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FLOODS DAMAGE CROPS.

Cotton Grows Too Rank and Weeds Injure Tobacco.

LATE CORN IMPROVES IN GRAIN STATES.

Wind as Well as Rain Has Wrought Much Damage to the Crops in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for North Carolina, says the past week was remarkable for heavy rains from the 12th to 14th, and subsequently light showers until the close. Creeks and rivers were again very much swollen, and in some sections the freshets were reported to have been the highest for the season; much damage was caused by overflowing streams in the west and south, and many fields were badly washed by the heavy downpour, particularly in Franklin, Halifax, and Nash counties, where the total rainfall for 24 hours on the 14th varied from 5 to 7 inches. The temperature was about 4 degrees above the daily normal, and the hot sunshine and high humidity during the later portion of the week caused a very sultry atmosphere, and some crops fired on sandy land or low places. No farm work could be accomplished during the week, and weeds and grass grew rapidly.

Cotton in some places improved somewhat, and in very favored localities, with a good autumn, nearly a full crop may be made, but throughout the larger portion of the State the crop has not made much progress; cotton plants are very weedy and long-jointed on stiff lands, small on sandy land, and generally are not forming bolls well on either; blooms are still reported; shedding of squares and bolls is increasing.

Old corn is practically made; the late crop is filling out fairly well. Fodder is ripening fast and pulling commenced during the week, but what was gathered was damaged by rain.

Tobacco in the central-west section has suffered from excessive rain and weeds; curing is progressing with texture good, but yield light.

Crops like sweet potatoes and peanuts, of which the conditions can only be judged by the appearance of the vines, are seemingly doing well, as the top growth is very vigorous, but fears are expressed that the frequent rains will diminish the quality of the yield. Turnips are coming up nicely.

Considerable grass intended to be cut for hay was ruined by the freshets.

Melons and fruit continue to deteriorate; the apple crop will be almost a failure.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

"The temperature conditions of the week have been favorable except on the North Pacific coast, where it has been excessively warm. The middle and South Atlantic and East Gulf States, including Tennessee, have suffered from heavy rains, the South Atlantic and East Gulf States and Tennessee experiencing damaging winds as well as injury from overflows. The greater part of Texas and portions of Mississippi and upper Mississippi Valley and upper lake region continue to suffer from drought.

"A very general improvement in the condition of late corn is indicated in the principal corn States.

"Good rains in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio have improved the outlook, especially in Indiana, but, as in other portions of the corn belt, the greater part of the early corn has been ruined. The propitious outlook for corn in the Middle Atlantic States and New England continues.

"The Central and Eastern portions of the cotton belt have suffered from heavy rains, while drought has become more serious over the greater part of the West-

tern districts. In the Carolinas too rank growth is reported especially on stiff lands, and in Georgia, Florida and Alabama, heavy rains and high winds have caused injury, shedding being quite prevalent. In Tennessee, Mississippi and in portions of Arkansas the crop has improved. Cotton needs rain throughout Texas, and is failing rapidly in the Central, South and South-western portions. Picking is general in Texas and is beginning over the South and Central portions of the Eastern district.

"Tobacco has sustained injury from heavy rains in portions of Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina and Tennessee, but has been greatly benefited in the last named State, as well as in the Ohio Valley, where cutting is in progress."

Mosquitoes in Court.

Yesterday Mr. James H. Poul left for Greensboro, called there by a "Mosquito Case" as he pithily terms it.

It is a case in which the Revolution Cotton Mills Company, of Greensboro, charged with being guilty of having about its mills breeding places for mosquitoes is on trial. This is considered a menace to health and a nuisance, hence the suit and the indictment.

The State is represented by Solicitor Brooks, Messrs. Scales, Glenn and Manly and Wilson, while for the defense will be heard Messrs. King & Kimball, Bynum & Binum, Spencer B. Adams, F. I. Osborne and James H. Poul. This means a hotly contested case.—News and Observer.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. John T. Talton is away for a short recreation.

Mrs. W. D. Lindsay is visiting her parents at Whitaker's, N. C.

Mr. Chas. R. Boone, of Raleigh, was down to attend church Sunday.

Miss Lilly Creech, of Benson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Stallings.

Miss Pauline Hood, of Selma, has been a guest in our town for the past week.

Miss Smith, of Garner's spent a part of this week with Miss Claudia Mitchell.

