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Crops Hit Hard By Dry Weather

With many sections of North Carolina moving into their fourth successive week of dry weather, farm operations are being seriously hampered and delayed and many crops are running far behind their normal growth for this season of the year, according to weather-crop reports issued in Raleigh.

Orange county, along with the rest of the state, has suffered from the prolonged spell of dryness. Many farmers in the county usually finish setting out their tobacco plants by the middle of May, but this year only a very small percentage of the tobacco crop has been planted thus far, and no farmers have yet reported that they have planted a complete crop.

Heavy rains fell in sections of the county over the weekend, however, they were of the "gully-washing" type and did not do as much good as a gentle, soaking rain.

Tobacco plant beds are suffering for lack of water, and the plants are much larger than normally is the case, farmers are reporting. Almost all tobacco growers have put in some fertilizer, but very few of them have done any transplanting as yet. The great majority are being forced to water their plant beds, meanwhile waiting for a "good season" before transplanting tobacco.

The corn crop also has been delayed by the dry weather. In many instances corn has failed to come up, and it may have to be planted over. However, it is possible that a good rain may soon cause much of the corn to come up and start growing.

In addition to the dry spell, many plant beds have been retarded by prevalence of blue mold. With a scarcity of fermate, large numbers of farmers have been handicapped in their efforts to fight blue mold.

In Raleigh, Frank Parker, head of the Crop Statistics Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, said that "farmers in many areas are faced with dry and hard land."

"Clods are prevalent in many fields in the clay soils of the central and mountain counties," said Parker, adding that most upland heavy soils cannot be worked.

The report indicated that preparation of bottom lands and sandy soils was still possible in most regions, but that these fields are in need of additional moisture.

Judson Blount, of Greenville, farmer and merchant, told representatives of the Agriculture Department that planting and general farm work in that section are running around three weeks behind schedule.

Temperatures have averaged below normal, and the plant growth has been retarded, heavy frosts having been reported within the past week in the mountain areas.

However, weather and crop reporters regard the general condition of the fruit crop as good, despite some frost damage, the full extent of which will not be known for several days yet.

Orange County Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of in Orange county recorder's court Monday:

Pete Chrisp, disorderly conduct, \$10 and costs; Willie Day, drunk and disorderly, \$10 and costs; Robert Hester, disorderly conduct, 30 days suspended for 12 months on payment of costs and good behavior; Clyde Thompson, Jr., drunken driving, \$50 fine and costs; J. T. Hornbuckle, drunken driving, \$50 and costs; John Thomas Riley, illegal possession of whiskey, \$15 and costs;

Milton Raynor, engaging in affray and disorderly conduct, \$5 and costs; Frank Vincent, disorderly conduct and engaging in affray, judgment continued until May 28;

William (Bud) Jennings, non-support of illegitimate child, 12 months on roads to be executed if he fails to pay \$10 per month for support of child until \$360 has been paid, payments to start June 1947, and costs of court;

William Lawson Puffer, speeding, \$5 and costs; Mack Hornor, two charges of assault on female, non-contendere as to both charges, judgment continued for 12 months;

Jack Woods, assault, \$5 and costs; Owen Leach, drunkenness, \$5 and costs; Carl M. Leslie, speeding, \$5 and costs; Ernest Thompson, assault, \$10 and costs; Dock Andrews, assault, non-support of illegitimate child, \$5 and costs; Mary Virginia Forrest, speeding, continued until May 26; Winfred Vincent, disorderly conduct and engaging in affray, continued.

Aycock High Senior Class



The members of the Aycock high school senior class are shown above. Reading from left to right, they are: First row: Mary Ruth Ward, Dorothy Pore, Mildred McCulloch, Iris McCulloch, and Foy Berry. Second row: Mary Alice Boland, Rita Vaughn, Marian Abee, Hazel Tate, Lois Ward, and Anne Wagoner. Third row: Nell McAdams, Sammy George, Fairfax Oldham, J. C. Hall, and Delmo Berry. Back row: Buck Linger, Nelson Wright, and Ira Ward. Those not photographed were: Patsy Ellis, Robert Long and Harold Riley.

