

INCREASE MADE IN COTTON ESTIMATE

Reported at 15,685,000 Bales Which is 101,000 Bales More Than Estimate of Last Month.

Washington, Sept. 9.—This year's cotton crop was estimated at 15,685,000 bales today by the department of agriculture, compared with 15,584,000 bales a month ago.

The department's estimate was based on the condition of the crop September 1, which was 68.0 per cent of a normal, as compared with 74.9 percent a month ago and 53.2 per cent a year ago, and on the estimated area remaining September 1 for harvest, which was 40,889,000 acres.

The August estimate of production, which caused a heavy slump in cotton prices, was based on the July acreage less the average 10-year abandonment. July acreage was 41,491,000 but application of the average abandonment resulted in 40,129,000 acres being used as the basis for the August production estimate. Actual abandonment since July 1 this year was placed at 1.5 per cent, as compared with 3.4 per cent for the 10 years 1921-30.

This year's indicated yield is placed at 183.6 pounds per acre, as compared with an estimate of 185.5 pounds a month ago, 147.7 pounds produced last year and 154.4 pounds the 10-year average.

The condition of the crop on September 1, shows the acreage remaining for harvest in North Carolina to be 1,338,000 acres, which is 77 per cent of a normal acreage. The production is estimated at 715,000 bales.

ROCKFISH NEWS

Miss Luna Townsend, Mrs. G. A. Monroe, and Mrs. Boseman were guests of Mrs. J. D. McGowan, of Lumber Bridge, Monday.

Mrs. M. L. Wood returned to her home in Asheboro, Sunday afternoon, after a week's visit with relatives and friends here. While here, Mrs. Wood had her son's tonsils removed in Red Springs.

Misses Ruth and Pauline Andrews, and Messrs. Bullock and Rogers, of Lumberton, were guests Sunday of Miss Walta Townsend, who returned to Lumberton with them for a visit.

Miss Annie Nordon, of Cumberland County, is visiting Miss Bernice Maxwell.

Miss Isabel Ray delightfully entertained a few of her friends at a party at her home on Monday night.

Mrs. Wright Parker Honored

Misses Walta and Luna Townsend and Mrs. G. A. Monroe delightfully entertained at a shower, Tuesday afternoon, from four to six, in honor of Mrs. Wright Parker, a recent bride.

The guests were invited into the living room where they took part in a contest in which Mrs. A. L. Long was the winner. She was given a very unique gift which she graciously presented to the guest of honor.

The bride's book, in which everyone was asked to write a wish, was then passed. Immediately after the reading of these wishes, little Miss Julian Wood entered with a card attached to a string, and asked the bride to read the card, which directed her to follow the cord which led to a beautiful gift tree covered with many useful gifts.

A delicious food course with cake was served, carrying out the color scheme of pink and green.

Twenty guests were present.

MRS. HOLLAND, SISTER OF G. H. WEAVER, DIES

Mrs. W. L. Holland, sister of Mr. G. H. Weaver, of Raeford, passed away at her home in Olin, N. C., early Monday morning, September 7th, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Melton, Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., from the Methodist church, of which she had been a member from her girlhood. Mrs. Holland was in her 63rd year.

Surviving her are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. A. Holland, Olin, N. C., and Mrs. R. L. Phillips, Rockingham, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. J. M. Godbey, Harmony, N. C., and two brothers, Mr. J. W. Weaver, Olin, N. C., and Mr. G. H. Weaver, of Raeford.

COTTON 6 1-2 CENTS

Middling cotton was selling for 6 1-2 cents per pound on the streets of Raeford Thursday.



THOMAS C. BOWIE

Thomas C. Bowie, an attorney of Jefferson, N. C., and former prominent member of the North Carolina General Assembly, recently announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate.

SHERIFF'S SALE AGAIN POSTPONED

Commissioners Make Further Postponement To First Monday in November; Tax Rate Increased One Cent.

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, September 7th, at the court house. All members of the board were present, and much routine business was transacted.

The Board directed that the Sheriff's sale of land for delinquent taxes for the year 1930, be postponed again, this time until the first Monday of November. This further postponement will give a little more time to the delinquent tax payers and will give them an opportunity to pay their back taxes from money received from tobacco and cotton crops, after they have had a chance to dispose of them. Since the sale has been postponed until November, the advertisement of land to be sold at this time will not be made until the first week in October.

