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Wind and Hail Storm Does Considerable Damage to Tobacco, Cotton and Corn Crops in 3 Counties Sunday P. M.

Heaviest Damage Apparently Done in Pitt Where Hail Damages Growing Crops For Distances of Fifteen Miles; Lenoir Also Reports Damage

From All Reports Estimated Damages to Tobacco to Be in Pitt About 1.4 Million, and Maybe \$500,000. Cotton and Corn \$50,000 in Both.

Hundreds of acres of tobacco were ruined and corn and cotton damaged as the result of a severe wind and hail storm which passed over the Greenville section Sunday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock. The dome on the administration of buildings of the Teachers College was splintered, two barns were unroofed, and a colored boy was stunned by lightning.

The storm was one of the severest experienced in this section for several years. It followed a criss-cross course that apparently covered an area of 15 miles contiguous to Greenville. According to reports no damage was done by the gale in the Bethel district, or east of that place.

Cannot Figure Loss.

While accurate estimates are unavailable, it is generally believed that approximately 700 acres are either a total loss or badly damaged. It is equally futile to place any fixed amount on the loss. However, from reports that are filtering in from the outlying sections it is safe to predict that loss in money will run well above \$300,000. The greatest loss, a cursory survey indicates is within a radius of five miles of Greenville.

One grower who had 70 acres of splendid tobacco, declared that it was all lost. Along the Ayden and Farmville paved roads the damage is apparent. Huge fields are littered with tobacco leaves, and in some instances the plants were blown down and buried in the dirt.

It is also reported that the loss will be particularly heavy to farmers on the Falkland road. Persons here say that practically every farmer in the section has suffered more or less damage.

Cotton, Corn Damaged.

Cotton and corn also came in for a measure of damage. The loss in those crops, it is now thought will exceed \$50,000.

The pack house on the farm of R. Williams of this city, situated near Falkland was struck by lightning and subsequently burned. One barn on the farm of A. A. Forbes was blown down and another unroofed.

According to reports from the vicinity of Washington no considerable damage was done there. There was a heavy down pour of rain and hail, but little wind accompanied the storm. A negro boy sitting on the front porch of his home was stunned by lightning and knocked under the house. He was unconscious for several hours.

Greenville Reflector

A report in the News and Observer for Tuesday indicates that the storm did considerable damage outside of Pitt County, although the largest amount was

suffered by this county.

Mount Olive, July 23.—Geo. Faison, 23; Aaron Jackson, 12; and Thomas Faison, 9, all colored, were killed instantly by lightning Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock at a tenant house on the farm belonging to Y. H. Knowles, about a mile and a half from here.

Rocky Mount, July 23.—A terrific hail storm, accompanied by showers, wind and a fierce electrical display visited this section of Nash county between Whitakers and Hickory early last night, laying cotton, corn and tobacco low over a stretch of two or three miles and entailing damages estimated by those who have visited the section to run as high as \$50,000 or more.

Those who visited the scene of the storm state at least 50 acres of tobacco and an equally large amount of cotton were completely destroyed by the hail that the storm was of considerable size shown by the fact that the cotton stalks brought in were badly battered and some instances split by the force of the hail.

Struggles Ten Years for Open Golf Title



After ten years of struggle, Bobby Jones of Atlanta, Ga., long known as the boy wonder golfer of the United States has at last been crowned National Open Champion. He won the title at New York last week. When 12 years old he won a district championship in the South, but until this year was always defeated in National competition.

New Telephone System Completed in Farmville.

The installing of Farmville's new Automatic Telephone system has been completed. The town has been completely rewired and automatic phones have been placed in stead of the old "crank" style. The men who have several weeks in the city working on this improvement left Monday to begin on re-wiring in and near Greenville.

New Idea in Transportation. A "locotractor" has been developed for use in Africa. The weight of the car and cargo is supported on metal rails, but the vehicles are driven by rubber-shod wheels running on prepared strips of road metal on each side of the tracks. This arrangement is said to be very effective.

New Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks



James G. McFarland of Rocky Mount, S. D., was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the E. P. O. E. for 1923 at the annual convention held in Atlanta, Ga. Governor McFarland is a member of the South Dakota Elks.

Boy Scouts Leave For Lake Waccamaw Monday

The Boy Scouts with their Scoutmaster, Walter Sheppard, are planning to leave town Monday morning about six o'clock

where they will camp for the week of July 30 to August 6th. They have been busy for the past week getting things ready for the trip, and all are looking forward to a big time.

This is the second time that the Farmville troop has visited Lake Waccamaw, having spent a week there last summer. About twenty-five boys went last year, and all reported a good time. The water is fine for swimming and fishing, and there are enough amusements to make the time pass pleasantly.

All boys who are going are requested to be at the Scout Hut Monday morning not later than six o'clock.

The Scoutmaster states that the State Highway Commission has very kindly furnished him a map indicating the best route for the trip. This is by way of Snow Hill, Kinston, Pink Hill, Kenansville and Wilmington.

If Anyone Has—

- Killed a pig,
- Shot his wife,
- Got married,
- Borrowed a stamp,
- Made a speech,
- Joined the army,
- Robbed a Bank,
- Bought a Ford,
- Sold a dog,
- Lost his wallet,
- Gone fishing,
- Broken his neck,
- Bought a house,
- Committed suicide,
- Shot a cat,
- Been away,
- Come home,
- Moved his office,
- Taken a vacation,
- Been in a fight,
- Got licked,
- Has no oil stock,
- Got rich,
- Made a bad bet,
- It's news—

SEND IT TO THE EDITOR.
—Columbia Alumnae News

The Wild Bull of Pampas



Luis Firpo, Argentine, South American, heavyweight, casts a shadow over the empire ruled by Champion Jack Dempsey. His knockout of former champion Jess Willard in Buenos Aires makes him the logical opponent for Dempsey in a September fight.

