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COTTON CROP EATEN UP IN ALLENDALE COUNTY

York County Farmer Tells of Visit to Planters in This Section.

Yor., Sept. 5.—Ralph Cain, prominent citizen of Sharon, who was one of a party of eighty York County citizens, or thereabouts, who made a trip by automobile into those South Carolina counties most devastated by the boll weevil last week, was telling of what he saw the other day:

"We went through nine counties," Mr. Cain went on to say. "We visited many fields that had been literally eaten up by the weevil and we got much first hand information in regard to his operations. In all the territory visited the weevil ravages appeared to be worse in Allendale County than in any other county. We learned, however, that practically every farmer in that county had materially reduced his cotton acreage this year and that there were numbers of farmers who did not plant a single acre. Allendale is getting away from cotton production and turning to diversified farming more rapidly than any county in South Carolina, I was told, and indeed from what I saw it looked to me that way. Their great crops this year are watermelons and cantaloupes, peas, corn, etc. What cotton there is in the county has literally been cleaned up by the weevil.

"We saw fields where the cotton was higher than one's waist and which did not have a single boll upon it. The weevil just simply eats the entire boll up in many cases. Those people have realized that the only thing for them to do is to quit trying to produce cotton, because there is no way under the sun to combat the weevil.

"You'll probably be surprised to know it, but we saw some cotton fields about 20 miles below Winnsboro, between that town and Columbia, that had suffered as much this year from the weevil as had any other section of the State. Of course, the area attacked there was not as large as in Allendale, but the damage was as great. We learned that the weevil is going to clean up York County just as it has cleaned up other counties, a fact which is going to be partially demonstrated one year from now."

Milk, the Best Food We Have.

There is no problem before the American public of such importance as the one of properly feeding and nourishing the people. We do not stop to realize that there are six million children, or one out of every four, in the United States suffering from under-nourishment and that 35,000 of them die every year from no other causes than poor or deficient food. It is not so much a case of poverty as a case of ignorance. The food now given these six million suffering children, costs even more than the proper food would cost.

Milk is the natural food for the young since it contains everything necessary for the growth. It has great advantages over many of the foods which are commonly used. Since it needs no preparation the cost of the fuel and labor is saved. There is practically no loss in milk. To the housewife today, this is important when we consider the percentage of waste in the preparation of fruits, vegetables and meats for the table. A large percentage of waste always means increased cost. The following table shows the relative value of milk compared with several foods used originally in the diet. One quart of milk is equal in fuel value for the day's work or play to any one of the following animal foods:

¾ lbs. lean beef, 8 eggs, 3 lbs. fresh codfish, 2 lbs. chicken, 4-5 lb. pork loin, 3-5 lb. ham, 3pt. oysters.

Milk is the cheapest, the best, and the only food that we have. It contains all the essential elements for normal human growth and development. Give your children, a quart a day, if possible a pint without fail. Plenty of milk for big and little will give us the chance for health we ought to have. Remember, "It is the sacred right of your children to be as healthy as knowledge can make them."

Miss Eloise Cave,
Home Dem. Agent.

Mrs. Charlie Brown, Sr., left this week for a visit to relatives in Washington.

FOREIGN INSECTS INVADING SOUTH CAROLINA

Mexican Bean Beetle and Velvet Bean Caterpillar May Do Damage

Clemson College, Sept. 1.—Two foreign insects, pests which are likely to do much damage are being watched closely, says Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist; namely, the Mexican bean beetle, which has already reached this state; and the velvet bean caterpillar, which is rapidly working its way upward from Florida and southern Georgia.

The Mexican bean beetle has been reported by Government scouts at two points in the northwestern corner of this state; viz., Long Creek and a point near Eastly. The spread of this pest has been so rapid during the spring and summer that it will possibly spread over much more territory before being stopped by winter. This is an especially destructive pest to all kinds of beans in the garden and to cowpeas. The grubs, which do the principal feeding, are one-fourth to three-eighths of an inch long, of a bright yellow color and covered with spines which are branched and colored black at the tips.

The velvet bean caterpillar has been reported by the Florida entomologists to be spreading in central and northern Florida. It is believed that this pest may be expected in southern Georgia in early September, and may reach South Carolina by the middle of September. Throughout Florida this insect is a most serious pest to velvet beans. This caterpillar when full grown is nearly two inches long. After it is half grown it is generally dark green with prominent bright colored lines with dark borders running lengthwise on the body. Many are pale green with lines either indistinct or absent. The line along the side of the body is wider than those on the back and is often pink or brown. If disturbed it throws itself violently until it reaches the ground.

Prof. Conradi urges that the occurrence of any suspicious insects be reported to the entomology division, Clemson College, S. C., so that steps may be taken to control the pests.

Springfield News

Springfield, Sept. 3.—Mrs. T. C. Jones and baby of Columbia are visiting Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Boylston.

