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## THE HEAT INJURED CROPS.

**Corn Fairly Good—Large Crop of Fodder—Cotton Injured by Heat and Drought—Apples Inferior and Rotting.**

The North Carolina weekly crop bulletin for the week ending Monday, August 31, 1903 says: "The characteristic features of the weather during the past week were the intense heat and drought that prevailed until the evening of the 29th. The mean temperature was about 82 degrees, indicating a daily excess of from 6 degrees to 8 degrees, near the central portion of the State (Raleigh) the daily excess was 10 degrees. Maximum temperature exceeded 90 degrees every day of the week, except Sunday, and reached 100 degrees at several points. The period from the 23rd to the 29th was the warmest experienced this summer. A few local showers occurred on the 26th and 27th, but the rainfall was quite insufficient, until Saturday night when showers were more general and the warm spell was terminated by somewhat lower temperatures. The cloudless sky and intense sunshine coming so soon after a period of cool, moist weather undoubtedly caused much injury to crops by scalding, especially in the central portion of the State where there is the greatest seasonal deficiency in rainfall. No plowing could be done this week.

"Corn is fairly good, and seems well cared; early corn is short; late corn by the close of the week was badly in need of rain, especially in some central-western counties where it was just in silk. The weather was excellent for saving fodder. Even cotton has been injured by the sudden heat and drought in some sections; rust is prevalent in the southern portion, and shedding is reported in many sections, but only by about 10 per cent of the crop correspondents. Cotton is beginning to open quite rapidly, some, it is feared, prematurely, and picking has begun; the first bales of North Carolina cotton have been marketed. Cutting and curing tobacco continues in the northern counties from Person west to Surry and south to Guilford, with generally good results this week; late tobacco needs rain, some fired a little. Turnips suffered much from heat and drought and many were killed. Sweet potatoes, rice, peanuts and sorghum are doing well; cabbages are heading nicely; a good stand of late Irish potatoes was not secured. The crop of late apples is inferior, much of the fruit is rotting and dropping.

## National Bureau's Crop Report.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says: "While there has been some improvement in the condition of cotton, mainly in portions of the central districts, the crop as a whole has suffered deterioration, rust and shedding being very general throughout the belt, and premature opening in some of the eastern districts where excessive heat proved unfavorable. In Texas there has been much shedding, and while boll worms are disappearing, and the crop more promising in the northern counties, the boll weevil continues very destructive in the southwest, central and eastern portions. Picking is now general throughout the southern districts of the cotton belt.

The tobacco crop has suffered some injury from rains in Wisconsin and New York, but elsewhere has experienced no unfavorable conditions, and cutting has progressed satisfactorily."

You are liable to a sudden attack of Summer sickness and should keep in your house a bottle of Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam the best known Remedy. Warranted to give satisfaction or money refunded by Hood Bros., Smithfield, N. C. 4

## HESTER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

**Largely Increased Use of Cotton by the Southern Mills Shown.**

New Orleans, La., Sept. 1.—The totals of Secretary Hester's annual report of the cotton crop of the United States were promulgated today. They show receipts of cotton at all United States ports for the year 7,724,104, against 7,679,290 last year; overland to Northern mills and Canada 1,083,383, against 1,183,953; Southern consumption taken direct from the interior of the cotton belt 1,920,072, against 1,897,437, making the cotton crop of the United States for 1902-03 amount to 10,727,559 bales, against 10,680,680, last year and 10,383,422 the year before. Colonel Hester has made his usual investigation into the consumption of the South and has received reports by mail and telegraph from every mill consuming cotton in the cotton-growing States, including woolen mills that have used cotton, and the results show a total of 2,000,729, but of this 80,657 were taken for the ports and included in port receipts.

This shows that the mills of the South have used up 62,758 bales more than during 1901-02 and 376,798 more than during 1900-1902, a most remarkable showing in face of recent trade conditions supposed to have been brought about by the abnormal difference between values of the raw material and the manufactured article.

## EMIT NOTES.

The recent heavy rains have damaged fodder some.

The farmers through this section are nearly through housing tobacco. They are holding their crops for better prices.

After an illness of about four weeks Mr. J. L. Whitley, one of Oneals' finest citizens, died August 17th. He was first taken with malarial fever which later developed into typhoid. Until about a week before he died he was improving nicely, being able to be out and look after his business, when he was taken with a relapse which resulted fatally. The whole community feels that it has lost one of its best citizens. He was a young man and a member of the Baptist church at Antioch. He leaves a wife and three children, a mother, one sister, five brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

September 1st. R. P. P.

