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PERSONALS

Misses Elaine and Allyne Smith of Raleigh spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. Lucy Smith.

Mrs. M. D. Gentry of Roxboro was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven. Miss Almeda Gentry arrived Sunday to spend several days this week here.

Anne Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ray of Lexington, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Ray.

Mrs. Rex Currie is ill at Highsmith hospital where she underwent an operation one day last week.

Mrs. Billie Parnell left Monday for a trip to Florida.

Misses Maude Poole, Peggy Bethune and Leonora Currie spent the week end at Wrightsville Beach.

Miss Anne Carter of Washington, D. C. spent the week end here with home folks.

Mrs. Charles Kaylor of Raleigh visited John McKay Blue this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bradshaw and little daughter, Martha, of Erwin, Tenn. visited Mr. and Mrs. Jason Barnes and family last week en route to their home after spending awhile at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bullard and family of Winston-Salem spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eubanks of Wingate were week guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hall.

Bob Sellers of Selma spent last week with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sellers. They took him home Saturday and spent the week end.

James C. Lentz spent Saturday in Salisbury.

A. J. and George Freeman are spending this week at Asheville and other points of interest in the Western part of the state.

Mrs. Arch Graham and family returned Friday after spending last week with relatives at Brevard.

Mrs. H. V. Stuart and family of Charlotte are spending this week in the home of Mrs. Stuart's father, W. A. McLean. Other guests in the McLean home over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow McLean of Clinton.

Mrs. Nelda Baucom left last week for a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor, in Charlotte. Dr. Taylor has been sick for the past several months and his condition is growing worse.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabbage Snow and children of Macon, Georgia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upchurch, over the week end.

Don Cameron, who was brought home from the hospital several weeks ago, was taken to Highsmith again Monday where he is a patient.

Rufus Brock is spending this week at Philadelphia, Pa. visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Betsy Anne Cole and Miss Phyl Baker will spend this week end at Wake Forest with Miss Faye Baker.

Anne and Bobby Leach left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Moncure.

Miss Gladys Wells of Sanford, Florida, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie.

Official Tests Of Cotton And Corn Varieties Is Made

N. C. CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BACKS TESTS IN HOKE

The farmers of Hoke County and nearby counties have within their easy reach one of the official variety tests of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association conducted for the testing of corn hybrids and cotton.

The official variety tests are conducted in different sections of the state, chosen to represent variations and climate, soils, and prevalence of insects.

The purpose of the test is to assemble information as to (1) which of the commercially available varieties or hybrids are most satisfactory for use in different sections of North Carolina, (2) which recent developments of agricultural experiment stations and commercial plant breeders may satisfactorily replace varieties or hybrids now in production, and (3) the large number of commercially available corn hybrids which are required by law to be tested the year preceding the time they are offered or exposed for sale within various sections of the state.

The tests in Hoke county are located on the farm of the T. B. Upchurch Company, Inc. Information as to how to locate the plots can be secured from the county agent's office for Hoke County in Raeford, North Carolina.

Visitors to the hybrid corn test that one replication of the test for corn hybrids and one replication of the test on cotton varieties has been labeled so that the varieties can be observed as they are growing in the field under growing conditions similar to those which the farmers of this section of the state will have on their own farm.

Visitors to the hybrid corn test plot will find 35 different hybrids on tests. These include not only the hybrids which the farmers are now growing, but also some of the newer hybrids which the Experiment Station is checking and which they have not released. Included are the commercial varieties which the farmers of the state are now growing which are entered by the plant breeders of the commercial concern.

There are 120 test plots of cotton varieties. These include the varieties which farmers are now growing generally over the state and the newer strains which the plant breeders have on tests to determine their adaptability to the growing in the south central part of the State.

In the management of the test fields, the cultural practices are similar to the practices normally used on the farm that furnished the cooperation for its program. Planting and harvesting is under the direct supervision of a representative of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Results of the official variety tests are published each year in the bulletin called **Measured Crop Performance**, copies of which can be secured from the office of F. H. Jeter, Agricultural Editor, State College Extension Service, Raleigh, North Carolina.

ANNOUNCES HOURS FOR DRIVING LICENSE TESTS

W. E. Yow, license examiner of the motor vehicle department, has announced the following schedule to be followed on Thursday and Fridays. He will be in the office at the courthouse on those days between nine and eleven in the mornings and between one and four in the afternoons. From eleven to twelve and from four to five he will be out of the office giving road tests to applicants.

UPPED Secretary of War and Mrs. Kenneth C. Royall are shown below soon after he was appointed the last Secretary of War to have Cabinet rank. A former Goldsboro attorney, he was a colonel and brigadier general with the Department before being appointed Under Secretary to Robert Patterson, whom he succeeded. In the armed forces merger he retains charge of the war department under James Forrestal, Secretary of National Defense.



Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Where farmers have soda they have good corn crops. Soda enables corn to withstand the damage of drought, supplying moisture.

Good water, pure air, somewhat regular seasons with a soil easily cultivated makes our section an ideal farming community.

To be a Communist one will want what he has not earned. To be an honest man one must be willing to earn all he needs for himself, and that he desires to donate to the needy and those not well supplied with a living.

