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THE CROPS NEED RAIN.

LAND HARD AND DRY WANTS MOISTURE.

The Crops are Clean and in Good Condition Otherwise, but the Need of Rain is Imperative.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin of North Carolina Section of the Climate and Crop Service of the weather Bureau, for the week ending Monday, July 27, 1903, says:

"The characteristic feature of the weather during the past week was the general deficiency in rainfall and consequent increased tendency to drought over most of the State. In fact drought already prevails over a large portion of the central-western section, since almost no rain has occurred in that region for two weeks. There were light rains on the 23rd in counties along the immediate coast, which were very beneficial, but the precipitation did not extend far inland. As regards the deficiency in precipitation, the week was unfavorable, crops are beginning to suffer from lack of sufficient moisture, and the land has become dry and hard. The temperature was moderately above normal and favorable, though the nights were a little cool; the mean for the week was above 80 degrees above normal. The warmest day was Sunday, 26th, when the maximum exceeded 96 degrees at some places. Farm work continued to progress well. While crops are clean and in a good state of cultivation, many of them are just at the period when drought is likely to cause considerable injury, and the need of rain is therefore imperative.

"Cotton has continued to do well, and improvement has extended into the northeast section, where the crop has heretofore been most backward; laying by cotton is nearing completion in the south portion, but further north the plants are still too small to receive the last plowing; cotton is blooming freely and appears to be bolting well; on light, sandy land in the section where moisture is most deficient the plants are small and are blooming to the top. Corn continues in fairly good condition, but generally needs rain, especially on uplands where old corn is beginning to fire and turn yellow. Good rains are needed to mature the early crop. Tobacco is ripening fast, and cutting and curing continue under favorable conditions, the crop is curing well, but a short and light crop is indicated. Tobacco is also suffering for want of moisture, and in some counties the lower portion of plants are firing. Gardens are suffering from drought. Minor crops need rain, but continue in good condition, and have largely received last cultivation. The amount of cowpeas seeded both for hay and for the improvement of land was very large. Wheat thrashing is nearly over, and practically all the oats have now been harvested. Rice is excellent. Some Irish potatoes have been planted for the fall crop. Melons are late and poor. Apples and peaches are ripening, also concord grapes.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros' drug store.

Thirty-five grave diggers, employed at Greenwood county, New York, went on a strike last week. Some of these had been working at the place for thirty-five years.

CLAYTON.

Mr. D. T. Barnes was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Smith is visiting her son, Mr. O. G. Smith.

Mr. O. G. Smith has been sick but is now convalescing.

We had a severe electrical storm Monday night. No damage was done.

Mrs. J. L. Ellis has eight regular boarders already and they keep coming.

Mr. Charles Brag has moved to the house recently vacated by Mr. R. H. Fussell.

Mr. I. W. Dodd is getting on nicely. He was able to be at his stable Wednesday.

Miss Joyce Barnes returned Saturday afternoon from a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Mrs. T. E. Best, of Chapel Hill, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stallings, near here.

Mr. Ed Harris, of Louisville, spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday with Mr. T. A. Griffin.

Mrs. Ashley Horne and Miss Swannanoa returned Sunday from a visit to friends in Raleigh.

Mr. Ed. Coats and family, of Pleasant Grove township, were visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Paul Duncan left Tuesday for Baltimore where he will have a second operation performed on his leg.

The residents of Clayton are glad that Mr. A. J. Barbour has had the old barroom moved from Main street.

Mr. John Wrenn was here Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mrs. M. Holland. Mrs. Holland returned with him.

A party of our fishermen spent Tuesday on Buffalo in search of the finny tribe. It seems as if their search was rewarded.

Our young people report a pleasant evening spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Guley last Friday. Event—watermelon party.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Creech gave a delightful lawn party Monday night in honor of their guest, Miss Annie Dodd. The participants report an elegant affair.

Mr. Dewey Hicks and Miss Julia Robertson, one of Clayton's most highly esteemed and charming young ladies, eloped Sunday morning and were married by N. R. Pool, Esq.

Prof. and Mrs. R. F. Williams have returned from their former home at Louisville, Tenn. They report a splendid time. Prof. Williams is now canvassing in the interest of The Clayton High School of which he is principal.

