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## Boll Weevils Will Be Thick in 1922

By B. R. Coad.

Cotton farmers are now arguing pro and con the advisability of reducing or increasing the cotton acreage for 1922, but in the numerous arguments quoted we seldom see any mention made of one of the most important factors which should have a very positive influence on the cotton programme for the coming season. This is the prospect of boll weevil abundance. For quite a number of years the Delta Laboratory of the Bureau of Entomology, U. S. department of agriculture has been making a series of studies each season to serve as a basis for predictions regarding the severity of spring infestation of boll weevils. The records for 1922 have just been completed and for comparison with these we have similar records for the past eight years.

The number of boll weevils emerging from hibernation each spring depends on two things: the number entering hibernation in the fall and the percentage of these surviving. Last fall the majority of the cotton belt saw conditions which permitted an unusually large number of weevils to enter hibernation. The winter weather has generally been abnormally mild to date and the usual period of temperatures low enough to influence weevil survival. Because of this mild weather a high rate of weevil survival was to be expected. Our recent records have more than verified this expectation. These records are made in a number of different ways but the most comparable criterion is the figure based on the number of live weevils found hibernating in Spanish moss in certain selected localities in Louisiana each year. During the past few days we have examined over 3600 pounds of Spanish moss from 15 different selected points representing the different types of hibernating conditions found in that district. This moss is carefully examined and the number of weevils both live and dead noted. From this we compute the ratio of both live and dead weevils per ton of moss, and past experience has shown that this affords a very fair index to the emergence which may be expected. The following table shows the figures for the past eight years:

Year	per ton moss.	Dead Weevils per ton moss.
1915	10.0	414.0
1916	24.0	136.0
1917	8.0	144.0
1918	1.7	48.9
1919	4.0	53.0
1920	9.5	15.8
1921	22.0	26.0
1922	127.0	2.2

From these figures it is seen that we have far more live weevils per ton of moss in sight now than at any time since these records were started and only a very few dead weevils. Of course the records on the presence of dead weevils cannot be accepted as too accurate because it has been found that many dead weevils fall out of the moss during the winter and are thus lost. The most striking feature, however, is the fact that the records for this year show more than five times as many live weevils in hibernation as in the highest preceding year since 1915. These records are checked in other ways, among the different methods being a series of cages located near Tallulah, Louisiana which are installed with a known number of live weevils each fall, different types of shelter provided and the survival of weevils in these cages determined in the spring. We have just completed an examination of this series of cages and find that these figures verify those quoted in the moss examinations and show the percentage of survival to date to be much higher than in past years.

In considering the significance of these figures, it should be remembered that while they mean a very abnormally heavy emergence of over-wintered weevils in the coming spring, they do not necessarily mean that the weevil damage this season will be unusually great, since it is possible that summer weather conditions may be sufficiently unfavorable to the weevils to offset this heavy, early infestation, but the fact remains that the farmers will start the cotton crop under a tremendous handicap and it is going to require abnormal weather to produce a normal weevil damage. No man is justified in gambling in such luck, and the only sane course to pursue is to anticipate a year of great abundance of boll weevils and make all plans accordingly. Everyone who has raised a few cotton crops with the weevil realizes how

## Livestock Meeting On February 24th

A meeting of all producers of livestock and those interested in securing a loan on livestock through the U. S. government, will be held at the court house in Bamberg February 24, at 11 a. m. Farmers who have hogs and cattle or are planning to raise livestock for market are urged to be present. The S. C. Cooperative Livestock association will have a representative to explain the plans of the association and how loans will be made. B. Harris, commissioner of agriculture, and W. J. Shealy, livestock specialist, will be present.

J. D. BRANDON,  
County Agent.

## OFFICER SHOTS AND KILLS MAN

Hits Him in Head, and Pistol Explodes, It Is Alleged.

Spartanburg, Feb. 17.—Clyde Brown, of Pacolet, was shot and killed on the Inman road this evening by Furman Davis, rural policeman. From what could be learned of the affair it appears that Brown, in company with Eddie Upton, a young woman, passed the policeman driving at an alleged fast and reckless rate. The officer gave chase and passed Brown's car. When he did Brown rammed Davis's car, wrecking it, and leaving Davis standing by the road. Soon a high-powered car passed and Davis got in and gave chase. He again passed Brown's car. When he did Brown is alleged to have run out of the road and to have thrown out two jugs of whiskey. His car choked down and Davis went to make an arrest. When he did Brown, it is alleged, made an attack on the officer and made an effort to get the gun from him. Davis jerked loose from Brown and struck him with the pistol and when he did the gun went off, wounding Brown in the head. Brown was rushed to the General hospital where he died in about an hour.

