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Farm Crops Good Despite Dry Weather--Corn Suffers Most

Rain Within Four Or Five Days Will Prevent Serious Situation, Says County Agent. Leaf Hopper May Disappear

According to a statement made to The Star Thursday by Alvin Hardin, county agricultural agent, the crops of the county are in good condition despite the dry weather, with the possible exception of corn.

Discussing the subject of the drought Mr. Hardin said: "Corn is the only crop that seems to be set back and the condition of the crop is by no means serious if we are fortunate enough to have rain within the next four or five days.

"Cotton is not suffering—is in fact doing very well indeed. That is with the exception of the work of the Leaf Hopper. The hopper is getting in its work all over the county, in fact all over the state. Its operation is widespread, and it is doing a great deal of damage. That is to say, apparently it is.

"But it may be that the damage is actually more apparent than real. I mean this, that every year there is a certain normal droppage of cotton. Such loss is looked for. If the hopper does no more than cause such droppage, the damage will be negligible. But if the usual droppage occurs, plus an amount knocked off by the hopper, the resulting loss will be considerable."

Mr. Hardin said it seems to be the prevailing opinion of experts that the dry weather has caused the hopper to attack cotton, and he said he believes with normal weather the threat will disappear.

"It seems," said he, "that the dry weather has for some reason caused the hopper to attack plants other than it formerly fed upon. It has appeared in considerable numbers this year on the potato, and on the peanut. It has done great damage to the peanut crop. And it is appearing more and more on the cotton plant.

"I believe it is changing its food habits due to the dry weather, and it seems reasonable to believe that with normal rainfall the pest will resume its former habits."

With Mr. Hardin was H. C. Bates, agent of the Southern railroad, in Cleveland county in the interest of securing for this section a better grade of cattle. The Southern railroad, Mr. Bates explained, is interested in the better cattle movement for the reason that such create a greater market for products shipped over his line.

He explained his point of view thus: Taking his information from Mr. Hardin that there are at least twenty scrub bulls in this county, he said if this number were replaced by pure bred bulls, the increase in milk consumption would be startling.

"Statistics prove this," said the Southern agent, "that if a bull of good stock is bred to a dam, the offspring from the union would give milk valued at twenty dollars a month more than the dam gives.

"On the other hand, if a scrub bull were bred to such a dam, the milk supply of the offspring would decrease in equal proportion. That is the reason why it is so vitally necessary to stock a county with the best breeds.

"You can see from a little simple arithmetic that a good bull bred to a dam would increase the income from the offspring a hundred - and sixty dollars a year. Whether or not such added income is worth while is a question that literally answers itself."

Good Record Made By Lattimore Girl

Miss Lilla Crawley Makes 505 Points In Examination, School Opens August 9th

(Special to The Star)
Lattimore, July 22.—Notwithstanding the fact that a high school teacher's certificate, Class C, is based on two years in college, Miss Lilla Crawley, who graduated at the Lattimore high school this spring, took the state examination and made 505 points when only 450 points were necessary. This is a great credit not only to Miss Crawley, but also to her school, the record being attained only once before in Cleveland county.

The boys Bible class of Lattimore high school has received their beautiful banner which they won this year in the Y. M. C. A. Bible study contest among the schools of Western North Carolina.

Lattimore boys won a silver loving cup last year, but only won the banner this year.

School opens at Lattimore this year August the 9th.

Besides the regular course of study we will have domestic science, art, agriculture, music including public school music.

We are better equipped with teachers and prospects look best ever for a good school at Lattimore.

Half Holiday Quiet In Business Shelby

Shelby's second half holiday Thursday afternoon was even quieter than the one of last week. With the thermometer showing 102 and the business houses closed there was little activity on the streets, and business folk vacationing for the afternoon participated little in strenuous sports owing to the heat.

For the most part the afternoon was spent seeking shade ice water and fan breezes. With the half day business layoff and slightly cooler early morning business Friday was very active, there being numerous shoppers in the local stores.

Shelby's Sage Has Birthday

Town's Outstanding Character Says If He Had Been a Well Man He Would Have Been Dead

"If I had come to Shelby a well man I probably would be dead; but I came as a sick man, and I am still living." Such is the philosophy of Mr. T. W. Ebeltoft, who celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday Thursday.

Which means in effect that he has had to take care of himself, and he has done it so well that today he is as vigorous intellectually as the average man twenty to twenty-five years his junior.

He gives credit for his vigor and intellectual integrity to the simple life. Charles Wagner the Frenchman who wrote "The Simple Life," and came over here and visited the White House during the Roosevelt regime, had nothing on Mr. Ebeltoft. This Shelby scholar never goes to the movies, never gets in an automobile, refuses the innovation of the electric light (reading by oil lamps exclusively) and for years has not been beyond the boundaries of the town.