Mr. Zeb B. Jones, after several days' stay in the woods, came up and surrendered to Mayor Hinton Saturday. He had a hearing before Mayor Hinton and M. G. Guley, Esq., and they decided his case unbailable, he was conducted to Smithfield jail Saturday evening.

YELIR.

WILSONS' MILLS ITEMS.

Miss Mary Ferrell is visiting relatives in Durham.

Mrs. Wall and Mrs. T. C. Davis left Monday for High Point.

Mr. R. M. Nowell and Mr. Gibson, of Selma, were here Sunday.

The material for the bridge to be built between here and Selma has come.

Misses Bessie and Eula Rouse are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. G. Wilson.

Mrs. Battle and daughter, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Lelia Williamson and Miss Lela Johnson, of Louisville, are visiting Mrs. C. M. Wilson.

Mrs. John Uzzell and son, of Mapleville, spent a few days with Mrs. C. W. Wilson last week.

A meeting will begin Tuesday night at the Disciples church. All are cordially invited. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Hall, of Kinston.

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Legal Blanks of all kinds at THE HERALD office.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. M. Claiborne Tuck is here on a visit to his mother.

Mrs. I. H. Whitley is visiting relatives in Wilders this week.

Mr. A. G. Bodin, of Philadelphia, is here on business.

Miss Mamie Tuck returned from the A. and M. Summer School Wednesday.

Misses Hattie and Minnie Strachan were visiting friends in our town Tuesday.

Mr. Hubert Scarborough, of Wake county, has accepted a position in the Bank of Selma.

Misses Margaret and Julia Fuller Etheredge returned Wednesday from a visit to friends in New Bern.

Messrs. George D. Vick and Clarence P. Harper have returned from a visit to Jackson Springs.

Mrs. Thomas W. Winston returned to Oxford Monday. Mrs. Mary A. Noble and Miss Anna S. Noble accompanied her.

Mrs. S. W. Parker and family left Thursday for Spencer to visit her daughter, Mrs. Morton. They will be gone a month.

Robert Millard Nowell and Edward W. Vick entertained their many friends with a watermelon Wednesday. It cost 20 cents! "Whew!"

Messrs. James D. Jeffers and Allison G. Johnson, of Smithfield, are now with M. C. Winston. Jim says he is now ready to show the ladies the fine dress goods and notions and Mr. Johnson will be pleased to see his friends when they sell their tobacco and cotton.

Mr. H. F. Peedin now claims to be the champion fisherman of our town. He has been going to Holt's Pond for two weeks and claims to have caught nearly five hundred speckled perch, and it was not good weather for fishing either. He says this is no fish story.

Misses Nannie and Rosa Richardson, Marian T. Preston, Margaret and Julia Fuller Etheredge, Messrs. Charles H. Kluppelburg, R. M. Nowell, Robert Gibson, A. G. Bodin, E. W. Womack, Will Richardson and Ed W. Vick went to Princeton last night. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Call chaperoned the party.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston, and Misses Ethel and Lizzie, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Wood went to Morehead last Saturday. Mr. Winston returned Monday as he could not spare the time from his business. He is now building a brick store on Webb street 36x150 feet. It is in the rear of his store that he is now occupying.

SENEX.

PINE LEVEL DOTS.

Mr. Jesse Parker and Mr. D. B. Oliver made a trip to Goldsboro Friday.

Mr. J. F. Kornegay and Miss Flonnie Guley went to Selma Sunday to visit friends.

The commissioners keep improving our town. They are putting in sewer pipe this week.

Mr. J. R. Oliver and J. T. Stallings attended Sunday School at Brown school house Sunday.

Mrs. A. Pittman, of Goldsboro, spent Friday and Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Kornegay.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Casey, of near Smithfield, spent Monday and Tuesday with their sister, Mrs. H. R. Gerald.

Mr. Henry Westbrook and Mr. Fred Oliver went to Atkinson's pond fishing last week and caught 1½ bushels of fish.

Friday afternoon Smithfield's Blue Birds flew down in Pine Level's Hornet nest for a game of ball. They got stung 27 times to 5.

