

GEORGIA FARMERS

STILL GROPING

Have Not Yet Solved The Boll Weevil Problem.

REPORT OF MR. C. R. SPROTT

Farmers Still Desire to Raise Cotton Hoping That Some Means Will Be Devised to Control Boll Weevil.

Manning, S. C., Sept. 19, 1921. Mr. C. S. Fishburne, President, S. C. Crushers' Association, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:— In accordance with your request, I went to Cordele, Ga., last week and spent three days investigating the peanut industry in Crisp, Tift and, to a very limited extent, in Brooks counties. Of course, in the short time I was there, it was not possible to make a thorough investigation, but I talked to farmers, oil mill managers and superintendents, bankers and other business men, traveling salesmen, county demonstration agents and experiment station workers; and I think I got a pretty fair idea of the situation in that territory.

Crisp county is a typical cotton county. It is only a little more than one-third the size of Clarendon and has made in one year more than 28,000 bales of cotton. Last year they ginned 8,800 bales and will make about 6,000 bales this year. The average amount of cotton planted per acre before the boll weevil came was about twenty-two acres and even now, I was told, the average farmer plants twelve to fifteen acres of cotton per acre and about five acres of peanuts.

Until I made this trip, I was under the impression that the farmers and business men in that section of Georgia had solved the problems brought about by the boll weevil and had decided on a definite farming program which they were putting through. This is not the case. The farmers in that section are just about as unsettled in regard to their future farming operations as the farmers in Eastern South Carolina. They are planting about five acres of peanuts to each plow, but they are doing this because the weevil has forced them to cut down their cotton acreage and the peanut is the best paying crop they have found to take its place. What they are hoping for is that some method will be devised by which they can control the weevil and continue to plant cotton as they did before the weevil came. When I was in Cordele, peanuts were selling for \$65.00 a ton. Even at this price they make more on peanuts than on 20 cents cotton with the present yields, but a large farmer, who plants about 400 acres of cotton and 150 acres of peanuts, told me that he preferred cotton, as it was so much less trouble. He said, "when I tell one of my hands to put on a 16-inch scrape and plow a certain field two furrows to the row, he knows exactly what I mean for him to do, but I have to go in the field and show him how to cultivate my peanuts and when gathering time comes, I have to stay in the field all the time to get the work done properly."

Peanuts in that section are planted without any lime or fertilizer whatever and the yields are low. In Crisp county the average is about a ton to three acres and in Tift and Brooks county about a ton to two acres. Tift county has probably a better soil than Crisp, and Brooks county farmers plant largely the runners, which produce a good deal more than the Spanish I was told of individual farmers who made eighty bushels of Spanish peanuts per acre and a field near Cordele which made three-fourths of a bale of cotton per acre in 1919, made 5-6 five bushels, or practically a ton of peanuts per acre in 1920, without any fertilizer of any kind. If the farmers in that section had fully made up their minds that in the future peanuts would continue to be one of their chief money crops, and give crop more attention, I am satisfied that they could easily double present yields. The impression I got is that the main effort of the large majority of farmers is directed towards raising cotton and they are still hoping, and, to some extent expecting, that some means will be devised by which they can continue to raise cotton as they did in former years. The bankers and other business men hold an entirely different view. They believe that cotton raising in that section is doomed and that the peanut will eventually prove to be the salvation of the country. They have tried, to some extent, tobacco, sugar cane and possibly other crops without success and notwithstanding the fact that peanuts dropped from \$200.00 a ton in 1920 to \$40.00 a ton in the spring of 1921, the acreage this year was not reduced more than ten to fifteen per cent.

