

DROUTH HAS NOT NOT HURT STATE AS IT HAS OTHERS

Specialist Suggests Certain Crops for Seeding in Next Few Days

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The current drouth, holding a large part of the nation in its grip, has not affected North Carolina to a serious extent.

However, in some sections of the State, outside of the higher elevations in the mountains, drouth conditions have been such that before recent rains, farmers were unable to seed the proper acreages of suitable crops for hay to meet livestock needs this fall and winter.

In order to secure a sufficient amount of feed for livestock, the following crops are suggested for seeding during the next few days:

Cowpeas

Cowpeas—This crop, seeded broadcast at the rate of 60 to 90 pounds on good land during the next few days, may be expected to give a fairly good growth, especially if the remainder of the growing season is at all favorable. In seeding use those varieties available on the farm or which may be secured quickly in the neighborhood. If the seed have to be purchased from a distance get seed of the Brabham, Iron, Groit, Whipperwill or Black varieties.

If sown in rows, have the rows wide enough apart to permit about two cultivations, using about 30 pounds of seed per acre. If desired, the cowpeas may be seeded with sorghum, using 45 to 50 pounds of cowpea seed and 20 to 25 pounds of sorghum seed.

Soybeans

Soybeans—If seeded shortly, soybeans should produce a good amount of excellent hay or a fairly large amount of material, which, if turned under, will materially improve the productivity of the soil. The seeding should be in 2 1/2 to 3 foot rows. The crop should be cultivated once or twice during its growth.

Seed of the Mamouth Yellow variety, most generally grown in the State, may be obtained easily and cheaply if home-grown or local seed of some variety is not obtainable.

Soybeans should be sown in rows at the rate of 15 to 30 pounds of seed to the acre, the exact amount depending largely upon the size of the seed.

Sudan Grass

Sudan Grass—This grass will grow rapidly and will make a large amount of excellent quality hay within two months or less after seeding. Its growth should not be attempted except on fairly productive lands where the moisture is reasonably fair to good. The seed should be put in broadcast or in 24 to 30-inch drills in well-prepared land at the rate of 20 to 30 pounds of seed per acre. This crop has considerable value for temporary grazing purposes.

Millet

German or Golden Millet—This is the best of the millets for late summer seeding, and is particularly well adapted for seeding on moist bottomlands. It should be sown broadcast on a well-prepared finely pulverized seed-bed, using about 25 pounds of seed to the acre. The crop should be ready to cut for hay within 55 or 60 days after seeding.

Fertilization

In fertilizing the above crops, which should be done if possible, it, tiller treatments be used to each acre:

For cowpeas and soybeans, 300 pounds of a 2-8-4 mixture.

For cowpeas and sorghum, 200 to 350 pounds of a 4-8-4 mixture.

For Sudan grass and millet, 300 to 350 pounds of a 4-8-4 mixture.

Changes Made in County Faculties

Several changes in the faculty personnel of the county schools were announced a day or two ago. Miss Sarah Edmondson resigned as a member of the faculty at Everetts to accept a position in a Bethel school. Mrs. Bonner Hix, of Williamston, was appointed to the position. Miss Lucille Suddath, teacher of home economics in the Oak City school, resigned last week to return to her home in Statesboro, Ga. No appointment has been made for that position.

A contract is now pending for an English teacher in the Williamston High School, and a definite appointment is expected shortly. Miss Mercer, English teacher last term, resigned.

Rural Electrification Plans Will Be Extended in County

The rural electrification program started in this county several weeks ago will be advanced on a considerably larger scale within the next month or two, according to reports received here today.

Plans for a line from Tarboro to Hassell, a distance of about 10 miles were made public today. A loan is being floated through the REA for around \$32,500. Details on the project have not been released, but a corporation has been formed to handle the undertaking. It is proposed to have Tarboro build the line and

sell power to the Town of Hassell at wholesale rates.

Construction work is expected to get underway probably next week on a 5-mile line extension from near Everetts to Bear Grass. The line has 38 prospective customers, and will likely be extended right on through Bear Grass to the Washington road and other points in that community.

Another extension will be made in the Dardens area shortly, the 3-mile line to serve around 18 customers.