Hillsboro, Cedar Grove Schools Hold Final Exercises On Friday

State Alumni Name Dowdy As President

Alumni of N. C. State college held a supper meeting Thursday night at the Hickory House. After the supper, the alumni reassembled in the Vocational Agricultural building for the election of officers and other business. Outgoing officers were Marion Allison, president; G. A. Munn, vice-president; John P. Ballard, secretary; and J. W. Tolar, treasurer. Newly elected officers for the coming year are Elmer R. Dowdy, president; Tom Bivins, vice-president; O. P. Southerland, secretary; and Charles Stanford, treasurer.

Poppy Day Honors War Dead In U. S.

May 24th will be Poppy Day in Orange County and throughout the United States. On that day everyone will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in honor of the dead of the two world wars and to make a contribution for the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

Dial System For Hillsboro In 3 Months

Hillsboro will have dial phones in operation in the next three months if the present plans of the Morris Telephone Company of Roxboro, operators of the telephone system here, materialize. Mrs. John Morris of Roxboro said last week.

To Build Fire Station

Plans are underway to construct a fire station to house the town's fire fighting equipment between Gilmore's garage and the Western Auto store on King street.

White Elephant Sale Is Feature Of Club Meeting

Mebane—A "White Elephant" sale was the main feature of the Junior Woman's Club when the club met with Mrs. Marvin Walker and Mrs. Elmer Wilkinson Monday night at the home of the former.

Fire Damages Durham Home In Carrboro

Carrboro—The home Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Durham, Jr., on Greensboro street just outside the town limits was badly damaged by fire on last Saturday afternoon. The fire was discovered by neighbors shortly after a bad thunder storm. It is thought the house was struck by lightning. The family was away from home at the time and closed doors kept the fire from spreading into the front of the house. The kitchen and back porch were destroyed. All kitchen furniture including an electric stove, refrigerator and washing machine, all furniture and clothing in the house were blackened by smoke and scorched.

New Officers For Church To Be Installed

One Ruling Elder and six Deacons will be ordained and installed by the Session of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 25. These new officers were elected recently at a congregational meeting called for the purpose.

Ribbon Winners For Flower Show Are Announced

Approximately 150 persons attended the Hillsboro Garden Club's Flower Show held at the Eno Chevrolet Company on May 8. Blue ribbons for the first awards were given to Rev. Charles Hubbard, Mrs. D. E. Forrest, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Norfleet Webb, Mrs. L. D. Strayhorn, Mrs. J. L. Brown, Mrs. Felix Forrest, Mrs. Henshaw, Mrs. B. B. Forrest, Mrs. Glenn Auman, Mrs. George Gilmore, Mrs. Hubert Bivins.

News of Eno

The United Principals Organization of Orange county held its May meeting in the office of the Murphy school. Rev. Holt of Durham was the speaker for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and Mary Jo spent the Mothers Day weekend with Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. D. D. Hinson in Sanford.

The final meeting of the County Council for this school year was held in the Murphy School auditorium recently. Members of six PTA's of the county were present. The years report was given by each president. New officers for the coming year were selected. Pupils of the school under the direction of Mrs. C. F. Hudson rendered a very enjoyable musical program. Following the meeting refreshments were served by the Murphy PTA in the school lunch room.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Strayhorn, Peggy and Sylvia visited friends in Roxboro Sunday afternoon. Mrs. D. D. Hinson of Sanford and Miss Vivian Hinson of New York City left Monday after spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and Mary Jo.

THE NEWS Asks . . .

Do you prefer to make decisions rather than to let circumstances decide for you? Raymond Andrews, Carrboro: "Yes, I like to make my own decisions, because otherwise someone else might make them for me." Mrs. Clara B. Wentworth, Eastport, Maine: "I ponder for some time, yet in the end I do allow circumstances to decide the question." Mrs. E. F. Humphries, Carrboro: "In most cases I would rather make my own decisions, depending on the circumstances involved." L. H. Cox, University: "I would rather make my own decisions, although they don't always turn out too well."

House Speaks At Opening Of Inn Here

Dr. R. B. House, of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Thursday night told 100 citizens of Hillsboro attending the formal opening of the Colonial Inn dining hall here that great communities are made from the identical things that make great men. Speaking at a ladies night meeting of the Hillsboro Merchants Association, Dr. House asserted that education, cultural pursuits, beautiful architecture and interests in the more artistic and finer things of life not only build a great city—perhaps not one in size but in stature and beneficial goods to the surrounding community—just as those qualities build a great man.