I tried to find out something in regard to the cost of raising a crop of peanuts as compared with cotton, but I was unable to get any very reliable information on this point. One man told me that he considered cotton at 20c a pound and peanuts at \$80.00 a ton about on a par as to profit. Another large farmer told me that he would a little rather raise cotton under present conditions at 20c a pound than peanuts at \$100.00 a ton. This man, however, planted 150 acres of peanuts last spring when cotton was around 15c a pound and peanuts were \$40.00 a ton. The agronomist at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Tifton told me that he had made a rough estimate of the relative cost of

CAPTURES ESCAPED NEAR GABLES SUNDAY

Wm. DuRant, colored, who wrecked a Sea Board train near Florence some time ago, and was tried, convicted and sentenced to serve 5 years on the Florence chain gang, served 3 days and escaped. He was captured Sunday night by Sheriff Gamble and Rural Policeman Peavy and returned to Florence county chain gang Monday by Sheriff Birch.

PLANT WHEAT

In the last issue of the Manning Times we estimated the cotton crop of Clarendon county at 10,000 bales under boll weevil conditions, but we believe now the estimate is too high and in our opinion the actual yield will be less than 8,000 bales. This small yield of cotton makes the fact plainer than ever that the food we consume will have to be raised at home or some other money source will have to be found besides cotton. We again advise the planting of wheat and other winter grain.

Mr. F. P. Ervin will take your order and will be able to deliver your seed in a short time. First National Bank, Bank of Manning, Home Bank and Trust Co.

BRIDGE CLUB

On last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. J. A. Cole entertained the Bridge Club at her home on South Church Street. Bridge was played at three tables after which a delicious salad course with Russian tea was served. Those playing were: Mesdames F. C. Thomas, T. M. Mouzon, C. B. Geiger, J. H. Orvin, E. S. Ervin, H. M. Thomas, W. S. Harvin, Sr., R. E. Broadway, J. A. Cole, Misses Irma Weinberg, Isabella Thomas and Rose Ervin.

ROOK PARTY

On last Friday afternoon, Mrs. S. O. O'Bryan entertained the neighborhood rook club. Rook was played at three tables after which a salad course with iced tea was served her guests. Those present were: Mesdames G. L. Dickson, Warren Dickson, James Dickson, F. C. Thomas, E. L. Wilkins, Shelby Davis, W. E. Jenkinson, J. B. Cantey, J. C. Bradham, W. M. Brockinton, R. E. Broadway and the hostess, Mrs. S. O. O'Bryan.

W. C. T. U. TO BE WITH US NEXT WEEK

The Thirty-eighth Annual meeting of the South Carolina Woman's Christian Temperance will convene in the Baptist church Friday morning, Oct. 14th at 10 o'clock, and will close Sunday night, the 16th. Friday morning and afternoon, and Saturday morning and afternoon will be devoted to the regular routine business of the Convention. Friday night there will be a short welcome service, and an address by Mrs. Fred Munsell of Columbia. Saturday night two classes of local Young People, will compete in two silver medal contests, one for oratory and one for singing. Sunday morning at 11:30, Mrs. Maud B. Perkins of New York, National W. C. T. U. Secretary of the Young Peoples Branch, will speak. Mrs. Perkins will speak again, especially to Young People, Sunday afternoon. Sunday night we will have a Good Citizens Mass Meeting, when Law Observance and Law Enforcement will be discussed. Mr. George C. Bowen, Federal Prohibition Commissioner for South Carolina has promised to be present and speak at this meeting. The public are cordially invited to attend all of these meetings. A complete program will be published in next week's Times.

Mrs. Joseph Sprott, President.

Next Sunday is Rally Day in the Presbyterian Sunday School.

raising cotton and peanuts and, in his opinion, the cost of raising cotton was fully double that of raising peanuts. The county agent of Brooks county is of the opinion that \$50.00 a ton will cover the cost of raising peanuts in his county. He includes land rent in his estimate. The value of the hay crop, which will average 1000 pounds per acre, is seldom taken into account as this is usually fed on the farm. Those farmers who have made a surplus, have always been able to sell it, but there is no regular established market for it.

From what I have seen and heard, I am satisfied that the peanut is a crop that does not hold out much promise for large profits, but it is a safe crop and a cheap crop. Under present boll weevil conditions it is a much more profitable crop than cotton and it would prove still more profitable if properly fertilized and more care and attention given to its cultivation. Shellers and oil mill managers with whom I talked believe that peanuts will sell at a considerably higher price before the season is over and they think the prospect is good for satisfactory prices in the next few years.