I have decided the division of Christian people into denominations is a wise, beneficial and Divine arrangement. There are over 200 denominations.

Both Montgomery and Moore counties are part clay and part sandy lands. At Carthage and Troy there were 90 foot wells in the courthouse yards. And, no human ever found better water coming from this earth.

War is already started between several countries in Europe, and also in Palestine. Their conditions are desperate.

Undressed lumber, not the best grade of that building material either, is priced rough, 65 dollars a thousand, dressed \$75 per thousand.

World Labor leaders are for General McArthur. I hardly believe he will encourage strikes and picketing.

Henry Wallace will lead the Third Party. I hope he will lead it to Stalin. If Wallace is as good as his word, he would establish a second Russia here—Socialist set up.

This column has said before that Wallace is a Communist. Communism is good for the Big Boss and those he appoints. That's all.

People are not much for singing these times. There used to be a singing in every family, almost every night. Praise is needed as well as prayer.

A law was passed by Congress a few days ago making the "Speaker of the House President in case that office should become vacant". The Secretary of State, now General Marshall, would

have been the man to succeed Truman, but this new law changed the succession. I do not believe it was a wise law.

It takes more circulating medium called money to get along on, but no one is really better off by the high prices. Accumulations show gains if we are having prosperity.

Several men were hung for murder after I was a man. but I never saw or cared to see a man's neck broken.

The nearest lynching was in Rockingham, but if I had been living in that town I would not have participated in that lawlessness.

I believe Raeford has the best mannered dogs in the world. I never hear a dog bark once a month. They are all friendly when you meet them. I remember camping on the northern limits of the town of Rockingham and hundreds of dogs barked, fought and howled all night. That was in 1873 and there was only Greatfalls Cotton Mills in the town.

James L. Currie used to win money running races against horses. He could start quicker than a horse, and turn quicker, so he won. They ran fifty yards and back to the starting point.

John Bruce, of whom this column has often made mention, found a small apple tree in the woods he was clearing. He took care of the tree and I saw it a tree fifty feet high and full of apples. Bruce said he had made three barrels of cider from the crop apples on that tree.

POOLES HAVE BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Poole will celebrate their birthdays at a party with their children and grandchildren on Saturday night. Mrs. Poole will be 79 years of age on that day and Mr. Poole will be 89 on Sunday. Their 63rd wedding anniversary will be the 28th of next September.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

Hitherto unreported contributions to the Recreation project at the school this summer are \$10 by the A. & R. railroad and \$10 by the A. & P. Food stores.

Recorder Clears Docket Of 17 Cases Tuesday

SENTENCES WALTERS TO TOTAL OF TWO YEARS ON ROADS

In a full session of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday, 17 cases were tried or otherwise disposed of before Judge Henry McDiarmid.

Boyd J. Walters, white man who entered the home of E. E. Smith here July 10 and who got suspended sentences of six and 12 months for it, to be suspended during good behavior, was tried for indecently exposing himself in the Raeford theatre on July 23. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve six months on the roads, at the conclusion of which sentence those of July 15 to be effective.

Cliff Thomas, colored, pleaded guilty of having a quantity of non-tax-paid liquor for sale. Sentence was one year on the roads. Johnnie C. Pate, William H. Wright, Melton Wright, Johnnie R. Lane, Grover Cheek and James Long, all white, each pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid the costs.

Ed Purcell, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for violating the road laws.

Ed Purdie and John Ross, both colored, forfeited bonds for violating the prohibition laws. Hubert McIntyre, also colored, did the same for being drunk and disorderly.

Hub Thames, white, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly. In another case for non-support of his minor child he was sentenced to one year on the roads to be suspended for so long as he paid \$25 monthly toward the child's support.

William C. Powell, white man of Florida, paid \$10 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly and violating of the prohibition laws.

Horace Wilkerson, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for not having a driver's license and Maudie E. Yodonis, forfeited a \$25 bond for speeding.

George T. Ray, Cumberland county colored man, pleaded guilty of non-support of his children. Sentence was two years to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$10 a week toward their support. Bond for his appearance to make the payments was set at \$200. Being unable to raise the bond he is still in jail.

Say Tobacco Crop Has Improved In Last Three Weeks

Raleigh—Improvement in North Carolina's tobacco crop during the past three weeks was reported by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service in the State Department of Agriculture, which said all general crops are making good progress after receiving considerable rainfall recently.

The crop was described as "fair" to "good", with harvesting under way in the Border and Eastern belts. Some farmers have primed their tobacco two or three times in these belts, the report stated.

Crop-weather correspondents described the corn crop as "good" to "excellent", with an excellent color and unusually large growth. If present prospects continue throughout the season, all previous production records will be broken, the report said.

