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Second Largest Cotton Crop Forecast In Government Estimate; Big Surplus

Crop Reported as 16,903,000 Bales to Date; Prices Drop But Later Rally; N. C. Crop 800,000 Bales.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The crop indicator gauging the southland's 1931 cotton production today swung violently upward again. A government forecast added 619,000 bales to the prospective harvest—the second largest in history.

With huge surplus supplies already clogging market channels, the agriculture department estimates this year's crop would total 16,903,000 bales, not far below the record 1926 harvest of 17,977,000 bales.

The indicated production by states follows:

Virginia, 42,000 bales; North Carolina, 800,000; South Carolina, 990,000; Georgia, 1,390,000; Florida, 42,000; Missouri, 265,000; Tennessee, 590,000; Alabama, 1,400,000; Mississippi, 1,760,000; Louisiana, 885,000; Texas, 5,250,000; Oklahoma, 1,220,000; Arkansas, 1,860,000; New Mexico, 97,000; Arizona, 119,000; California, 195,000; all other states, 8,000; and lower California (not included in United States total), 32,000.

The increase since the October report was attributed to ideal weather enabling farmers to pick their plants clean. Field loss last month actually was less than average.

Publication of the estimate was followed by a drop of six points in quotations on the New Orleans exchange which was recovered, however, in a later rally. Dispatches told of a general opinion that a big demand for spot cotton would offset the indicated increase in the harvest.

Today's report came at a time when the farm board and southern bankers are attempting to complete a plan for holding 7,000,000 bales off the market as part of a program for increasing prices, now lower than at any time in more than 30 years.

Announcement that the program was being perfected served to raise the price levels between a cent and a cent and a half a pound. Another strengthening influence is increased consumption, which is 16 per cent higher than a year ago.

Meanwhile, five southern legislatures have acted to curtail the 1932 acreage by law and increasing interest in American cotton is being shown by foreign buyers.

The Farm Board has become interested in effort of Pierre Du Pasquier, French cotton market expert, to arrange credits with New York bankers for the purchase of large amounts of the southern crop.

With the November forecast to date, the department released a foreign outlook report which showed that the production in major producing countries this year will be about 600,000 bales less than last year.

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Confidence Man Has Old Record Here

W. H. Tison, Who "Worked" Raeford Recently, Found to be Connected With Dirty Work of Over 30 Years Ago.

Local men investigating T. H. Tison, formerly of Moore County, who on October 24, obtained cash and merchandise from two local business houses on bogus checks, found that he was the man famous in this section for hitting put an anvil in a bale of cotton, in 1898.

At a gin operated by a Dr. Gilbert near Bowmore, Tison had some cotton ginned, and in some underhand way an anvil got into one of his bales. This bale was bought by J. W. Moore, of Raeford, and sold to the Smitherman Cotton Mills in Troy. Tison was arrested, and there could be found only one witness to testify against him, an old negro man. Just before the trial, the old negro suddenly became sick and died, and there was no testimony against Tison.

Tison also figures in another story connected with Dr. Gilbert. Tison, it is said, was Dr. Gilbert's employ, about the time of the "anvil-bale-of-cotton" episode, and when he quit working for Dr. Gilbert, the latter found that a number of barrels which had been full of wheat and rye, etc., contained, after Tison left, only a thin layer of their former contents on top, underneath which was trash of any kind to fill the barrels.

The whereabouts of Tison now, are still unknown.

TB CLINIC SHOWS NO ACTIVE CASES

Many Reactions But No Disease Found In County-Wide Clinic Among White Children of First 3 Grades

No positive cases of tuberculosis, and only three suspicious cases, were found in the recent county-wide tuberculosis clinic among the white school children of the first, second and third grades, conducted by Dr. C. D. Thomas, Sanatorium clinician.

A total of 407 pupils received the tuberculin test; of this number there were 77 reactions, a percentage of 18.9, which is a little high, 15 percent being considered a normal reaction, according to Dr. R. L. Murray, county physician. These 77 reactors were given physical examinations and 68 of them were X-rayed, but no positive cases were found as a result of these examinations, and only three suspicious cases were found. Seven pupils are yet to be X-rayed.

Dr. Murray said the cooperation from the parents was very good. Only a few objected to having their children tested, and these objections were overcome before the clinic was conducted. It is customary not to examine a boy or girl when his or her parents object to the child's teacher in writing.

The clinic doctor, when he examined many pupils, found defects, such as bad teeth, bad tonsils, etc. These defects should be attended to at once, and corrected. Parents should give this matter immediate attention.

Mrs. C. H. Giles assisted Dr. Thomas in the work of the clinic.