## WHITE OAK NOTES.

Cotton is opening and the fleecy staple will soon be to gather in.

Mrs. W. G. Hinton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Needham Whitley.

Our people are done barning tobacco and are glad that they have no more to cure as the prices are so low.

Messrs. Y. E. Parker and J. E. Hinton gave a lemonade party today (Tuesday) as it was the last day of tobacco barning.

The Friendship Light Weights and White Oak Red Pants played seven innings on the White Oak diamond last Saturday. The Light Weights played good ball but could not score with the Red Pants. The Little River team came to the White Oak diamond sometime ago and played Red Pants, the score standing 32 to 6 in favor of Red Pants. The Red Pants went to the Little River diamond the fourth Saturday in August, but the home team failed to show up. Another game will be arranged soon.

September 1st. XY.

## Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Has world-wide fame for marvellous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Boils, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Chapped Hands, Skin Eruptions; infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at Hood Bros., Druggists.

## More New Rural Routes.

Congressman Pou has been informed by General Bristow, the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, that three additional rural free delivery routes will be put in operation from Four Oaks on the first day of October. Also a loop route will be put in operation from Beasley, and one additional route from Kenly. There will also be a new route put in operation October 1st, starting from Wilson's Mills.

This will make six additional routes which will be commenced on the first of October and will add very materially to the mail facilities of the people living in these sections, respectfully. Mr. Pou is untiring in his efforts to have this service extended. This will make seventeen routes which he has secured for Johnston county.

A ruling has been made by the Postoffice Department that no additional loop routes will be considered. A loop route is one which attaches to the end of another route. It is stated by the Department in Washington that loop routes do not yield sufficient revenue to the Government to justify their operation. Mr. Pou regrets this ruling very much, as he has been hoping, by means of these routes, to have mail delivered in the most remote parts of the various counties of his district.

## Apostrophe to Our Dead Heroes.

O true patriots of your country! You who followed the invincible Washington as he drove the British tyrant from our shores; you who marched with the immortal Lee and Jackson as they so bravely defended the "Lost Cause;" you who died a glorious death on the ill-fated Maine, you who helped to chase the Spanish oppressor from our free Western world; you who upheld the honor of the American flag under the burning sun of the tropical Philippines; gallant departed, your heroic deeds constitute the fairest pages of America's glorious history. Your names will never cease to be illustrious in our annals and your memory will be cherished by all succeeding generations of liberty-loving Americans. By your splendid courage and unselfish devotion to the cause of your country for which you so nobly sacrificed your lives, you have reared an enduring monument to yourselves and have maintained over and over again the integrity of this grand American Union.

ORCAR R. RAND.  
Smithfield, N. C.

## SELMA NEWS.

Rain put out the lights Tuesday night.

Prof. T. T. Candler was in town Wednesday.

Mayor R. B. Whitley went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. E. V. Denton, of Raleigh, has returned to her home.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton and family have returned from Fuquay Springs.

Mr. M. C. Winston is now in Baltimore buying his fall stock of goods.

Miss Fannie McKay, of Manchester, N. C., is visiting Miss Margaret Etheredge.

Mrs. C. L. Barnes and Miss Mattie, of Clayton, are visiting Mrs. W. H. Stallings.

Mr. J. A. Spiers, Jr., has moved into his house recently occupied by Mr. J. H. Jackson.

Harry W. Hood has moved to the house on the corner of Anderson and Pollock streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hood spent Sunday with Mrs. Y. D. Vinson in Wilson's Mills township.

A good number of young people expect to go to the ice-cream supper at Sanders Chapel if weather permits.

Mr. E. W. Vick has taken a position with the W. H. King Drug Co., of Raleigh, and will travel the eastern part of North Carolina in their interest.

Dr. A. Z. Taylor has returned from a visit to Mocksville and can now be found in his dental office over the bank.

Miss Pluma Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Owens, of Durham, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. W. Blackman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Etheredge left Tuesday for Baltimore. They will buy a full line of dry goods, notions and millinery.

Mr. John W. Blackman is repairing and making some change in his cotton gin. Will be ready for work in a few days.