## INCOMES OF 5 CITIZENS.

Aggregate Gross Revenue Reaches \$65,090,572.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Five citizens of the United States reported an aggregated gross revenue in 1919 of \$65,090,572, according to an official report issued by the treasury department. Deductions of \$14,465,673 were allowed, bringing the net income to \$50,624,899 on which the government collected \$33,301,085, or 65.77 per cent.

The analysis of the income of these five taxpayers, made by the treasury, showed that less than \$75,000 came from "wages and salaries," none from "business," \$20,000 from "partnership and personal service corporations," \$11,000,000 from "sale of real estate, stocks, bonds, etc.," \$121,000 from "rents and royalties," \$46,000,000 from "dividends," \$6,713,000 from "interest and investment income" and the balance about \$380,000 from interest on government securities not entirely exempt from taxation.

## STOCK SWINDLING ALLEGED.

District Attorney Thinks Only Small Per Cent. of Victims Report.

New York, Feb. 19.—Though hundreds of complaints of stock swindling through the operation of bucket shops have been received and indictments returned against nearly a score of brokers, District Attorney Banton tonight expressed the belief that not 10 per cent. of the fraud victims had reported their losses.

He said he thought many persons with complaints to lodge withheld them for fear of publicity that would bring ridicule on them as "easy marks." A large number of letters and telegrams received by the district attorney but never followed up by a personal call, led him to believe, he added, that the writers would rather bear their losses in silence than let it be known that they had engaged "either in investment in wildcat enterprises or gambling in bucket shops."

the weevil cuts down the acreage he can handle per plow and still make a crop. Furthermore, the more abundant the weevils are, the less acreage he can handle successfully and certainly with the present prospects the acreage per plow for 1922 should be reduced to an absolute minimum if the farmer is to experience any safety whatever.

## "Uncle Joe" to Retire From Public Life

"Uncle" Joe Cannon, oldest member of the house, announced this week, he would not be a candidate for re-election as representative from the 18th Illinois district.

The former speaker announced his intention to retire in a statement which read:

"I am not a candidate for election to the 68th congress."

Reports had been current for some time that he would seek another term but in reply to inquiries Mr. Cannon always declared he had not made up his mind to his plans.

The Illinois representative, one of the most picturesque and widely known figures in congress, will be eighty-six years old next May 6. He is serving his twenty-third term as a member of the house, during eight years of which he was speaker.

While Mr. Cannon in his statement gave no reason for his announced intention of retiring from public life, close friends disclosed that he had made the decision in the belief that his health and age made a less strenuous life advisable. He is expected to retire to his home in Danville, Ill., after serving out his present term.

Wearing an old slouch hat, and with a heavy overcoat wrapped closely around his throat, Uncle Joe sat in the house chamber today while Representative Green, Republican, Iowa, was delivering a Lincoln day address. The hat came off at the close of the speech and the veteran legislator applauded with the rest.

Announcement of Mr. Cannon's determination to retire was not a surprise to members, as most of his intimate friends understood he was a bit too feeble to carry on the active duties of a representative.

Announcement of the former speaker's decision to retire from public life was made on the floor of the house by Representative Walsh, Republican, Massachusetts, a close personal friend of the Illinois representative. In a brief eulogy Mr. Walsh declared that members of the house would "learn with regret tinged with sorrow," of Mr. Cannon's intention to leave the house.

## BURN TO DEATH IN AIKEN FIRE.

Four Lose Lives When Home is Destroyed Monday Night.

Aiken, Feb. 21.—Mrs. C. E. Monts and three of her children were burned to death in their home here shortly after midnight tonight.

Flames had largely enveloped the house when Mr. Monts was awakened, and in his efforts to save his wife and children he was seriously burned and is a patient in a hospital here.

The dead are: Mrs. C. E. Monts, about 35 years old; Eugene Monts, oldest son, 15; Clarence Monts, 14, and Eugene DuBose Monts, between two and three years old.

Mrs. Monts was the second wife and before marriage was Miss Nannette DuBose, of Washington, Ga.

Mr. Monts is ticket agent for the Southern railway here and is a highly respected man in the community.

It is not known at an early hour this morning how the fire started.

## GEORGIA WILL TRY.

Preliminary Hearing for Padgett, Alleged Bank Swindler.

Aiken, Feb. 17.—News from Griffin, Ga., this afternoon, following the preliminary trial of Samuel H. Padgett, charged with having cashed a forged check at the Griffin City National bank on January 3, is that the prisoner has been committed to the upper court which will meet in the late spring. R. A. Drake, cashier of the bank, whose illness had necessitated the postponement of the hearing from the early part of the week until today, was present and positively identified Padgett. No detail as to the testimony of other witnesses or as to whether bail has been arranged have been ascertained.

## Just Practicing.

To the elderly spinster's amazement the young man in the sitting room suddenly threw himself upon his knees as she entered.