Mrs. Raymond Boylston of Aiken is spending a few days with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reddick have returned from an automobile trip to High Point and other North Carolina points. They were accompanied home by W. L. Albertson of High Point and Miss Pearl Colette of Augusta.

W. E. Parry and son, L. M. Parry of Knoxville, Tenn., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sassard.

Dell Brodie is at home for a few days' vacation from Charlotte, N. C.

H. A. Sawyer of Salley is visiting relatives here.

Misses Sara and Elizabeth Bailey of Andrews are guests of Mrs. H. J. Bailey.

Friday afternoon Miss Miriam Bean delightfully entertained with a linen shower in compliment to Miss Nell Gleaton, whose marriage to L. R. Holley of Aiken will be solemnized on September 8. Many beautiful and useful gifts were bestowed upon the popular bride-elect. Decorations consisted of cut flowers and ferns carrying out the color scheme of green and yellow. Cards were enjoyed by the guests during the afternoon, and Miss Frances Smith rendered several piano selections which were thoroughly enjoyed by every one. Ices were served at a late hour.

Butter Demonstration Here Sept 12th

On Monday September 12th at 10:00 o'clock Miss Elizabeth Forney, State Agent in Dairying will give a lesson in Butter Making. This demonstration will be held in the Home Demonstration Office in the Lancaster building. All ladies who are interested in the Butter Contest which will begin on this date are asked to come see Miss Forney make butter on the 12th. Any one desiring to see the demonstration is invited to come. We are to begin promptly at 10 o'clock. Please be on time. Begin making your plans to come. For further information you will please apply to

Miss Eloise Cave,
Home Dem. Agent.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Interesting Items of Past Week from Hustling Little City.

Williston, September 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lucia Millally, of Sparta, Ga. and Misses Delphine Gooze and Eessie Boylston of Allendale are visiting Mrs. Q. A. Kennedy, Jr.

The Misses Smith of Batesburg are visiting their uncle, Mr. M. A. Smith.

Mr. Arnold Lee spent the week-end in Ellenton.

Mr. Harry Cone of Brunson spent a few days with his brother, Dr. Wallis Cone, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Altman of Charleston are receiving congratulations from their relatives and friends in Williston on the arrival in their home of a fine daughter, Harriet Mayo Altman.

Miss Bettie Matthews has returned from Baltimore, New York and the other eastern markets where she has been buying Fall goods for the firm of W. H. Kennedy and Son.

Mr. J. C. Hair spent Thursday in Augusta.

Mr. John G. Smith spent Friday in Williston with Mr. J. C. Hair.

Mrs. G. J. Trotti has returned from Preston, Maryland, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Parker. It will be a source of pleasure to Mrs. Trotti's many friends to know that after a serious operation and a tedious illness, Mrs. Parker is now on the road to recovery.

Mr. W. C. Fleming of Augusta is spending a few days with Mr. C. Birney Johnson. They will shortly leave for the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Allen of Savannah is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Willis. She is accompanied by her daughter and her children.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitaker have returned from a visit to relatives in Newberry. Mrs. Whitaker and children are now visiting her mother, Mrs. William McNab in Barnwell.

Miss Ethel Paget of Walterboro has been visiting Miss Evelyn Dicks.

Rev. W. D. Quattlebaum of New York City has been visiting Messrs. F. T. and D. L. Merritt and other relatives in this section.

Mr. E. L. Merritt of Augusta spent last Sunday with Mr. F. T. Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Willis of Augusta visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Willis last week.

Miss Valerie Trotti leaves within a few days for Waltham where she will teach the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Porter of Charleston spent a few days last week with the former's father, Mr. P. B. Porter.

Mrs. W. G. Thompson, Jr. accompanied her guests Mrs. Cary Loud Major of Spartanburg and Mrs. Ligon Simpson of Pelzer, home, all going through the country.

Mr. Manly W. Rankin left this week for Wake Forest to enter the senior class of that institution.

It is with regret that the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Neal learn that they have moved from Williston to Branchville. Mr. Neal will continue his store in Williston under the management of Mr. Mims of Springfield. He goes to Branchville to look after his business at that place.

Mr. H. A. Boyagin, an Armenian, and graduate of the University of S. C. law department, spent last Saturday with Mr. S. Q. Eubanks. Mr. Boyagin is now practicing law in Columbia. He made addresses at Montmorenci and Aiken on Sunday.

Mr. H. A. Eubanks of Columbia spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. S. Q. Eubanks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitaker had Mr. Whitaker's father with them for several days last week. Mr. Whitaker is a Methodist pastor.

