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## S. C. Cotton Crop Smallest in Years

The South Carolina cotton crop is estimated at 695,000 bales of 50 pounds gross weight by the United States Department of Agriculture in the final report of the season. This is the second smallest crop since 1883 the next smallest being that of 1922 when only 492,000 standard bales were made. The largest crop of the past twelve years was the 1,008,000 bales of 1926, although production in both 1930 and 1931 was practically the same, being 1,001,000 and 1,005,000 bales, respectively. The State record crop of 1,649,000 bales was made in 1911, although the crops 1920, 1918 and 1914 were almost a large.

The area in cultivation on July 1 is now estimated at 1,861,000 acres, and that picked at 1,842,000 acres, the abandonment amounting to 1.0 per cent. Last year's picked acreage was 1,967,000.

Based on the above acreage the yield of lint per acre is 180 pounds, which compares with 245 pounds last year and the average of 165 pounds for the years 1921-30.

The Census report shows 665,000 running bales ginned in South Carolina prior to December 1, which compares with 975,000 last year and 942,000 in 1930.

The crop got off to a fairly good start this season, but weevil activity became a serious threat by early July. However, the last three weeks of July were hot and dry, so that final weevil damage, although heavier than in the two previous years, was less than early expectations. This checking of weevil activity, coupled with relatively good harvesting weather, resulted in a final crop about 17 per cent above the August estimate.

The 1932 United States cotton crop is estimated at 12,727,000 bales of 50 pounds gross weight in the December 1 report of the Department of Agriculture. This is 780,000 bales more than the November 1 forecast. The total crop last year was 17,095,000 bales and in 1930 the crop was 13,932,000 bales.

The average yield of cotton per acre for the United States in 1932 was 162.1 pounds per acre, compared with 201.2 pounds last year. The ten-year average for the years 1921-1930 was 151.4 pounds.

The estimated acreage harvested (picked) is 37,589,000 acres, which is 2.7 per cent more than the acreage for harvest on which the September 1, October 1, and November 1 forecasts were calculated. Current information indicates that about 1.7 per cent of the planted acreage was abandoned this year, which indicates the cotton acreage in cultivation July 1 to have been 38,227,000 acres.

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Reports indicate that the average weight of running bales this season will be somewhat heavier than usual, although less than last season. This difference between the weight of running bales and 500 pound gross weight bales will mean that total ginnings in running bales will probably be about 300,000 bales less than the calculated 500 pound bales.

Ginnings prior to December 1 are reported by the Census at 11,631,361 running bales, compared with 15,018,403 for 1931 and 12,837,099 for 1930.

**Kershaw County Cotton Ginnings**  
According to R. K. Tompkins, Special Agent, there were 13,510 bales of cotton ginned in Kershaw County from the crop of 1932 prior to December 1st, 1932, as compared with 22,260 bales ginned to December 1, 1932.

**SERVICE AT DeKALB CHURCH**  
There will be preaching at DeKalb Church, Sunday at 11 o'clock by Rev. Falls of Kershaw. All members are urged to be present and visitors welcome.

## Liberty Hill News

December 11.—Sunday was a cold dreary and disagreeable day with an almost incessant downpour of rain, keeping most people indoors. No services were held at the church and outside exercise and travel were reduced to a minimum.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thompson on Friday evening last entertained in honor of the Great Falls High school. Those present from Great Falls were: Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Miss King, Miss Dantzer, Miss Compton, Miss Bickley and Mr. Wallace, all returning to Great Falls late in the evening after a pleasant hour spent in the fine old "ante-bellum" home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. E. L. Jones and Postmaster C. D. Cunningham were business visitors to Charlotte on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Floyd, accompanied by Mrs. L. P. Thompson and Mr. W. C. Perry spent Monday in Camden. Mr. Floyd was attending the last regular meeting of the 1932 grand jury of which he is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hammond attended the "Old Fiddlers' Convention" at Baron DeKalb school one night last week, and report some good music and a very pleasant evening spent in that popular institution.

Mrs. John G. Richards received a message announcing the death of Mr. J. M. Jennings of Winnsboro—brother-in-law of Mrs. Richards. Gov. and Mrs. Richards went on Monday to attend the funeral at Winnsboro that evening.