BURTON TO ACCEPT PAMLICO POSITION

Popular and Efficient County Agent Expresses Regret in Leaving—Will Receive Big Increase in Salary.

Mr. W. D. Burton, county agent, tendered his resignation to the county commissioners Monday, after having received an offer from Pamlico County, to become its county agent at a large increase in salary. Mr. Burton said that he could hardly afford to decline the generous offer of Pamlico, and after considering it, decided to resign his work here, giving it up about December 1.

Mr. Burton came to Hoke County from Wayne County, on October 10, last year, succeeding Mr. L. B. Brandon, and has filled his position efficiently and ably. He has aroused great interest among the farmers of the county in poultry and livestock raising. Too, he has encouraged crop diversification and the growing of cover crops and crops for feed, aiding materially in the state's live-at-home program, and causing farmers of the county to see the great advantage of it. He has taken part and assisted in soil testing, and in the testing of livestock for disease.

Farmers of the county are expressing regret at Mr. Burton's leaving, but are wishing him every success with his work in Pamlico County. Since his coming to the county, Mr. Burton has proved very popular with the farmers and others. He was married last January to Miss Mary Sheppard, of Goldsboro, and Raeford people are also expressing regret at Mrs. Burton's leaving, as she has been very popular in the social life of the town.

Mr. Burton expressed regret in giving up his work here, saying that he has had splendid co-operation in all his efforts with the people of Hoke, and that he has enjoyed being a resident of Raeford. He added that his work here in all its phases, has been a great pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton's new home will be in Oriental.

Announcement will be made later as to the successor of Mr. Burton.

Charles B. Bellentine of Wake County is harvesting 400 bushels of corn on land where a crop of rye, vetch and crimson clover was turned under last spring. Only eight bags of fertilizer were used under the corn.

REV. H. C. SMITH HEARD HERE SUNDAY

Presiding Elder of Rockingham District Preaches Here Last Sunday Evening at Methodist Church.

Taking his text from the 15th, 16th and 17th verses of the third chapter of Revelation, Rev. H. C. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District of the Methodist Church, preached at the evening service of the Raeford Methodist church here last Sunday, pointing out what an awful thing it is that God knows when we are trying to appear that we have things which we do not have, and worse, that we are trying to appear what we are not, and at the same time, showing what a comfort it is that God knows when we are trying to do and be our best in everyday life without hypocrisy or pretense, for in the 15th verse we are told that "know thy works."

The speaker asked his hearers to avoid a "lukewarm" position in life, and not to deceive themselves, believing that because they had much goods and rich they need nothing more. He showed that real poverty often begins with just such a feeling, quoting from the 17th verse, which reads: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Mr. Smith described how so many things people use are in themselves neither right nor wrong, things that enhance personal appearance, for instance, or the appearance of a house, but he warned his audience against living a life that was neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm, telling them that of all ways of living this is the most untenable, in quoting from the 16th verse: "So because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

Rev. Mr. Smith is from Rockingham, and the service Sunday night was the fifth he had taken part in on the same day.

A fairly large crowd heard him.

MCLEANS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLean, Jr., have moved to an apartment in the home of Mr. J. C. McLean, Sr. They formerly occupied an apartment in the home of Mr. J. A. Baucom.

ABERDEEN DEFEATED BY LOCALS FRIDAY

19-7 Victory Characterized by Over-Zealous Playing by Both Teams—Regret Expressed Over Game.

In a game characterized by over-zealous playing and some roughness on the part of both teams, Raeford defeated Aberdeen on the local field last Friday afternoon by the score of 19-7.

After it became known that Aberdeen was playing a man not a student of the high school there, the Raeford coach, just after the half, sent in Leo Fuller, a former Duke University student, and J. D. McNeill, one-time member of the University of North Carolina football squad. Many who witnessed the game, while admitting that the circumstances were extenuating, expressed keen regret that players other than members of the school squad were sent in. Many had the opinion that the game should have stopped before this example was set up before the school students, which really defeats the purpose of high school athletics, they said.

The game was hard-fought throughout. Coach Padgett sent in his second string team at the start, but after Aberdeen secured a blocked punt and started for the goal, making two first downs, the first string team was put in, but failed to hold, and Aberdeen made their touchdown and extra point very early in the game. In the second quarter Raeford scored, but failed at the extra point. From this time until the final period, the teams played about evenly, when Raeford succeeded in crossing the goal line twice, and making one extra point good. Those scoring for Raeford were Epstein, McInnis and McNeill.

Several local high school sports fans expressed the hope that in the future, only teams representative of the high school, that is, composed entirely of high school players, would be used in the games.

