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COTTON GROWTH ESTIMATE DOWN

Government Figures Now 14,243,000 Bales, Compared With 14,438,000 Last Month As Estimated By Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Dec. 8.—This year's cotton crop was estimated today by the department of agriculture at 14,243,000 bales of 500 pound gross weight based upon December conditions. Last month 14,438,000 bales were estimated. Production last year was 14,828,000 bales.

The estimated yield per acre is 150.8 pounds for this year compared with an estimate of 154.2 pounds a month ago and 155.0 pounds produced last year.

The department announced the acreage left for harvest was 45,218,000 acres after abandonmnet of 2.1 per cent of the 46,191,000 acres in cultivation July 1.

The estimated production by states follows:

Virginia, 42,000; North Carolina, 795,000; South Carolina, 1,040,000; Georgia, 1,625,000; Florida, 50,000; Missouri, 160,000; Tennessee, 400,000; Alabama, 1,495,000; Mississippi, 1,500,000; Louisiana, 710,000; Texas, 4,100,000; New Mexico 100,000, Oklahoma, 900,000; Arkansas 910,000; Arizona, 160,000; California, 250,000; all other states 6,000 and lower California, Old Mexico (not included in United States total).

Ginnings Total Show Slight Decline

Cotton of the 1930 crop ginned prior to December 1, was announced today by the census bureau to have totalled 12,834,970, running bales, counting 455,477 round bales as half bales, including 15,482 bales of American-Egyptian and excluding linters.

Ginnings to that date last year totaled 12,853,166 running bales including 472,977 round bales and 17,973 bales of American-Egyptian, and to that date two years ago, ginnings were 12,260,154 running bales including 518,974 round bales and 19,766 bales of American-Egyptian.

Ginnings this year to December 1 by States were;

Alabama, 1,381,066 bales; Arizona; 94,445; Arkansas, 814,379; California, 162,992; Florida, 50,511; Georgia, 1,513,107; Louisiana 681,010; Mississippi, 1,377,165; Missouri, 145,558; New Mexico 77,764; North Carolina 723,426; Oklahoma, 798,141; South Carolina, 942,467; Tennessee, 341,915; Texas, 3,686,288; Virginia, 39,205; and all other states 5,531.

HOKE COUNTY GINNINGS.

There were 12,730 bales of cotton ginned of the 1930 crop prior to December 1st, as compared to 9075 on the same date last year, according to informatin released Thursday by Cunty Statistician D. C. Cox. This shows a marked increase over last year with a substantial decrease in acreage, though the price is little over half of the average paid on the streets of Raeford for cotton in 1929.

DR. FAIRLEY TO INSTALL NEW PASTOR AT LAURINBURG

Dr. Watson Fairley will help install a new pastor in the Laurinburg Presbyterian church next Sunday and Rev. J. Walter Moore, of Japan, will fill Dr. Fairley's pulpit.

The preacher to be installed is Rev. Fulton and Dr. Fairley will be assisted in the installation by Rev. A. [illegible] McQueen, of Dunn.

Sunday night Dr. Fairley will continue his lectures on Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, speaking on the "Doubting Castle."

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY.

The following were drawn as jurors for the January term of Hoke Superior Court, which will convene here on January 19th, 1931.

Will Rose, Raeford; T. G. Wood, McLauchlin; J. W. Strother, Quewhiffle; J. L. Hobson, McLauchlin; R. W. Parsian, Allendale; W. F. Beard, Little River; L. B. McBrayer, Jr., Quewhiffle; E. N. Priest, Little River; T. N. English, Stonewall; L. I. Little, Quewhiffle; J. H. Tyson, Raeford; Paul Baxley, Raeford; F. A. Monroe, McLauchlin; David Smith, Raeford; Dan McKeithan, Raeford; M. A. Campbell, Raeford; N. P. Conoly, Antioch; D. A. Brock, Raeford; J. C. McLean, Jr., Raeford; Dr. H. R. Cromartie, Raeford; H. O. Wooten, Little River, and A. G. Currie, Allendale.