I might add here that the recently established experiment station at Tifton, Ga., is running some experiments this year to determine the value of fertilizer for peanuts and they are also developing an improved White Spanish which has all of the good qualities of the original and it has in addition a much larger pod and three instead of two peas to each pod. This is the only effort I know of that is being made to increase the size and productivity of the White Spanish peanut.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

October 9th, 1901.

Mrs. S. L. Mims of Douglass township, is considered dangerously ill.

Married last Sunday night at Harvin's mill by Judge J. M. Windham, Mr. S. M. Myers and Miss Lula Kennedy.

Rev. B. A. Elzas of Charleston, is in Manning on a visit to the family of Mr. A. Loryen.

At the opening of Wofford College this session, Rev. S. A. Nettles gave a decided inspection to the Young Men's Christian Association at its meeting last Thursday, by making a generous gift, which will be expended in fixing up a new hall for the association. The young men appreciate Mr. Nettles' gift, and they are going to work to make the association worthy of his generosity.

Last Saturday O'Donnell & Co., was the victim of an unknown negro's slick game. The trick was worked by the fellow having sold one bale of cotton and weighed by the public he added to the ticket No. 26, 561 pounds, of course he received pay for two bales and the forgery and fraud was not discovered until O'Donnell & Co., went to check up. So far the fellow has succeeded in making good his escape.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW NOW IN EFFECT

The last Legislature made some very important changes in the Compulsory Attendance Law, especially in the way it is to be enforced. The present law abolishes the general attendance officer, and places the duties upon the school authorities of the several counties.

At the trustees' meeting held here in July, it was unanimously agreed that Clarendon county would have no attendance officer and that the trustees, together with the county superintendent and teachers would assume the duties heretofore devolving on the attendance officer.

The law requires eighty (80) consecutive days of school attendance from all pupils between the ages of eight and fourteen years old, and the trustees of the several school districts are directed to post three notices in their respective districts thirty days in advance giving due notice as to when their compulsory period shall begin.

Every school warrant, issued to any teacher hereafter must have attached the teachers' report of all absences in the compulsory age (8 to 14), and whether said absences have been excused or unexcused. The trustees shall then pass upon the reports so attached and act in accordance with the provisions in Section 7 of the law.

The county superintendent is debarred from paying any claim not having attached thereto such report, and it is my purpose to make every effort to carry out the provisions of the section referred to.

Very few of the colored schools run longer than four months with public funds, hence the entire term of the average colored school will necessarily be compulsory.

I hereby ask each and every Board of district trustees in the county to act on the question at once, decide just when your compulsory period shall begin, and notify the county superintendent.

The teachers' registers all contain the compulsory attendance law, and they are asked to inform themselves and to co-operate with the other school officials in the enforcement of the law.

Trustees are also requested to post themselves on the law and also to co-operate. I feel sure that we can get gratifying results if we will all work together in the proper spirit.

All patrons throughout the county are asked to lend a helping hand by sending every day possible, and promptly giving your teacher a plausible excuse for each absence.

Respectfully,
E. J. Browne,
County Supt. Education.

RIGBY'S SALE HAS TREMENDOUS OPENING

Sharply at 9 o'clock this morning J. H. Rigby threw open his store doors to large crowds who thronged the store up till our press hour. They were offering the many bargains that he was offering at this sale, and they were gobbled up like "hot cakes." Mr. Sundry, who is in charge of the sale has worked night and day to make this the greatest sales event ever pulled off in Manning, and if they get as large crowds every day as they did today, in our mind it will be the largest in the State. This event will last for several days, and if our people want to save money it will pay them to attend this big sale.

COURT NEWS

Willie Johnson vs. Frank Muller—auto accident, verdict plaintiff, \$25.