Miss Donia Hood left Monday for Wilson, where she will enter the Sanatorium and learn to be a trained nurse. We wish her much success.

Messrs. John W. Futrell and Sam Godwin have purchased M. C. Winston's sale stables and will soon have in a car load of nice horses and mules.

Mr. Robert Millard Nowell went to Greensboro Sunday. Did I say Greensboro? Yes, that is what he said about it, but our people have their opinion about where he went.

Our young people are going off to school now—Miss Maggie Whitley to Louisburg, Misses Ethel Winston and Mattie Roberts to the Baptist Female University, Will Richardson to the A. & M., and Robert and Albert Noble to the University of North Carolina.

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## FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Mr. H. D. Ellington, of Smithfield, was here Monday.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Ellen Barbour is very sick.

Messrs. D. W. and B. B. Adams are at Lillington this week.

Mrs. E. F. Moore, of Benson, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. E. W. Snead, of Hope Mills, is visiting in our midst this week.

Miss Stella Benson, of Benson, was a visitor in our town last week.

Miss Neva Sater, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives in Four Oaks this week.

Miss Sarah Beasley, of Garner, is visiting friends near Four Oaks this week.

Messrs. D. W. Adams and W. A. Creech both seem all smiles. It's a girl at both places.

Mr. William Grady and sister, Miss Cora, visited their brother, Mr. Charlie Grady, the first of the week.

Rev. Mr. Suttle, assisted by Rev. Mr. Townsend, is conducting a protracted meeting at the Baptist church here this week.

Rev. Mr. Fisher will hold a church conference here Tuesday night, September 8th. All the members of this church are urged to be present.

Miss Mary E. Parker, our efficient Post Mistress, has, after taking a few days vacation at the home of her parents, returned and resumed her position.

Messrs. Jesse and Hugh Adams are visiting their grand parents in Cumberland county this week. They aim to spend a week hunting on the Cape Fear river.

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The 119th anniversary of the organization of the State of Franklin was celebrated at Jonesboro, Tenn., Saturday. The attendance from the seven counties of Tennessee and North Carolina, forming the State, was large. Speakers of note were present from all over the country.

## Fearful Odds Against Him.

Bedridden, alone and destitute, Such, in brief was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with Kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicines gave him relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies, "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of Stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists.

## CLAYTON CHIPS.

Mr. Troy Branham was in town Tuesday.

Mr. John Wrenn spent Tuesday and Wednesday here.

Miss Eugene Howell and Nick Allen spent Sunday here.

Mr. R. B. Richardson spent several days here this week.

Miss Mollie Harris, of Wendell, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Griffin.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam, of Selma, spent Monday with her mother.

Mr. Herman Whitley has accepted a position with Mr. J. L. Austin.

Mrs. Geo. L. Walker, of Georgia, is visiting her sister Mrs. Ashley Horne.

Mr. Vance Harris, of Washington, D. C., spent Monday at Dr. Griffin's.

Mr. Chester Wall has accepted a position with Messrs Chas. Carroll & Co.

Miss Jennie Barnes and Mrs. Robt. Buffalo, of Raleigh, are visiting relatives here.

The directors of The Cotton Mill and Bank held their regular monthly meetings Wednesday.

Mr. James R. Williamson, of Archer, has accepted a position with Messrs. John S. Barnes & Co.

Mrs. Ashley Horne and Miss Swannanoa have returned from a visit to relatives in Western North Carolina.

Mr. L. H. Champion has accepted a position with Messrs. Ashley Horne & Son and will begin work September 15th.

Mr. Lewis, Messrs. Pleasants druggists, left Tuesday for his home in Burlington. Mr. Roy Robertson will fill his place for a while.

Mr. C. B. Turley has sold his interest in the business of C. B. Turley & Co., to Mr. E. L. Oneil who will continue the business at the same stand.

Mr. Tom Jones, of Holland, Va., and Mr. E. Liles, of Archer, have accepted positions at Mr. D. H. McCullers' store. Mr. John Hinnant has resigned.

The revival at the Methodist church closed Sunday night. Quite a number were added to the church. Rev. G. W. Fisher administered the ordinance of Baptism Sunday.

Clayton High School opened with an excellent attendance.

