

DECLARE CROPS ARE VERY CLEAN

DRY CONDITIONS SHOW GREATEST EFFECT IN NORTHERN ORDER.

REPORT BY FRANK PARKER

Tobacco is Suffering Heavily From Dry Weather; Stands Are Irregular.

Raleigh. Crops in North Carolina are "remarkably clean" as a result of excessive drought and frequent cultivation, according to the semi-monthly crop report of Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician of the Department of Agriculture. The dry conditions are showing most effect along the northern border, the report states.

"Truck crops and herbaceous plants are suffering," the report continued. "Melons are shedding and not producing the size they should. Stands of some crops are irregular due to weather conditions.

"Corn is late, small, and in the excessively dry areas, is stunted. Many sections showed curled blades. Crop is clean and in the southern half of the state, looking very fine.

"The cotton crop is generally good, wonderfully rapid growth having taken place. Plants are branching and squares forming well. Stands are fairly good in the main belt. The weevil effects have been noticed in only a few border counties. Root lice is bothering some.

"Tobacco is suffering heavily from the dry weather. Stands are irregular, especially on stiff soils. The growth is stony and leaves close together. Good color in the southern half of the state, but yellowish, small, and sickly in the main, or old belt area where the acreage is slightly reduced.

"The wheat crop is the best for several years. Spotted areas show undeveloped grain but mostly it is good. The harvesting season was favorable for saving the grain. Several places expect to thresh directly from the field when cut. The grain is remarkably well cured and dry.

"Apples are short and seriously affected by insects, as are peaches where not heavily sprayed.

"Peaches in the Sand Hill area will probably yield better than was expected unless the dry weather continues. Orchards are in nice condition.

"Truck is in poor condition, especially in the Northern Coastal Belt, where rain is greatly needed. Melons over the whole area are suffering severely from dry weather.

"Although scarce, farm labor is handicapping the farm work more by its independent nature than by shortage. This state suffered least by its migration northward.

"Considerable dissatisfaction is existing with the Cooperative Marketing due to the members being dissatisfied with payments. The well organized tobacco warehousemen are not displeased at this. Most people believe that the idea of the organization is good and want it to succeed.

"A distinct increase in the amount and grade of fertilizers used this year is reported from all parts of the state. Some losses by leaching was reported in early May, and that there is not enough moisture to make the plant food available, it is reported."

Two Thousand Given Employment. Positions were obtained during the month of June by the employment bureau of the Department of Labor and Printing for 2,094 men and 386 women, according to the monthly report of the bureau issued here. Of the larger centers Charlotte led the list with 637 placed in positions of remuneration, Wilmington coming second with 592 placements.

Following is the summary of the work for the month issued by the bureau: Charlotte: Skilled, 105; unskilled, 464; domestic, 15; industrial, 4; clerical, 49; total, 637.

Wilmington: Skilled, 96; unskilled, 433; domestic, 29; industrial, 9; clerical, 25; total, 592.

Asheville: Skilled, 21; unskilled, 295; domestic, 62; industrial, 0; clerical, 6; total, 384.

Winston-Salem: Skilled, 43; unskilled, 179; domestic, 64; industrial, 13; clerical, 40; total, 339.

Raleigh: Skilled, 60; unskilled, 85; domestic, 43; industrial, 0; clerical, 38; total, 226.

New Bern: Skilled, 29; unskilled, 79; domestic, 47; industrial, 0; clerical, 0; total, 115.

Ship Commission to Meet July 18. The ship and water transportation commission of the state, it was announced here, has adjourned its sessions until July 18 and 19. The commission met here to consider briefs and arguments presented on behalf of ports desiring improved facilities and recognition as State ports.

Cotton Crop is Most Promising. "The cotton crop of North Carolina is unusually promising considering the planting seasons and is the largest in its history," according to a statement issued here by Frank Parker, statistician of the co-operative reporting service of the United States and North Carolina departments of agriculture. The report is based on information received from 26 counties of the state.

"With the acreage at 103 per cent," says the report, "North Carolina shows the least increase of any state. The average for the cotton belt is 12 per cent increase. It is reported that the increase would have been more had the April report not been given publicity. That report showed the same acreage per cent according to the planting intentions of several thousand cotton farmers. It is further recognized that it was the speculator who suffered most by that 'intentions' report, which indicated prospective planting.

"The present condition of 80 per cent of a normal or full crop prospect for 256 pounds per acre, if applied to the 1,703,460 acres, means that the crop might be over 910,000 bales if the state conditions remain favorable. The boll weevil and adverse weather conditions must be reckoned with before early frost gets its share. These figures are based on conditions now and do not include any but favorable influences to follow. The last crop made 350 pounds per acre and \$51,000 bales.