Williston Pays High Price

Williston, Sept. 3.—The price of cotton reached 18 ¾ cents on the Williston market today. Now that an average size bale of cotton will bring \$100 the farmers are more hopeful. Even though the crop is short in this section, business is reviving and all indications point to considerable activity in Williston this fall. The cottonseed market is strong, 47 cents per bushel being paid today. The peanut market has not opened but will be open soon as there is a good crop of peanuts in this section.

COTTON MADE BIG GAINS ON POOR CROP REPORTS

Spots Advance More Than 2 Cents. —Higher Prices Anticipated.

New Orleans, Sept. 4.—Cotton this last week was more active and stronger than it has been for many months previous and prices were sent to new high levels for the season and to the highest points registered since early last winter, October rising at its best to 17.56 and May to 18.22 January touched 18c a pound and the later months close to this mark. The opening session saw the lowest levels of the week and the closing session the highest. New high levels for the season were made daily. At the highest the leading months were 221 to 235 points over the close of the preceding week and at the lowest they were 3 to 5 points under. On the close the market showed net gains of 214 to 227 points October closed at 17.49 and May at 18.10. In the spot department middling gained 212 points in the net rise, closing at 17. A year ago middling closed at 28.75.

The one great factor back of the advance was the government's report on the condition of the crop on August 25. Prior to this report there was heavy buying on anticipations that it would be bullish and there was even heavier buying after it was issued because it was more bullish than expected, the percentage of 49.3 being the lowest condition report ever issued by the government. This condition pointed to a crop of but 7,037,000 bales and some of the buying the last two sessions of the week was due to the claim that the crop had deteriorated since August 25 and that the chances were for another bullish report in September, which would send the indicated crop figures below the 7,000,000-bale level.

Supplementing the crop report as a bullish factor were accounts from the cotton goods centers of this country, telling of an increase in demand and very strong prices. Some of the strength on the close was derived from reports that many mills and wholesalers were withdrawing lines of cotton goods from the market and that, in many other instances they were refusing to sell large quantities of goods at the prices prevailing. Manchester sent over more hopeful views of trade there and at the end of the week Hester placed world mill takings of American cotton at 232,000 bales, against 138,000 the same week last year and 215,000 the same week two years ago.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Eliza Sanders Meyer.

This well known, most highly and widely esteemed woman, wife of Major J. Anselm Meyer, of Meyer's Mill, Barnwell County, S. C., after years of debility and suffering, passed to her heavenly reward at the home of J. Bratton Kirkland, Columbia, S. C., Sunday morning, July 10, 1921, at 6 o'clock. Her beloved husband, who had so long and tenderly cared for her (with other relatives and friends) was present at the time of her decease. The remains were conveyed to the family cemetery near Meyer's Mill after very impressive funeral services at Meyer's Mill Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Clark, and there laid to rest.

A very large number of kindred, neighbors and friends from the immediate community, from Barnwell, Ellenton and other places, gathered at the church and grave July 12th in token of their esteem and affection for this faithful and devoted servant of the Lord. In addition to the immense crowd of white people present on the solemn occasion, one hundred or more colored people were in attendance, thus showing their love of Mrs. Meyer and their loss by her death.

Mrs. Eliza S. Meyer was in her 73rd year. Her marriage to Mr. Meyer took place in December, 1866, consequently they had lived together a most happy married life of over fifty-four years. Their "golden wedding" was duly and appropriately celebrated more than four years ago when many excellent people assembled at their pleasant and hospitable home and joined them in the delightful festivities of that memorable hour. A more beautiful married life than that of Deacon J. A. Meyer and his devoted wife was never known in their county and state. They were as truly one as could possibly be the

WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH POOR LAND

A Practical Demonstration of this by Mr. G. W. Green

Everyone in and around Williston old enough to know something of the Terrel Smith place and how thin the land was when Mr. G. W. Green bought it several years ago but few, perhaps, have paid a visit to this place lately and with their own eyes witnessed the wonderful transformation.

Some years ago this land was bought by Mr. Q. A. Kennedy and sold, we understand, at a handsome profit to Mr. Green who has since cut over 300,000 feet of lumber from same, more than paying for the place in this way.

Today the place is equipped with as good buildings as will be found on most any farm in this part of the state. The place is under the direct management of Mr. W. W. Armstrong, who has worked out an interesting diversified program for the place. The editor drove through the place a few days ago and found the following crops in various fields:

Asparagus followed by corn and velvet beans.

Asparagus followed by cantaloupes. Asparagus followed by watermelons.

Asparagus followed by squashes, tomatoes and bell pepper.

Corn, velvet beans and peas.

Cotton in four foot rows, crossed every ten feet with corn.

Cucumbers followed by very fine corn.

Tomatoes followed by corn.

Squashes followed by corn.

Peanuts and corn.

Peanuts and peas.

Sweet potatoes—the Porto Rico variety.

Sugar cane, that will make more syrup than will be needed on place.

Fifteen acres of fine peanuts in foot rows, very thick in row.