F. R. Dingle vs. Clarendon County—auto accident, verdict defendant.

C. W. Hicks vs. Binney Murray Parsons—sue note, verdict for the plaintiff, \$243.22.

While Mr. Paul Floyd was away from his home one day recently, a negro entered his warehouse and stole six bales of cotton. So far no trace has been found of the guilty party.

HEALTH NURSE MOORE'S SEPTEMBER REPORT

Let me but do my work from day to day
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In the roaring market place or tranquil room
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
This is my work, my blessing not my doom
Of all who live I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way.
—Henry Van Dyke.

As we all very well know, the month of September has been the hottest—the very hottest of the whole summer, and yet the Red Cross Nurse has been busier, if such a thing were possible, than any other month during the year. It is true she has not been inspecting the school children to learn of any defects, but she has been busy every day trying to locate families where there was Tuberculosis, visiting and instructing them in the care and prevention of this dread disease. There were 38 such calls made in the homes. In addition to the instruction given in the home she has given 4 talks in public with an attendance of over 400. 150 pieces of literature on this subject were distributed. The conditions found in most of the homes were far worse than we would be willing to believe existed in our own fair county. In many of the homes nursing care was given. This care consists in giving baths, combing hair, changing beds, disinfecting bed linen, disinfecting rooms, or carrying out any other instructions of the attending physician. This work is done by a member of the family, neighbor or attendant watching, in order that the work can be done in the nurse's absence. These calls require from forty-five minutes to an hour and a half. There were 42 such visits made on Tubercular and other patients.

There were three prenatal visits made and instruction given; 30 visits to little babies under two years of age, 159 visits to physicians, nursing committees and others at which time the work and plans were discussed. In all amounting to 259 visits. 911 miles were covered by the nurse and her faithful friend "Henry" in discharging these duties.

One day was spent taking a little boy to the hospital in Sumter. He had fallen and hit his head and was unconscious. It was very much feared that he might not live, but after taking X-Ray pictures, the surgeon decided that it would not be necessary to operate and we are glad to report that the little fellow is home, is conscious and is doing nicely.

We are still having some typhoid which means that in some way people who are responsible for the care of these patients have neglected all the details which are necessary in order that no one else might become infected—killing flies, properly disinfecting hands, dishes, bed linen and the proper disposal of excreta.

Beginning this week the inspection of schools will begin. Look out, children, the nurse may be coming.

WILSON-HUMBERT

A lovely home wedding was that of Miss Beulah Wilson to Mr. Kingsley E. Humbert of Brooklyn, N. Y., on last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, only the family and intimate friends being present. The rooms were beautifully decorated in fall flowers, ferns and palms; the flowers and ferns carried out a lovely color scheme of gold, purple and green, for the gold, immense bunches of golden rod were combined with purple asters with a back ground of green. In the room where the ceremony was performed an altar was made of the golden rod, asters and ferns and just over the altar an immense wedding bell was suspended.

Just before the ceremony Miss Mary Fishburne sang "Naught will Content Me But Love," and Miss Pauline Wilson sang "Believe Me of All Thy Endearing Young Charms." As the bridal party entered the Miss Mary Fishburne played the wedding march from Lohengrin. The matrons of honor Mesdames A. H. Lachicotte and Fred Williams entered first and were followed up by the maid of honor, Miss Lucy Wilson; the ring bearer little Alice Belsler, niece of the bride, brought the ring in the heart of a rose. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Judge John S. Wilson and the groom with his best man, Mr. Sam Barron. They were met at the altar by Rev. McCord, pastor of the bride, who performed the ceremony. The bride was very beautiful in a lovely gown of flesh colored crepe de chine and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses.

Miss Lucy Wilson, maid of honor, Mesdames Lachicotte and Williams wore gowns of white taffeta with arm bouquets of golden rod and asters tied with gold and lavender ribbon. Little Alice Belsler, ring bearer looked very sweet in a dress of white taffeta.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held when Mrs. Charlie Harvin served punch and an ice course was served by a trio of young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Humbert left on the evening train for Charleston, where they caught the boat for New York City, their future home. This is the happy culmination of a war time romance. The bridegroom, an officer at Camp Jackson, met Miss Wilson on week-end visits to Sumter, where she has taught in the public schools.

