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## N. C. Expects Smallest Cotton Crop Since 1878

Crop of 230,000 Bales For 1950 Compared With 466,000 in 1949

A cotton crop of 230,000 bales, the smallest since 1878, was forecast for North Carolina yesterday by the Crop Reporting Service of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.

This estimate, based on August 1, conditions, compares with a harvest of 466,000 bales last year and a production average for the years 1939 through 1948 of 578,000 bales.

Production prospects for the country as a whole also are down sharply. The United States Department of Agriculture released an estimate placing the nation's cotton crop at 10,308,000 bales as compared with 16,128,000 bales last year and a 10-year average of 11,599,000 bales. Line yields, it was stated, are expected to average 264.9 pounds an acre.

Decline of cotton production in North Carolina to the level of the reconstruction period was blamed on heavy reduction in acreage and prospects of the smallest yields of lint cotton since 1901. The average yield, it was stated, is expected to be 196 pounds of lint an acre, which is 63 pounds below last year's average and 177 pounds under the 10-year average.

This year's acreage for harvest was estimated at 364,000, which compares with 600,000 acres last year. It is the state's smallest cotton acreage since 1872.

"This year's cotton crop," said the Crop Reporting Service, "has been subjected to unusual weather conditions as well as unprecedented attacks of boll weevils. During July frequent rains, cloudy and humid weather favored boll weevil activity and made it difficult for growers properly to dust and spray the crop. Where control measures have been applied effectively, fairly good yields are in prospect. Stands are about normal. The crop is a little later than for the past two seasons, but about average. Cotton is fruiting rapidly and good sets of bolls are noticeable in treated fields."

## Mrs. Lottie Ray Dies in Fayetteville

Fayetteville.—Mrs. Lottie Guiton Ray, 75, wife of the late Duncan Ray, of Fayetteville, Route 3, died Sunday at 1 p. m. at her home, after an illness of the past three years. She had been seriously ill for the past two months. Surviving are one son, Thomas A. Ray, Cumberland County; four daughters, Mary Elizabeth Ray of the home, Mrs. C. F. Bohan, Mrs. Flora Jennie Webster, both of Cumberland County, and Mrs. B. P. Walters of Fayetteville; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, D. F. Guiton of Cumberland County and J. W. Guiton of Charlotte. Mrs. Ray was born August 20, 1875, in Cumberland County daughter of the late T. W. Guiton. She has been a resident of Cumberland County all her life. She was a member of the Galatia Presbyterian Church. The body remained at the Jernigan Funeral Home until one hour before the services, which were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Galatia Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. B. O. Shannon, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were K. P. Ritter, Fairley Bohan, Walter Edwards, Milton Capps, Oscar Townsend and John Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford White and three children of Kingsport, Tenn., were guests in the home of Mr. White's aunt, Mrs. David Smith, Tuesday afternoon.

## Recorder Hears 15 Cases Tuesday

Fifteen cases were disposed of in Hoke county recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid Tuesday morning.

Martin Luther Wood, Jr., white of Cumberland County was charged with speeding. He pled guilty and paid \$10 and the costs.

William Lawrence Adamatis, white soldier of Ft. Bragg, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and not having an operator's license, was fined \$125.00 and the costs.

Robert C. Thomas, colored of McCain, charged with careless and reckless driving, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs and damage to the other car involved in an accident.

Mary D. McNair, colored, was fined \$25 and the costs for driving without an operator's license.

William A. Kent, white soldier of Ft. Bragg, paid \$100.00 and the costs for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Walter Ellis Marley, Jr., white of Carey, who was charged with driving drunk, was found not guilty.

Bobby Nichols, white soldier of Ft. Bragg, paid the costs for drunk and disorderly conduct.

Henry Mack Church, Jr., white soldier of Ft. Bragg, was charged with speeding and was fined \$10 and the costs.

Mildred Tiges, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for drunk and disorderly conduct.

Lizzie Lee Sanders, colored, charged with driving without an operator's license, was fined \$25 and the costs.

Rudolfo Velverde, white soldier of Ft. Bragg, pled guilty to speeding in excess of 70 miles per hour. He was fined \$25 and the costs.

Green Locklear, Indian, charged with giving a worthless check was found not guilty.

Hubert Dowdy, colored, got 30 days on the roads suspended on payment of the costs for taking some timber belonging to Dan McRae. He paid Dan McRae \$35 for the timber.

Stanley Adcox, white pled guilty to a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct and was fined \$10 and the costs.