Commission To Study State Liquor Problem

SLIGHT DECLINE

Receipts at the local post office during the second quarter are slightly smaller than they were during a similar period last year, Postmaster Fowden reporting an income for the office during April, May and June of \$4,963.92. This figure compares with \$4,181.88 reported in the same month of 1935. So far this year the receipts are trailing those for the first six months of 1935 by \$216.87, Mr. Fowden stating that he believed there would be a marked increase during the third and fourth quarter, or a gain large enough to offset the small losses reported.

First quarter receipts totaled \$3,970.96, as compared with \$4,969.81 during the first three months of last year.

Several To Attend State Short Course

Martin County will be well represented at the 4-H short course and at the farm and home meeting in Raleigh this week and next, according to information coming from the office of Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes this morning.

Mr. Barnes and five young men, Garland Warren, of Robersonville; Hubert Hardison, of Everetts; William Beach, of Hamilton; Charles Harrison, of Bear Grass; and James Peel, of Farm Life, are planning to leave here tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock for the short course in Raleigh.

The home agent, Miss Lora Sleeper, and several girls are also planning to attend the short course, but the names of those who are to represent the county clubs could not be learned. Several women are planning to attend the farm and home meeting next week.

The 4-H short course gets under way tomorrow and continues thru Sunday, Mr. Barnes explaining that he and his boys planned to return next Monday.

Joe Lawson Directs Plea To Authorities for Parole

Convicted in the Martin Superior Court last March of manslaughter and sentenced to serve one year in prison, Joe Lawson, Bethel white man, is directing a plea to the authorities for a parole. The case against Lawson originated back in 1934 when little Peggy Hardison was killed and Mrs. Opheus Godard was badly hurt when struck by Lawson's truck on the Jamesville highway. Johnnie Williams, driver of the truck, was sentenced to prison, and he completed his term some time ago.

Former Local Boy Given Job with State Department

Announcement was made last week by Dan C. Boney, insurance commissioner, of the appointment of William P. Hodges as deputy insurance commissioner. Mr. Hodges, a native of Williamston, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hodges, of this place, and has many friends here who are delighted with his appointment to this important state position. Since his graduation from Wake Forest several years ago, he has been engaged in the practice of law in Raleigh and was, until his appointment as deputy insurance commissioner, prosecuting attorney in the city court.

Union County Farmers Report Improved Crops

All crops in Union County will be late this year, as a result of the drouth, but now that the dry spell has been broken, most of the crops have made a fair stand.

Appointments Made By Governor; Victor Bryant Heads Group

Big Liquor Battle In Next Session of Legislature Now Predicted

Preliminary arrangements for what promises to be a big liquor battle in the next General Assembly were made last Saturday, when Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus named a commission of seven members to study liquor legislation. The exact duties of the commission are not definitely known, but it is expected the members will review the system now in effect in 17 counties and propose a continuation of the system or advise state-wide control or a state-wide referendum.

The commission was one of three named by Governor Ehringhaus last Saturday. The other two deal with road debt adjustments and the advisability of the state owning and operating its own gasoline terminals.

Representative Victor Bryant, of Durham, was named chairman of the commission to study liquor legislation, while his colleague in the 1935 house, Representative Oscar Barker, will head the commission to study the gasoline terminals question. The commission to study the road debts question will name its own chairman.

Serving with Bryant on the liquor commission will be former Supreme Court Justice L. R. Varner, of Lumberton; John Robinson, of Charlotte; Senator L. Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount; Thomas W. Raoul, of Asheville; R. F. Beasley, of Monroe; and Charles Hines, of Greensboro.

Balance of power on the commission appears to lie in the hands of Raoul, an Asheville business man; and Robinson, a Republican attorney, neither of whom has ever made public, as far as could be learned, their views on the liquor question. There was some opinion in Raleigh, however, that Robinson would lean toward State control.

Three members of the commission have placed themselves on record in the past as outright dries, while the remaining two are on the wet side of the fence. Chairman Bryant was floor leader for wet forces in the 1935 House and definitely favors some system of State control.

Senator Gravely also is on the wet side of the fence, but may favor a county control system as opposed to a state control system, but would prefer the latter to a continuation of the state's prohibition laws.

Judge Varner has been one of the state's outstanding dry leaders for years, while Beasley, a former member of the legislature and a Monroe newspaper editor, and Hines, a former state senator, also are dry.