HOG SHOW TO BE HELD OCTOBER 14th

The plans for the Clarendon County Hog Show seem to be progressing nicely. There is great interest being shown by the farmers, and it is confidently expected that we will have a great show.

I wish to urge every farmer who possibly can to show some hogs. The premiums are good, and the advertising will be worth still more. I hope that those intending to show will, if possible, drop me a line in advance stating what they will show. Be sure to have your hogs at the place on time.

Mr. S. D. Sims, Clemson College Livestock Specialist has been secured to do the judging. We may therefore rest assured that this important feature will be well taken care of.

Everybody is invited to attend the show at Harris' Warehouse, Friday, October 14th. Come out and let's have a big day.

W. R. Gray, County Agent.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Thames of Florence, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Thames in Manning.

Mrs. R. F. Zeigler and children, who have been visiting Mrs. T. E. Plowden have returned to their home in Florence.

Died on the 23rd, of last month, Francis Elizabeth, the one-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hicks. Francis was an unusually bright baby and had a smile for everybody.

Mr. R. D. Cothran, who is auctioneering tobacco at Tarboro, N. C., spent Sunday with his family here. Mr. Cothran reports tobacco prices as extraordinary high in North Carolina.

Mr. Robert DuRant who graduated with the high school class last summer has taken a position with the Manning Curing House and will have charge of the curing and storing this year.

The first High School football game will be played at the Manning ball park Friday afternoon, October 7th, at 4 o'clock, between Manning and Summerton. Both have good teams and if you are interested in athletics come out Friday and root for the boys. Admission 15c and 25c.

Beginning October 10th The Pastime Theatre will be open only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights with a matinee on Saturday. There will be one show only on these evenings—at 8:15, with the exception of Wednesday when there will be two shows at 8:15 and 9:30.

Dickson's Drug Store has arranged to receive by telegraph the scores of the games of the world series. They have painted on their window a score box and as fast as the results come in they will be marked up. This will gratifying news to the many fans of this section.

Lieuts. Rumsin and Turner who had been giving some flying exhibitions here, wrecking their plane several days ago, returned Saturday with a new machine. After giving several exhibitions on Sunday and Monday they left Monday evening for Columbia, where they will be stationed for some time.

Messrs. F. C. Thomas and J. M. Windham of this place, have been named to represent Clarendon county at a meeting of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association. This meeting will be held in Birmingham, Ala., October 26 th, to 29th.

We call the attention of our readers to the many advertisements that we are carrying this week. The merchants of Clarendon county are offering to the public bargains that are really money-savers. Read these advs. closely, we believe that you will save money by taking advantage of the many offerings.

Miss Essye McArthur will leave this evening for her home in Meridian, Miss., where she will visit her parents for two weeks; she will be accompanied by Miss Aline DuBose. If those having local news to be published would send it in for the next two weeks we will be very glad to publish it.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the Methodist church, Monday afternoon, October 10th at 4 o'clock.

Hymn 634.
Business.
Mission Study Presented.
Bible Lesson—"Christianity, a Revolutionary Force in Human Society," Acts XVII, 1-9; Matt. X 34.) Mrs. T. M. Mouzon.
Prayer.

Topic—The Lambreth Memorial Bible Woman's Training School, Koba, Japan, 1921, Mrs. J. A. Cole. Messages from the Bible Women, Miss Sue Sprott.
Prayer.

Osaka as our Future Crater of Work—Mrs. H. L. Crouch.
Quartet.
Prayer.
Collection of dues.

CLARENDON GIRL KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Gunshot Wounds Claim Life of Minnie Tobias—Brother Held Gun—Only Eyewitness Says Andrew Tobias Accidentally Killed Sister.