Y. Y.

Doubtless you are progressive. Some medicines on the market are old-fashioned. Rheumacide, the great rheumatic cure is a discovery, a progressive remedy. It is the spring blood purifier that you want. At Druggists.

MR. VARNER BACK FROM SALT LAKE.

Chatted Mormons on Polygamy—Great Meeting of Editors in Omaha.

"I never met a cleverer, kinder people than the Mormons in Utah," declares Commissioner of Labor H. B. Varner, who has just returned from a tour of the west, after attending the National Editorial Association in Omaha, Nebraska.

"Yes, I talked with many of the Mormons about their faith and practices," said the commissioner. "One Mormon lady said that she did not believe in polygamy, but her mother was a staunch supporter of a plurality of wives theory. Her mother had even begged her father to marry another woman, but in vain, for one wife was as much as he could stand. A wife No. 2 told me she was perfectly happy. However, the Gentiles in Salt Lake say that polygamy does not produce harmony, and the wives of the same man often fight like cats and dogs. Brigham Young, a founder of Mormonism, had 26 wives. Upon one occasion he found a boy misbehaving in the street and whipped him. Afterwards he discovered that he had unknowingly thrashed his own son. Polygamy is of course now prohibited by law."

The party from North Carolina attending the National Editorial Association included H. B. Varner of the Lexington Dispatch, J. B. Sherrill of the Concord Times, T. J. Lassiter of the SMITHFIELD HERALD and T. G. Cobb, of the Morganton News-Herald. There were 480 editors in attendance.

The Tar Heels went from Omaha to Salt Lake and were profoundly impressed with that city. The great Mormon temple, which no one save a Mormon can enter, is modeled after Solomon's temple; it cost \$4,000,000, and forty years were spent in its erection.

The Mormon tabernacle will seat 9,000 and is one of the greatest auditoriums of the world. The drop of a pin can be heard for 150 yard. Ex-Congressman Kidg of Utah delivered an address before the editorial association in the tabernacle on Mormonism.

Each Mormon pays one-tenth of his income to the church and a perfect system of relieving the poor is maintained. There are 165 saloons in the city and there is about as rough an element in the population as will be found anywhere.

The North Carolinians tried bathing in the Salt Lake and found it more pleasant than in the ocean because easier to float in.—Raleigh Post, July 30.

BEASLEY.

Mr. H. C. Williams went to Benson Monday.

Rev. Mr. Ambrose filled his appointment at Mill Creek Sunday.

Mr. Cub Britt went to Benson last Tuesday, returning Thursday.

Miss Estella Stevens is spending a few days with her grandmother.

Mrs. Ivey and son, of the Bizzell section, spent Sunday afternoon in our village.

Mr. Charlie Thornton and family, of the Newton Grove section, were in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Grant, of Benson, who had been visiting parents for the past few weeks, returned home Monday.

Mr. J. E. Rayner, formerly of this neighborhood, came in from West Virginia, where he has been for some time, a few days ago.

Mr. John Underwood, of the Newton Grove section, was in our midst Sunday, the guest of Mr. John Massey and family.

DENTER.

Strength and vigor come of good food, duly digested. 'Force,' a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, invigorates.

BENSON.

Dr. Hood, Mayor, is in Indiana for treatment.

Milton Lee now caters at the Benson Drug Co., store.

Ed. Surles, of South Carolina, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Lomie Smith, of Apex, is visiting at G. W. Cavanaugh's.

August 11th is the day set for election on "license or no license."

R. S. Dickson, formerly railroad agent here is visiting friends.

Mrs. G. C. Bryan, of Clayton, is visiting her father, J. D. Parrish.

Walter Cavanaugh and sister of Duplin county are visiting relatives here.

We are informed that cider and the Virginia product bring fancy prices since July 1st.

Since our last issue J. M. Beaty, "the hustler," of Smithfield, has been rushing business in our town.

C. P. Lockley, attorney, who left here a few days ago under pressure, is mourned by those who had paid him in advance.

Chas. Davis and Josephus Ryals of Emporia, Va., spent several days here recently, not altogether for fun or pleasure.