District Bar Holds Annual Meet Here

Attended by about 50 attorneys and two superior court judges, the annual meeting of the Second Judicial Bar Association was held in the county courthouse last Saturday morning. Representatives were present from Washington, Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, and Martin, the counties comprising the district.

Eibert S. Peel, Williamston attorney, was elected president of the organization for the coming term, and R. B. Peters, Jr., of Tarboro, was named vice president.

Following the business meeting, the visitors were guests of the county bar association at a barbecue dinner served at the Sunny Side Inn.

NEGRO IS KILLED SUNDAY; SLAYER HELD FOR TRIAL

Ottis Spencer Shot Twice Near His Home On East Main Street

Ottis Spencer, 34-year-old negro, was shot and fatally hurt near his home on East Main Street last Sunday noon, following a disturbance and fight in the home of Gordon Albritton. Spencer, with a load of shot in his right arm and another in his stomach, died at his home a short while after the shooting. Albritton was arrested by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck about 11 o'clock that night, and is now in jail awaiting a hearing in connection with the killing.

The trouble started, reports indicate, when Spencer, while under the influence of liquor, went to the Albritton home several doors from his own and started cursing and creating a general disturbance. Albritton claims he asked Spencer to leave, but each of his several requests was ignored, and the intruder wanted to fight. Albritton and his brother, Alfred Albritton, ousted Spencer by force, the negro receiving a head injury when he toppled out of the door. Spencer got up and told Albritton he was going home for his pistol and that he would get him on his return. Albritton, leading his single-barrel shotgun with No. 6 shot, waited at his home. Spencer, leaving his home, fired his pistol wildly, and continued to the Albritton home. He started in the back door with a pistol in hand and Albritton fired a load of shot into his right arm. Spencer dropped the pistol, and as he started to recover it with his left hand, Albritton fired a second time, the full load striking the man in the stomach. Spencer crawled a few feet and fell, his hand still holding the pistol.

J. D. Wynne and John Moore, colored, substantiated the evidence offered by the Albritton man at a preliminary investigation conducted by Coroner S. R. Biggs and officers. No formal inquest was considered necessary.

According to reports coming from the sheriff's office, Albritton is expected to plead self-defense.

Spencer, a native of Hyde County, was employed by the Saunders and Cox lumber mill here. His wife and three children left him some time ago.

Albritton, also employed by the mill, left the scene of the killing quite promptly, explaining to officers that he was afraid to stay around as there were so many things happening there.

Arrangements for a preliminary hearing had not been completed this morning, but it is thought the man will be heard by Justice Hassell some time this afternoon or tomorrow.

Colored Man Fatally Hurt Loading Logs In County Monday

His Chest Crushed, Frank Armstrong, 37, Dies In Jamesville

Frank Armstrong, 35-year-old colored man, was fatally hurt while loading a log truck near Jamesville yesterday afternoon. His chest crushed, Armstrong died at 3:30 o'clock, or about one hour after he was accidentally hurt.

Details of the accident could not be definitely learned here, but reliable reports stated the man was driving horses used in pulling the logs on the motor truck. The chain slipped and freed the log. Armstrong falling in its path when he tried to jump out of the way. No official inquest was held by Coroner S. R. Biggs, but the man's death is being investigated today, it was learned.

Armstrong, employed by Mr. Ransom Roberson in his lumbering operations, came to this county about 15 years ago from Enfield and located in the Jamesville section. Back in March, 1923, he was charged with the murder of Willie Green, colored, in Jamesville, but was freed by a county jury. The man leaves a wife and one child. The body will be buried in Jamesville.

J. S. Whitley Will Build House On Avenue Here

Construction work on a modern duplex house over on Marshall Avenue will get underway within the next few days, it was learned this morning. Mr. Jesse Whitley is building the homes, but the names of the tenants were not made public.

County White Schools Likely To Begin Term September 7

Meeting in special session on Thursday, the Martin County Board of Education will consider an opening date for the county schools. Several dates have been mentioned, but it is thought the authorities will consider starting the term on September 7, or about two weeks ahead of the opening schedule last term. The colored schools will likely open about two weeks after that time.

Experiencing several long interruptions last term, the county schools were unusually late in closing for the summer. Remembering the delays, the authorities are likely to favor the earlier opening date in order that the term may be completed earlier in the spring, even if there are interruptions during the coming winter.