REPAIR CHURCH FURNACE

No preaching services were held at the Presbyterian Church here last Sunday, because of trouble with the furnace. The furnace has now been repaired and services will take place as scheduled next Sunday.

"Sing" Miller, Colored, Is Killed By Brother Early Sunday Morning

BETHEA ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

St. Pauls Police Chief, Freed by Jury After 20 Minutes Deliberation—Verdict is Popular.

H. C. Bethea, chief of police at St. Pauls, and former Raeford chief, was acquitted at Lumberton Wednesday of a murder charge growing out of the death of E. J. Dean, last April 11.

The jury was out only 20 minutes.

Bethea, whom the two grand juries refused to indict before, a third finally returned a true bill, killed Dean in a St. Pauls alley after trouble between them growing out of Dean's house being searched for stolen goods.

Bethea said he called Dean into the alley to ask about threats he had heard the latter had made, and that Dean again threatened him and drew back as though to draw a gun, when the chief fired.

Bethea had a regular multitude of character witnesses. Those who were at the trial in his behalf from Raeford were Messrs. T. B. Upchurch, Edgar Hall, E. B. McNeill, A. K. Stevens, W. B. McLachlin, A. P. Stubbs, Dave Hodgin, A. C. Bethune and W. M. Fairley.

This trial was the second of the Bethea case. Last month after all evidence had been taken at the first trial, a juror became sick and unable to continue, causing a mistrial.

Bethea's acquittal was expected by many people, and the verdict is a popular one.

LOCAL RELIEF BODY ORGANIZED MONDAY

Mrs. May E. Campbell, of Governor's Council Makes Talk; Dr. W. M. Fairley to Head Executive Committee.

Members of the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education met in the court house Monday morning with the pastors of the town and county and members of the welfare department of the Woman's Club, and others, to form a relief organization for the county.

Chairman McPhaul, of the commissioners, presided. Mr. W. P. Hawfield, county superintendent of education, introduced Mrs. May E. Campbell, of the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief, who described in an informal way Governor Gardner's feelings toward what is to be expected this fall. She said that she was bringing a message from the governor, who was deeply concerned about the welfare of his people. She then told of the need for a central organization in each county, so that duplications would be eliminated and nobody missed who may need help this winter when distress is expected to be at its worst.

Mrs. Campbell then asked for a discussion from those present. Mrs. H. A. Cameron, of the welfare department of the Woman's Club, and prominent in local relief work, told of the work in Raeford and the county last year, especially at Christmas. She also told of the old clothes campaign put on recently, in which there was some disappointment in the amount of old clothes received. She pointed out that the people just did not have the clothes to give, and that heretofore they had been liberal.

Dr. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Raeford, pointed out the need for a local organization, and was followed by Chairman McPhaul, who made similar remarks. Mrs. I. H. Shankle asked that people be called upon to let people do work for them, paying them with food and clothing, instead of waiting to have needed work done until it could be paid for in cash. Mr. J. A. McGoogan mentioned the fact that if people would use wood cut in the county instead of coal it would turn loose additional money, and that wood could be used more economically than coal. Rev. J. R. Miller, of the Raeford Baptist Church, and Rev. G. W. Hanna, of the Antioch (Continued on back page)

HARRY (DOUG) MILLER HELD WITHOUT BOND FOR TRIAL NEXT WEEK—SECOND MURDER WITHIN THREE WEEKS

"Sing" Miller, colored, was killed by his brother, Doug Miller, Sunday morning, at the home of their father, John Miller, who lives on the Cameron farm about four miles north of Raeford.

It seems that Doug and "Sing," who had been working together all the week, had a quarrel late Saturday afternoon as they were coming to Raeford, and that Doug went back home and got his shotgun and stayed out all night, returning to the home next morning about seven o'clock, at which time he found the rest of the family, including "Sing," seated before the fire. Without hesitating, he shot "Sing" in the chest. The father, John Miller, sent Doug to the county officers by Dunk McNeill, and also sent for a doctor for the man who had been shot.

Dr. Matheson answered the call promptly, and found the family again seated before the fire, paying scant attention to "Sing," who, he was told, was on a bed in a back room, where he had been laid after having been picked up from the floor. One of the family told Dr. Matheson that "Sing" was probably dead as nothing had been heard from since he was placed on the bed. He was dead when the doctor got to him.

"Sing," whose real name was Nisbet, was only a short time ago released from the chain gang, where he had been doing time for shooting Alex McFarland. He was about 20 years old, and a good hand at almost anything he was put at. His brother, who did the killing, is younger. At Recorder's court Tuesday, he was bound over to Superior Court, without bond. His real name is Harry.