George Washington Cunningham, colored, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was given three months on the roads, suspended on payment of a \$50 fine and the costs.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Annual Report Hoke County Public Library for year ending June 30, 1950.

Total circulation for year 15,747. (An increase over previous year of 2,205).

Total receipts \$4226.19.

Total balance and receipts \$5685.06.

Total expenditures for year \$4463.71.

Balance end of year \$1221.35.

Total expenditures and balance \$5685.06.

Plans are being made for a bookmobile to serve Hoke County. It is hoped that the bookmobile will be ready to serve the county by September 1. Mrs. Kate Blue Covington will be librarian on the bookmobile.

Miss Evelyn Mullen, Supervisor of Rural Libraries, from the North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh, was in Raeford for two days last week, at the Hoke County Library, helping with plans for the bookmobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitley and daughter of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived Monday to spend this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley.

Sgt. and Mrs. Martin Webb and son of Augusta, Georgia, left Monday after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven.

## Social Security Is Life Insurance For Everybody

Is your employment covered by the federal old-age and survivors insurance program? If so, you probably have more life insurance than you think.

Many people look upon their "social security" as something to help them in their old age but forget that it also offers protection to their families in case of untimely death. If you have young children, it may be exceptionally valuable according to Vernon D. Herbert, of the Fayetteville office.

Each child may be entitled to monthly benefits until such child reaches the age of 18. The amount that would be payable upon the average monthly wage of the insured worker. True, these monthly benefit checks may be small, but even the minimum payment of \$10 per month amounts to \$1,200 over a period of 10 years.

Besides the amount that may be payable to your children, your widow may also be entitled to receive monthly checks as long as she has such children in her care. If you have no children under 18, your widow will be entitled to monthly benefits if she is 65 years old or when she becomes 65. In some cases, payments may be made to dependent parents of the deceased worker. If no monthly benefits are payable a lump-sum payment may be made.

Mr. Herbert states that he would like to stress the fact that no payments of any kind can be made until a claim is filed by the proper person. It is therefore important that someone, preferably the nearest relative, contact the Social Security Office when a worker dies. Failure to do this within three months after death may result in a loss of benefits.

Your Social Security office is located at Fayetteville in the Huske building and is responsible for serving the people of Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson and Sampson counties.

## LOSES TOBACCO BARN

A tobacco barn on the farm of Miss Mayme McKeithan, located about four miles South of Raeford, burned early Monday morning. The cause of the fire, which was discovered at nine o'clock, is unknown as there had been no coals in the furnace since about five o'clock that morning when the curing process was completed.

## Community Wishes Israel Mann Well On His Store's Silver Anniversary

Readers of The News-Journal this week will notice that Israel Mann is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his store in Raeford. As it was in July, 1925, that he and his brother, J. S. Mann, came here and bought the business formerly known as Townsend and Gore and opened it under the name of "Mann Brothers." The store was run under this trade name until 1928 when Isreal bought his brother out and began operating as "Isreal Mann."

Since that time Isreal Mann has participated in the whole life of the community, both as a business and personally, and he certainly has the congratulations and best wishes of the whole community and trading area on the occasion of his Silver Anniversary.

Isreal Mann was born in Kretzinga, Lithuania, on December 18, 1900, one of seven children of a grain and fur merchant and buyer in that town of about 4000. He served in the Lithuanian army on the Russian front in World War I, and when that was over he made his way to the home of his brother in Burgaw for a while, and then

## POLIO CASE

A 22 year old white man was diagnosed last week as having had polio about one month ago. The diagnosis was made by Dr. J. E. Jacobs, Orthopedist of Charlotte, at the Orthopedic Clinic in Lumberton, Friday, August 4, 1950, after weakness had developed in one arm and one leg several days prior to being seen in the clinic. Polio is contagious only for a period of about two weeks after onset. No quarantine is indicated in this case.

## Many Jobs Open For Civilians At Fort Bragg

A large number of openings for civilian personnel at Fort Bragg have been announced by the Employment Security Commission.

There are openings for stenographers, telephone operators, clerks, typists, a medical librarian, bar tender, a stock clerk, and a stock records clerk. Salaries and experience requirements vary with each job.

Also wanted are two bakery superintendents, five auto body repairmen, one auto radiator repairman, two auto upholsters, six auto spray painters, ten ward attendants, one steamfitter, three plumbers, one welder, eight carpenters, one brickmason, one telephone operator, 17 nurses, two hospital attendants, four cryptographer clerks, two addressing machine operators, four typewriter repairmen, laboratory and medical technicians, one construction engineer, and one historian.