Mr. Will Griswold is spending this week with his parents in the vicinity of Archer.

Supt. A. J. Rose, of the Clayton Cotton Mill, made a business trip to Raleigh Monday.

Capt. J. J. Young was in town Monday. We are glad to see him able to be out again.

The pastor, Rev. John Lewis, preached two able sermons at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. L. D. Debnam went to Wilson Thursday in the interest of the Clayton Cotton Mill.

Rev. J. A. T. Jones and Miss Mattie spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. N. B. Hales.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blaylock who have recently moved from Florida to Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. M. Holland.

Mrs. Samuel R. Guley, after spending a week with Mr. Guley's parents, returned to her home in Durham Saturday.

Mr. Ellen Daughtery has resigned as engineer of the Clayton Cotton Mill. He will accept a position at Charleston.

We anticipated seeing an interesting game of ball Monday, but owing to the timidity of the Shotwell team fell short of our expectations.

Misses Julia Ferrell, Bernice Ellington, and Katie Cummings, of Raleigh, are the guests of Miss Pearl Robertson and Mrs. E. L. Hinton.

At a meeting of the directors of the Clayton school, the old school house was sold to Mr. J. C. Ellington, of Raleigh. A new house will soon be in the course of erection.

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BENSON BUDGET.

Miss Lillie Creech is visiting her sister at Clayton.

Fred Crews will sojourn with the boys at Fayetteville awhile.

Miss Maude Grimes, of Stephenson, entered school here this week.

J. H. Boon is off lecturing to his brethren of the Masonic fraternity.

R. T. Surles has sent his family to the country and he rambles on a rambler.

W. J. McDonald, of Fayetteville was here Monday and contemplates moving his family here.

W. J. Talton and Enoch Moore, of Clayton section, were here Wednesday prospecting with a view to locate here.

Postal Clerk, Miss Nannie Utley has resigned, and thinks that certain loungers about the post-office are not orthodox christians.

J. D. Bain was in Sampson Sunday. He says he was too late for the huckleberries but hopes his trip was not altogether fruitless.

Revs. Forbes and Woodall are conducting a revival meeting at the Methodist church. The Baptist closed their meeting and baptized 16 Saturday.

Among the visitors here this week are Misses Annie and Lula Draughon, of Bennettsville, S. C., Miss Esther Smith, of Peacock's Cross Roads, Miss Hood, of Smithfield, Miss Lettie Peacock, of Dunn and Joe Rose, of Washington City.

J. W. Ryals' flat boots No. 2 settled the loose earth where they struck it Monday night when he tried to overtake "Hot Stuff" Johnson and Will Robins, two negro boys from Fayetteville, who had attempted to shoot a flagman.

J. E. Ivey took in the Norfolk excursion, and on his return, as the train pulled out from the depot at Smithfield, some one from the outside hurled a missile at him, breaking the car window and inflicting a slight wound behind the left ear.

Prof. J. P. Canaday is conducting a teachers' institute in Orange county. He is one of the most enthusiastic educators in the State and his ability is recognized as well away from home as at home. Frank Woodall fills his chair in his absence, and the primary department under Miss Millie Bailey proceeds without a jar.

Henry Rattliff (col.) chief cook at Brady Hotel has developed an abnormal appetite for hen's fruit, so much so that on certain occasions he has been known to stow away a goodly number of this poultry product in his pockets to enjoy in the quiet seclusion of home life where the rattling of dishes and clamoring of impatient guests would in no way disturb his utmost satisfaction.

Sarah McLam, daughter of Joel McLam, Jr. did not come back Monday when she went to a neighbor's on business. Investigation threw light on cupid's antics, revealing that the young lady and her fiancé, Right McLam, were arranging for the consummation so devoutly wished, expecting to set up housekeeping for themselves at once. They were married Tuesday night.

POLENTA NEWS.

Curing of tobacco is nearly at an end for the season.

Hogs continue to die with cholera in large numbers.

Constable Tomlinson has been pretty busy recently looking after evil doers.

Mr. A. D. Taylor, of Raleigh, is on a visit to relatives in the LeMay section.

Miss Dixie Young is down sick with fever. Hopes are entertained for her speedy recovery.

Several more of our farmers are talking of going into the tobacco culture next year. Evidently it is a much better paying crop than king cotton.