This is the second murder among negroes of the county in three weeks, and oddly enough, the last man killed was named Miller—John Miller, killed on October 23, by Bud Sinclair. Both cases will come up for trial at next week's term of Superior Court.

U. D. C. MEETS

The Raeford Chapter, U. D. C., met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Poole, with Mrs. W. F. Walters and Mrs. Tom Sinclair joint hostesses.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. H. S. McLean, the roll called and minutes read. Several matters of business were discussed and disposed of. The president urged all members to contribute canned fruits, vegetables, etc., to the shower to be given the Confederate Woman's Home in Fayetteville. The canned goods can be left with Mrs. H. S. McLean or Miss Lizzie Niven.

There was no program as the leader was called out of town. Hostesses for December, Mrs. Paul Dickson, Mrs. A. K. Stevens, Mrs. W. R. Barrington. The hostesses served sandwiches and coffee.

Thomas E. Walters Dies at His Home

Prominent Citizen and Successful Farmer of the County Died of Pneumonia, Sunday.

Thomas Eddie Walters, an esteemed citizen and highly successful farmer of the county, died at his home in the Blue Springs section, Sunday afternoon. He had been in ill health for some time, but death was caused by pneumonia.

Mr. Walters was born on May 30, 1869, and was 62 years old. He was the son of Thomas H. Walters, who was born in Scotland, and Ellen Throver Walters. He had lived in Blue Springs township for 33 years, and had much success in farming.

The funeral was conducted from the home Monday by Rev. W. F. Trawick, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, of which Mr. Walters had long been a member. Burial was made in the Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Walters is survived by his wife, five sons: Hinson, and John, of Chapel Hill, and Edgar, Malcolm and Roy, of the county, and three daughters: Mrs. William Tapp, of Timberland, and Misses Ethel and Irene, of the county. One son, William, died last December 24th. Two brothers also survive, W. F., and J. A. Walters, of Raeford, and four sisters: Mrs. Mary Hinson, of Sanford, Mrs. W. L. Akis, of Brevard, and Misses Ida and Martha Walters, of the county.

POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

Some imperishable phrases which the authors would like for the public to forget:

The Phrase	Referring to	The Author
"Just around the corner"	Prosperity	The Administration
"Abysmally ignorant"	The President	The Navy League
"Noble Experiment"	Prohibition	President Hoover
"Pseudo Republicans"	G. O. P. Insurgents	Senator Fess
"Playing politics with human misery"	Attempts to appropriate money for drought relief	Herbert Hoover
"Backward States"	Commonwealth of little income	Joseph Grundy
"Effective Poorhouse"	The Virgin Islands	The President
"So-Called Ethics of the So-Called Profession"	The Press	Senator David Reed
"Great Engineer"	Herbert Hoover	Republican Party

President Hoover is Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, while the Navy League purports to be a civilian organization interested in naval defense, but Mr. Hoover has assailed this militaristic group whose leader attacked him. At the same time, Secretary of the Navy Adams, whose sympathies are known to be with the Navy League, criticized a statement of a world peace organization. The situation, however, is significant chiefly because it reveals how public opinion is being passed for and against militarism. In these days of depression, the average American is more interested than formerly in the fact that our Army and Navy are spending about \$750,000,000 annually and that a small group of military dictators would increase this sum if possible.

Almost every daily paper caters to the stimulated public interest in international events and the disarmament problem by featuring these subjects in both its news and editorial columns. It is notable that the anti-militarists are expressing themselves more vigorously and in a manner that would have been impossible a decade or so ago. For example, we quote Mrs. Walter Ferguson, whose column, "One Woman's Opinion," is a daily feature of the Scripps-Howard newspapers:

"Our New York welcome to the French Premier, which was broadcast to thousands of listeners, was

very typical of the wide difference that separates our words from our beliefs.

"Monsieur Laval and Mayor Walker each declared his nation's desire for world peace. Then the music began and the audience sang lustily. First, all about our 'rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, and next the bloody French Marseillaise, 'To arms to arms, ye braves, The avenger's swords unsheath.' The words proclaimed peace, the songs declared war.

"Just how a child who might have been listening could have reconciled the proceedings in his own mind is beyond knowing. Perhaps he would just have to let them pass, because we grown-ups are always doing something that must puzzle children, who usually think straight until we teach them otherwise.

The national anthems of all countries are battlecries set to music. They were chosen long ago to still the fighting emotions. And they may have been useful when men believed that strife was good and honorable, but they are incongruous in a world that has just finished a war to end war.

"Yet in every land, where schools are conducted, we can visualize them, these rows of babes chanting together the words of bitterness and hatred, the hot words of battle, the pious word of God and Right. The thought should be a sad one for Christian hearts."