Judge Frank A. Daniels will preside at this term of court. He has been here on several former occasions and is well liked by all those who have served under him.

HOKE LOSES ROAD CONSTRUCTION JOB

County's Bid About $350.00 Over Lowest Bid—County Accountant McGoogan and Civil Engineer Giles Attend Lettings.

Mr. J. A. McGoogan, county accountant, accompanied by Mr. C. H. Giles, local civil engineer, attended the letting of highway contracts in Raleigh Tuesday. Mr. McGoogan made a bid for Hoke County on about eight miles of road construction between Aberdeen and Drowining Creek but missed the bid by about $350.00, C. E. Hill & Co., contractors of Oakboro, were the successful bidders at about twenty seven thousand dollars.

The letting was made in the Capitol building and Mr. McGoogan says that it looked like the legislature was in session, there being so many persons present interested in the letting. It is stated that the bids went at the lowest figures ever known in state highway construction work over a period of a good many years.

The Hoke County Commissioners had hoepd to obtain this piece of work for the county road prisoners, there being over thirty now on the road and this work coming in the winter season when work on the county's roads is at its lowest, ould have meant a great deal to the commissioners in financing the camp and keeping down taxes for this purpose. However, Mr. Hill talked favorably of sub-letting the clearing of right-of-way to Hoke County and ditching on this job and Mr. McGoogan feels quite confident that this part of the work will yet be available for the Hoke County force.

Death of Luther Hamilton Wednesday

Friends in Raeford were very much shocked Wednesday to learn that Luther Hamilton was critically ill in a Fayetteville hospital and to learn later in the day that he had passed away.

He was the eighteen year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, of Rockingham and graduated from the Raeford High school last summer, his parents having made this their home up until that time, moving later to Rockingham. He was a most popular and well liked young man and many freinds here mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held in Raeford Thursday at three o'clock, and interment made in Raeford cemetery.

PROFESSOR LOWRANCE PAINFULLY BURNED

One of the most distressing accidents to occur in Raeford in some time, happend in the home of Mr. Lowrance, superintendent of the Raeford school, Saturday night. Mr. Lowrance had just returned from the Carolina-Duke football game and was heating water for a bath. One vessel of steaming water was on the floor and another heating on a stove nearby. Mr. Lowrance accidentally stepped in the vessel of steaming water on the flooor and the shock was so great that he fell upsetting the second vessel, which poured over his body, luckily missing his face. His burns, while not very deep or serious, were extremely painful and covered almost his entire body from the shoulders down. Medical aid was summoned immediately, and while he is still suffering to some extent, it is thought that his burns will soon heal.

Mr. Lowrance is in his first year as superintendent of the Raeford school and has made many friends in Raeford who will be hoping for his rapid recovery.

PLENTY BASKETBALL GAMES IN ARMORY NEXT WEEK

(Contributed)

Next week has something in store for those who like fast basketball. Beginning Monday night, Dec. 15, at 8:45, the first and second teams of Battery "F" will meet on the armory court. Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m., Batallian Headquarters Battery C and C. Train will play the Town team. Thursday night, 7:30 p. m., two games will be staked, one between the girls of Red Springs High school and Raeford High school. The other will find the boys of Red Springs High school battling Battery "F" Athletic club for supremacy. Come out and help cheer your favorite team to victory.

County School News

ANTIOCH SCHOOL NEWS.

"The A. W. McLean Literary Society" met Friday afternoon, December 5, and rendered a very interesting educational program as follows:

Song—The Star Spangled Banner, by the Society.

Scripture—Dougal McRacken.

Business—Roll Call and reading of Minutes—Aline McPhaul.

Talk—The Schools of Yesterday—Lucille Johnson.

Play—"The Old Fashion School—9th grade.

Reading—"A Child of Yesterday"—Susie Covington.

