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## LESSONS FROM THE COTTON CROP

### Taught During the Past Year--Condition Under Which Cotton Was Grown--Boll Weevil and Its Eradication--Value of Good Drainage.

The season of 1909, while one of the worst we have ever known for the cotton crop in all but the Atlantic States, taught some valuable lessons:

First--It demonstrated that a crop of cotton, under heavy boll weevil infestation, could be made after July 1st, provided the farmers pick up the punctured squares and work the field intensively. In fact, there were very few bolls on the cotton plants in Louisiana and Southwest Mississippi on July 1st, 1909. The weather then became dry and warm, and such as followed the instructions of the Government Demonstration Work made a fair crop of cotton, both on the alluvial bottoms and on the hill lands, and the planters who failed to follow such instructions made very little. Louisiana has always had years of a short cotton crop, due to adverse weather conditions. The crop of 1905, though practically unaffected by the weevil, was only 511,738 bales, which is less than half the product of 1904. Owing to loss of labor and fear of the boll weevil, about thirty per cent less than normal acreage was planted to cotton in 1909 and when practically no cotton was made up to July 1st, such was the alarm that a large area of cotton was plowed up and planted to other crops. The amount plowed up or abandoned is estimated by good judges at forty per cent. But allow that it was twenty per cent, deducting from the probable crop in such a season, to wit, 511,738 bales, the thirty per cent not planted and twenty per cent plowed up or abandoned, and the crop of Louisiana, without allowing anything for weevil damage, should have been about 286,574 bales. As far as can be ascertained the crop was about 270,000 bales. This clearly proves that the fright is more damaging than the weevil.

The second item emphasized by the experience of 1909 is the importance of picking up and burning the punctured squares. There never had been any question but picking up the squares in the fore part of the season would check the weevils, but it was proven in 1909 that it was effective after the field was fully infested if rapid cultivation was continued.

The third item of value demonstrated by the season of 1909 is the importance of having the land well drained so the crop can be worked as soon as the rain ceases. Under boll weevil conditions the heavy black land and the poorly drained fields should be devoted to other crops because intensive working of the crop is a necessity. There must be no weeds and no grass in the crop.

Fourth--The past season has added its conclusive testimony in favor of the plan for making cotton under boll weevil infestation which plan, approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

The destruction of the weevils in the fall by burning all rubbish and material in and about the field which might serve for hibernating quarters of the weevils, and breaking (plowing) the soil as deep as conditions will allow; the shallow winter cultivation of the soil if no cover crop is used; delaying the planting till the soil and temperature are warm enough to make it safe; the planting of early-maturing varieties of cotton; the use of fer-

tilizers; leaving more space between the rows, and no ordinary uplands having a greater distance between plants in the row than is usually allowed; the use of the section harrow before, and after planting and on the young cotton; intensive shallow cultivation; agitation of the stalks by means of brush attached to the cultivator; picking up and burning the squares that fall under weevil conditions, especially during the first thirty or forty days of infestation; controlling the growth of the plant if excessive by deep and close cultivation while the plant is young; selecting the seed; the rotation of crops and the use of legumes.

It will be noted that the system, as outlined, has a two-fold object: (1) To reduce the number of weevils and (2) to aid early maturity. The foregoing method may require modification to suit the soil and climate. Where there is too much food and a surplus of moisture available for cotton in any soil, common sense dictates that these conditions should not be increased by deep fall breakings. We therefore advise the following plan under boll weevil conditions on such lands.

Burn all the cotton stalks, and after the weevils have gone into winter quarters burn all the rubbish in and about the field as early in the fall as possible. In the spring, bed on the firm ground, giving more space between the row. Prepare a good seed bed before planting and maintain ridge cultivation through the season. The foregoing is especially for lands where, under weevil conditions, there is an excess of plant growth.

Fifth--The lands must be well drained and no larger area planted than can be intensively worked.

Sixth--All the supplies of food and forage must be raised at home and can be on the lands not planted to cotton.

Seventh--It is practically safe to make advances in boll weevil territory if the farmer follows Government instructions.

Eighth--There should be a rigid system of inspection to see that the Government plan is followed.