## REV. FRANCES CRAIGHILL SPEAKER AT ROTARY MEETING

Rev. Francis Craighill was the guest speaker at the Thursday Rotary meeting, and Dr. John W. Corbett had charge of the programme.

The visitors this week were Mr. Whitner and Mr. Bailey of Atlanta A. D. Hollis of Columbia, Dr. Wimbler, who recently arrived in Camden to have charge of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Taber, field agent for relief work of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. She was introduced to the club by Stanley Llewellyn, who is serving on the Committee for this work.

R. M. Kennedy, Jr., was appointed Chairman of a Committee to look into the advisability of having a Community Christmas for the poor this year.

Rev. Craighill spoke of the economic situation that is facing the world today, due to the development of the "machine age." He spoke of the days and shorter hours will not reduce to machinery replacing men, and of the large increase of unemployed to be expected during the next few years. He says that fewer working days and shorter hours will not relieve the situation, as new machinery is coming forth daily that will displace thousands and thousands of men with jobs today. He told of a survey that had been made by the world's best engineers covering 1,000 products showing that there is an overproduction in everything, and this great overproduction has been accomplished with fewer laborers, or account of modern machinery.

Mr. Craighill said that the situation is a very gloomy one for this and future generations.

The programme next week will be in charge of R. B. Pitts, and Dr. Carlyle Campbell, President of Coker College, will be the guest speaker. The girl members of the graduating class will be the guests of the Club. At a later date, the boy members of the class will be invited to a Rotary meeting.

## MIDWAY SCHOOL TO PRESENT MINSTREL

The Senior Class of Midway High School will present a minstrel, "Fun and More Fun", Friday night December 16, at seven-thirty o'clock in Midway High School auditorium. If you want to laugh and grow fat come to the minstrel; if you want to laugh and grow slim, come to the minstrel; if you just want to laugh come to the minstrel. Admission fifteen cents for adult, five cents for children.

## Thomas Gordon McLeod Died at His Columbia Home

Thomas Gordon McLeod, twice governor of South Carolina and long an influential figure in the politics of the State, died at his residence, 3122 Wheat street, yesterday afternoon, about 1:40 o'clock after an illness of seven months. For days he had lain at the portals of death, his life despaired of by physicians and members of the family alike, and when he passed in the stillness of Sunday afternoon it was as one falling asleep so quiet was his going.

Long before his malady—cirrhosis of the liver—had so developed that he was confined to his residence, his friends knew that he was a seriously ill man. His gracious manner and cordial greeting were never wanting but those close to him realized that he was far from well. After being confined to his home, he failed steadily, rallying at times but gradually losing ground until he passed into a coma a few days ago from which he revived only for brief intervals. Members of the family were about him when he died.

Funeral services will be held at the Washington Street Methodist Church in Columbia at 10:30 Tuesday morning and will be conducted by the Rev. W. L. Mulliken, pastor. After the services in Columbia, the body will be taken to Bishopville, his former home, where interment will be in the Methodist churchyard. The services in Bishopville will be held at 1 p. m. Tuesday.

The former governor is survived by his widow, who was before marriage Miss Elizabeth Alford, of Dillon county; two sons, T. G. McLeod Jr., Roanoke, Va.; Yancey A. McLeod, Columbia. One son, Donald Alford McLeod, died a few years ago.

A daughter, Mrs. A. C. McIntyre, Stratford, Ontario, Canada, and a grandson, Thomas G. McLeod McIntyre of Stratford.

Brothers surviving are: Dr. W. R. McLeod, Timmonsville; Walton J. McLeod, Lynchburg, a former member of the house; D. C. McLeod, Birmingham; and Frank A. McLeod, Sumter, solicitor of the Third judicial circuit the eldest brother in the family, Dr. D. M. McLeod, Florence, died about a year ago.

A sister, Mrs. Mary McLeod McNeil of Birmingham, also survives.

## Honor Rolls for Camden And County Schools

### SCHOLARSHIP HONOR ROLL CAMDEN CITY SCHOOLS

For Second Six-weeks Period 1932-33

Grade 1 A. David Barnes, Jack Boykin, Alton Cole, Thornwell Hay, Frances McCormick, David Partin, Bobby Smyrl, Robert Thompson, Billie Waters, Carolyn Baruch, Jacqueline Davis, Sybil Drakeford, Retta Halsall, Doris Lake, Betty Muller, Doris Rush, Jane Thomas, Dorothy Marshall.