Talk—The Schools of Today.—Douglas Currie.

Colleges of North Carolina—Agnes McKenzie.

Song.

Ten Commandments for School Children—Edna Biggs.

Theme—The Value of an Education—Anna Ruth McLauchlin.

School Habits—Pauline Biggs.

Talk—What the Schools Have Helped America to Achieve—Neal McNeill.

Talk—The Schools of Tomorrow—Joe McBryde.

General Education Progress in North Carolina—Floyd McPhaul.

Announcements.

Critics Report—Mabel McPhaul.

Song—Hark! the Herald Angel's Sing.

The students are busy practicing for the Christmas program to be given on Friday, December 19th. Each grade will contribute something for the entertainment, after which the gifts will be given out.

The ninth grade is glad to have a new student, Nora Lee Stephens.

Almost every grade in school have carried out the hot cereal contest for a term of four weeks and been awarded a pretty picture. We hope each one will continue the plan, as a means of promoting a better health crusade.

Ernest Brown, a former student, visited our school Friday afternoon.

Some girls of Flora McDonald College came out to our school Monday afternoon and gave tests to our students, with the exception of the first grade.

The attendance honor roll for the third month is as follows:

First Grade—Samuel Autry, Ralph Randleman, John D. Strider, Sarah Currie, Sarah Doris Fields, Marie Maxwell, Margaret McNeill, Nina Mae Myers, Irene Myers, Sarah Francis Thomas.

Second grade—Edwin Conoly, John Henry McNeill, Jr., John Henry Thomas, Lattie Townsend, Henry McBryde, William Hugh McBryde, Paul Davis, Vernon McRacken, Cecil Atkinson, Rebecca Childress, Mary Sanders.

Third Grade—John D. McPhaul, Gertrude McKenzie, Hazel Connally, Jean McPhaul, Graham McPhaul, Ethel Jordan, Neill Maxwell, David Myers, Lucius Biggs, Cathryn Livingston, Albert Smoak.

Fourth Grade—Thelma Colyer, Isabel Gillis, Mildred Gillis, Pearl Ste-

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THE CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Christmas is drawing near, The time for happiness and cheer.

Would you again like to bring happiness and good cheer to the unfortunate ones in your community.

We grant that it has been a hard year for every one, but some have more than others. How would you feel to know there were hungry children in your community Christmas morning. Children who looked for Santy, who didn't come.

This situation will exist unless the good people of Raeford come to the rescue.

If each and every one would respond in a small way, we can meet the emergency.

We know from past experiences that working together as associated charities, solves the the problem.

Therefore we are asking all clubs, churches, and individuals, to work to gether to this end.

Committees from the various organizations will form this central committee. If you have no money to give, any thing in country produce will be gladly received.

Raeford Furniture Co. will be headquarters for all donations. Mr. H. L. Gatlin will be treasurer and all donations will be printed in the NEWS-JOURNAL for the next two weeks.

Mrs. H. A. CAMERON, Chairman.

Co. Commissioners Meet in Short Session

The Board of County Commissioners met in a short special session last Saturday afternoon and while no official report of any business transacted is available, it is said that they took under consideration the selection of a road superintendent. It appears that there are a large number seeking this post. It is said that action on the matter was deferred until the first Monday in January when the commissioners meet in regular session.

CHRISTMAS SEALS.

For the convenience of those we could not see during the day, we canvassed the town, we have placed the Christmas Seals in the store of Misses Niven & Graham, and Mrs. Harvey Cole will be glad to sell you all you can buy. We have fallen short so far, but you buy yours and help us put this worthy cause over the top in the fine cooperative apirt that our town and community always shows.

MRS. C. W. SEATE.

LETTERS TO SANTY

December 8, 1930.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old. I want a pretty doll, a table and chairs and a stocking full of candy, nuts and fruits. Don't forget the other children.

HELEN PATRICIA.

Raeford, N. C., Dec. 9, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me airrifle, tricycle and fruits. Don't forget the other little children. Love,

LOUIS McFADYEN.

