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COTTON CONDITION LOWER THAN EXPECTED

Estimated Yield to be 11,449,000 Bales

COTTON MARKET TAKES JUMP

Boll Weevil Infestation Estimated at from 71.3 to 80.2. Acreage Abandoned to July 1 Summarized at 7.1 Per Cent. South Carolina Condition Placed at 60.

New Orleans, Aug. 1.—Cotton jumped \$8.50 a bale at the local exchange today immediately after the reading of the department of agriculture's report placing the condition of the growing crop at 70.3 per cent of normal. October touched 22.50 and most active months were carried from 169 to 171 points higher than yesterday's close within a few minutes after the receipt of the government's report.

The market held quiet without much change until just before 10 o'clock, the time of the issuance of the crop condition report when it started to bulge on the heaviest kind of buying. It rose to 55 to 60 points before the figures of 70.3 were read to the ring and then bulged an additional 100 to 108 points for the percentage was far under general expectations.

October traded up to 22.50 where the more active positions showed net gains on the day of 169 to 171 points. Toward 11 o'clock the advance was checked by realizing sales from the long side.

(Washington, Aug. 1.—This year's cotton crop was placed at 11,449,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight in the second forecast of the season announced today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop July 25 which was 70.8 per cent of a normal.

There was a decline of 0.4 points in condition from June 25 to July 25, the condition of June 25 having been 71.2 per cent of a normal on which the first forecast of the season, 11,055,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight was based. The average change in the last ten years between June 25 and July 25, was a decline of 3.9 points.

The conditions of the crop on July 25 by states follows:

Virginia, 80; North Carolina, 78; South Carolina, 60; Georgia, 54; Florida, 65; Alabama, 70; Mississippi, 74; Louisiana, 70; Texas, 72; Arkansas, 81; Tennessee, 85; Missouri, 90; Oklahoma, 75; California, 95; Arizona, 86; New Mexico, 85.

The final outturn of the crop, the department announced, may be larger or smaller than forecast today as conditions developing during the remainder of the season prove more or less favorable than average.

Crops of previous years and the July 25 condition in those years follow:

Year	Crop	July 25 condition
1921	7,593,641	64.7
1920	13,430,603	74.1
1919	11,420,763	67.1
1918	12,040,532	73.6
1917	11,302,375	70.3
1914 (record)	16,134,390	76.4
1912-21 (avg.)	12,279,348	72.9

The acreage of cotton abandoned to July first was summarized at 7.1 per cent the department announced in a supplemental statement issued in response to senate resolutions.

County agents reported 80.2 per cent and reporters of the crop reporting board estimated 71.3 per cent of the total acreage was infested by the boll weevil.

In its supplemental report the department announced 295 replies as to abandonment of acreage had been received from commissioners of agriculture and the agricultural agents of the various counties in the cotton growing states. There are 816 cotton growing counties so that the 295 replies received account for only about 34 per cent of the counties. The number of replies received from county agents and the average of percentage of abandonment in the replies by states follows:

Virginia, 6 replies, average 4.2 per cent of abandonment; North Carolina, 40, and 5.5; South Carolina, 6, and 4.3; Georgia, 46, and 11.4; Florida 23, and 5.2; Alabama, 67, and 3.3; Mississippi, 27, and 4.8; Louisiana, 17, and 15.1; Texas, 26, and 7.8; Oklahoma, 2, and 4.4; Arkansas, 16, and 3.0; Tennessee,

LAURENS TAKES TWO FROM ELECTRICIANS

Wins First Game 3 to 1 and Second Game 8 to 6. Three Games Here Latter Part of Week.

As predicted by the sportswriter of the Greenwood Index-Journal the "worm has turned" and Laurens, with a fast aggregation of ball players but a tendency to lose, has begun to rise. After suffering a mild defeat by Anderson Thursday, making four straight for the week, and being saved Friday by a happy shower of rain, she invaded the camps of the Electricians at Anderson Monday and Tuesday of this week and walked away with two games straight.

In the Monday game Moseley pitched air-tight ball, letting the Anderson crowd down with four hits, winning the game 3 to 1. While details of yesterday's game were lacking when this paper went to press, it was learned authentically that the score was 8 to 6 in Laurens' favor, but the hurler could not be learned. It was thought that "Old Man" Bobo had broken his streak of hard luck and pitched the locals to a victory.