"There are estimated to have been planted in the United States the greatest acreage of any year, 38,287,000 acres with a prospective yield of 11,412,000 bales or 17 per cent increase over the 1922 production. The present condition prospects are 1.3 per cent below last year's report and six per cent below the 10 year average.

"The weather conditions in North Carolina have been unusually favorable for cotton during June. The recent rains have helped to relieve the drought that might soon have become serious, even on cotton. The boll weevil has not become noticeably bad but its presence and activities are now claiming the attention of the southern cotton counties of the state.

Weevil Declared Not Poisonous.

Inquiries received by the state board of health from widely separated sections of the state indicate a fear of the boll weevil that is entirely unfounded. The state board of health is advised that this pest of the cotton plant is without danger other than the damage which it does to one of the state's leading farm products. The boll weevil is not poisonous. It does not infest fruits or berries, nor any of the garden vegetables, such as corn, beans, cabbage, lettuce, okra, tomatoes, or the like. The only food that satisfies the appetite of this insect is the cotton boll, and it eats this preferably when young and tender, when the squares are just forming.

Popular superstition has enlarged the field of activity of this insect which is having a revolution in the agricultural habits of the entire south. In some sections the weevil is reported in the blackberries. From another comes the report of having found it in the okra. A far eastern county attributed a serious illness to the weevil having been cooked along with some snap beans. A Piedmont county thought it was infesting the cabbage. In all instances a consuming fear seems to have taken possession of some of the people lest the boll weevil take their lives.

In answering such inquiries the state board of health has endeavored to reassure those unduly fearful with the definite statement that there is nothing to fear from the boll weevil except the partial destruction of the cotton crop. The insect is not poisonous and infests only the cotton plant.

N. C. Leading in Building.

For the first time since March, 1922, the number of permits issued for new work in twenty-four of the leading cities of the Fifth district was lower in May than the number issued during the corresponding month of the previous year, but several North Carolina cities were among those figuring in increases of new work, according to a study of the Monthly Review of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank just made public here.

May, 1922, permits totaled 2,272 in comparison with 2,475 issued in May, 1921. In the estimated cost of the work also, May of this year dropped below May of last year, the totals being \$11,443,583 and \$12,548,712 respectively, it is stated. The combined valuation for both new work and alterations or repairs totaled \$13,461,852 in May, 1922, in comparison with \$14,451,569 in May, 1921, a decrease during the current month of 6.8 per cent, according to the Review.

Mail Checks to Growers.

Checks aggregating more than two million dollars went out to the thirty-odd thousand members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, one day from the Raleigh headquarters, General Manager U. B. Bialock announced.

These checks represent the fourth distribution made to members, bringing the total advances up to 22 cents a pound, basis middling, and making a grand total of fifteen million dollars that has been paid out on the 133,000 bales of cotton.

GOVERNORS TO VISIT HAMLET

WILL BE GUEST OF SAND HILL PEACH SHOW LAST OF MONTH.

TO BE BEST PEACH SHOW YET

Will Be Displayed to the Public in Large Tobacco Warehouse Nearing Completion.

Hamlet.—Extensive plans are under way here, it was announced, for the best peach show this section has yet put on, the opening date having been set for July 26. Governor Thomas G. McLeod of South Carolina and Governor Cameron Morrison of North Carolina will open the show here on that date, it has been announced by LaCoste Evans, director, who has been engaged primarily for the purpose of making this third annual display of the products of this section better than either of its predecessors.

The presence of Governor McLeod of the South state will add interest to the show for South Carolinians for in recent years the eastern section of that state has been following in the footsteps of the Sandhill section of North Carolina. Hundreds of acres are under cultivation in South Carolina's upper sandhill section and the peach industry there has developed tremendously in the past three or four years.

This season's crop will be displayed to the public in a large tobacco warehouse now nearing completion. Ten thousand feet of floor space will be devoted to the sandhill product. The last two shows have been staged in tents. The warehouse will allow of a better arrangement of the exhibits and a consequently larger exhibition than heretofore.

In order to relieve the peach growers of the burden of conveying their exhibits to the show at the season when because of the ripening crop they are exceedingly busy, it has been arranged by the management of the show for trucks to call for the various exhibits and convey them to Hamlet. In this manner it is hoped to obtain a larger number of exhibits than in past years.

The first peach show held here two years ago advertised extensively to those from other states one of North Carolina's newest industries. This season's show is expected to spread even further the fame of the peach grown in the sandhill section of the Tar Heel State.

Adopts Prison Plans of Governor.

Rocky Mount.—Governor Morrison's recommendations for prison reform have been adopted by the Nash county board of commissioners in session at Nashville with the exception of discontinuing use of the whip in prison camps of the county.