Mr. A. M. Barber, the miller, says wheat is making a poor turnout this year, much more so than was expected.

Sorry to hear of Mr. A. Gower's indisposition. He has been in bed for several days. Hope he will soon be out again.

On account of the continuous rainy weather the indications now are that cotton will be backward in opening this season.

Capt. J. J. Young spent several days in Raleigh this week. Though able to be out, he is still quite feeble from his recent spell of sickness.

We are told that just across Swift creek the Barbour boys have an extra fine crop of cotton. They fertilize with homemade manure principally.

The protracted meeting at Shiloh closed last Friday evening. The pastor, Rev. Duncan McLeod did some earnest preaching. No conversions are reported.

Mr. Ralph Stevens, after spending two weeks amongst friends of this section returned to his home in Smithfield the latter part of last week. Ralph says we have not seen the last of him.

The corn crop has improved some, but the cotton crop is at a standstill; the weed is somewhat larger in spots, but the fruit is not there. Unless cotton sells high, this year will prove a hard one to the farmer as well as the laborer.

It is likely another rural delivery route will penetrate this section at no distant day. Why should not the whole county receive the benefits of this system? Let the people get up petitions and ask for the establishment of routes in their section.

In the series of meetings now in progress at Oakland, the pastor, Rev. R. W. Hines is being ably assisted by Rev. Dr. Morton, of Rocky Mount. It is understood that Dr. Morton will preach at Oakland next Sunday morning and night, Rev. Mr. Hines filling his pulpit at Rocky Mount.

It is expected that Hon. R. N. Simms, of Raleigh, will on the second Sunday morning in September, deliver an address at Shiloh on the Twentieth Century Fund. He is one of the finest public speakers the State affords, hence everybody in the surrounding country should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him.

The Polenta and Rand's Mill baseball clubs crossed bats on the latter's grounds last Saturday evening. The game was a close and exciting one throughout, though the best of feeling prevailed. When the eighth inning ended the score stood five to five. The ninth gave the game to Polenta, the score standing six to five. It was a hotly contested game, and our boys had to play ball sure enough in order to defeat Rand's Mill crack nine. Grantham behind the bat did superb work. Wm. Young as pitcher out did himself. Clem Bryan as short stop always on the alert, did most excellent work. Howell on the 1st base, Price on the 2d, Martin on 3d, did tip-top playing. As fielders, Tomlinson, Hardee and Hill are not to be beaten. In fact, it was a well played game all around and reflects credit on the boys—Rand's Mill as well as ours. Every one speaks in the highest terms of Rand's Mill boys. The two clubs will play again on the Polenta diamond at an early day.

TYPO.

What a Tale it Tells.

If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, it's liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

Believing Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam a reliable remedy for all bowel disorders, we hereby guarantee every 25c. bottle sold by us to give satisfaction or money refunded. Hood Bros. Allen Lee.

FOUR OAKS ITEMS.

Mr. Willie Beasley, of Garner, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Milton Massengill of our town went up to Benson Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Everton, of Newton Grove, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. B. B. Adams went up to Raleigh Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Mr. W. E. Stanley went to Wilson Monday on business, returning Wednesday.

Dr. E. T. Dickinson, of Smithfield, was in town Tuesday on professional business.

Mr. E. L. Cole went down to his old home near Bentonville Tuesday, returning Thursday.

Misses Rosa and Cornelia Mangum, of Raleigh, arrived Tuesday to visit their uncle, Mr. J. G. Coats.

Massengill Bros. are having the store recently occupied by Mr. Chas. Woodall repaired, which they intend occupying soon.

Miss Sarah Beasley who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. T. E. Oliver, for the past few days, left for her home in Wake county Friday.

The many friends of Mr. Geo. W. Keen are glad to note that he is again able to be out after having been confined to his room for several months.

Mr. Chas. H. Wellons left Sunday for Maxton, N. C., where he goes to enter the employ of a dry goods company. We wish him much success in his new home.

Messrs. Haywood and Walter Stanley of our section left Wednesday the 14th inst. for Wrightsville, to take part in the Confederate Veterans Reunion at that place.

Messrs. D. W. Adams and Wm. Honeycutt returned Wednesday from Cumberland county, where they have been visiting relatives. They report crops looking well in that section of the country.