Grade 1 (Zemp). Marion Brown, Steve Connell, Briant Cox, Shelby Hough, Sammie Ogburn, C. L. Polson, Earl Priester, J. B. Richardson, Eugene Sheorn, Bennie Spears, Tommy Waters, Lantye Williford, Margaret DeBruhl, Juanita Grandon, Leatrice McCaskill, Maggie Taylor.

Grade 1 (Wolfe). Thomas Massebeau, Kathleen Bullock, Sallie E. Crosby, Sibel McKenzie, Ruth Langley, Annie Robinson, Doris Trapp.

Grade 2 A. Joe Christmas, Charlie Durham, Robert Frietag, Jim Gandy, Harold Hatfield, Dargan Jennings, Fred Ogburn, Billie Smith, Hughey Tindal, Caleb Whitaker, Macie Denton, Mary Cameron, Louise Copeland, Elizabeth Drakeford, Ruby Evans, Hollie Hancock, Betty Lewis, Vivian Little, Elizabeth Shivar, Beth Wilson.

Grade 2 B. Evelyn Twitty, Haze Beasley, L. J. Watts, Cyrus Watts, Elvin Trapp, Thad Munn, David Melton.

Grade 3 A. Charlie Boineau, Billie Clyburn, Bobby Deans, John Langford, Bill Mims, Alva Rush, Marion Schlosburg, Colvin Sheorn, Luther Sowell, Frank Sullivan, Kirby Tupper, Tom Turner, Doris Babin, Betty Campbell, Ellen Dempster, Marjorie Dill, Artie Dixon, Mabel Foster, Juanita Godwin, Cary Guthrie, Beverly Hendrix, Margaret Hinson, Jane Hoffer, Peggy Little, Edna Moseley, Peggy McGuirt, Mary Pitts, Gwendolyn Shirley, Patay Trantham, Virginia Mae Trapp.

Grade 3 B. Hazel Horton, Mar Player, Dora Robinson.

Grade 3 C. None.

Grade 4 A. Claud Lamoy, Walter Mims, Charles McCaskill, Leonard Schenck, Marvin Smith, Jack Smyrl, Edna Aldret, Carolyn Cooley, Martha Gettys, Annie Mae Godwin, Retta McDowell, Frances Rhame, Mary Smith, Jane Trantham, Margie Traxler.

Grade 4 B. None.

Grade 5 B. (Oakes). H. C. Christie, Bill Drakeford, James Frye, Herbert Lee, Louise Newman, Lorene Smith, Juanita Trapp, Sarah Welch.

Grade 5 A. Jerry Hancock, Herbert Moore, Billy Pitts, Hazel Twitty, Robin Zemp, Betty Boineau, Marjorie Creed, Minnie Bell Cunningham, Ze-

lene DesChamps, Margaret Fischel, Phyllis Karesch, Beatrice Kirkland, Ida Mae McManus, Virginia Riles, Betty Sewell, Ann Whitaker.

Grade 5 B. (Cantey). Mary Atkinson, William Brown.

Grade 5 C. Virginia Frye, Theresa Reed.

Grade 6A-1. David Wallnau, Aileen Belk, Louise Dill, Dally Jackson, Neta Kirkland, Elsie Redfeare, Lottie Smyrl, Vashti Thigpen.

Grade 6A-2. None.

Grade 6B. None.

Grade 6 C. Jack McLain, Beulah Cain.

Grade 7 A. Albert Irby, Paytor Shirley, Jack Richards, Jack Villepigue, Anne Clarkson, Beulah Graham, Louise Mickle, Margaret Osborne, Paulette West.

Grade 7B. LeRoy Caulder, LaVerne Conyers.

Grade 8. Carolyn Cantey, Caroline Nelson, Dorothy Snyder, Jean Van Landingham, Minnie Sue Brue, Elizabeth Pitts, Naomi Walker, Bobby Marye.

Grade 9. S. B. Hatfield, Mary Edith Copeland, Sadie Freitag, Vivian Lee, Emily Sheorn, Lena Stevenson, Helen Tindal, W. H. Branham, Joe Jordan, Eliza Jackson.

Grade 10. Alvin Christmas, Mary Ella Moore, Ruth DeLoache, Charlotte DuBose, Frances McLeod.