Cotton Also OK

Cotton was described as being "fair" to "good" in most sections, with mostly "fair" being reported in the southern Piedmont, which is the main cotton producing district. Heavy weevil infestation was reported from coastal (Continued on page 4)

CRAWFORD THOMAS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COMMERCE BODY

Women Selected As Jurors For August Court

JUDGE MORRIS HOLDS MIXED TERM ON AUGUST 18

As provided in a constitutional amendment passed by the people of North Carolina last year giving women equal rights and duties with men, they are beginning to get some of the duties. In the jury list of 40 drawn for the term of Superior court to convene here August 18 the names of 10 women of the county appear. They are Mrs. E. E. Smith, Mrs. J. N. Gullledge, Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan all of Raeford, Mrs. L. J. Tapp, Mrs. C. W. Covington and Mrs. Lena Womble of Quewhiffle; Mrs. Jesse Gibson of Stonewall, Mrs. Mary D. McBryde of Blue Springs and Mrs. Arch McEachern of Allendale.

The judge for the term will be the Honorable Chester Morris, of Currituck, who succeeded Judge C. Everitt Thompson who was shot to death at his home at Elizabeth City several months ago.

Other jurors drawn for the term are as follows by townships: Raeford, W. E. Holt, Truman Austin, O. W. Holtzclaw, J. A. McKeithan, W. C. Odom, Mack Lester, M. D. Blue, Clarence Rose, Alex Baker, Daniel W. Tyson, Ryan McBryde, Ebb Barrington, and John Dink McNeill; Stonewall, Everitt McBryde, M. L. Jones, John Leach, C. E. Jackson, H. A. McKenzie, Jr., H. J. Chason, Archie McGougan; Quewhiffle, Henry Gordon, A. A. Calhoun; McLauchlin, Clyde M. Pittman, F. A. Wright, J. A. Reynolds; Little River, T. S. Jennings; Blue Springs, W. A. Black, Antioch, Albert Currie, Allendale, Archie D. McGirt.

Hoke Farmers See Experiment Station

Twenty-five farmers visited the Oxford Tobacco Experiment Station on Monday. Mr. R. R. Bennett, Extension Tobacco Specialist, was in charge of the tour of the farm. Among the many things of interest were fertilization demonstrations where rates of 800, 1200, and 1600 pounds were used. The higher rates showed up best. In each case, 800 pounds were placed on each side of the ridge either before setting or at first cultivation. This practice is recommended by the station.

The group saw new varieties and strains that were resistant to the most common diseases. Several of these varieties show definite promise, but are not ready yet for release. Extensive research is being made at the Station of a number of different tobacco curers. They are studying economy of fuel, insulation of barns, draft, amount of time required to cure and the money value of the tobacco. Among the several curers was a stoker installed inside a barn without flues or furnace. This stoker burned anthracite coal which does not smoke. Another type was a wood furnace that fed wood automatically. This is the only one of its kind and according to the operator kept the heat constant and turned out a good cure.

Rev. A. D. Carswell, formerly pastor of several Presbyterian churches in this county and now of Lee County, may be heard over station WWGP, Sanford, each morning next week from Monday through Friday at 8:30 o'clock.

DIRECTORS MEETING AT JOHNSON COMPANY LAST THURSDAY

The 12 persons elected at the meeting July 11 to be directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce held a meeting in the offices of The Johnson company here last Thursday night for the purpose of disposing of matters incidental to the incorporation of the group.

The application for the charter of incorporation for the concern was signed by those present, preparatory to sending it to the Secretary of State in Raleigh. Harry Greene was chosen to deliver the instrument to Raleigh.

The group decided to proceed with the election of officers to be effective upon incorporation, such officers to serve informally until that time. Crawford Thomas was elected president, M. D. Yates, vice-president, and M. C. Dew, treasurer.

After considerable discussion the group decided to postpone the selection of a secretary until the next meeting, during which time careful consideration was to be given to the qualifications of those possibly available for the job, considered one of the most important to the success and effectiveness of the organization.

It was also decided to postpone the making of plans for accepting members into the organization until it is actually a corporation. The next meeting of the board of directors will be at the call of the president and after receipt of the charter from Raleigh.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Tobacco prices opened good in Georgia. There was a noticeable decline in prices of nondescript grades. This should be warning to local tobacco farmers to harvest tobacco only when ripe and avoid bruises. Good cigarette type tobacco should sell for a good price, but low grade tobacco is likely to sell extremely low.

Tobacco farmers will have a definite break this year when selling tobacco as they are guaranteed 90% of parity for the various grades. Farmers will have available a schedule of loan prices based on Government grade. Any tobacco selling below these loan prices can be placed in loan through the Flue Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation. Those farmers that joined this organization last year will not have to rejoin. Membership can be obtained at all warehouses. It will be to the advantage of growers to be on hand at sale time to check prices to see that the high dollar is paid for the weed.

According to reports made by J. T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist, Hoke County Cotton crops are becoming heavier infested with weevil. The infestation jumped from 37 percent a week earlier to 56 percent for the week ending July 26. The second generation migration is definitely on in some fields. A check on a number of farms during the past few days indicated infestation ranging from no weevil to 90 percent. Cotton farmers should check for infestation every 3 to 4 days. As soon as the percentage reaches 15 to 20 percent control methods should be started. Benzene Hexachloride is giving excellent results and is available for those wanting to use it.

Permanent pastures should be clipped with mowing machines to control weeds and keep grass tender for grazing.