The great drought and the intense heat in July and August last year accentuated the importance of deeper tillage and more thorough preparation of the soil.

I ask every Agent of the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work and every farmer in the Southern States to do his best to make a banner crop of all farm staples in 1910.

S. A. KNAPP,  
Special Agent in Charge.

### Jury List for March Court O. H. Gulon, Judge

- Jamesville Township  
John A. Getsinger, J. R. Harrison, L. P. Holliday, J. M. Long.
- Williams Township  
N. S. Cherry, W. H. Hopkins, J. H. Manning, John E. Moore.
- Griffins Township  
Noah T. Daniel, P. E. Getsinger, John E. Griffin, J. J. Roberson.
- Bear Grass Township  
Robert E. Harrison, Mc D. Mobley, John R. Rogerson.
- Williamston Township  
F. U. Barnes, S. S. Brown, J. G. Godard, Alonzo Hassell, J. L. Woolard.
- Cross Roads Township  
Joseph Leggett, A. L. Robuck, E. A. Roberson.
- Robersonville Township  
J. A. Coffield, A. S. Everett, W. M. Green, J. I. Speight.
- Poplar Point Township  
J. A. Everett, J. K. Gurganus.
- Hamilton Township  
G. A. Baker, H. L. Everett, F. L. Haislip, J. D. Holliday, S. R. Stalls.
- Goose Nest Township  
J. R. Concil, W. J. Johnson.

### In Memory of Stanley Ayers

Bro. Stanley Ayers, one of our oldest preachers, departed this life and went to his reward, on Saturday, March 12th, 1910. He lived and died about four miles from Everetts.

Bro. Ayers was seventy-nine years old. He was baptized about sixty years ago by Elder Seth Tyson, and has been preaching for fifty-five years. He was a man that will be badly missed in his community. He has probably preached more funerals than any of our ministers as that is the custom in that section. Bro. Ayers preached because he loved the cause, and for the good of Christ's Kingdom. He received little remuneration, though he went far and near, and had regular work as long as his health would permit. He had cancer of the eye a good many years ago, but was cured by Dr. Ivey.

He was the means of the organization of our good congregations in different sections. Christian Chapel owes much of the good which has been done to the life and work of Bro. Ayers. The good that had been done by this faithful minister shall last through the coming years.

He was married twice, and leaves a widow and six children to mourn their loss. He was stricken with pneumonia and died in the triumphs of faith, and could say like Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life which the Lord shall give me at that day."

The funeral was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large crowd of friends, and the interment was in the family cemetery. We shall meet again.

S. W. Sumrell.

### County Medical Society

There will be a meeting of the Martin County Medical Society in Williamston on Monday, March 21st, 1910. Every member is earnestly requested to be present.

Wm. E. Warren, Sec'y.

### Higgs Industrial Institute

Located at Parmele, North Carolina, is in one of the most needy sections of the State, and has for its purpose the industrial training and betterment of the youth of the colored race.

The first session began October 12, 1909, and has an enrollment of about 50 students. On account of poor equipment and not having funds, a number of applicants have been refused. Poor boys and girls are constantly knocking at the door of the institution, begging an opportunity to work their way, but the financial condition of the school will not permit.

The Institute has two small frame buildings, one of which is incomplete, two acres of cleared land. Three teachers are employed to carry on the work including a night school for those who have to work during the day.

With money to complete the buildings and to put the land in better shape for cultivation, more students could be accommodated.

The school has no money, no source from which to secure any, except from voluntary contributors.

Located as it is, in the rural districts, among the deserted fertile fields in the South, it seeks to discourage the Negro youth from crowding the slums and alleys of the cities, and at the same time convince them that in these forsaken regions may be found the greatest opportunities for wealth, for health, and for moral uplift, that these fertile fields rebel not against those who would gain from them a livelihood, but yield freely and ungrudgingly to all who seek their treasures with industrious hands; that he who is able to get the most out of the soil is a benefactor to all mankind.

W. C. CHANCE.

### To the People of The Episcopal Church and All Friends

#### GREETING:

Archdeacon Percy C. Webber a venerable and godly man is to spend a few days with us early in April, for the purpose of holding a Mission in the Episcopal Church. He is a saintly man and well equipped for this work, a man of magnetism, eloquent, with long experience in efforts to revive the work of the Lord among men.