There were fourteen boarding pupils as follows:

Mr. Oscar Creech, Emit.  
Mr. Wm. Young, Polenta.  
Mr. Burk Sewell, Emit.  
Miss Clara Corbett, Emit.  
Miss Maud Robertson, Archer.  
Mr. Ozar Mitchell, Raleigh.  
Miss Ruby Penny, Auburn.  
Mr. Hubert Penny, Auburn.  
Miss Lance Barnes, Archer.  
Mr. Thurman Smith, Clayton.  
Mr. Herman Coats, Clayton.  
Miss Morne Yelvington, Clayton.  
Miss Irma Gulley, Clayton.  
Mr. Clifford Austin, Clayton.  
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## POLENTA NEWS.

Tobacco curing is nearly over. Will Tomlinson spent Sunday at Fuquay Springs.

Mrs. Tolitha Parrish, of Elevation, is on a visit to friends in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones spent Sunday with Mrs. Hattie Coats, of the Clayton section.

Sorry to report the sickness of Mr. Thad Stevens, his wife and child. They are down with fever.

Mr. Hyatt, from the eastern part of the State, is on a visit to his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. J. Barnes.

Rev. Mr. Souders preached two excellent sermons at Oakland last Sunday morning and night. He has been called to the pastorate of the church and it is understood he will accept the call.

Ellington & Young's engine and saw mill have been put down and they are nearly ready for business. They will build their cotton gin at once and will be ready to handle the present crop.

Misses Lillian Wood and Bernice Bundy are sick with fever. Glad to report they are, at this writing, some better.

Very few of our farmers will plant tobacco next year. They all say at present prices it will not pay, hence their determination to abandon its culture.

The ordinance of baptism was administered to a number of candidates at Yelvington's bridge last Sunday morning by the pastor of Rehoboth Primitive Baptist church.

Mr. Percy Barber happened to a painful accident last Saturday by having a large iron wheel, whilst being placed in position, to slip and fall on one of his feet, which crushed and bruised it considerably.

On Friday night of week before last, our young people went on a hay-ride and all unite in saying it was a delightful trip. It was composed of twenty-seven of as jolly and clever young people as our neighborhood affords. The crowd was chaperoned by Mrs. C. T. Young and our bachelor friend, G. B. Smith, both of whom seemed to enjoy the occasion equally as well as the rest.

Misses Mildred Young, Audrey Booker, Messrs. Ed. Edmundson and C. C. Young returned from a three days' visit to Miss Annie Black, who lives near Linden, Harnett county, Monday evening.

From the way they talk there is no section superior to that, no better people they say live. They are loud in the praise of the hospitality showed upon them by those good people. Especially did they fall in love with Rev. Mr. Black, his wife and children, saying they did all in their power to make their visit pleasant. The visitors hated when the time came for them to wend their way back home.

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## KENLY NOTES.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton is in northern markets buying his fall stock of goods.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton and children are visiting relatives in Smithfield.

Mr. J. A. Edgerton, a salesman for the Union News Co., is visiting relatives in town.

We have been having rain every day for several days, which has been disagreeable for saving fodder.

Miss Sadie Richardson, the daughter of Mr. L. B. Richardson, is very sick with Typhoid fever.

Mr. J. A. Lowe, of Burlington, a former student of Kenly Academy, spent Saturday and Sunday in town visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden, Messrs. C. B. Bailey and D. T. Perkins attended the convention of the Wayne County Sunday School Association, which was held at Salem church, near Goldsboro, Sunday. They report a very good convention and a very pleasant trip.

A very delightful flinch party was given at Mr. J. G. High's, Tuesday night, to the lady teachers of Kenly Academy.—Miss Julia McEachern, Miss Annie B. Strickland, Miss Passie Harris, and Miss Emma Mathews. Others present were: Miss Eva High, Mrs. J. W. Darden, Mrs. J. M. Stancill, and Messrs. C. B. Bailey, J. Z. Woodward, Jarvis Edgerton, C. W. Edgerton and Claudius Watson.

The seventh annual session of Kenly Academy opened this morning. Considering the unfavorable weather, the attendance was good, sixty-six being enrolled. By this time next week we feel sure the enrollment will reach one hundred. The assistant teachers all came last Monday. They are as follows: Miss Annie B. Strickland, Louisburg; Miss Julia McEachern, Lumber Bridge; Miss Passie Harris, Caldwell Institute; Miss Emma Mathews, Kenly. Our school has a well-trained corps of teachers this year, and the Academy starts out with bright prospects for a prosperous year.

Sept. 2.

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