Of the movies he says: "I have never learned to look at them, hence I don't like them. Besides I have some visualizing power, and so I get the same pleasure from reading a good book."

Of the automobile he says: "A trip in an automobile leaves with me an unpleasant reaction."

Of worry he says: "I learned long ago that it is folly to worry, and I never indulge in it. I try to fulfill the Biblical injunction—take no anxious thought for the morrow. When I close my doors the day's business is as dead for me as Hector."

Of diet he says: "I attribute much of my good health to correct eating. I eat very simply. Today for example I have not been hungry and I have eaten virtually nothing. I have learned to control my appetite."

He is a Sam Johnson, landed here in Shelby, and his book store might be a coffee house of old, where those interested in the intellectual life foregather. You can get a discussion, and a learned one, on most any subject at most any time in the Ebeltoft shop.

Of the bookseller people say: Will Roberts—"This is the only place I come into an insulted yet come again."

Carl Webb: "This is a literary cafeteria; I select my mental food, put it on a tray, and pay at the desk." Dr. Mitchell: "There is only one Ebeltoft; let us give thanks." Dr. Royster: "I come in here and get in an argument; I am going to stay away."

The Star hopes Mr. Ebeltoft's life will be enriched by many more birthdays.

—McGill Here—O. Forrest McGill, formerly cotton coop representative here and now in the realty business in Florida, spent Thursday and Friday in Shelby with friends. Mr. McGill, who is a member of an enterprising Orlando firm, says that Shelby has progressed considerably since he left the town. After a trip to the western part of the state McGill will return Sunday by automobile to Orlando.

—At New Bethel—Rev. J. W. Suttle will begin meetings at the New Bethel Baptist church Sunday to extend through next week. The Sunday service will be held at eleven a. m. The hours for the weekly services are, 10:30 in the morning and 8 in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carpenter and daughter, Miss Mary Frances, are visiting relatives in Aiken, S. C.

CONSTRUCTION WORK CAUSES SHORT WATER

Citizens Of Shelby Asked To Be As Sparing As Possible In Use Of Water For Awhile

With two construction jobs going on, the building of the large reservoir and pump station near the river and the laying of cement base for streets in South Shelby, the supply of water gets at a low ebb most every day. In addition to the construction work the citizens are using more than is normally used in sprinkling lawns, the moisture being necessary to preserve the life of the grass because the lack of rainfall. Mayor Weathers asked the citizens to be as sparing as possible with the use of water until the new water station is placed in operation. He hopes that it will not be necessary to issue an order forbidding the use of water on lawns. The old water station is being pushed to its capacity to avoid such a contingency. There is plenty of raw water in the river but the capacity of the plant is simply not large enough to meet the requirements.

Mayor Weathers and Water Supt. Toms carefully watch the tank every day to keep a sufficient supply on hand for use in case of fire. The water situation is worse this year than last when the drought was very severe, but the shortage is due to the increased consumption. While there has been an unusual increase in the number of water patrons, the shortage is due more to the construction work. The twelve inch water main from the new water station to Shelby has been put down and through these pipes which will carry water to Shelby when the new station is completed, there is now flowing water from Shelby to the site of the reservoir and pump station.

Connections were made this week on N. Morgan and N. LaFayette streets when the water mains were tied up with the large twelve inch main to the new station.

Superior Court To Open Here Monday; Expect Short Term

Criminal Docket May Be Completed In Two or Three Days Judge Webb to Preside

The July term of Superior court will convene here Monday morning with Judge James L. Webb presiding, and Solicitor R. L. Huffman will likely be the prosecutor.

Indications now are that the criminal docket may be completed in two or three days, unless more jury cases are developed than are now planned.

There are few cases on the criminal docket of general interest. The Bumgardner shooting at Kings Mountain, causing the death of Mrs. Bumgardner, and the Jessie May Frances cases will likely attract major interest. However, nothing sensational is expected in the Bumgardner hearing. The husband, who claimed that the gun was fired accidentally, faces the major charge, but this is said to be only a formality.

The civil docket, members of the local bar say, will likely take up more time. There are numerous cases that will require slow procedure, including two will cases. One is that of the will of C. K. McCraw, of the Boiling Springs section, and the other is that of the will of Fannie Poston, who lived in the Elizabeth section. Otherwise the civil docket is made up of the routine minor suits.

The bulk of the cases entered on the criminal calendar are in connection with liquor violations and appeals coming up from recorder's court.

Accident Patients Return To Homes

Charles Eskridge Recovering Nicely Following Fall From Car. Others Improve

The three patients, who were admitted to the Shelby hospital some time back with fractured skulls, have all returned to their homes and are recovering nicely, according to reports from the hospital.

