

## Farmers Lose Heavily From Storm That Visited Southern Part of Franklin

### Monday Evening's Storm Destroys Thousands of Dollars Worth Cotton, Tobacco, Corn MANY FARMERS LOSE ALMOST THEIR ENTIRE CROP OF TOBACCO

### Territory Around Pearce's Cross-Road Pilot Suffered Badly Section Much Dam- age Done

Last Monday evening about 6 o'clock a dark, heavy looking cloud was visible from Zebulon to the north and northeast, and it was plainly evident by those that watched the cloud, that much damage was being done.

It looked at one time as though Zebulon would be in the cloud's path, but about 6:30 or 7:30 o'clock the cloud seemed to split, the heaviest part moving west, while the other section moved around to the east from here, and during the time the wind blew in somewhat a gale, but the heavy roaring thunder and sharp streaks of lightning made all feel that uneasiness that comes over one when such clouds are passing.

In this immediate section, there was no serious damage done, but many of our people felt anxious to hear from the section that was thought to be in the path of the storm.

A few meagre reports were received in Zebulon Monday night, but the extent of the damage could not be ascertained.

Early Tuesday morning reports began to come from the section most affected by the storm.

Some farmers brought in tobacco stalks about four or five feet high with all the leaves broken, and otherwise damaged as to make the tobacco practically worthless.

Many people from town drove out to see the extent of the damage in the section of Pilot and Pearce's Cross-Roads in Franklin county.

A reporter of The Zebulon Record, accompanied by four or five friends, drove through the storm-ridden section Tuesday morning.

On Highway No. 90, leading from Zebulon to Pilot, we did not see much signs of the storm until we reached the county line of Franklin.

At the creek, where the lines of Wake and Franklin join, we began to see the work of the storm.

Near the Franklin county line at Mr. W. H. Chamber's place the storm got in some disastrous work. Here cotton was stripped partially of its leaves, tobacco leaves were broken off and damaged to the extent that it looked as if there was little of it to be saved.

At Mr. J. D. Alford's farm, corn was blown down and the blades stripped into small strings like a shoe string. Cotton suffered greatly, so much so that it looked sickening to behold. Tobacco suffered worst of all other crops. It looked as though the crop was ruined.

On Jeff Massey's place the three crops—tobacco, cotton and corn suffered heavily.

Ed. and Ross Stallings were heavy losers—tobacco being almost completely ruined.

At Pilot we found a large number of farmers, each one telling his own story of the storm and the damage. Some said that their tobacco fields were not worth a cent. While at Pilot we learned that Mr. W. J. Stallings was one of the largest losers of that section. It was told us that Mr. Stallings would lose from the effects of the storm on his farm, including tenants, at least \$6,000.

Many other farmers around Pilot lost heavily. One good farmer said that his tobacco crop was completely lost—that he did not expect to save another leaf from his entire farm.

Mr. Garland Pearce, in addition to losing heavily from the storm in cotton, tobacco and corn, lost his stables, corn and feed barn, which was fired by lightning. Mr. Pearce was also burned about the neck in an attempt to save his stock, it is said. The contents of the barn—corn and fodder, and farm implements—was a complete loss.

There were many farmers in this immediate section that suffered from the effects of the storm.

It was stated that just east of Pilot that the storm was very severe.

It was said that the storm area was about three miles wide and nine miles in length.

The cotton fields in some places looked as though the Army worm had been through and stripped the leaves from the stalks and limbs.

From Pilot we went to Pearce's Cross-Roads. We found many farms on the way to Pearce's almost completely wrecked.

At Jack Privett's place the damage was very bad—the tobacco suffering more than other crops. In this section we found a few places where the damage was not so bad.

Riley Privett's farm suffered heavily—the tobacco being the crop that suffered most.

Perry Privett was a heavy loser—his farm being hit hard—both tobacco and cotton; the corn, while it suffered greatly, will stage a come-back and may produce a fair crop.

At Pearce's Cross-Roads—or in that immediate section, the damage was not as bad as it was farther east.

Henry Baker's place suffered very badly.

G. B. Mullen, Bill Carlisle and W. M. Bunn, all suffered heavily from the storm.

Many other farmers in the storm section were heavy losers.

On the road from Pearce's Cross-Roads on toward Zebulon were many farms that showed the effects of the wind and hail.

At C. W. Perry's large plantation, the storm hit hard in many places, tearing the tobacco leaves from the stalks, and the cotton was also damaged, as well as the corn.

Tommy Baker was hard hit, being a loser in tobacco, corn and cotton.

We visited a cotton field about one mile from the main road from Pearce's Cross-Roads to Zebulon. This farm is cultivated by Messrs. Massey. Here we found the leaves beaten off the cotton stalks.

In all places that we noticed in the cotton fields, it seemed that very few of the cotton forms (squares) were torn from the limbs. This being the case, it is hoped that the cotton will stage a come-back, and that a fairly good yield will be harvested.

