11—Charlotte at Charlotte.
 Oct. 17—Sanford at Pinehurst.
 Oct. 21—Aberdeen here.
 Oct. 24—Raeford here.
 Oct. 31—Open.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Aug. 23—James Bailey and Jessie B. McKeithan, colored.
 Aug. 23—Isiah Griffin and Sarah Ewing, colored.

68 NEW LAWYERS.

68 out of a total of 123 applicants successfully passed the Supreme Court examination last week for license to practice law. The examination was one of the hardest in many years. The man to make the highest grade was a blind student from the University, Sam Cathey, whose home is at Asheville.

HOKE SMITH MARRIED.

Ex-Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, aged 69, was married Wednesday to Miss Marie Crawford, aged 28, who was his former secretary.

PAYING YANKEES TO EAT PEACHES

SLUMS FED ON PEACHES AND CREAM—AT SLUM PRICES. SIMPLY TOO MANY PEACHES. DERBY WRITES FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Letter From Mr. Derby:
 "Dear Mr. London:-
 I enclose a copy of a letter to the Sandhill Citizen which I think may interest your readers. I should like to have it published, if you see fit, largely because I feel that the results of this season's crop justified the position I and several (Continued on Page 8)

RECORDER'S COURT.

A bill had been prepared, creating a Recorder's Court here at Rockingham for Richmond county (excepting Marks Creek township,) but it was not introduced at the special term of the Legislature.
 It was found that the Connor bill, that was passed, would give the Co. Commissioners of any county authority to establish a Recorder's Court. It is presumed the Richmond County Commissioners will be asked to establish such a Court shortly.

SHAW SELLS PITTSBORO PAPER.

Colin G. Shaw, who has edited the Chatham Record at Pittsboro for the past four years, this week sold it to O. J. Peterson, of Clinton. Mr. Peterson was a candidate in the June 5th primary for Com. of Labor and Printing. He will move his family to Pittsboro at once and take charge of his newly acquired paper. He formerly owned the Sampson Democrat, at Clinton.

METAL BUILDING ORDERED

40x83 Sheet Iron Building Ordered by Town for Shelter for Machinery and Equipment.

The Town of Rockingham last week placed an order for a sheet iron building that will be 40x83 feet. This will be erected on the lot just north of the Municipal building, across the 10-foot alley-way. In this building, which will cost \$3500, will be stored the Town's street cleaning machinery, and repair equipment.

BLEASE AND BYRNES.

In the primary in South Carolina Tuesday for United States Senator, the vote in the four-cornered race was:
 Blease 71,342, Byrnes 57,578, Senator Dial (incumbent) 38,520, McMahan 4,129.
 The second primary will be held in two weeks between Blease and Byrnes, with the chances favoring Byrnes.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Subject of sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Episcopal church will be "A Common Possession."
 Union service Sunday night at Presbyterian church.

ASKS \$60,000 DAMAGES.

A. R. McPhail filed suit Monday for Mary Ricketts, administratrix of the estate of Louise Ricketts O'Leary, against Morgan Cotton Mills Scotland county, for \$60,000 damages. She was injured at the mill Feb. 29th, and died June 19th.

CHICKEN SUPPER AT GREEN LAKE CHURCH.

A chicken supper, with other refreshments, will be served at Lake church Friday night, Sept. 27th, and the public is most cordially invited. The proceeds will go towards the piano fund.

Dedication New Courthouse

Magnificent New \$225,000 Richmond County Courthouse To Be Formally Opened on Monday, Sept. 1st. Exercises To Begin at 10 O'clock.

Invocation.....	Rev. W. R. Coppedge
Remarks.....	Judge Lane
Presentation of Building to County Commissioners, by Chairman of Building Committee.....	B. F. Reynolds
Acceptance for County.....	W. Steele Lowdermilk
Response: (a) for Civil War veterans.....	
(b) for World War veterans.....	F. Don. Phillips
(c) for Bar of County.....	L. H. Gibbons
(d) For Citizenship.....	W. L. Parsons
(e) for County Officers.....	W. S. Thomas
Reminiscences of Bar of Richmond County.....	Judge Walter H. Neal
Historical Sketch of County.....	Paul Whitlock

In its elegant appointments, beautiful architectural design and masterly structural perfection, it is doubtful if a county in the State can boast of such a Temple of Justice as has been attained in the beautiful new Courthouse that on next Monday, Sept. 1st, will be formally dedicated.

The actual work on this building was begun in the early summer of 1922, and at a very advantageous contract to the county. As a matter of fact, were a contract to be let for such a building today the cost would be perhaps \$50,000 more than it actually did cost the county.

This paper will not attempt here to describe this truly marvelous creation of brain and skill. It stands out as the apogee of perfection, and Richmond county can well be proud of its handiwork.

The program at the dedication, or formal opening next Monday, is outlined above, and the exercises will begin at 10 o'clock. It is to be hoped that our people will show proper appreciation by completely filling the large auditorium and balcony, and incidentally doing honor to the distinguished speakers of the day.

STORE ROBBED.

A thief bored around the lock of S. L. Webb's store, on Watson Heights, Wednesday night, and stole a quantity of goods. Among the items missed was a 100-lb sack of sugar, 48-lb sack of flour, about \$75 worth of overalls, cakes, crackers etc.
 About three weeks ago a thief bored a hole from underneath the floor of Jim Lassiter's store on the Rham-Hamlet road, and made off with a quantity of goods.
 You merchants had better keep an eye on fellows who may be giving your locks and store any extra scrutiny.

DRY TIME DOWN SOUTH.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Benton returned to Rockingham Monday, after a vacation of five weeks spent at Mansfield, Louisiana.