Charles Eskridge, jr., State college student, who fell from a "skeeter" car and fractured his skull on the rear side of the head, was removed to his home Thursday morning and according to information the fracture is mending in fine fashion.

Master Glenn Short returned to his home in South Shelby last week and is doing well. The youngster received a fractured skull several weeks back when he fell from a high porch, Palmer Paxton, whose skull was fractured when he was struck over the head with a shovel in the hands of a fellow worker, left the hospital for his home Monday.

Hospital officials announced Thursday that so far no patients suffering from heat prostration had been brought in.

Can You Tell Them Apart?



This life-like bust of Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the House, is being made by Washington's well-known sculptor, Moses Dykari (right).

Traffic On State Highways Increasing At Rapid Rate

RAZOR GIRL FREED OF KILLING MATE

Nellie Freeman, Who Cut Husband's Throat, Goes Scot Free. Bible Quotation Helped

Charlotte, July 31.—Mrs. Nellie Freeman, razor slayer, tonight was free of the charge that she caused her husband's death by slashing his throat.

After deliberating for 41 hours, the jury this morning found her not guilty of a murder charge.

Before taking the final ballot the jury prayed over the matter, it was revealed after the woman was freed. Before leaving a local hotel for the courthouse to report to Judge Michael Schenck, the 12 members of the jury were led in prayer by Andrew W. Smith, the foreman, who is a steward in Tryon Street Methodist church.

Mr. Smith said that the arraignment came when one of the jurors arose during the morning and quoted: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The three jurors who had held out for manslaughter then gave in, Mr. Smith said.

Thirty minutes after she had been freed, the 20-year-old admitted razor husband-slayer was in her mother's embrace.

"I am through with men forever," she said. Talking to reporters, she added she had no plans for the future, but that she would "care for mother" as long as she lives.

Mrs. Freeman, who admitted that she killed her husband on the night of May 22, maintained that her action came when he threatened to deny a formality.

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CABANISS LEAVES COUNTY HOME JOB

Present Superintendent To Resign At End Of Term. Made Success. Borders In

R. Lee Weathers, clerk to the county commissioners, has announced that L. A. Cabaniss will retire at the end of his present term of service as superintendent of the county home and John P. Borders has been selected by the commissioners to take his place.

Mr. Cabaniss, Mr. Weathers said, will continue his managership of the Home through the fall season, but told the commissioners he did not desire to be reappointed when his present term expires.

He has been in charge of the Home three years. Mr. Borders, who succeeds to the office of the Home for a period of five years or more. He made such a competent officer that the commissioners turned at once to him when it was learned there would be a vacancy in the administration of the property.

It is said Mr. Borders was so well loved by the inmates of the Home during his term of office, that one of them actually followed him from the place when he left, and has been living with him ever since.

Mr. Cabaniss, it is said, made a most excellent superintendent, giving satisfaction in every particular. It is understood he could have held the post as long as he desired it.

Ice Trucked Into Shelby To Supply Hot Weather Demand

SOUTHERN STATES STRUCK BY HEAT

New Heat Records Established. Three Deaths From Heat Reported On Wednesday In South

Shelby, sweltering through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, merely formed a portion struck by a record-breaking heat wave according to press dispatches.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights were almost unbearable and swimming pools and electric fans were worked overtime. Thermometers inside business houses registered as high as 94 for three consecutive afternoons with out door thermometers conservatively recording a temperature of 102.

Raleigh Man Dies
Numerous prostrations and three deaths from the heat wave were reported Wednesday together with new heat records in this State, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

Two deaths occurred in Danville, Va. Grover Thurman, father of nine children, collapsed at the Dan river mills and died instantly. George Walker, negro, died Tuesday night. Five negroes were overcome by heat while working on a coffer dam near Danville.

Thomas B. Yates, 60, of Raleigh, a retired business man, was the third victim of the heat in the south.

While the central and upper south sweltered, Florida and points along the Gulf of Mexico were reveling in balmy breezes and comfortable low temperatures.

The July sun, aided by clear skies and scant breezes, established at least five new heat records.

Charlottesville, Va., though three degrees cooler than the hottest place in the south Wednesday smashed the heat record for all time with 105 degrees. The same temperature at Harrisonburg, Va., established a new fifty-year mark.

The local heat record for forty years was broken at Charlotte, where the mercury climbed to 102. Lynchburg, Va., with a reading of 103 degrees experienced the warmest weather in eight years. The 100 degree mark at Chattanooga was the sea-

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Shelby Has Changed Much In 38 Years, Declares Visitor

T. A. Price Back In Home County After Long Absence Is Astonished At Progress

"Well, it just doesn't look like it could be the same place, yet every change is for the better," remarked T. A. Price, of Philadelphia, Miss., talking of Shelby, his home town, which he saw recently for the first time in 38 years.