Crowds greet him wherever he goes and many who hear him gladly welcome his message and become obedient unto the Word. In order therefore that we may the better be prepared for a great work to be done through his efforts, I bid you to join us in earnest and repeated prayers to Almighty God for His blessing on this our undertaking.

We would like for all Christian people to remember this our cause before God, that we may thus prepare ourselves for hearing and receiving a message from on high.

The date appointed for these services is from April 6th to 10th inclusive. We ask for the prayers of God's people on this work that we and they may become recipients of divine blessing and guidance.

In particular I would impress upon our people of the Episcopal Church to be diligent in prayer, to attend all services at their church and in every way possible endeavor to create interest in this mission. Look for and expect a great blessing to come to you and yours from these services. Seek to lead some one to Christ and His church.

Repent, believe, obey the Gospel and thou and thine shalt be saved.

Yours sincerely,

W. J. GORDON, Rector.

### An Awful Eruption

of a volcano excites brief interest, and your interest in skin eruptions will be as short, if you use Bucklen's Arnica Salve, their quickest cure. Even the worst boils, ulcers, or fever sores are soon healed by it. Best for Burns, Cuts, Bruises, Sore Lips Chapped Hands, Chillsains and Piles. It gives instant relief. 25c. at All Druggists.

### Engagement Announced

Friends here have been told of the engagement of Miss Mary Lee Woodard, of Wilson, to Mr. Cushing Biggs Hassell, of Williamston, the marriage to take place in Wilson early in April. The news has been received with great pleasure by the friends of these popular young people, and the wedding will be one of the leading society events of the post Lenten season in Wilson.

Miss Woodard is the attractive daughter of Hon. and Mrs. John E. Woodard. She was educated in the Convent of Notre Dame in Maryland and is a young lady of personal charms and culture of the highest. She has visited Williamston often, and has always been a charming acquisition to its society.

Mr. Hassell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hassell, and a grandson of the late Elder C. B. Hassell, one of Martin county's most distinguished and highly respected citizens. Mr. Hassell is connected prominently with the business, social and club life of Williamston, and is very popular with his friends, who delight in the fact that he is to bring a coarming lady to live in Williamston.

### Stubborn As Males

are liver and bowels sometimes seem to balk without cause. Then there's trouble, Loss of Appetite, Indigestion, Nervousness, Despondency, Headache. But such troubles fly before Dr. King's New Life Pills, the world's best Stomach and Liver remedy. So easy. 25c. at All Druggists.

### Notice to Telephone Subscribers

Subscribers of the Williamston Telephone Company will please make the following changes in Telephone Directory of July 1st, 1909: Change Brown Bros. from number 17 to 102-1 1/2; Daniel & Staton from 102 to 114-3 1/2; J. B. Hardison from 102 to 114-1 1/2; Simon E. Hardison from 102 to 114-4.

Discontinue the following: Ice House; Adams & Ward; Ellington & Leggett; Ben Ward; Jno. E. Pope.

Add to Directory the following new subscribers: Bunch, E. P., Residence No. 126; Dixie Tobacco Warehouse No. 121; Gurganus, George N., Residence No. 127; Hoyt, F. W., Residence No. 120; Hopkins, J. W., Residence No. 114-3; Leggett, W. H., Market No. 52; Mobley, Sidney A., Stables 122; Residence No. 123; Peed, Thos. A., Residence No. 87; Pope, Mrs. Bettie, Residence No. 88; Peet, R. J., Residence No. 125; Peet, Jas. S., Office No. 103 1/2; Roanoke Warehouse, Office 89; Simpson, J. Paul, Office No. 17; Ward, J. Herbert, Market No. 44; Waters, Jas. B., Residence No. 124; Williams, Dr. John W., Office No. 103 3/2; H. M. Burras, Residence No. 128; S. W. Manning, Store No. 114 1/2; James A. Roberson, Residence No. 114 1/2; J. W. Watts & Co., Stables No. 37; Gurganus, J. Henry, Residence 109 1/2; Griffin, Wm. W., Residence 102 1/2; Hardison, Joseph A., Residence 114 1/2; Leggett, W. H. Residence 78; Stobbs, Harry W., Office 130; Taylor, Eli, Residence, 107 1/2; Harrison, Louis C., Residence 73; Simpson, J. Paul, Farm 107-5; Carper, John L., Residence, 131; Cook, John S., Residence, 132.