"We have cautioned the guards against use of the whip," one of the members of the board stated, "but we did not abolish this form of punishment altogether. We believe that it should be held over the prisoners as they might be prone to lay down and refuse to work if they knew absolutely that there was no whipping coming to them. We believe that the whip should be held over them as a threat just as a father holds the switch over his children to make them behave."

Religious Department Grows.

Durham.—With a prospective enrollment of 650 students in the department of religious education at Trinity College for the year 1923-24, indications are that North Carolina's leading denominational college will again experience a successful year's work in the training of young men and women for Christian citizenship and in definite lines of life-service work.

Each year has witnessed a steady growth in the religious education and Bible departments of the Methodist institution. During the college year just closed there was an enrollment of 525 students taking up the study of the Bible or other specific religious training courses.

Stockholders Demanding Probe.

Goldboro.—Approximately 2,000 stockholders are said to be demanding a sweeping investigation into the affairs of the defunct Seminole Phosphate Company, a \$2,000,000 fertilizer concern, with plants at Goldboro and Dunn, and phosphate mines in Florida which failed recently with liabilities so far in excess of assets that a dividend to creditors of as little as 10 per cent is considered doubtful.

Ancient Piano Fund.

Statesville.—An ancient piano, possibly the oldest in America, was incidentally discovered in Statesville recently. The discovery was made in the basement of a negro's house by a local relic hunter who was looking for an antiquated specimen of a familiar brand of pianos.

The instrument in question was identified by Charles W. Hyman as being the piano which his great grandfather, Solomon Hyams, brought to this country from Prussia in the year 1744.

ROTARIANS HEAR ADDRESSES

Architecture and Lumber Discussed and Report of International Convention Heard.

Gastonia.—A report on the international convention held recently in St. Louis, by Joe Separk, the club's representative, and shop talks by Hugh White on architecture and by Elmer Spencer on lumber were the features of the luncheon of the Gastonia Rotary club held at the Gastonia Country club. Jim Henderlite presided over the business session and the program was in charge of Edward Switzer.

Hugh White read an interesting paper on the origin, development and prevention of the various leading styles of architecture from the time of the construction of the pyramids up to the present day, touching, of course, only the high spots along the way. Elmer Spencer gave some interesting facts about lumber with especial reference to Southern yellow pine. He gave a numerous interesting comparative figures on the price of lumber covering a period of years and showing that lumber is now high.

Joe Separk's report on the international Rotary convention at St. Louis was of unusual interest. There were 10,000 Rotarians present from nearly all of the 27 countries now covered by Rotary.

College Faculty Complete.

Greensboro.—The faculty for North Carolina College for women is complete for the coming college year, announcement being made of its make-up by the acting president, Dr. W. C. Jackson, who is also vice-president of the college. Twenty-two new teachers will take part in the instruction given the students, while six of the faculty are on leave of absence.

Dr. Jackson continues as acting president until such time as Dr. J. I. Foust, president, who has granted a leave of absence, because of illness, last spring by the board of trustees, becomes well enough to resume his duties.

Bridge Built in Halifax County.

Scotland Neck.—The County Highway bridge force has completed a 32 foot bridge across the run at Shield's Commissary, which is elevated about five feet above normal water level. This is the 16th bridge which has been completed in this section of the county, and work is nearing completion on the bridges at Smith's Hill run. There are about eleven more in the territory around Scotland Neck to be rebuilt before work in this section is completed. This work is in charge of W. C. Walton and is being done entirely by county work forces. There are about 197 bridges in the county over 12 feet long and all of them have been or will be rebuilt of standard Halifax county construction.

Inspector Falls in Dipping Vat.

Ahoskie.—Cattle dipping vats in Hertford county have come into use for many other purposes during the three weeks they have been in operation. The latest use to which they were put was the dipping of one of the local federal inspectors, "Bill" Brewer, who has charge of the twelve vats in this vicinity, took his first dip in the brine. He was wrestling with an unruly member of a cow herd when he tumbled into the narrow vat, and got a taste of what he had been giving the cattle.

Summer School Making Progress.

Asheville.—The Asheville summer school opened with an enrollment of about 15 hundred teachers from all parts of our country, extending from Alaska to Cuba, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A North Carolina Teachers club numbering 900 members has been organized with Miss Sara S. Alexander, of Charlotte, as president; Miss Kate Neal, secretary, and Miss Mary Kestler, treasurer.

To Build Homes For Teachers.

Aberdeen.—The Aberdeen School Board has chosen James B. Lynch, of Wilmington, as architect to get up plans and specifications for the new teacherage. The board decided to build the teacherage of brick instead of wood, feeling that in the long run it would be economy, since it would mean cheaper insurance, less liability to be burned and superior in beauty of school architecture.