The Board also found it necessary to increase the tax rate one cent on the hundred dollars valuation. At their meeting last month the commissioners decided on a 79 cent rate, which is now increased to 80 cents. This new rate means a reduction of 24 cents from last year's rate of \$1.04.

FLORA MACDONALD ANNOUNCES GIFT

Bulletin of Red Springs Institution Announces Gift Under Will of The Late J. W. McLaughlin.

In its August issue the Flora Macdonald College Bulletin makes announcement of the generosity of the late John W. McLaughlin, of Raeford, toward the college. The following is taken from the bulletin:

"Flora Macdonald mourns the passing on June 23, of a true and loyal friend, Hon. John W. McLaughlin, of Raeford, N. C. He was a charter member of the Board of Trustees and continued in that capacity until forced by recent ill health to resign. In his will Mr. McLaughlin named Flora Macdonald as a beneficiary, dividing half of his large estate between this college, Davidson College, Barium Springs Orphanage, and the causes of Home and Foreign Missions in the Southern Presbyterian Church. For the next ten years Flora Macdonald will receive the interest of her share of this generous gift after which time she will come into full possession."

In the Bulletin, President Bedinger also explained the necessity for completing the Financial Standardization, now in progress, by September 30, 1932. The present object is to complete the raising of the sum of \$150,000 which is necessary to claim the standing offer of \$50,000 from the Carnegie Corporation, since the offer will be withdrawn on September 30, 1932.

The college opens on September 15th, and a good enrollment and splendid year are in prospect. Of especial interest this year will be the secretarial course, which is being offered for the first time.

REGULATIONS ISSUED FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Equalization Board Issues Rules Relative to Transportation of School Children; Move Toward Economy.

Mr. W. P. Hawfield, Superintendent of Schools, is in receipt of regulations from the State Board of Equalization with regard to the operation of the school busses for the coming year.

It is believed that if properly observed, these regulations will aid county superintendents and boards of education in their efforts toward the most economical operation of the transportation systems possible.

The regulations are as follows: "In establishing bus routes, no busses shall be routed over other than State maintained roads. Where connecting links appear necessary between State maintained roads, said boards of education shall take the necessary action to obtain State maintenance on such connecting links.

"No children shall be hauled on State busses that live within one and one-half mile of the school building. Provided, that boards of education may exercise their discretion about amending this regulation after considering the load of the truck, the character of the roads, weather conditions, etc.; but any child so transported shall not be counted as a transported child in making reports or receiving monies from the State Board of Equalization.

"In establishing bus routes, the county boards of education shall establish and prescribe along said route loading stations for the receiving and discharging of school children.

"School busses shall not be used for other purpose than transporting children to and from school and upon the closing of either the six months or extended term, as the case may be, all school busses shall be properly stored, overhauled, repaired and jacked up for the next ensuing school term. Provided, that county boards of education may have authority, in their discretion, to authorize the use of school busses for transportation for purposes of a direct educational or quasi educational nature.

"Student drivers shall be considered the state standard. A salary not to exceed nine dollars per month for the six months term shall be considered the standard for the payment of drivers."

ATTEND MEETING OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD

Dr. W. M. Fairley Dr. R. L. Murray, and Rev. A. D. Carswell attended the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina held at Queens-Chicora College in Charlotte, this week. Dr. Fairley and Dr. Murray were delegates from the Raeford Presbyterian Church, while Rev. Mr. Carswell represented the churches which he serves.

JUNIOR MATRONS BRIDGE CLUB

The Junior Matrons Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Walter Baker last Friday afternoon. The prize for high score among the guests present, went to Miss Kathleen Blue, while Mrs. J. C. McLean, Jr., won the high score prize for members.

Mrs. Baker served a delicious ice course and punch. Guests, other than club members, were: Misses Mildred and Sarah Oliver, of Pine Level, Nelda Anderson, Florence, S. C., Isabel Jean Lamont, Addie Mae Gatlin, Kathleen Blue, and Mrs. Harry Greene.

W. L. ALEXANDER RESUMES HIS WORK

Mr. W. L. Alexander, manager of the local A. & P. store, resumed his duties Monday morning after having been absent from the store for several months because of an injury to his foot, the condition of which is now very much improved, his friends will be glad to know.

TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The store of Mr. Israel Mann will be closed all day Saturday, September 12, in observance of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashono, a holiday observed by all Jews everywhere.

Mr. Mann will go to Whiteville to celebrate the occasion with Jews there, in a meeting to be held at the Masonic Hall.