Many of the farmers seemed to think that their entire tobacco crop was lost. We hope not. It may be possible that some will be saved, which, within the next four or five days, the exact extent of damage may be ascertained.

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### Dr. E. C. Daniel Sworn in as Mayor of Town of Zebulon Was Sworn Into Of- fice Last Week. Other Changes

At the last regular meeting of the town council, Dr. E. C. Daniel, proprietor of the Zebulon Drug Co., was sworn in as Mayor of Zebulon.

When the election last spring was held Dr. Daniel was elected to the position of mayor, but was not sworn in until last week.

Mayor Daniel is a capable man and we predict that his administration will be a progressive one.

The office of mayor of any town or city is a responsible one, there being much responsibility attached to the position. Dr. Daniel is a progressive citizen and has the welfare of the town at heart. We are sure that he will use his every effort to make Zebulon a good town to live in and a good town for home-seekers to come to and make their future home.

Already the new mayor is making improvements in many ways, and his efforts will no doubt meet the approval of the town commissioners, as

well as the people at large, and they will lend a helping hand in every way for the advancement and growth of our town.

The office of mayor carries the position of town court judge, and the law-breakers of the town will be sure to have justice metted out to them in a fair and impartial way.

The administration of the retiring mayor, Mr. J. K. Barrow, has been a progressive one. Mr. Barrow is manly by all, and his efforts for the advancement of Zebulon will be a monument to him for all time to come.

In his dealings with the law-breakers, he was fair and impartial and dealt with all a like.

At the last regular meeting of the board, Mr. J. K. Barrow, resigned as a member of the board, to which position he was elected at the regular election last spring.

Dr. C. E. Flowers has been prominently mentioned as a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Barrow.

If Dr. Flowers is elected as a member of the board it will be another step forward for our town, as Dr. Flowers will be a great addition along health lines to our city. It is hoped he will be chosen as one of the board.

### GOVERNOR McLEAN AND HIS PROGRAM OF ECONOMY MADE HIT

### Delivers Address Be- fore Textile Men of the State

A special from Charlotte: Governor A. W. McLean and his executive budget system and program of economy made a distinct and decided hit with the textile men of the State during the convention of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina, according to mill men of Charlotte and this section who have just returned from Asheville where the meeting was held. Governor McLean evinced quite a degree of interest in the well being of the textile industry and his straight-forward discussion of a business government for the State struck a responsive chord.

No one would accuse the Governor of having a purely selfish interest, and yet the fact that the State of North Carolina has collected \$600,000 less from the cotton mills this year than it did last year not only shows how dependent the State is upon industry but it indicates also something of the magnitude of the textile industry in particular in North Carolina. Secretary-Treasurer Hunter Marshall, Jr., of the manufacturers' association sized the situation up well in these words:

"An outstanding result of the meeting at Asheville is a keener appreciation of the necessity for a full and sympathetic understanding between the business interests of the State and the state government itself, embracing its several departments and divisions. Certainly no group of our citizenship is more interested in the development and progress of North Carolina but the members of our association are in absolute accord with Governor McLean in his idea that no wild or loose expenditures of money is going to promote progress but that on the other hand a business-like and

economical administration of the affairs of the State will win the confidence and respect of the country, and will stimulate the real progress of the State by relieving individuals and business enterprises in the State of undue burdens of taxation."

The textile men adopted resolutions expressing disappointment over the refusal of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington to act upon the recommendation of the directors of the Fifth District at Richmond to establish a branch bank in the Carolinas.

The resolution commending Governor McLean and his "economy program" was as follows:

"Whereas, we believe that the executive budget system and the other measures enacted at the last session of the general assembly, having for their object the inauguration of better business methods in the conduct of the State's affairs, should be heartily supported by every taxpayer who is interested in better business methods in government.

"Whereas, Governor McLean honored us with his presence and in a most interesting and constructive address not only asked for our cooperation and sympathy in carrying out his program, but also our personal and active service if called upon by him."

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Cotton Manufacturers' association of the State of North Carolina, do most earnestly commend the efforts that are being made to install business methods in the administration of the affairs of the state, counties, the municipalities and the other taxing districts of the State of North Carolina and, we do particularly commend the marked ability and great diligence of Gov. A. W. McLean in his efforts along these lines, and we congratulate the people of the State of North Carolina that at this trying time in its industrial life, which must have such great influence in its future progress, that it has such a man as its chief executive, and that we pledge to Governor McLean our individual sympathy and support."

### FINE PEACHES

When a person receive a nice basket of peaches from a friend it is appreciated. Last Monday morning Mr. W. H. McGuire came to our office and presented us with a nice lot of peaches—the finest we have seen this season. We appreciate such a nice gift, and we thank Mr. McGuire ever so much.

### Important Meeting

There will be a meeting of all the citizens of the town of Zebulon and community, who are interested in the No. 91 Highway coming to Zebulon, at 9:30 a. m., Monday at the Town Hall.