Respectfully,

Williamston Telephone Co.,  
This February 10th, 1910.

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Does your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise mucus in the morning? Do you want relief? If so, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you will be pleased. Sold by Saunders & Fowden and All Dealers.

### A Letter

Washington, D. C. March 10th.

To the Editor:--  
The U S Department of Agriculture has just published a Circular by Dr. S. A. Knapp, entitled "Cotton, the Greatest of Cash Crops." This publication should be read by every farmer who cultivates cotton. I should be very glad to have a copy mailed to any farmer who will make application.

Please write name and address plainly.

Respectfully,

Jno. H. Small.

Medicines that aid nature are always most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by Saunders & Fowden and All Dealers.

### Civil Calendar, March Term, 1910

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.  
Peel vs Interstate Cooperage Co.  
Bennett vs Godwin.  
Harrell, et als vs Hopkins et als.
  - THURSDAY, MARCH 24.  
Wynn and wife vs Bullock.  
Warrington vs Askew.  
Peel vs Askew.  
Davenport & Co. vs Bank.  
Mizel, et als vs Warren, et als.  
Hassell vs Steamboat Co.
  - FRIDAY, MARCH 25.  
Simpson vs Gurganus and Clark.  
Wilson vs Graham.  
Whitehurst vs R. R. Co.  
Whitehurst vs R. R. Co.  
Williams vs Johnson.
- Cases not heard on the day named will have precedence on the following day.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

### Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

J. H. Smith is here with his family.

Miss Annie Roberson was in town Tuesday.

Miss Dora Everett was in town Tuesday.

Will Salisbury went to Hassell Tuesday.

Miss Jennie Everett is on the sick list.

W. Z. Morton left Tuesday for Richmond.

T. H. Grimes spent Sunday in the country.

Miss Vivian Roberson spent Sunday in town.

Harvey Roberson spent Sunday in Gold Point.

Miss Minnie Brown left Monday for Greenville.

Mrs. T. C. Johnson and children spent Sunday here.

Elder G. D. Roberson went to Farmville Sunday.

W. A. Roberson went to House on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Julius Outterbridge went to Greenville Tuesday.

H. A. Gray and wife, of Oakley, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Walter Brown, of Williamston, was here Tuesday.

W. D. Gardner, and family of Bethel, have moved here.

E. Rogerson and J. I. James, of Leens, were here Sunday.

The Primitive Baptist are preparing to build a church here.

Miss Euzelia Riddick, of Everetts, was in town Sunday.

Miss Lena Leggett, of Stokes, is visiting Mrs. John Edmondson.

Rev. E. C. Andrews, of Plymouth, filed his appointment Sunday.

A. C. Smith and A. B. Whitfield of Gold Point, were in town Tuesday.

Policeman Bullock took a prisoner to jail in Williamston Monday.

The many friends of Miss Lyde Tripp are sorry to learn of her illness.

Miss Jacobs, of Baltimore, has arrived and will trim hats for Jenkins and Roberson.

Paul Salisbury, of Hamilton spent Monday night here with his sister, Mrs. W. Z. Morton.

Messrs. Edgar Craft, Paul Withers and Walter Whichard, of Bethel, were in town Sunday.

Misses Bettie Roberson, Rosa Baker and Myrna Hight with Walter Whichard, of Bethel went to Parmele Sunday.

\* Misses Blanche and Nina Roberson, Ethel Peet, Lena Tucker and Messrs. Jack Taylor, W. T. James, Cecil Everett and Will Taylor went to Parmele Sunday.

Fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism is simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, neither of which require any internal treatment. All that is needed to afford relief is the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. Give it a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the quick relief which it affords. Sold by Saunders & Fowden and All Dealers.