"Miss Oldcake," said he, "will you be my wife?"

"Yes, Mr. Nutt," replied she, gasping for breath. "But, really, I thought all along you had serious designs on my youngest sister."

"I have," was the rejoinder, as the youth rose to his feet. "I'm only practicing now!"

## Columbia Woman Awarded \$40,000

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 17.—A decree of \$40,000 was awarded to Mrs. Lyde McDonald today in her suit against Richard S. DesPortes, prominent Columbia financier, in which she sued for \$150,000 in an alleged breach of promise action.

The trial started Wednesday morning and the jury was out all last night.

Mrs. McDonald alleged that she and DesPortes had lived together as man and wife for twenty years; that they had been west together, registering at hotels as man and wife; that he paid her many attentions and he left her recently.

DesPortes is director of a large bank here. He is owner of large properties in the city and is a member of a prominent family.

## BORAH NOT BLIND

To Great Policies and Principles Advocated by Ex-President.

New York, Feb. 15.—Differences of opinion had not blinded him "to the great policies and principles advocated by Ex-President Wilson," Senator William E. Borah, one of the leading opponents of the league of nations in the senate, declared today in a telegram to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, which was head at its dinner tonight.

"I regret most sincerely," his telegram read, "that pending matters here will not permit me to attend the Wilson Foundation dinner. I should have been greatly pleased to add my mite to so worthy a cause. Difference of view on some questions of method has not, I trust, blinded me in the least to the great policies and principles urged and advocated by Ex-President Wilson in looking to a better and more peaceful world. I express the hope that the cause will succeed to the full satisfaction of its advocates."

## OPEN UP FOR YOUNG MEN.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Says Active Minds Needed.

Washington, Feb. 19.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, who will retire from the house of representatives at the end of his present term after a service of forty-six years, declared today in an open letter to his Republican constituents of the Eighteenth Illinois district that the time had come for old heads to give way to young hearts, alert and active minds and vigorous bodies.

Writing, as he explained, on the golden anniversary of his first election to the house, Mr. Cannon said that in turning back his commission he did not wish to shirk any responsibility or public duty, but simply to open the door of opportunity to younger men.

## WOMAN DIES IN BURNING HOME.

Miss Pauline Weston. Loses Life in Georgetown.

Georgetown, Feb. 17.—Miss Pauline Weston, one of the oldest and most remarkable women of the county, lost her life last night in a fire that totally destroyed her home in the village of Plantersville. She was 84 years of age but still bright and active. She has long been a prominent figure in that community. In the house with her and presumably all asleep when the fire originated were three sisters, Misses Nonie, Annie and Liza Weston, also elderly women, who escaped. The flames made rapid headway and Miss Pauline was undoubtedly cut off from escape. It is one of the most distressing occurrences that ever took place in this county.

## Personal Interest.

Mr. Dunn stood up in court, charged with disorderly conduct, his head swathed in bandages, and demanded a trial by jury.

"It's only a minor offense," advised the judge. "Why not plead guilty, pay a small fine and get it over?"

"No, judge," replied Mr. Dunn determinedly, "I want a trial by jury. The last thing I remember was when I was standing peaceful-like on the corner and that big guy wandered along. The next thing was when two doctors were sewing me up. Unless I have a trial and hear witnesses I never will find out what I called the big stiff."—American Legion Weekly.

## Double Daily Passenger Service Ordered

Following is the order from the State Railroad Commission to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company regarding a double daily passenger service between Greenpond and Ehrhardt:

"This matter has been handled many times by the railroad commission of South Carolina and has proved to be one of the most perplexing service propositions in South Carolina. Many requests are being continually brought before the commission for additional service on this branch. Additional service has time and again been installed, only later on to have to be taken off due to the fact that the service, even though demanded by many people, is not patronized.

"At a conference recently held between individuals representing the public and served by this specific branch of railroad, and General Superintendent McCraie and Superintendent Walker, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, it was admitted by the railroad officials that additional service so far as it related to freight work, was necessary. To be exact, their statement was that the freight trains could not perform satisfactory passenger service, make connections with the main line at Green Pond, which is necessary to be done, and perform the proper amount of switching service which rightly belongs to the freight traffic on this line.

"This state of affairs has given the commission an unusual amount of concern, and we have been unable to develop a solution that would cure all the needs complained of up to the present time. The commission is desirous of rendering service to all portions of South Carolina served by railroads that may be necessary to care for the traffic. The traffic tendered for movement must, in the end, be to a great extent the regulating factor on any line. However, the commission realizes that on branch lines some variation from this rule at times is necessary; and in order that the commission may again have an opportunity to see from actual experience if the patrons of the Walterboro Branch actually need additional service from that now furnished, it hereby issues the following order:

"It is ordered: That, commencing February 26, 1922, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company install double daily passenger train service on the Walterboro Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, between Ehrhardt, S. C., and Green Pond, S. C., and vice versa, to be operated under practically the same schedule as was in effect prior to the operation of mixed train service about a year ago, or such schedule as will make the proper connections at Green Pond, (which is the junction point with the main line of this road) and which will best serve the patrons expected to use passenger train service over the Walterboro Branch between Ehrhardt and Green Pond and vice versa.