The Shelby Mr. Price knew on his last visit, some time in the '80's, would make an interesting picture for some of the younger inhabitants. Though he has lived most of his life in another state the visitor says that without doubt Cleveland county is the best place in the world to live.

"Although I'm happy and getting along fine," he added with a hint of regret in his eyes. "I believe I made a mistake in seeking greener fields elsewhere. Nowhere in the world have I seen such progress as that made hereabouts."

Asked as to what change in the 38 years he noticed most, the Mississippi man replied briefly: "Cotton mills."

When he last left Shelby, as he remembers, there was only one cotton mill in operation near Shelby. It was the present Double Shoals plant, then operated by 'Lias Morgan, father of Fred Morgan, Shelby textile official. Nowadays Cleveland county ranks third in North Carolina in number of textile plants.

Mr. Price, who is 65 years of age, left Cleveland county in 1878 and since for the major portion of the time, has made his home in Mississippi.

He came back to the county in June and has been visiting his son, C. G. Price and the family of his brother-in-law, John W. Ellis. Mr. Ellis, it will be remembered, died only recently.

Among other things Mr. Price spent much of his time while here talking with old friends, boy pals back in the '70s. Preparing to leave for his home Monday, Mr. Price says that the visit concludes the happiest period in his life.

Plants Unable To Supply Demand of Heat Wave—Several Suffer Here Three Deaths In State

Shelby sweltered again Thursday under the rays of a sun that brought record-breaking temperature, and tried to keep cool by using up the entire output of the local ice plants together with hurried truck shipments from nearby towns.

No fatalities from the heat wave of the past three days has been reported in the county although several workers were temporarily knocked out by the oppressive heat. A colored man, working on the construction job at the new city pump station, keeled over under Wednesday's sun, but recovered in a short time. A carpenter, whose name could not be learned, had to have medical treatment during the same day, but suffered no serious consequences. Numerous others were about ready to drop Thursday when the scattered showers brought relief from the scorching atmosphere. Following the showers Thursday afternoon Shelby and county folks enjoyed their first cool night of the week.

Ice From Cherryville
Shelby's demand for ice this summer has been the greatest ever and the peak was reached this week. Through the long hot nights trucks from the local plants have rumbled through the baked streets bringing loads of ice from Cherryville and Lawdale, where the Schenk plant is now making ice for outside consumption. The Shelby ice plant, running night and day, and making about 37 tons daily had to secure outside ice a week or more ago to supply all their customers and the same experience happened at the Ideal plant, where 25 or more tons of ice are turned out daily. However, the major part of the outside ice was brought in during the three unusually hot days of this week.

Both plants report a record demand for ice coming from all quarters of the city and ice products, such as ice cream, and salads have been enjoying record sales this week.

Heat Broken
While this section was refreshed here and there by showers Thursday afternoon other sections of the state continued to bake and three deaths in North Carolina were reported Thursday. However, the mercury here Friday morning began to rise with indications giving some hope of more rain. The court square fountain, oasis of the thirsty city folks, had its deep well supply practically exhausted on three consecutive days as scores lined up there for water. The peak reached Thursday was conservatively estimated at slightly over 102, with a temperature of 96 degrees and more on the interior.

Over the State
Weather bureaus the state over Thursday night reported temperatures of from 91 in Wilmington to 104 in Winston-Salem. Heat records of from one day's standing to 30 and 40 years were shattered.

The three victims of the heat, all negroes, were working at the time they were overcome. Two of them in Charlotte, a laborer and a laundress, died immediately. The man was at work on a construction job when overcome, while the woman died at work. The third victim, a 65 year old Elizabeth City negro, was working in the fields on the outskirts of the city when the heat attacked him.

In Charlotte at 2:30 Thursday the mercury was one degree higher than Wednesday's record breaking mark there, touching 103, and no indications of rain.

Even in mountainous sections the temperature soared to record-breaking figures. For the second time in 48 hours a record of 92 years was broken with a reading of 96.2, in Asheville. Wilmington, with a maximum temperature of only 91 by reports enjoyed the least heat of any city in the state.

The greatest temperature of the day in Durham, with no rain anticipated was 102, while Greensboro fell one short of that with 101 at 1 o'clock.

Honeycutt New Head State Press Group

Hickory, July 22.—A. C. Honeycutt, of Albemarle, editor of The Stanley News Herald, was elected president of the North Carolina Press association at its convention here today.

A. L. Stockton, managing editor of The Greensboro News, was elected vice president; Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary and treasurer; B. A. Lowrance, of Charlotte, historian.

W. C. Dowd, Jr., Lee Weathers, J. W. Atkins, J. W. Noell and Fred May were elected members of the executive committee.
Mr. Honeycutt succeeds J. W. Atkins, of The Gastonia Gazette, as president.