LOCAL MAN VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED

Laurie McEachern Gratified By Response To Word Of His Candidacy; Formal Announcement Expected Soon.

Mr. Laurie McEachern was in Raleigh last week on business. While there he was interviewed by a representative of the News and Observer, who reported him to be quite optimistic over the encouragement he has received in contemplation of his announcing his candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture. The News and Observer's article follows:

"Laurie McEachern, Hoke County's representative in the Legislature, said here last night that he contemplated making formal announcement of his candidacy for the post of State Commissioner of Agriculture in the near future.

"Mr. McEachern, a practical farmer in a rich agricultural section, said that he was much encouraged by the response to the announcement that he was contemplating making the race.

"To date he is the only prospective candidate in the field against Commissioner William A. Graham, of Lincoln County, who succeeded his father in office."

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR

Miss Loyd Tapp was very much surprised, if not frightened, when she went to her upstairs room in her home at Timberland, Tuesday night, and turned on the light, to see a small moccasin lying on the floor under the window. Her screams quickly brought help from members of the family who were down-stairs, and it is said that Crawford Wright, her brother-in-law, went upstairs at not less than four steps at a time. The snake was killed, and Miss Tapp says she is about normal again, but will go through life wondering how that snake ever got into her room.

KILLS BIG SNAKE

One afternoon last week, Mrs. D. P. Brown, of Timberland, heard her little four year old grandson, who was playing in the yard, call to her saying that he saw a snake. Mrs. Brown investigated, and found the snake to be a huge rattler; since there was no one else at home to kill the snake, she quickly got a hoe and killed it herself.

The rattler was measured and found to be 4 feet long, and 12 inches around. It had 10 rattles and a button.

MARVIN JONES DIES

Mr. Marvin Jones, 51, died at his home in the Antioch section Saturday night, after a short illness with kidney trouble and pneumonia.

Mr. Jones was a farmer on the J. A. McPhaul place; he moved there last winter from South Carolina, and made many friends. He was a good citizen and a successful tobacco grower.

Burial was made at the Arabia Baptist Church, Sunday, Mr. Jones is survived by his wife and several children.

SQUARE DANCES TO BEGIN

Messrs. "CHIT" Conoly and Fairley Dunn are making plans for a series of square dances to be held in the Armory Hall of Battery F, this fall. The first dance will take place next Tuesday evening, September 15, from 8:30 until 12 o'clock.

The managers have secured the services of Causey's String Band, of Lakewood, which is very well known here. Last year the square dances held every week proved to be very popular, and indications are that they will be even more so this year.

AT THE CHURCHES

At the Methodist church, Rev. W. L. Lanier, of Norwood, a student at Duke University, will preach at the morning service at eleven. The young people will have charge of the evening service at eight. Sunday school is at 9:45 a. m.

At the Presbyterian church, the pastor, Dr. W. M. Fairley, will preach at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a. m.

At Bethel Presbyterian church the pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell will preach at 11 a. m.



NEWTON D. BAKER

Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War in the Wilson Cabinet, was preferred in a recent poll of Democratic newspaper editors as the Democratic presidential nominee. The editors in expressing favor for Baker over all others, said, however, that the Democrats' best bet was Franklin D. Roosevelt, although Roosevelt is generally considered to be less able.

BET ON ROOSEVELT BUT PREFER BAKER

Newton D. Baker Is Favored By Democratic Editors As Party's Nominee in 1932, Survey Shows.

New York, Sept. 9.—A majority of democratic newspaper editors favored Newton D. Baker as the party's presidential nominee, but believe Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York will win the nomination, a survey by The Outlook and Independent revealed a few days ago.

The magazine said no editor included in the poll favored the nomination of "an out and out dry." In the survey were 142 democratic and independent newspapers, with at least two from each of 34 states.

On a preference basis the delegates to the democratic national convention would be distributed as follows:

- Baker—325.
- Roosevelt—210.
- Owen D. Young—117.
- Alfred E. Smith—54.
- Melvin A. Traylor—46.
- James A. Reed—30.
- Albert C. Ritchie—22.

Actually, however, the editors believe Roosevelt will go to the convention with 688 delegates, 46 short of the two-thirds required for nomination. (Continued on back page)

ABERDEEN MARKET OPENS SEPT. 22ND

Sandhills Looked To For High Grade Tobacco; Special Effort To Get Independent Buyers.