The opening date decided upon at the meeting Thursday will apply to all the white schools, it is understood.

Road Debt Committee Is Named by Governor

Carl Bailey Named To Represent First District; Meet Soon

Study Claims of Forty-four Counties Against State Highway Commission

With the primaries over, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus last Saturday finally got around to naming a commission to make a study of claims made by 44 counties to a refund of money advanced the highway commission for the construction of roads. While the claimants do not doubt the fairness of the appointments and believe a fair and just survey of the claims will be made, the commission is recognized as being not at all too favorable to the cause. Only one or two of the members of the commission reside in the counties having claims against the commission, and in those instances the amount claimed is very small.

The names of the commission members are: Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth; Jule K. Warren, of Trenton; William B. Campbell, of Wilmington; A. A. Hicks, of Oxford; Representative Ben Cone, of Greensboro; C. A. Cannon, of Concord; Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro; R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton; and Reuben Robertson, of Canton.

The commission will study and determine the amounts, if any, the 44 counties which made donations for the construction of State highways should be refunded in order to place them on an equitable basis with other counties which made loans or donations for like purposes, and to authorize the State Highway and Public Works Commission to enter into contracts with said counties for a fair reimbursement of such funds.

There are 44 counties claiming refunds due them. The total amount of the claims is in the neighborhood of \$8,000,000, with Lenoir County claiming the largest amount.

The nine members of the commission are selected one from each of the old highway districts in the State.

Just when the commission will start its work could not be learned today, but it is probable that a meeting will be called shortly and the plan of procedure outlined. The findings of the commission are due to be in the hands of the governor about the first of November and be made ready for consideration by the legislature next January.

In the meantime the 18 of the 44 counties which are taking an active part in advancing the claims will continue a concerted campaign through the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and its officers and committees. No plans for continuing the campaign have been made public since the commission was created, but in a meeting held in this county last week officials stated that they would do all in their power to advance the claims described as fair and just.

Martin County is due \$401,908 as its part in the road debt adjustment, it is understood.

Speedsters Arrested Here During Past Week-end

Two automobile drivers, charged with speeding on the local streets late Saturday night and early Sunday morning, were booked for trial in the courts today. Racing through the local Main Street at about 65 miles an hour, George Mizelle, Windsor boy, was cited to appear in court by Patrolman Hunt. Vernon Collins, colored, was arrested and placed in jail for traveling at about 60 miles an hour through a Main Street intersection late Saturday night.

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Behavior Clinic To Be Held August 17

On Monday, August 17, Martin County and the Child Welfare Division of the Welfare Department will be fortunate in having the services of Mr. Harry M. Bice, of the Mental Hygiene Department of the University of North Carolina in the holding of a behavior clinic in Williamston. Mr. Bice is a trained psychologist and is the assistant of Dr. Harry W. Crane, head of the mental hygiene department of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. He will give examinations to those in need of mental hygiene technique.

Parents with children who have shown or given evidence of behavior problems are urged to take advantage of this clinic. If there are children who are inclined to be disobedient, truant, delinquent, who cannot adjust, or find difficulty in adjusting themselves to their home and community life, who present anti-social habits, who are confused regarding sexual education and sexual hygiene, the Child Welfare Division is most anxious to be of help to these children.

Details are being worked out for the clinic, and a more detailed announcement will be made later. Anyone desiring further information and those who are interested are urged to contact Miss Owens, child welfare worker, who urges parents to give their children a "break," physically, morally, and mentally.

Tobacco Committee Officers Are Elected

Meeting in the courthouse Monday evening, members of the Martin County Tobacco Committee effected an organization with J. G. Staton as chairman of the executive committee. H. S. Everett was named vice chairman and Urbin Rogers secretary of the Martin County Tobacco Board. Other than perfecting its organization, the committee went on record as favoring the Farm Bureau Federation program in this State.

The executive committee will meet with other representatives of the tobacco counties in Raleigh on the 30th of this month, with Mr. Hutson, tobacco representative for the government, and name a State Tobacco Advisory Board.

Six of the nine members of the committee attended the meeting in this county.