Grade 11. Marjorie Walker, Alvir Sanders, Johnnie Carpenter, Ruby Eddings, Lucile Ford, Lorine Strak, Elizabeth Moore, Peggy Pitts, Mary Elizabeth Wooten.

HONOR ROLL FOR MT. PISGAH SCHOOL

First Grade. Earle Bradley, Arthur Ellis, Odell Ellis, Almetta Ellis, Louise Roberts, Harold Eubanks, Pauline Byrd, Albertine Catoe, Lee Catoe, Wilson Holley, Ethel Mangum, Oletta Raley, Thomas Horton, Coit Boone.

Second Grade. Junior Bradley, Beauford Mosley, Perley Mosley, Mildred Richardson, Perry Baker, David Baker, Lois Catoe, Geneva Munn, Harry Raley, Ned Sowell, Loraine Welsh.

Third Grade. Junior Brown, Evelyn Carnes, Bernice Roberts, Earle Mungo, Ruby Lee Catoe, Lily Mae Gardner, Ray Holley, Lucile Mungo, Margie Raley.

Fourth Grade. Jasper Baker, Nannie Lee Baker, Catherine Boone, William Catoe, John W. Mangum.

Fifth Grade. Marie Thraatt, Alton Sowell, Charlie Munn, Lula Grace Byrd, Vallerie Brown, Gary Sowell.

Sixth Grade. Margaret Brown, Myrtis Catoe, Clyburn Catoe, Billy Johnson, Cleo Baker, Willie B. Catoe, Myrtis Gardner, Cletis Roberts, El-

## S. C. News Review

Columbia—Approximately 4,000 men will be employed during course of \$2,500,000 highway construction program for relief, completed recently with third letting, State Highway Department announced.

There were 5,111 bales of cotton ginned in McCormick County, from crop of 1932 prior to November 14, 1932.—McCormick Messenger.

Lake City—American Legion Auxiliary of Wilbur Jones Post No. 73, this city, making plans to plant trees along Loop Road and to beautify this road.

Standard Dredging Co. awarded contract for dredging about 3,000,000 cubic yards on South end of Little River to Winyah Bay section of intracoastal waterway.—Georgetown Times.

Belton—Retail fruit store being established here.

Columbia—Veterans Administration Hospital here formally opened.

Walhalla—Strand Theatre reopened short time ago.

Walterboro—Work of preparing flying field for this place completed.

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Seventh Grade. Virginia Richardson, Truman Roberts.

Eighth Grade. Sarah Lee Holley, Kate McCaskill, Cleo Eubanks, Bob Holley.

Ninth Grade. W. F. Hyatt, James Holley, Dorothy Elliott, Hazel O'Neal, Maudie Gandy, Gertrude Catoe, Mary Myrtle Raley.

Tenth Grade. Elmer Bradley, Wesley Holley, Ruth Raley, Mabel Williams.

Eleventh Grade. Ira Byrd, Ada Belle Byrd, Edna Cotoe, Bernice Raley, Mattie Lee Byrd, Jack Coates, Lois Roberts.

### BETHUNE PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

For Second Six-Weeks Period 1932-33

Eleventh Grade. Distinguished: Gladys Joyner, Thelma Davis, John Edwin Williams, William Estridge, Ida Outlaw. Proficient: Alma Newman, Juanita Watkins, Cleora Estridge.

Tenth Grade. Distinguished: Frances Gardner, Mary Ellen McLaurin, Mary Alice Baker. Proficient: Sarah Ruth McKinnon, Myrtle Horton.

Ninth Grade. Distinguished: None. Proficient: Frances Bethune, Mary Alice Helms, Nannie Ruth Hilton.

Eighth Grade. Distinguished: Grace Horton. Proficient: Rachel Williams, Richard McLaurin.

Seventh Grade. Distinguished: Robbie Newton, Marion. Proficient: Frankie Beard, Edwin Estridge, Ilse B. Mangum, Jaunita Pate.

Sixth Grade. Distinguished: Margaret McLaurin. Proficient: Iris McCaskill, Jerry Davis, John Dan McLaurin, Katherine Foster, Rowen Holland, Lorene Blackmon, Eva Horton, Nellie Margaret Whiteley.