It rained Sunday at Mansfield, for the first time in 76 days! In fact, the drought in that part of the South has been so severe that even a crow would have to carry his corn rations in flying over that section.

RE-SALE OF THEATRES.

An auction sale, under bankruptcy, of the Garden and Star theatre equipment was held Aug. 22nd, being in by H. H. Anderson for \$2600. Monday a 5% raise in bid was made by Harris and Crews, owners of Orpheum at Oxford, and so the present Garden lease will again be offered at auction, the re-sale to be on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

TWO OFFICERS ON MONDAY.

Two officers on Monday and Wednesday broke up two blockade outfits in Steele's township, near Sugar Loaf. And on Tuesday they broke up a large full copper outfit in Beaver Dam, about two miles from the Rocks.

BALE NEW COTTON TODAY.

First Bale Sold in Rockingham Aug. 28th for 24 1/4c by G. E. Hinson.

The first bale of the 1924 crop of cotton raised in Richmond county was ginned and sold in Rockingham today, Aug. 28th, by G. E. Hinson. The bale weighed 494 pounds, and brought 24 1/4c, for a total of \$121.03. In 1922 the first bale of cotton sold at Rockingham was on Aug. 23rd by M. H. Fowlkes, for 20 1/4c. The 502 pounds brought \$102.91.
 In 1923 the first bale was sold by Pres Ellerbe, colored, for 23c, on Aug. 31st. It weighed 478 pounds and brought \$109.94.

COUNTY OFFICERS MOVING.

The old courthouse today is taking on a deserted and bedraggled appearance. The county officers are moving their books etc into the elegant new courthouse, on Franklin street—and apparently there is no pang of regret in forsaking the old for the new.

PARAMOUNT WEEK.

On page three can be seen the half page announcement of Paramount Week at the Hamlet Opera House. All the feature pictures shown there next week are Paramount pictures—and Rockingham movie devotees will perhaps be interested in the offerings presented by Manager Williamson.

UNION SERVICE.

Union service Sunday night at Presbyterian church, with sermon by Rev. Howard Hartzell.

GLASSES LEFT IN OFFICE.

A pair of child's tortoise-rim glasses were left on the desk on the desk of the POST-DISPATCH office Wednesday. Owner can call and get same.

IN THE OLDEN DAYS

ITEMS GLEANED BY THE POST-DISPATCH FROM FORMER PAPERS PUBLISHED AT ROCKINGHAM.

The POST-DISPATCH from now on will publish each week items of interest picked from the old papers published at Rockingham. We cannot make this a "10" or "20" years ago department, for all the files are not available. But we shall more or less pick at random, trying to follow consecutively the old files, and the writer feels sure that the items unearthed, and memories recalled, will make this department a most welcome and pleasing feature.

We are giving extracts this week from the Rocket, beginning with issue of January 2, 1890, of which R. W. Knight was editor and proprietor. The paper was published over Capt. Everett's new store, and the price was \$1.50.

Rocket, Jan. 2, 1890:

H. C. Watson advertises to the public that owing to a fire and illness of his wife, he was delayed in buying his full fall and winter goods, but that his wife's health is improved and he therefore is ready to serve the public.

Miss L. E. Blakey says she has the largest and best selection of bunnets and felt and plush hats to be found; and the prettiest stock of birds and (Continued on Page 9)

Farm Demonstration Department

Conducted by
W. H. BARTON
 Office in Courthouse, Rockingham.

ODDS AND ENDS.

A Visit From Texas.

On last Monday, August 25th, Judge J. W. Fitzgerald, a banker, W. H. Caldwell, a business man, and E. Gentry, a county agent, all from Tyler, Texas, called on me and expressed a desire to learn something of our methods of soil building and use of fertilizers which might be applied to the sandhill section of Texas where they reside.

I spent the day showing them actual results of soil building with legumes and of the use of commercial fertilizers, and let them catechise the farmers themselves relative to conditions, answers to which questions were written down by the visiting county agent for publication when they return to Tyler.

Overheard.
 When the day was finished, I over- (Continued on Page 5)

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McQueen returned to the city today (Thursday) after two weeks spent at Murrell's Inlet, and other points in South Carolina. It would be hardly fair to the preacher to tell you readers of his various catches; he simply said "they were biting fine." The "they" might refer to red-bugs, but doubtless he was speaking of fish.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

S. S. 9:45. Q. L. Henry, Supt. 11 o'clock service: subject, "Faithful Work Rewarded."

8 o'clock service: subject, "The Shadowed Life."
 The pastor, Rev. Bruce Benton, has returned from his vacation, and will preach morning and evening Sunday.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR CAR IS STOLEN, BURNED, DAMAGED

You can't stay the hand of fate if it is turned against you. You can't avoid accidents by the most extreme caution.

You can't match a safety lock against the ingenuity of an auto thief. He acts when you least suspect him.

FIRE IS AN EVER-PRESENT MENACE TO YOUR MACHINE. PROTECT YOURSELF WITH AN INSURANCE POLICY. OUR RATES ARE LOW AND

OUR COMPANIES SOUND.

RICHMOND INSURANCE & REALTY COMPANY

A. S. CORPHER, Sec.-Treas.

Office in Hotel Building

Your Savings Our Business

While it is your business whether you save any part of your earnings, it is our business to help you in the matter if you decide to make saving a regular weekly habit.

Thrift has its champions among leaders in every walk of life. President Coolidge says: "The one who saves is the one who will win." Saving is the daily practice of all who win.

START A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TODAY

Our bank makes a special effort to develop this phase of the banking business because we believe we are performing a real service for our patrons when they are induced to save regularly.

The Richmond County Savings Bank