Merritt Whittenton, brother of our townsman, J. W. Whittenton, fell from a building a few days ago, sustaining painful injuries.

Wanted—One carload unbiased opinions on various subjects, on consignment, for gratuitous distribution. They are very much needed.

Few people know it, but it is now against the law to hunt or fish on the lands of another, without permission, in Banner township.

On August 4th, there will be more tobacco sold here than some people think was made in the county. The people have confidence in our warehousemen and will be here that day.

Benson can boast, but not with pride, of one man, who has advocated every side of a question that now engages the public mind, and has recently built a wing to the thing and is now occupying that, in opposition to his former attitudes.

A Clayton Man Dead.

For some time Mr. John W. Hales, of Clayton, has been troubled more or less with rheumatism. About two months ago he went to Hot Springs, Ark., and spent four weeks, which seemed to improve him. Wednesday evening, July 29th, he was doing some work when he was suddenly attacked by rheumatism at his heart. A physician was summoned at once. Some relief was given but it was evident that but little could be done. He died in about thirty minutes from the time he was taken. He was a good business man and was in charge of Clayton dispensary at the time of his death. He was raised in Oneals township.

"It is strange, indeed," mused the thoughtful man. "It must be. What is it," asked the other. "That when a man is sowing wild oats he should purchase so much rye!"—Chicago Tribune.

Catarrh of the Stomach.

When the stomach is overloaded; when food is taken into it that fails to digest, it decays and inflames the mucous membrane, exposing the nerves, and causes the glands to secrete mucus, instead of natural juices of digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach, caused by indigestion. Doctors and medicines failed to benefit me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.—J. R. Rhea, Coppell, Tex. Sold by Hood Bros., J. R. Ledbetter, J. W. Benson.

"My," exclaimed the excited citizen. "Won't this awful depressing drouth ever let up? It actually hasn't rained for eight or ten hours!"—Baltimore American.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

A heavy storm passed over the Newbern section Thursday afternoon.

Gaston county will hold an election on August 6th on the question of issuing \$300,000 of 4 per cent. bonds for road improvements.

At a meeting of the manufacturers of High Point, \$2,500 was subscribed for the North Carolina exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

The Bell Telephone company is to build a handsome office in Charlotte and expend \$60,000 on office, improvements and extensions.

The National association of Dental Faculties are in session at Asheville. About 300 delegates are attending from all parts of the country.

An Elizabeth City man was "relieved" of \$300 by a confidence man at Virginia Beach Saturday, while they were in bathing together.

Quite an innovation has been made at Raleigh in one of the churches by the pastor requesting the ladies to remove their hats during service.

The third regiment of the National guard has received its orders for its encampment at Greensboro, and will go there with very full ranks.

Francis D. Winston, who is making a canvass of the State, raising funds for a Masonic temple at Raleigh, reports \$100,000 secured of the \$115,000 required.

Lillington, Harnett county, celebrated the opening of the new railroad to that place from Raleigh, on the 23rd, by speech-making and a general jollification.

Local business men of Washington will organize a company to operate a steamship line to run to Norfolk and Baltimore as a guard and protection against the exorbitant freight rates now in force there.

The correspondent of the Charlotte Observer at Asheville says that it is a fact that distillers are disregarding the Watts law and continuing operation outside of incorporated towns and that they will test the law in the courts.

It is now very positively declared that the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound railway will be built. The promoters are very sanguine, and people along the proposed route are very enthusiastic indeed. They will have to raise \$200,000 in order to secure the building of the road.

Seventeen prisoners in the county jail at Washington formulated a plot Saturday to escape and were in the act of doing so, expecting the police to leave the outer door open as he opened the inner one to take a prisoner and work him on the streets. Joseph Chauncey, the policeman, held them with his hand on his gun and frustrated the attempt just as one of the men was coming through the door.

Mrs. Emma Pitts, a young woman of Winston, was terribly burned there Saturday afternoon. While starting a fire in the stove with kerosene oil, the can exploded and threw oil all over her. She was soon enveloped in flame and before help arrived she was rendered unconscious. The attending physician says the soles of her feet are the only part of her person not burned. She was removed to the hospital, where she lies in an unconscious condition. The physicians says there is no hope for her.

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