

Rains Damage Lint Crop

Rain damage to North Carolina's cotton crop has been heavy as a result of recent wet weather, according to P. H. Kime, agronomist at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Beating down on the fluffy, white cotton hanging in open bolls, the rains washed out the bright, lustrous color and left much of the lint dull and gray that is lower in quality and grade. Rain drops also splashed considerable dirt on low-hanging bolls.

The seed has been damaged, too,

Kime pointed out, and many of the immature bolls have cracked open and the cotton is rotting. Even further damage is to be expected. If growers gin the cotton before it has had a chance to dry out thoroughly.

Cotton should not be picked while damp from rain or dew, he said, but if damp cotton is harvested, it should be spread out to dry. Many growers spread it out on large burlap cloths to sun in the field. It is also a good idea to spread it out in the cotton storage house, and stir it with a pitchfork every day.

Cotton that has been rained on should not be taken to the gin for at least 10 days or two weeks. The gin saws cut and tear damp cotton to such an extent that its value is greatly lowered.

NEWS AROUND NORTH PIEDMONT AVENUE

Lois Beattie

Miss Mary Sue McGinnis of Charlotte spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McGinnis.

Mrs. Drucilla Wilson is spending this week with relatives in Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Eridges, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bridges and children, Mary Alice and Richard, and Mrs. B. R. Tate and children, Oliver and Fred spent Sunday with relatives in Lando, S. C.

Mrs. J. J. Patterson and children Gladys and James, spent Sunday with relatives in Earl, N. C.

Mr. Leo Beattie spent Monday in Charlotte.

Mrs. Lela Huffstetter had as her guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Durham Hord of Charlotte, and Mr. J. O.

at her home on Walker street.

Mrs. George Sellers and Mrs. Hunter Jackson spent Saturday in Gastonia. Miss Mildred Irvin had as her guests for the week-end Miss Beatrice Stewart and Miss Louise Goan of Woodruff, S. C.

Miss Mary Miller had as her guest Saturday night Miss Ethel Mae Gordon.

Mr. Hunter Jackson and son, Earl spent Saturday in Charlotte.

Miss Margie Gladden returned home after spending the past several weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Walker of Burlington, N. C.

Miss Madge Mitchem is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lynn of the Margraces.

Mrs. George Moore and daughter, Ruth, spent Tuesday afternoon in Gastonia.

Mrs. John Mitchem and daughter, Madge, spent Tuesday afternoon in Charlotte.

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Miss Margaret Huffstetter had as her guest Saturday night Miss Irene Gladden of Piedmont Avenue.

Miss Elva Caldwell had as her guest for the past week-end Miss Faye Huffstetter of Penley's Chapel.

Mrs. W. H. Dettmar spent the past week with Mrs. Ola Davis of Charlotte.

Mr. J. J. Patterson spent Saturday in Rutherfordton.

Miss Irene Gladden spent Sunday with Miss Elva Caldwell.

Friends of Master Jimmie Gladden are happy to know that he is improving nicely at his home after being in the hospital for two weeks.

Mr. Buck Huffstetter spent the past week-end with his aunt, Mrs. Annie Howell of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Huffstetter had as their guests Sunday Messrs. Wale Ertry and Bill Ertry of Lowell.

Miss Ruth Moss spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Prue Hudson of Charlotte.

Miss Lillian Moss spent Saturday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. White had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Costner and children of Lawn Dale. Mr. Costner is the Association S. S. Superintendent of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Campbell had as their guests Sunday the latter's brother, Mr. W. S. Riddick and wife of Danville, Va., and Mr. Arthur Riddick uncle of Mrs. H. C. Campbell from Thomasville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hullender and daughter, and Mrs. C. W. Hullender spent Sunday with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Odell Long of Charlotte.

Mrs. R. H. Hord spent Wednesday and Thursday with her sister-in-law Mrs. J. B. Blalock who is seriously ill at her home in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Richard Hord of this city has recently left for New Orleans, La., to take a course in Bible school for nine months.

Mr. R. H. Hord of this city started working in Concord March 1st, but is back home now working at the Margraces.

Mrs. W. M. Gantt and daughter, Nana Jean, spent the past week-end with the former's mother, Mrs. Dennis and family in Asheville.

Mr. Charles Alexander has as his guest this week his cousin, Mr. Adrian Alexander of Lander's Chapel, N. C.

Mr. J. J. Patterson spent Sunday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Richardson had as their guests Sunday Mrs. J. J. Stewart and daughter and her daughter's girl friend of Woodruff, S. C.

Friends of Mrs. T. J. Peterson wish for her a speedy recovery after illness of a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kelley had as their guests for the past week-end the latter's brother, Mr. Ezell Kirby and wife of Gaffney, S. C.

Mrs. M. A. Moss remains very ill tonia.

Improved agricultural methods have done much toward increasing yields per acre of crops in North Carolina, reports Chief Statistician W. H. Rhodes, of the State Department of Agriculture. For example, the average yield of corn from 1870-1879 was 13 bushels per acre, compared with 18 bushels per acre from 1927-1936.

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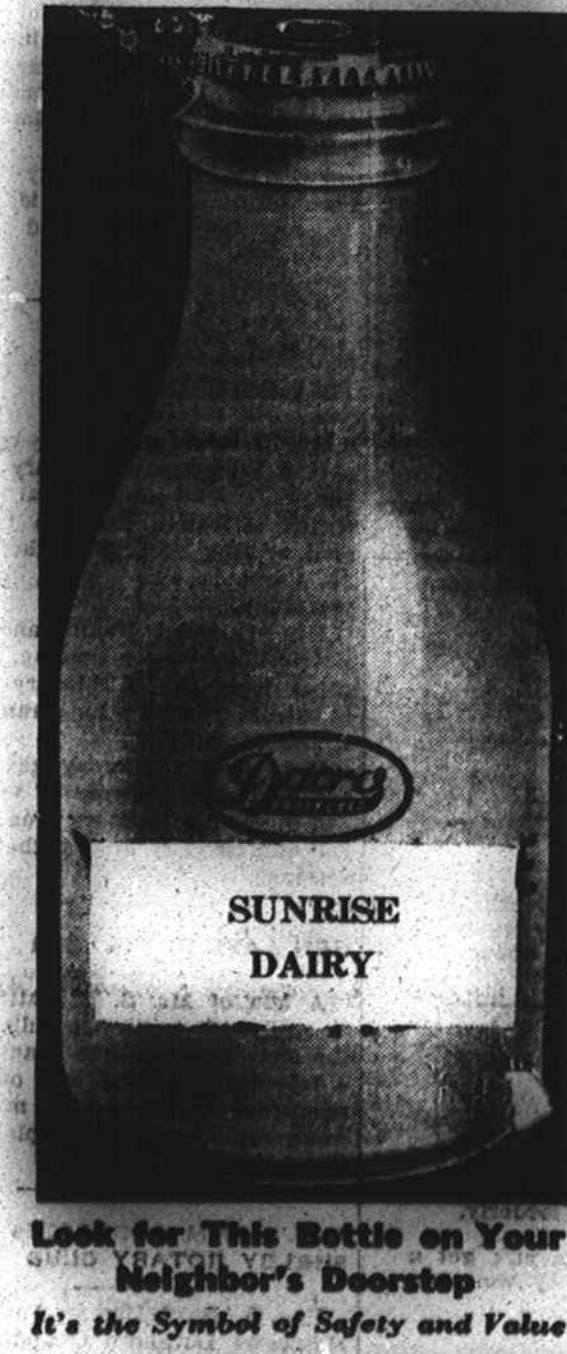
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