Full details may be obtained from the Fort Bragg branch of the local employment office, which is supervised by Miss Elsie Monroe.

## MRS. JANIE FULLER BURIED IN BENNETTSVILLE

Mrs. Janie Robeson Fuller, widow of the late Henry B. Fuller, died in Clio, S. C., Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted at Whitner Funeral Chapel and burial was in McCall cemetery, Bennettsville, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Fuller's husband was a brother of the late A. J. Fuller of Raeford.

Attending the funeral from Raeford were Mrs. A. J. Fuller and Mrs. Dwight Brown. Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fuller of Hickory and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fuller of Mt. Holly also attended the funeral.

## Weed Prices Continue High On Border Belt

Reach Seasons Highest Average at \$57.31; \$1.31 Above Opening Day

Some tobacco prices climber Tuesday on the Carolina flue-cured belt as demand continued strong.

The Federal-State Departments of Agriculture reported average prices for lugs, primings, and nondescript were steady to higher. Cutters and leaf grades remained firm.

Bulk of offerings consisted of fair to fine lugs, low and fair primings, and fair cutters. Volume continued light.

The markets on the belt sold 3,564,579 pounds Tuesday averaging \$57.31 per hundred pounds. This average \$1.74 above last Friday's average and was the highest of the season.

The previous high was \$56 set on opening day when 6,989,914 pounds were sold.

South Carolina's markets sold 1,873,079 pounds Monday averaging \$57.66. North Carolina's markets sold 1,691,500 pounds averaging \$56.91.

Auction bid averages per hundred pounds on a limited number of representative grades:

Leaf: Good lemon, \$66; fair lemon, \$62.

Cutters: Good lemon, \$69; fair orange, \$68; low lemon, \$66.

Lugs: Choice lemon, \$69; good lemon, \$66; good orange, \$64; fair lemon, \$61; fair orange, \$56; low orange, \$46.

Primings: Good lemon, \$63; fair orange, \$45; low orange, \$33. Nondescript: Best thin, \$20.50. Poorest thin, \$12.25.

**Fairmont.** Pounds sold at Fairmont Tuesday, 347,272. Monday paid out, \$199,709.27. Average \$57.67. Best sale of 1950 season.

**Clarkton.** Total of 132,920 pounds sold for average of \$58.17. Sales were light. Prices seemed a bit stronger. Many gathering and curing operations slated to be finished this week.

**Fair Bluff.** Sales were light on Fair Bluff Tobacco Market Tuesday but prices were strong on all grades. The market sold 72,242 pounds. Paid out \$41,934.60. Averaged \$58.06 per hundred.

**Lumberton.** As a result of a combination of late crop and cool weather making handling difficult, sales continued very light and ending early each day. A total of 306,860 pounds sold Tuesday for \$182-165.84. Average \$59.36.

**Whiteville.** Average of \$57.58 Tuesday for 411,114 pounds. Tobacco is still not tops but getting better. No block sales expected in next week.

**Fayetteville.** Fayetteville market Tuesday sold 191,720 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$58.93.

## School Conference At Mars Hill

The annual summer conference of school superintendents led by Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be held this year at Mars Hill College August 15th through 18th. K. A. MacDonald and Miss Miriam Watson, guidance counselor for Hoke County High School, will attend. Miss Watson will be one of the speakers at the conference. She will discuss the importance of guidance in the high school program.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Baxley and family spent the past week-end in Norfolk, Va., visiting in the home of Mr. Baxley's sister, Mrs. D. L. Davenport and family. Jean Baxley remained for a longer visit.

## Four Wrecks Occur During Week-End

An out-of-state tractor trailer going north on highway 15A about midnight Saturday killed a mule belonging to Martin McKeithan. There was little damage to the truck.

Later Saturday night Johnnie's taxi was hit by a car, driven by Robert D. Thomas, colored of McCain on the Aberdeen Highway just beyond the Lentz home. Thomas attempted to pass the taxi after it had signaled a left turn at the turnpike intersection.

Mrs. Dorothy Jordan Gouger of Southern Pines, who was going West on Highway 211, early Sunday, ran off the road to the left and demolished a packing shed at the Warren Phillips orchard. Mrs. Gouger, who was unhurt, said she was blinded by the lights of an oncoming truck.