Raeford, N. C., Dec. 8, 1930.

Dear Santa:

I want a pretty green wagon. I want a doll that will float along in the water. I want a chair that I can sit in. If you feel like you can't bring all that, leave out the chair.

With love,

ANNIE MAE SHAW.

December 4, 1930.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a pair of scissors and a box of crayons, a doll and doll furniture. Madeline wants a teddy bear.

Your friend,

MARY THOMAS.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 9 years old. Please bring me a train, cap pistol, Billy Whiskers At Play book, a cap and knife. Also some fruit, nuts and candy and don't forget to bring my baby brother some toys.

LAURENCE BROCK.

Raeford, N. C., Dec. 8, 1930.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a wagon and little car, and a lot of fruit and candies. I am going to look for you. Yours,

— NEILL JAMES McMILLAN.

Raeford, N. C., Dec. 8, 1930.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a little car that I can ride in and a big basketball and all the little toys you can and lots of fruits. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,

JAMES MORRIS.

Raeford, N. C., Dec. 8, 1930.

Dear Santa:

I want a big ball and a big baby doll. I also want some fruit, nuts, raisins and all other kinds of good things. Please don't forget to stop at my house.

Your old friend,

ANNIE LEE CAMPBELL.

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Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a doll and carriage and a doll bed, chair and a Teddy Bear. Goodbye. A good lit-

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ARMORY RCREATION CENTER OF ACTIVITY

For Younger Generation of Raeford And Community—Basketball Games Galore—Boxing and Other Healthy Sports Engaged In.

The new Armory Recreation Hall built by Capt. W. L. Poole, is proving quite a center of activity for the younger generation of Raeford and community. Basketball is coming in for a big hand and several nice games have been played in which the team of Battery "F" is improving right along.

On Friday of last week this team lost to the fast team of the Fayetteville Y. M. C. A. by a score of 50 to 20, which isn't so bad for a new outfit. On Tuesday night of this week Battery "F" lost to Company A. of the 17th Field Artillery of Fort Bragg by the score of 23 to 37, the local outfit having a commanding lead at the beginning of the final quarter.

Players on Battery "F" include Bos Bethune, Col. Lewis and Dr. Murray, forwards; Guin and Rogers, centers; Biggers, Capt. Matheson, Upton, and Buist Bethune, guards. Many of these players are experienced in the game and it is believed that as soon as the boys learn each other better and get back their old time knowledge of the game that a crack outfit will be the result. Quite a bit of interest is being manifested by both players and spectators and it now appears that the premier winter sport will be here this winter.

Mr. Hiram Norton's Commissary Robbed

Some time Wednesday night, robbers broke the lock on the commissary of Mr. Hiram Norton in Blue Springs Township and made a successful getaway with something over twelve hundred dollars in cash Mr. Norton had concealed in the building.

Officers here were notified Thursday morning of the robbery and blood hounds were secured from Fayetteville immediately. Few other details of the robbery were available as The News-Journal went to press.

Fire Destroys Home of Tom P. Purcell

On Thursday night of last week, fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a nice dwelling in Blue Springs Township belonging to Tom P. Purcell and occupied by his son Moses. While it is not known how the fire started, it is thought likely that it caught from sparks falling on leaves in a valley of the roof. Moses Purcell saved a part of his household furniture.

RECORDER'S COURT

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, Arch Locklear, who lives in Allendale Township, was indicted on a charge of removing crops from the premises of his landlord and disposing of them in violation of law. The Court held that the evidence against him was insufficient for conviction and the case was dismissed.

Dunk Solomon and Tom Brown, young white men of the Montrose section, were indicted on counts of being drunk and disorderly and of transporting whiskey. Brown was also charged with driving a car while under the influence of whiskey. Solomon was found not guilty of the two charges against him and Brown also not guilty of two charges, but was found guilty of transporting with prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs. Jesse Lamb, another young white man indicted with the two above defendants, failed to appear and his bondsman was called. Lonnie Brown, brother of Tom, also charged with participation in the same offenses has not yet been taken.