Andrew Tobias, employee of the Olympia mill, shot and instantly killed his sister, Miss Minnie Tobias, yesterday afternoon at his home, 1315 Berkeley avenue. Tobias said the gun was accidentally discharged and Clyde White, the only eyewitness to the killing, corroborated Tobias. The tragedy attracted a large crowd to the scene and much sympathy was expressed for the brother. Sheriff Heise, Chief Dunnaway and L. C. Knox, special officer, took Tobias into custody. Coroner Scott will conduct an inquest this evening at this court house.

Andrew Tobias went hunting yesterday afternoon with Clyde White and Graham White and he returned home about 5:30 o'clock. Clyde White went into the front room, where he saw Miss Minnie Tobias sitting on the floor. White, who is nine years old, said Andrew Tobias walked into the room with the gun in his hand. He said the sister asked her brother if the gun was loaded. White said Tobias started to unbrace the double barreled shotgun and it fired. The load tore off a large section of the woman's head, killing her instantly. The tragedy occurred in the front room on the first floor of the Tobias home.

Witnesses said Tobias was grief stricken over the untimely death of his sister and that he rushed from the house yelling frantically. It was necessary to call a physician to render medical assistance.

Andrew Tobias is 37 years old, married and the father of two children. Miss Minnie Tobias had been at the home for one month, assisting in the household duties. Mrs. Tobias gave birth to a son a short time ago and Miss Minnie Tobias came from her home near Manning to be with the family. She is 23 years old and is survived by her father, J. E. Tobias; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Mitchell and Miss Beulah Tobias, and two brothers, Andrew Tobias and J. P. Tobias. The Tobias home is about ten miles from Manning.

Sheriff Heise, Chief Dunnaway, Magistrate Griffith, L. C. Knox, special officer, and Coroner Scott were on the scene a short time after the tragedy occurred. They made an investigation and the county officers are holding Andrew Tobias pending the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Andrew Tobias is highly esteemed in his community. He is employed at the Olympia mill in the "tinging" department and is regarded as a skilled operative.—The State.

Coroner Scott and jury of six investigated Sunday night the death of Miss Minnie Tobias, 22 years old, and returned a verdict declaring that the dead woman was accidentally shot and killed by her brother, Andrew Tobias.

Clyde White, nine years old, who with his brother accompanied Tobias on the hunting expedition, testified he was in a room at 1315 Berkeley avenue, Olympia, with Tobias and Miss Tobias, when the accident occurred. The gun fired as Tobias was unbracing it.

Following an inquiry from Miss Tobias who asked if the gun were loaded.

Dr. W. E. Fulmer testified to examining the body. He described the course of the shot and the fatal wound.

L. C. Knox said he and other officers had conducted an investigation of the shooting and their verdict was that the tragedy was due to the accidental discharge of the gun. W. M. Clark said neighbors were agreed from reports and circumstances that the death of the girl was accidental.

The coroner's jury was composed of J. B. Eberhardt, E. D. Cooper, O. M. Eargle, R. E. Mancke, J. W. Leaphart and J. H. McEldeen.

Miss Tobias' funeral is being held at her home at Manning. The funeral party leaving Columbia at 7:45 Monday morning. Miss Tobias came to Columbia four weeks ago for a visit to her brother.—Columbia Record.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Williams-Burgess Post No. 68 met Thursday afternoon, September 29th at the home of Mrs. C. B. Geiger. The meeting was called to order by the president and reports were heard from the chairmen of the membership and entertainment committees. The treasurer reported \$109.01 collected through membership enrollment fees, picture show and candy sold at same parties and donations. Of this amount \$19.50 was sent on for State and National dues. It was voted to use the money now on hand to help furnish the American Legion Club Rooms. Mrs. H. C. Curtis, our delegate to the State Convention, also our State treasurer, gave an interesting account of the meeting held in Newberry. Miss Irma Weinberg read a timely article on the value of advertising the Legion, thereby increasing the membership. Plans for entertaining the ex-service men on Armistice Day were discussed, and committees appointed. Miss Sue Sprott, Secretary.