At 1:20 Sunday afternoon a 1950 Ford driven by Clyde Upchurch, Jr., was in collision with a 1941 Plymouth driven by Lonnie Bulluck, colored, of Rocky Mount. The accident occurred West of the Bernice Williamson house on the Aberdeen road. Upchurch was proceeding West when he met Bullock coming East on the wrong side of the highway and swung his car to the left to avoid hitting the Plymouth. At the same time Bullock saw Upchurch and turned back to the right side and the two cars collided. There were no serious injuries although the Plymouth was considerably damaged and the new Ford was practically demolished. No charges were preferred.

## Draft Act of 1950 Aid To Veterans

Present or future members of the Armed Forces will receive the same protection of their civil rights during the current emergency that World War II military personnel enjoyed under the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940.

Certain sections of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act expired July 25, 1947; however, they were reinstated by the Draft Act of 1950. The Act now applies to such civil liabilities as rent, installment contracts, mortgages (including GI loans), insurance, taxes and public lands.

The Veterans Administration administers only the insurance section, although certain legal questions arising under the loan guaranty program will come up for VA consideration.

Generally speaking, the provisions of the Act respecting foreclosure of mortgages, payment of taxes, etc., apply to GI loans exactly as though these loans were not guaranteed or insured by the government. The VA regulations permit lenders and debtors to agree, with VA approval, to reduce the amount of monthly payments and extend the maturity of the debt, but neither the VA regulations nor the Act provide for suspension of monthly payments.

As for the Act's insurance section, servicemen and women may apply to the VA for the protection, through guarantee of premiums, of their commercial life insurance policies while they are in service. The VA can approve each application in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 of the face value of the policy or policies of each individual. Any premiums and policy loan interest that the VA pay for the insured under this Act will remain as an indebtedness against the individual until repaid.

## MRS. LEE BETHUNE CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. Lee Bethune, who was taken to Highsmith's hospital last week, is critically ill. She had a stroke Tuesday night and relatives were called to her bedside. There has been no change in her condition.

## Local Guardsmen Firing In Ga.; Will Return 20th

Raeford Battery Largest Of 5 Units In AA Battalion From This Section

Battery A, 130th Antiaircraft Battalion, North Carolina National Guard, under the command of Lt. Edwin D. Newton, left Raeford Saturday morning by truck with its weapons for annual summer field training at Camp Stewart, Georgia. The local unit with four officers and 86 enlisted men went from here to a rendezvous point South of Laurinburg where they met other units of the 130th battalion from Southern Pines, Red Springs, St. Pauls and Sanford.

There one convoy for the whole battalion was formed and proceeded to Camp Stewart under the command of Major Paul Dickson. The men had their lunch in Sumter, South Carolina, their supper in Walterboro and spent the night at Green Pond, a low swampy area about 12 miles from Walterboro. (The lovely park mentioned in last week's paper was a disappointment.) There they got to do some real soldiering right to start with as they got to the bivouac area in the rain. They are well equipped however, and under the supervision of officers and non-commissioned officers, a fairly comfortable night was spent, considering the place and weather, and none of them were any the worse for it. They ate again in Walterboro the next morning and got to Camp Stewart at 11:00 o'clock, where they found a good meal ready for them in their own mess halls. The remainder of Sunday was spent in fixing up the camp area, arranging cots, mattresses, mosquito bars, etc., in their 12 man tents.

On Monday the 40 millimeter guns and 50 caliber machine guns were prepared for firing and the battery drew four new half tracks with multiple machine guns for use at Camp Stewart. Monday afternoon they went to the range with their weapons and prepared their firing positions.

On Tuesday morning antiaircraft firing began at towed aerial targets, and on Wednesday they fired at radio controlled target airplanes which fly fast and maneuver similar to an enemy plane. The firing of the local unit and the whole battalion was considered excellent on both days by regular army observers present. The unit fires again today at aerial targets and tomorrow will go to another range where they will fire at moving targets.

On Tuesday the battalion will go out on the Camp Stewart reservation, about 40 per cent larger than Fort Bragg, for a field problem in antiaircraft defense.

The men will be paid on Friday and on Saturday of next week they will leave for home, arriving sometime Sunday.

The general opinion among the men is that the food is excellent and other facilities are just as good, swimming pool, theatre, post exchange, etc. This post is to be reactivated on Monday, August 21, and Georgia National Guard troops which have been called to active duty will be the first to occupy it.

The commanding officer of 130th Battalion is Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr.

The members of the Philippi Home Demonstration club and friends of the club met at Aberdeen Pond Friday evening. Swimming and other entertainment was enjoyed by all. Everyone carried a basket filled with delicious foods and a picnic was spread at supper time.