Herbert McLean, colored, who was given a conditional sentence over two years ago for larceny and who broke jail before serving his sentence, was brought into court and given four months on the county roads.

PRECIOUS McDONALD, COLORED DIED SUNDAY AT DUNDARRACH

Precious McDonald, colored, wife of Henry McDonald, who lived near Dundarrach, died Sunday at the age of 42, her death being due to tuberculosis. Her remains were buried on Monday at Laurel Hill colored church.

STATE AND NATION NEWS OF INTEREST

Happenings of Past Week Gathered From Other Papers and Condensed For the Busy Readers of The News-Journal.

—Just because he kicked a mounted policeman's horse, a man in New York City is serving a five-day sentence in jail.

—To pay a bet with a friend, a citizen of Peoria, Ill., pushed a wheelbarrow from Peoria to Chicaco, a distance of 173 miles, in 74 hours.

—Smashing a window in hrs closed car when it plunged off a dock into 35 feet of water, H. T. Griffin, of San Pedro, Cal., swam to the surface and was rescued.

—The town commissioners of Winton, N. C., have resolved not to collect taxes for this year. The town has a population of 650 and owns and operates a farm.

—After one of her hens was hit by a motor car, a woman in Oregon took 50 stitches in the fowl to save its life. It is reported that the hen hasn't even stopped laying.

—Kermit Clinard, a school boy in Pilot school near Thomasville, N. C., may lose his eyesight on account of being struck by a spitball from a bean shooter in the hands of a playmate.

The streets of Ely, Nev., are paved with gold now that tailings from old mine are being mixed with oil and used to surface and repair highways. Assays taken from the dump are reported to have shown values ranging from $2 to $22 ingold per ton, with an average of about $5.

—John Moller, 67 years old, of Denver, Colo., didn't mind washing the dishes and cooking while his 44-year-old bride of last May listened to the radio and read magazines, but when she refused to kiss him he went to court and obtained a prelininary decree of divorce.

—Over a filling station at Raleigh there perpetually floated the Stars and Stripes. Sometimes the flag flew brilliantly into the wind and again it would be furled. Officers became suspicious and raided the station, finding a quantity of whiskey. It was found that when the flag waved there was whiskey; when furled, there was none.

—Ten years in the state's prison was the sentence meted out to Mason W. Gant, Guilford County Clerk of Court, indicted for embezzlement in connection with pension warrants. It was claimed that Gant would endorse and cash pension checks of deceased veterans. He took the sentence stoically, though tears came to his eyes duringthe pleadings of hsi attorneys.

—Mystery Gas fatal to scores of Belgians; Death reachees 64; hundreds ill; inhabitants of Meuse Valley terror stricken by spread of strange malady; Professor says that it is something like the Black Death. reads a headline in Saturday's afternoon paper. Origin of the gas not known, but is supposed to be probably some forgotten stores of ammunition of the armies during the World War exploding.

—Eight lives were claimed in wrecks over North Carolina during the week end. The most spectacular crash occurred near Mt. Airy, when an automobile loaded with young Virginians careened off a mountain curve, one killed and six injured.

—Carrying two of her four small children from their cribs as they slept, a mother of Chester, Pa., believed by police to have been demented, drowne dthem in a bathtub. An attempt to drown another child failed when the youngster, four-years-old, screamed and fought his way out of his mother's grasp. The woman was prevented from taking her own life by the arrival of her husband from work. "I thought they were better dead, I could never give them the education they should have and I did not think I could raise them without the right education," was her explanation.

Mrs. Stuart's Piano Class to give Play.

Mrs. Stuart's piano class will present "Cindrella," an operetta in two acts on Wednesday evening, December 17, 1930, at 7:45. There will be no admission fee and the public is cordially invited to attend.