Every body invited to come to this meeting.

### Dr. J. Y. Joyner Asks To Be Allowed To Resign His Position

### Leader of Tobacco Association Offers Services With- out Pay

(Special to The Record)

Raleigh, N. C., July 14.—Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former superintendent of schools in North Carolina, foremost leader in building up this state's public school system and later the leading figure in the movement of tobacco farmers to organize the orderly marketing of their crops, this week tendered his resignation as an employee of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, of which he was at one time president, of whose organization committee he was chairman and for the success of which he has labored unceasingly for the past four years, much of the time without pay.

"With my resignation, I tender to you and through you to the association, my services without compensation for all the time that I can possibly spare from the supervision of my farming interests. Command me in the future as freely as heretofore, for any service that I can render anywhere," declared Dr. Joyner in resigning his post as an official of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, which he was largely instrumental in founding.

Explaining his reasons for wishing to serve the association without pay, Dr. Joyner stated in his letter of resignation: "I believe that I can render more effective service by resigning, and thereby freeing myself of the accusation or suspicion of any other motive in advocating co-operative marketing but an honest desire to promote a cause which I sincerely believe to be the only hope for the prosperity and economic emancipation of our farmers through organization for the protection of the prices of their products by orderly and intelligent marketing."

Meeting the carping attacks of opponents of co-operative marketing who have sought to ascribe his recent efforts for co-operative marketing to mercenary motives, the veteran leader of the tobacco association in North Carolina has the following to say:

"Opponents of co-operative marketing whose low ideals and selfishness prevent them from appreciating or from ascribing to others any higher ideals or motives than their own mercenary ones, have carried on a ceaseless campaign to discredit me and

other paid employees of the association and to destroy our influence by impugning our motives and alleging that we were mere hirelings, paid exorbitant salaries to talk and work for the association.

"As president of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association and later as chairman of the organization committee, it was my pleasure and privilege to give without reward or the hope of reward the largest part of my time and service for two years or more to the work of organizing the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, refusing to accept therefor an offered salary. When asked, after the completion of the organization, to accept employment in the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association for my entire time at a salary, it was, as you and others with whom I talked know, a source of deep regret to me that, on account of the very conditions that I, as a farmer, was endeavoring to aid my fellow-farmers to remedy through co-operative marketing, I was not financially able to continue to give my entire time and service without compensation to the work."

In a parting message to associates and fellow members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, Dr. Joyner said:

"In this fight for economic freedom and economic justice for our farmers, we are now standing at the Marne. Arrayed against us are powerful forces, strongly entrenched, perfectly organized, powerfully financed, determined in their own interest to destroy us this year if they can. Farmers of the Carolinas and Virginia, if you be men, join me in whatever voluntary sacrifice and service may be found necessary in this crisis to win the victory. Let us recruit our ranks, increase our deliveries, and standing in unbroken columns with locked shields, swear 'They shall not pass.'"

M. O. Wilson, secretary of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, when asked this week about the resignation of Dr. Joyner, declared: "Dr. Joyner has been a crusader in the greatest farmers' movement of his generation and in retiring from actual daily participation in the fight for its progress and development, has further tendered such of his services as can be spared from his other duties. No man could have done more." Secretary Wilson states that he had already arranged a schedule of work and engagements for Dr. Joyner which he was asking him to carry through the middle of August and is in hopes that he will consent to remain in his present position until September 1.

S. D. FRISSELL

### Firemen Elect Officers and Have Chicken Barbecue

The firemen of the Zebulon Fire Department enjoyed a chicken barbecue at Lee's Mill Tuesday evening. A good crowd was present and all enjoyed themselves.

The following compose the rest of fire department:

W. D. Evans, Chief.  
B. W. Brantley, Assistant Chief.  
C. E. Parker, Captain.  
G. C. Massey, Fire Police.  
J. W. Mitchell, Secretary.

The following compose the rest of the company: A. D. Privett, R. M. Privett, E. D. Pace, I. F. Bunn, R. C. Morris, C. S. Tippet and J. F. Woodruff.

The men, composing the fire-fighters of our town, are men to be depended on to do all they can to save life and property when a fire occurs, and the town should appreciate every effort put forth by these brave men.

### To Speak to the Tobacco Farmers Saturday Evening

Hon. Wiley G. Pearson, of Louisville, N. C., will address the farmers of this section at one of the warehouses in Zebulon, Saturday evening at 3:30 o'clock, on the subject: "The Crucifixion of the Farmers."

Mr. Pearson is well known to many of our people in this section, and his talk will be of much benefit to our people. Everybody is invited, both ladies and gentlemen. We failed to learn what warehouse the speaking will be held in, but it is save to say that one of the large ones will be used.

### APPRECIATIVE GIFT

Monday evening friend M. D. Lowe surprised us with a large basket of vegetables, which we appreciate very much. We thank you, for remembering us, Mr. Lowe.