The Aberdeen market, which is the main outlet for Hoke County tobacco, opens on the 22nd of this month, and local growers are looking forward to the event with much interest. For many years Aberdeen has been a favorite spot of the tobacco companies for picking up good tobacco of the finest quality and the expressions of buyers who have been looking over this field indicate that they are expecting a higher percentage of the choicest tobacco on this market this year than ever before.

Aberdeen is well equipped with warehouses to take care of the crop, there being two in operation and are manned by men with plenty of experience in the business. The B. B. Saunders Warehouse will be operated this season by Maurer and McLeod. Mr. Maurer has been connected with this warehouse for many years and Dr. McLeod is an old resident who knows the business and has the confidence of the people. This house will be operated this season under the name of The Sandhill Tobacco Warehouse.

The other warehouse, The Aberdeen Warehouse, will be operated again by Edwards, Lewis and Williams, who are well known to the growers of this section, having operated this warehouse for several seasons and shown a healthy growth. The firm operates the biggest warehouse in South Carolina and lead the state in the sale of leaf tobacco. They have associated with them Mr. (Continued on Page Two)

TRUE BILLS AGAINST GILMORE AND GASTER

Cumberland Clerk And Former Treasurer Indicted Soon After Audit; Clerk Tenders Immediate Resignation.

Fayetteville, Sept. 4.—John C. Gilmore, clerk of the Superior court of Cumberland county, who resigned his office this morning, and David Gaster, former county treasurer, were indicted by the Cumberland grand jury this afternoon on charges resulting from an audit of the county clerk's records. Two separate indictments were returned, one containing two counts against Gilmore and the other carrying three counts against each of the former county officers.

Gilmore is charged with embezzlement, unlawful use of county funds and misapplication of money in his care, and with failure to make a proper annual report and with falsifying his last yearly report. Gaster is charged with aiding and abetting in the first three alleged offenses.

Developments in the case came rapidly today. Solicitor Thomas A. McNeill placed the matter in the hands of the grand jury early this morning.

Mr. Gilmore resigned his office during the morning. The resignation was telephoned to Judge N. A. Sinclair, holding court in New Bern, and the resident judge of this district resigned by telegraph, accepting the resignation and naming Charles W. Broadfoot, member of the local bar, as his appointee to take charge of the clerk's office for the present time.

Judge Sinclair will have the appointment of a permanent successor to Gilmore. It was in this manner that the latter became clerk of the court five years ago on the death of W. M. Walker, being later made chief nominee of his party in the election. He was one of the first world war veterans to hold an important office in this county and has been one of Cumberland's most popular officials. He had been honored with the presidency of the Superior Court Clerks' association.

The indictment against Gilmore alone alleges that he failed and refused to make a report as required by law on December 23, 1930, and in the second count charges that he made a false report on December 23, 1930.

The joint indictment in its six counts charges that Gilmore embezzled and wrongfully converted \$10,000; that he unlawfully used the sum of \$10,000; and that he willfully, fraudulently and corruptly misapplied \$10,000. In each instance this sum is referred to as "money belonging to the county of Cumberland."

The three counts against Gaster assert that he did "counsel, aid, abet, induce and command" the said Gilmore to embezzle, to use, and to misapply the money in question.

Gilmore's case first became public yesterday, when county commissioners stated that an audit had disclosed a "shrinkage" of \$21,000 in trust funds in his hands. This "shrinkage," they said, was due to loans made with insufficient security.

SANATORIUM NEWS

Mr. John M. Gibson, editor of the Sanatorium Sun, is spending several days in Atlanta, this week.

Mrs. George Heinisch, John Quicke, and N. B. Ward who served as internes at the Sanatorium during the summer, have left for their homes for brief visits before continuing their studies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Womble and children are spending a two weeks vacation in Florida.

Mrs. T. C. Sinclair is visiting in Norfolk and Virginia Beach this week. Dr. J. S. Hooker made a short visit to Farmville this week. Mrs. Hooker, who has been visiting in Aurora returned home with him.

Misses Carrie Wagstaff and Lucy Brasfield, of Roxboro and Raleigh, respectively, returned to the Sanatorium last week, and have taken up their work as teachers in the school here.

Misses Martha and Faye McLaughlin, of Derita, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Eubanks, the latter is their sister.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams and children are visiting in Norfolk this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moss are visiting in Albemarle and Western North Carolina this week.

Miss Irene Eubanks, of Easoufort, is visiting in the home of her brother, Mr. F. L. Eubanks.