Fifth Grade. Distinguished: Margie Jones, Loutee Hinson, Emily Hearon. Proficient: Clarence Hilton, Alene Hilton, Alvin Kelly, Myrtle Mungo, Lawrence Copeland, Minnie Edna McLeod, Irene Mangum, Oran Baker, Bertha Lee Hearon.

Fourth Grade. Distinguished: Frances Helms, Melita Baker. Proficient: Blanche Edna Brannon, Josie Horton, Nellie Horton, Alvo McCaskill, Drucilla Ratcliff, Dorothy Watkins.

Third Grade. Distinguished: Harvey Johnson, Betty Best, Doris Lane, Mary Nancy McLaurin, Vera Horton. Proficient: Louise Watford, Doris Blackmon, J. W. Hearon, Janette Hinson, Sue Hilton, Alva Horton.

Second Grade. Distinguished: None. Proficient: Sara Margaret King, Betty Hammond, Tom Bethune, Sara Gordon, Elvin Jones, Jim Ingram, Carnell Baker.

First Grade. Distinguished: Ralph McCaskill, John Watts Smith. Proficient: Dora Marsh, Wayne Blackmon, Maggie Lee Catoe, Laura Hearon, Nancy Horton, Violet Williams, Winnie Lou Hunter.

## Supreme Court Denies Howell Petition

A move to stay the execution of the death sentence by electrocution hanging over O. F. S. Howell, Sumter night watchman, failed yesterday before the state supreme court. Howell is to be electrocuted Friday.

A plea for a writ of habeas corpus for Howell was argued before the court yesterday morning by A. L. King of Columbia, his attorney, and in the afternoon the court, in an order signed by Chief Justice Eugene S. Blease, denied the petition.

Mr. King said last night he was considering if any other action were possible to stay execution of the sentence. In the meantime only action by the governor can save Howell from the electric chair.

In asking a writ of habeas corpus Mr. King said he hoped to stay the execution in order to gain a chance for a rehearing of the case. He based his appeal to the court yesterday on the constitutionality of an act of 1923, under which the date for electrocution of Howell was fixed.

Howell was convicted of the murder of E. Hart Williams, Sumter filling station operator, which occurred June 18, 1930, at Sumter. He and his wife, Carrie Howell, were tried in July. Howell was convicted and his wife acquitted. Howell was granted a new trial and again convicted in February, 1932. He was to have been electrocuted last April, but legal procedure delayed the execution of the sentence.

November 20 J. B. Westbrook, clerk of the supreme court, notified penitentiary officials that the supreme court had disposed of the Howell case and that the remittur had been sent down to the clerk of court of Sumter county. "It is required of you," the notice read, "to execute the judgment and sentence of death on O. F. S. Howell on the fourth Friday after service upon you of this notice."

In refusing his petition, Chief Justice Blease announced that an opinion on the petition would be issued in a short time.

Mr. King also calimed that Howell was illegally held in the penitentiary and he asked that he be returned to the Sumter county jail.

In his trial Howell claimed he shot Williams after his wife, Carrie Howell, had pointed him out at a filling station as the man who had attacked her. The wife said she had pointed to Williams only after her husband in a rage had demanded that she show him the man who had invaded their home. She did not even know Williams, she testified.

Mr. King said his only hope in his move before the court yesterday was to gain time in order that the case might be reviewed.—The State.

## JAMES OWENS KILLED BY ED PEACH

James Owens, farmer, of the Buffalo section of this county, was shot and killed by his uncle Ed Peach, at the home of Peach Saturday morning. The two men were engaged in a difficulty Friday night when Owens cut Peach. Saturday morning Owens returned to Peach's home and the difficulty was renewed. Owens was warned by Peach not to enter his home and when he persisted Peach fired on him through the door, inflicting wounds that resulted in the death of Owens. At a coroner's inquest the jury's verdict was that Owens came to his death by gun shot wounds by the hand of Ed Peach. Monday morning Peach was granted bail in the sum of \$1,000.

## KERSHAW COUNTY TEACHERS' MEETING

The Kershaw County Teachers' Association will hold its regular meeting Thursday night, December 15th in the Camden High School Auditorium. The departmental meetings will begin promptly at 6:45 and the general meeting opens at 7:30 at which time the Camden High School Glee Club will entertain with a Christmas pageant and a very special program is being arranged.