Firpo Confidence Dempsey's Danger

Silent Giant from South America Has Forced Our Attention and Has Reaped Fortune in

New York July 25.—Luis Angel Firpo, a joke yesterday—may be a champion tomorrow. 214 pounds of beef—or 214 pounds of that which the world has all turned to gaze upon, fighting superiority.

Eighteen months ago the mention of Firpo's name means nothing—except a snicker from the "wise ones" who claim to know all fistic Hoyle.

"Sap, if we wait for this Firpo bird to learn to fight we're going to have Dempsey as champion until his whiskers are down to here." Such was their final summing up.

Firpo Had Just One Booster 18 Months Ago

The huge, bulky, sulky, scowling smileless stranger was a nobody. A big, youthful and inexperienced soldier of fortune, far from his South American home, unable to speak the language of the land he was in, he himself the only person in this Queens-bury atmosphere of ours who thought he could fight.

But that was eighteen months ago. Today—pretty well fixed financially, thanks, even though a battle with Champion Dempsey does not develop. But the clash with the champion is coming. It has to come. Public interest is demanding it and public interest will pay the price asked to see it.

In the language of the street, Luis Angel Firpo is "sitting pretty". Luis has a full appreciation of the dollars and cents a bout with Dempsey is going to bring to him. He no speak our English—but in his Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America—our American dollars can be understood. Luis knows that.

To those versed in fistic maneuvering, methods and systems, first impression was that Luis was a bull in a china shop, so far

as getting much money out of our American fight game as conducted by experienced managers, promoters, etc. However, Luis has given them all something to think about. It didn't take him long to decide that he didn't want an American manager: He decided to manage his own affairs. He couldn't speak English—but he could hire an interpreter for a very reasonable sum—Luis decided to do his own managing.

It is estimated that Firpo has collected about \$200,900 for his fighting during the last eighteen months. His fight with Willard netted him \$80,000. His two other big fights of the year were his knockouts of Bill Brennan and Jack McAuliffe II—both of which were staged in New York.

Firpo vs Dempsey Now Argument.

The discussion amongst fans all over the land now is whether Firpo is "ready" for Dempsey; what chance he would stand against the chapimon? Is he at all scientific? Is he game? Can he "take" Dempsey's punches? etc. etc.

None of those questions will be settled until Dempsey and Firpo crawl through the ropes and fight it out. The old saying "a difference of opinion makes a horse race" is as true in the land of wallops.

Firpo is not clever: He is fairly fast for a big man. He can hit hard; Whether he can hit a fast moving and elusive target is yet to be learned. He took all Jesse Willard and Bill Brennan could serve out—and never faltered once. And—this is Firpo's greatest asset—the factor that makes him dangerous—even to Dempsey, FIRPO LIKES TO FIGHT.

Interviewing Firpo today for the readers of The Farmville Enterprise he had this to say through his man "Friday": "I never went into a fight but

Union Revival Continues With Large Audiences

Splendid Sermons Backed by United Church Spirit

The Union Revival Services which began Sunday, July 15th and last until next Sunday are "going strong" with splendid sermons by the ministers, fine singing by the choir and audience and a spirit of good fellowship between the members of the various churches.

Since last week Wednesday the order of preaching has been as follows:

Wednesday, Rev. A. C. D. Noe; Thursday, Rev. C. T. Thrift; Friday, Rev. C. A. Lawrence; Saturday, Rev. O. E. Fox; Sunday afternoon at a special men's meeting at the Christian Church, Lawrence again; Sunday evening, Thrift; Monday, Noe; Tuesday, Lawrence and Wednesday, Hill.

The order for the rest of the week is not known. On Sunday afternoon there will be a service and then the meetings will come to a close Sunday evening.

Young Peoples' Union Service

All of the young people societies of the Farmville churches are to unite Sunday evening in a union service at the Christian Church. Every young person in town is invited to attend. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 p. m.

that deep down in my heart I felt confident I was going to win! About my biggest fights recently I can only say;

"I thought I could whip Meester Brennan; I thought I could whip Meester McAuliffe; I thought I could whip that Mes-ter Willard and—I think I can whip Mes-ter Dempsey."

So there you are. If confidence won all fights—Firpo is some day going to be champion.

Records show, however, that some mighty confident men have written their names with their ears on the resined floors of the 24 foot ring.

In conclusion, "The Wild Bull of the Pampas" has arrived. The fistic joke of eighteen months ago is amongst those present to day. Will Dempsey tame him?

Your guess is as good as ours.

Mrs Harris Entertains

Mrs. J. H. Harris delightfully entertained a few of the younger set Wednesday afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Louise Harris of Greenville who is her guest this week.

On the shady lawn three tables were arranged for rock and this game was joyfully entered into.

At the pleasant afternoon came to a close delicious ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. A. P. Walter and little daughter, Margaret are spending some time at Morehead.

Mrs. J. M. Edens and daughters Florence and Margaret of Covington, Ga. are visiting at the home of Mrs. D. G. Allens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hobgood and son Billy returned Tuesday from a few days visit to Morehead.