Mr. Thos. Underwood came near losing his life Sunday. He was somewhat under the influence of liquor and when about one and a quarter miles from Four Oaks, he lay down with his head upon the end of the ties and it is supposed went to sleep. He was struck by north bound mail No. 78, and would have been killed were it not that the train was only running at the rate of 10 miles an hour. He was taken on to Rocky Mount hospital and at last accounts was getting on nicely.

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SELMA NEWS.

Miss Donia Hood has returned from a visit to friends at Lowell and Kenly.

Mr. H. L. Mitchener and sister, Miss Blanche, are visiting friends in Kentucky.

Miss Mattie Ellington, of Manchester, Va., is visiting her brother, A. R. Ellington.

Miss Aaron, of Mt. Olive, and Miss Henly, of Greensboro, are visiting Miss Fannie Jackson.

Mr. Thomas H. Atkinson, Jr., of Washington, D. C., is here to see his father, who is quite sick.

Miss Marion Preston left Wednesday morning to visit friends and relatives in Washington, D. C.

Miss Mamie Richardson returned to her home Saturday, after an extended visit to relatives in Washington.

Mrs. M. C. Winston and Miss Ethel returned home Sunday from Mt. Airy. Mrs. Winston was greatly benefited by her trip.

Dr. J. W. Hatcher, Robert Millard Nowell and George D. Vick went to Raleigh Wednesday to see the ball game between Wilmington and Raleigh.

Mr. T. T. Candler, the superintendent of the Graded Schools, arrived here Friday morning. He spent Sunday at Princeton, returning Monday. He is determined to make a success of the schools.

ARCHER NEWS.

Mr. Charles Carroll, of Clayton, was in our midst Sunday.

The little child of Mrs. Susan Cook is reported much better.

Miss Pittman, of Selma, is visiting Miss Ruth Batton this week.

Curing tobacco is nearing completion and pulling fodder will commence soon.

Miss Delia Edwards who has been visiting Miss Eula Whitley, returned home last week.

Miss Ruth Batton returned from an extended visit in the vicinity of Selma Monday.

Dr. and Miss Mary Hatcher were in our section Sunday, the guests of Miss Ida Barnes.

Mr. John Blackman, of Selma, and his sister, Miss Effie, were the guests of Miss Emma Castleberry Sunday.

Elder J. A. T. Jones preached a very able sermon at Salem Primitive Baptist church Sunday morning.

There will be preaching at White Oak Baptist church Saturday and Sunday by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Pippin.

Miss Jimmie Batten went to Selma Saturday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Batten, formerly of this section.

Quite a number of our people went down to the picnic at Earp's school house Saturday, which was very much enjoyed by all present.

SOCI.

LEACHBURG ITEMS.

Mrs. Mary Wood who has been on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Lyon, of Raleigh, returned home recently.

Miss Vessie Coats, a very charming young lady of Spilona, who has been on a visit in our midst, returned home last week.

Miss Lessie Barnes attended the picnic in Wake county last week and also visited relatives and friends in Auburn Sunday.

Mr. Louis Martin and Miss Nellie Johnson, spent last Saturday and Sunday in the Banner section the guests of Miss Lillie Turlington.

At the picnic at Shiloh church recently, Mr. John Hardee the Superintendent, made a net profit of \$11 13 on the sales of cold drinks, which he donated to the Sunday school for the benefit of a Christmas tree next Christmas.

SOCI.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

M. F. Hill is visiting relatives in Wilson this week.

Charlie Stevens, of Wayne, spent last Sunday in the neighborhood.

Mrs. A. J. Whitley and Master Paul, spent last Sunday in our community.

Charlie M. Sanders, of Duplin county, is visiting relatives in the neighborhood.

Messrs. J. C. Whitley and Charles Powell, Jr., went to Raleigh Saturday, returning Sunday.

Messrs. W. C. Smith and J. C. Whitley left for Clinton Monday morning, where they will spend several days.

Rev. Duncan McLeod filled his appointment at Sardis last Sunday, and as usual preached an interesting sermon.

Messrs. C. S. Powell, W. A. Smith, C. B. Sanders, J. K. Sanders, Will Hamilton, John Barnes, Robert Pate and James Winfrey spent last week at Wrightsville Beach.

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Examinations for admission to the N. C. College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts will be held in Raleigh at the College, September 3rd and 4th at 9 o'clock a. m. The College will open September 4th. Students desiring rooms must be on hand at the opening.