Dr. Saunders Undergoes Operation in Richmond

Operated on in a Richmond hospital last Friday morning, Dr. J. H. Saunders was reported to be getting along very well this morning. The doctor's condition was not very favorable Sunday, reports stated, but he has improved since that time, his many friends in this section will be glad to learn.

Lice on Rose Bushes May Be Controlled with Spray

The aphid of "plant lice" in rose bushes can be controlled by the application of a 40 percent nicotine sulphate spray, or by applying a dust made by mixing 12 ounces of the nicotine sulphate solution with two pounds of hydrated lime and eight pounds of dusting sulphur. The 40 percent nicotine sulphate is a commercial mixture and, when used as a spray should be mixed with water at the rate of one teaspoonful to three quarts of water. The small insect known as the thrip is also particularly harmful to roses and may be controlled with the same insecticides.

LOCALS BACK ON TOP AGAIN; DOWN GREENIES, 3 TO 1

Big Booster Day Planned Here for Thursday of Next Week

Staging a four-game winning streak climaxed by a win over Greenville yesterday afternoon, the Martins again climbed to the top rung position in the Coastal Plain League and are now leading the Greenies, holders of second place, by a one-game margin. The victory yesterday, the first recorded by the Martins over the Greenies this season, added color to the baseball situation locally and paved the way for arrangements for a big booster day here on Thursday of next week.

Since last Wednesday the Martins have played some close games, the play proving interesting and at times quite spectacular. On Friday Snow Hill was turned back on the local lot 7 to 6 by a ninth-inning rally. Ferrell, batting .750 for the day, sent in the winning runs with a triple to end the exciting contest in the ninth.

Last Saturday, the Martins turned back Tarboro, 6 to 2, at Tarboro, Black, with 4 hits, leading a 12-hit attack for Williamston. Wade held the Bunnies to 6 hits.

Tarboro made a strong bid for the game here Sunday, but Bragan delayed the Bunnies' hopes in the ninth by batting in the tying run and broke the game up with another hit in the eleventh. Corbit, Gaylord and Bragan got 2 hits each, one of Corbit's going for the circuit. Humphries pitched a good game for the visitors, allowing only 8 hits.

The game with Greenville over in the Pitt Capital yesterday afternoon climaxed all the others. Cherry proved an able master on the mound for the Martins and Gaylord scooped the game when he stole home in the fifth with the winning run. Turning the Greenies back with three hits, Cherry retired his opponents in order until the fifth, when Wagner doubled to get the first man on base, but the next three men went out in order and there was no scoring. The Greenies scored their lone run in the seventh, when Wagner doubled and Hitchcock got a triple. Cherry struck out 6 and walked 1.

Card, imported just recently from Utah, pitched a good game for Greenville, allowing only three hits. He was a bit wild, however, and 8 Martins reached first in a walk. Williams scored in the fifth when House walked, reached second on an error and brought in the first run as Gaylord doubled. After two men were out, Gaylord got his extra base hit, went to third on an error and stole home. The third run was scored in the ninth when Ferrell walked, reached second on Douglass' sacrifice and went home on Bragan's two-base knock. Gaylord, Corbit and Bragan did all the hitting for the Martins, each getting one hit.

The Greenies and Martins meet again on Thursday in Williamston.

Patrolman Hurt in Spill From 'Cycle

George Stewart, popular member of the State Highway Patrol, with headquarters here, was painfully but not seriously hurt yesterday afternoon when a hog ran in front of his motorcycle and wrecked it on the Williamston-Washington road about 12 miles from here. Running about 45 miles an hour, the machine killed the animal, and Mr. Stewart, thrown off, skidded on the concrete roadway about 30 or 40 feet, the slide almost undressing him and taking off portions of skin from head to foot.

The hog darted into the road from some bushes, the patrolman stating that he was just about to reach a bridge and that any attempt made to miss the animal would have sent him into the bridge abutment. Considerable damage was done to the motorcycle.

Picked up by a travel from Florida, the patrolman was brought here and treated. Although he is quite sore, Mr. Stewart expects to be back in service shortly.

Little Girl Badly Cut On Her Right Foot by Shovel

Little Myrtle Bell Rawls, 3 years old, was badly hurt at the home of her parents in Bear Grass Township last Saturday, when she dropped a shovel on her foot, cutting a large gash that required 6 stitches to close. She was treated in the offices of Drs. Rhodes and Eason here and is getting along all right.