Fine field of pea vine hay.

We trust every one of our readers read the splendid suggestions contained in our last issue from Mr. Willett written at the request of Mr. H. D. Calhoun of Barnwell and will then visit such farms as Mr. Green's.

We visited a strip of cotton near a branch which had been cleaned up by the weevils. Cotton cannot be grown around swamps unless they are burned off. Harboring places for weevils should be destroyed so far as possible.

At the suggestion of Mr. Armstrong, a pen forty, by sixty feet was built with high posts. Side planks or slabs can be nailed on from time to time. Into this place pen compost is hauled from the various parts of the place. Over a hundred loads were in pen on the day we visited the farm. This pen of compost should be worth several hundred dollars to this farm. Each tenant is required to save all the compost it can.

A splendid packing house has been built.

Probably the largest acreage of asparagus to be found on any one farm in this section is on this place.

Some of the corn is as fine as can be found anywhere. The place, when the former condition of the land is considered, is the greatest testimonial we know of as to the value of Velvet beans as a soil builder.

—The Williston Way.

case with any couple, loving each other with an immeasurable devotion sanctified by the grace and gentle spirit of our blessed Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Meyer became a member of the old Steel Creek Baptist Church, Savannah River Association, in early life, and was loyal and sincere in Christian living and service until the day of her death. In amiability, tenderness of affection, kindness as friend and neighbor to all classes of people, she was unsurpassed. Fidelity in every sphere and relationship was the keynote of her quiet and modest career, from beginning to end. In going hence she left no living child behind her, but she was a kind mother to the children of others in whose fond memory she will be cherished and called blessed during the years to come. God bless her lonely husband and comfort all who feel her loss.

Taken all in all, perhaps no words are more suitable to quote in memory of Mrs. Meyer than those long ago written by one S. F. Smith:

"Sister, thou wast' mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze;

BARNWELL HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Patrons Anticipate Best Year in the History of the Institution.

The Barnwell High School will open Monday, September 12th. A very large enrollment is expected and the patrons of the school are looking forward to the best year in its history. Announcement has been made of the members of the faculty, their names and grades being as follows: First grade, Miss Willie Lou McMillan, of Ulmer; Second and Third grades, Miss Olivia Rook, of Barnwell; Fourth grade, Miss Viola Mims, of Blackville; Fifth grade, Miss Frances Austin, of Spartanburg; Sixth grade, Miss Lucy McPhail, of Laurens; Seventh grade, Miss Elizabeth Burckhalter, of Barnwell; High School, Mr. J. D. Robison, of Barnwell, superintendent; Miss Thelma Mazursky, of Barnwell, principal; Miss Ethel Mace, of Marion.

Mr. Robison has issued the following statement:

"The Barnwell High School will open on Monday, Sept. 12th, at 10 o'clock. It is requested that all the pupils be present on the first day, as classification and assignment will be taken up. We especially insist that those of the rural districts who have not the high school privileges will attend our school this year.

"We will have opening exercises in the auditorium consisting of an interesting program to those who are interested in the welfare of the school, the school building Saturday, Sept. 10th, at five o'clock. All teachers will be required to attend."

Hilda Defeats Denmark.

Hilda, Sept. 5.—Hilda defeated Denmark Tuesday afternoon of last week in an interesting game of base ball, 12 to 3. The visitors scored two runs in the first inning and one in the second, but the splendid pitching of Dyches held them scoreless for the remainder of the game. Jones got five hits out of five times at bat, while Blume knocked a home run, scoring two runs. Denmark bunched hits in the ninth but was unable to score.

Pleasant Hill News

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weathersbee and Mrs. Mae Creech spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weeks at White Pond.

Miss Eddie Lou Weathersbee visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Edenfield at North Augusta, last week.

Mr. Jeff Folk and sister, Miss Kahron, left Tuesday for Dublin, Ga., to visit their brother, Mr. Mack Folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCrary and family of Orangeburg spent last week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. John Dickson.

Mrs. Kitty McCrary left this week for an extended visit to her sons in Orangeburg and Columbia.

Miss Gladys Jones of the Mt. Calvary section is the guest of Miss Lois Woodward this week.

The friends of Mrs. R. E. Woodward will regret to learn that she has been slightly ill for several days. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Mr. C. B. Parker left last week for Dublin, Ga., where he will visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Staley and Mrs. Fred Turner of the Rosemary section were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dickson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bell of Elko spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bell.

Messrs. W. D. Gantt and Max Bronson returned Sunday from a trip to the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Pleasant as the air of evening
As it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number,
Thou' our songs shalt never know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no funeral tear is shed.

Mrs. Meyer was the daughter of William Sanders of the Stallings Sanders of old Barnwell District, excellent people.

R. W. Sanders,
Greenville, S. C., July 18, 1921.