A colored teacherage has just been completed, the erection of which was financed by the Rosenwald fund, contributions from the colored patrons of Aberdeen, contributions from the local white school board and from the county board of education. The educational slogan of Aberdeen is "Watch us move upward and onward."

Storm Causes Damage to Pitt Crops.

Greenville.—As the result of a devastating wind and hail storm passing through Pitt county, several thousand dollars damage was done in various sections.

In one community about five miles from Greenville on the north side of Tar River, damage of property, thirty and forty thousand dollars was done within a radius of about two miles. There were about one hundred acres of tobacco literally destroyed by hail and wind and probably a similar number of acres of cotton and corn.

House-Building Projects

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TEXT—Ye run every man to his own house.—Haggai 1:9.

That the order of house-building needs regulation is evident from the history of the Jewish people. When, with royal permission from Cyrus, they returned to their homeland, building formed the larger part of their immediate enterprise. God's house (the temple) stood in ruins. But instead of turning their united labors to this, each one builded busily on his own dwelling. The temple was the one building that represented to them and to the peoples about them, even to their bitter enemies, God, the living God. He was their God. He had protected them and brought them back home. But His house they subordinated to their own—"they ran every man to his own house."

Substitutes.

Did they build? Yes, but they built substitutes. They did not put first things first. The temple stood in ruins; yet with meticulous care they fashioned even the ceilings of their own houses. With us today, it may be that we crowd Christ out by substituting the better for the best. Like those ancient people, we could readily present the plea that we do not build brotherhood or saloons; we build houses, a task made attractive by domestic fondness and interest. The enterprise is humanitarian, surely? But the claim, "God first," cannot be hidden behind this. We cannot deny that we are rejecting it. When we so build houses that we must refuse to recognize God, the effort becomes idolatrous. And fine taste and skill in the design of an idol cannot possibly make it less a thing of idolatry.

Self-Protection.

Self-protection was pleaded by this disobedient people to justify their conduct. A man among them was determined to build his own house even if there were no temple. It is on the basis of self-protection that men argue today for objectionable customs and pleasures in the home that crowd out family prayers and such customs as show reverence for God's name and regard for His protection. Must not this way of living be allowed in the interest of the opinions of business associates or of society's friends? Really, God through Haggai is proceeding against the godless home. And that spells God's protection for those who will heed duty, and not advance the excuse of self-protection.

Fashion.

From the statement "Every man ran to his own house," it would appear that it was "all the style" to do so. When the devil cannot get a man to count God out by direct personal decision, he may succeed by indirect appeal to him through his social nature. Though the man would refuse to alone do it, he may "go with the multitude to do evil." Men cannot afford to forget, however, that "the fashion of this world passeth away." What right have you or I to adopt "the style" until it has first been examined as to whether it pleases God?

How eager they were! They must push the house-building project. Notice, "ye run"! There was zeal! Industry! Thrift! Prosperity? No, we cannot say it. They substituted "the zeal of my house" for "the zeal of thy house." How hard people will work for such poor wages! As they themselves say, "They will work themselves to death." Is it not all in a good cause? They ask. Halt, soul, and answer, "Whose cause?" Never, never can we do enough to save us. What Jesus Christ did on the cross must be accepted and then the really good cause begins. Then we can speed the industry of home building. When we have started with the temple we can proceed with the house.

Consecration.

Better live in a tent of coarse weaving where God is revered, than live in a house as artistic as it is costly where God's claim is neglected. If you really have God but live in a hut you can say: "Yet possessing all things," You may live in a prison dungeon, and lo, you yourself may become a temple of the Holy Spirit. There is a house "which is from heaven."

A Prayer.

Dear Master, we will follow Thee, but we need Thy grace to hold us from falling by the way. Let us plant our feet where Thou hast marked the way. O our Good Shepherd, for so we shall not wander. Only let us hear Thee call our names and then we cannot miss the path. Amen.—The Church Helper.

The Only Savior.

The Person of Christ will ever remain an unsolved mystery to thought, but He will ever be the only Savior of humanity, and He will still satisfy all who seek God in humility. The believer must be content with seeing in a glass darkly until the Savior is seen face to face.—The Church of Ireland Gazette.

KEELER, AT 80, GOES TO WORK

After fourteen years of enforced idleness because of ill health, J. H. Keeler, widely-known Maryland citizen, has gained forty pounds at the age of eighty years and gone back to work every day. Mr. Keeler, who resides at 3706 Thirty-Second St., Mt. Ranier, Md., gives entire credit for his extraordinary rehabilitation to Tanlac.

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Increasing His Income.

Bob—See any change in me?
Johnny—No, why?
Bob—I just swallowed 15 cents.—Missouri Teachers' College Index.

Public Works for Manila.

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