"It is further ordered, That this service is inaugurated as an actual test-out of the need for such service, and at the expiration of thirty days, if the traffic does not develop a reasonable amount of the actual operation expenses of this additional train, then representatives of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company having the Walterboro Branch under their jurisdiction, shall have the right, if they so desire, to apply to the commission for such change is in the opinion of all interested parties will bring about as near as possible the results desired by those claiming that additional service to the Walterboro Branch is necessary.

"It is further ordered, That the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's officials keep a daily record of the number of passengers handled and the amount of revenue derived from the transportation of passengers patronizing these trains, and file same with the commission on the 12th and 27th days of March, 1922; and at the same time file with the commission a detailed report of the actual expenses incurred in the operation of these trains over the Walterboro Branch.

"It is further ordered, That the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's officials be prepared to furnish the commission on March 27, 1922, statements showing the freight earnings on the Walterboro Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from August 1, 1921 to March 27, 1922.

"This order to become effective February 26, 1922, and to remain in effect until the further order of this commission."

## Makes Living On 40 Hens and Garden

"I get a living from forty hens and my garden," says Dr. W. W. Long, director of extension work in South Carolina. While talking with Dr. Long in Columbia last Wednesday he mentioned that he always had vegetables growing in his garden and at this time there are eight varieties growing. "We have green vegetables for the family all-year-round," said Dr. Long, and added that, besides the eggs and chickens consumed at home, he sold poultry and poultry products sufficient to buy his dry groceries. This indicates clearly what can be done on a small plot of land and is proof that Dr. Long knows how to put his preaching into practice.

Some time ago a delegation of farmers visited Clemson college to talk over farming conditions with Dr. Long. While there they asked him what they must do to pull out of the rut of the one crop system and his reply was: "Live at home." They remarked that this slogan had a good ring, but did it work. He invited them to his home to look over the garden and poultry. On seeing the results he had accomplished on such a small area they were deeply interested in the methods he had followed and indicated that they expected to undertake to "live at home" in the future.

## ACQUITTAL FOR JAMES DUNCAN.

Cut Negro Policeman; Boston Jury Reverses Decision.

Boston, Feb. 15.—A jury in the superior court today returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of James A. Duncan, of Columbia, S. C., a graduate student at Harvard University, charged with assault on David K. Blair, a negro policeman, last May. The jurors were out one hour.

The finding reversed that of the lower court in which Duncan was found guilty and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The charges grew out of an early morning incident in a Southland doorway when Duncan and his fiancée, Miss Frances Shannon, of Franklin, Tenn., now Mrs. Duncan, were interrupted while kissing good night, by Officer Blair. The policeman's remarks were resented by Duncan, the word "nigger" was used by Miss Shannon, there was a mix up in which Duncan drew a knife and the couple then were arrested by Blair who had been cut.

## LIVE WIRE KILLS GAFFNEY MAN.

Another Falls Through Elevator Shaft After Receiving Shock.

Gaffney, Feb. 16.—R. R. Johnson, young white man, was instantly killed at the Musgrove mill in Gaffney this morning when he came in contact with a heavy charged wire while he was making some repairs on the elevator building. No one saw the accident and he only lived about one minute after the contact. He was the boss weaver in the Musgrove mills and was highly esteemed by his employer and all who knew him. His parents reside near Cowpens in Spartanburg county. He was 25 years old. C. L. Dickson, who was working on the fourth floor of the mill, came in contact with same wire that killed Johnson and fell a distance of 68 feet into a pool of water 18 inches in depth in the basement and got to his feet and walked home, a distance of 200 yards. He fell through the elevator shaft and came in slight contact with the elevator, which was stopped at the third floor, not sustaining serious injuries.

## PAID AFTER 11 YEARS.

Unknown Insurance Policy Brought to Light.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 18.—The estate of Col. Wharton J. Green, of Fayetteville, once Congressman from the Sixth North Carolina district, who died August 7, 1810, today was paid \$2,310 insurance on a policy the existence of which the family was unaware until recently. Having lost sight of the policy holder years ago through removal from Warrenton, N. C., the company lately made inquiries, located the heirs and administrator, and the policy having been unearthed after a tedious search, the insurance was paid today to George B. Elliott, of this city, vice president and general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, who was the administrator of the Green estate.