Navy Reserve Week Planned For Hillsboro

The week of May 18 through May 25 has been proclaimed national Naval Reserve Week. Elmer R. Dowdy, Naval Reserve representative for Orange county, has announced that a movie on the atomic bomb experiment on Bikini, entitled "Operations Crossroads", will be shown May 23 in the agriculture building in Hillsboro. All persons interested in the Naval Reserve are invited to attend.

Big Bass Contest Resumed

After a five year lapse due to the war, Western Auto Supply Company of Missouri, is again sponsoring its Big Bass Contest. Prizes totaling \$10,657.50 in list value will be awarded the winning contestants throughout the country. This contest, which has proved so popular in the past is limited to fresh water large and small mouth bass taken from waters open to the general public. It is open to all men, women, boys and girls in the thirty-five states in which a Western Auto Store or Western Auto Associate Store is located. Clarence Jones is owner of the Western Auto Store in Hillsboro.

Commencement exercises which got underway in Orange county schools last week with senior plays and graduating sermons continue this week with the final exercises being scheduled at Cedar Grove and Hillsboro high schools.

James Street, noted author of Chapel Hill, will be the principal speaker at the graduating exercises on Friday night, May 23, at Hillsboro high school.

At Cedar Grove, Oscar Barker of Durham, who recently announced his candidacy for governor of North Carolina, will be the speaker.

Graduating class at Hillsboro high school will be composed of William Allred, Herman Hooker Brown, Max Bunker, Julian Carr, John Cates, William Crabtree, Obie Davis, William Hill Eiland, Bobby Eiland, Robin Gilmore, Howard Hall, David A. Hastings, Thomas Hastings.

Calvin Hicks, Landis Cannady, Richard Kenion, Billy Link, Duncan King, Luther King, Felix Miller, Joe Mitchell, Billy Ray, Bobby Roberts, Alfred Smith, Neal Tapp, Alton Woods, and Odus Johnson. Jane Cates, Betty Chance, Lottie Cates, Doris Cheek, Doris Crabtree, Betty Dodson, Bobbie Ray Farrell, Virginia Forrest, Carrene Goodwin, Betty June Hayes. Lucy Holloway, Mary Lee Huffman, Betsy Latta, Jeanne Lloyd, Marie Lloyd, Nancy Lloyd, Doris Kiger, Peggy Mangum, Catherine Patterson, Virginia Sue Rosemond, Juanita Scarlette; Dorothy Simmons, Nannie Ruth Sykes, Lydia Teer, Helen Terrell, Nancy Walker, Sue Walters, Grace Williams, Louise Williams, Louise Wilson, Doris Young, Bertha Yates and Lucille Wickner.

Tonight, Thursday, May 22, the senior class at Hillsboro will present its class day exercises entitled "The Rainbow Trail." All white schools in the county, with the exception of White Cross, Carrboro, and Chapel Hill, are closing on May 26 when the students will return for final reports. Chapel Hill, Carrboro and White Cross schools close on June 4. All Negro schools in the county system will close on Tuesday, May 27.

New Hope

By Miss Elizabeth Kirkland. Emsley Donnell, former member and trustee of New Hope, passed away at his home in Greensboro and was buried May 8. He leaves three nephews, D. E. Patterson of Hillsboro, M. C. and R. D. Patterson of Durham.

Mrs. W. S. Nunn and Virginia Nunn visited Mrs. Earl Blackburn in Reidsville Sunday, May 18. The Blackwood-New Hope Home Demonstration club will meet at the church house Tuesday, May 27 at 2 p.m. for a demonstration on safety through sanitation. Mrs. Louis Freeland will be hostess.

The Woman's Auxiliary met Sunday, May 18 and planned for the Intensive Bible study June 1, 2, 3 to be taught by Miss Florence Root. Everyone is invited.

Lions Club To See Movie On A-Bomb

Lt. R. R. Few of Durham will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Lions Club in Hillsboro Thursday at noon. Lt. Few, district representative for the Naval Reserve, will show a movie on the atomic bomb experiment on Bikini, entitled "Operations Crossroads."

OPEN AIR MOVIES. Carrboro—Open air moving pictures are being shown every Tuesday evening on the lawn between Senter's Drug Store, and L. D. Hearn's store on Main Street. See (BIG BASS) on Page 8.