Greenwood comes to Laurens Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week for a three day session. With two fresh games in the winning side of the bag, the locals will no doubt go out to re-arrange the percentage column so that Laurens will soon be higher up. Thursday has been designated as Ladies' Day by the local management and a big day is expected as the ladies will be allowed to come in the gates without "putting down" the coin.

In all probability Elton Owings will pitch the opening game, Moseley the second and Bobo the third.

MILLS VS WATTS SATURDAY

Two Leaders of Carolina Textile League Play Crucial Game Here Saturday Afternoon.

Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mills A.H., leading the Carolina Textile League, will go up against the locals of Watts Mills on the Watts Mills ground in what will be the crucial game of the season. Watts is trailing the mill leaders by only one game and if they succeed in downing the Greenville aggregation Saturday they will be in position to cop the next game and win the pennant for the season.

The Watts Mills players are putting in heavy practice each afternoon and expect to enter the game Saturday with everything in a winning condition. It is thought that "Lefty Surratt" former Greenville hurler will be on the mound for them while Mills is expected to put up the best hurler it has in stock.

The Watts Mills band will furnish music and a big crowd is expected out to support the home club.

It Came!

The big cantaloupe that Rural Policeman Owens said that W. E. Caldwell said he was saving for the Garden Editor of The Advertiser. It arrived Thursday morning and was a whopper. By actual measurement it was 40 inches around in one way, 32 inches in another and lacked two ounces of weighing 19 pounds. The Garden Editor was treated again Saturday when Mr. H. B. Jennings brought in another large cantaloupe weighing 15 1/2 pounds and of delicious sweetness.

15, and 2.2 and Missouri, 3, and 0.7. The estimate of acreage of the crop reporting board issued July 3, which was 34,852,000 acres related to cotton in cultivation on June 25 after practically all of the indicated abandonment had taken place, the department's statement said.

Replies from commissioners of agriculture came from seven states. Florida's commission reported abandonment "not appreciable", Alabama "less than one per cent"; Mississippi, "no stalks"; Louisiana, "very little"; Texas, "4 per cent"; Arkansas, "not over 0.2 per cent," and Tennessee, "about 15 per cent."

The portion of acreage in South Carolina now infested by the boll weevil is estimated at 92 per cent by county agents at 91.4 per cent by cotton reporters and at 100 per cent by the bureau's reporters.

The per cent of damage to the cotton crop in South Carolina caused by the boll weevil is estimated at 21 per cent by the county agents, 30.7 per cent by the cotton reporters and 10 per cent by the bureau's agents.

HEAVY ENROLLMENT OF VOTERS

More Men Enrolled This Year Than in 1920 While Women Increase the Number.

With the enrollment of men larger than in 1920 the women will swell the voting power of the county by nearly 2,000 more according to enrollment figures furnished by Mr. W. S. Power, in charge of the county enrollment books. Thirty-two clubs have sent in their books, leaving four more yet to be heard from. The total number of voters tabulated so far is 5,970, of which 1,857 are women, compared to a total enrollment in 1920 of 4,023 in the same number of boxes.

The enrollment figures follow:

Precinct	Total 1922	Men	Women	1920
Laurens	990	567	423	762
Shiloh	83	63	20	61
Ekrom	146	96	51	113
Trinity-Ridge	79	68	21	new
Owings	125	88	37	88
Woodville	163	135	29	158
Goldville	157	106	51	81
Clinton	736	416	320	407
Clinton Mill	163	123	40	141
Poplar Springs	218	143	75	132
Hickory Tavern	212	166	46	168
Laurens Mill	306	200	106	153
Mountville	123	94	29	105
Hopewell	39	58	31	54
Grays	57	38	19	54
Cook's Store	111	90	21	82
Lydia Mill	120	111	9	87
Daniels Store	75	53	22	73
Mt. Pleasant	85	68	17	63
Youngs	118	86	32	77
Gray Court	285	206	79	196
Cross Hill	279	222	57	224
Mt. Olive	65	38	27	new
Dials	60	47	13	44
Pleasant Mound	126	76	48	53
Watts Mills	296	273	23	269
Barksdale-Narnie	77	51	26	new
Stewart's Store	104	51	43	47
Tip Top	47	43	4	45
Thompson's Store	156	105	51	98
Waterloo	116	65	51	73
Total	5970	4023	1857	3975

SPARTANBURG SURGEONS TO OPEN HOSPITAL

Julia Irby Sanitarium, Closed About Two Years Ago, to Open Under New Management.

Definite announcement was made this week that the Julia Irby sanitarium, which has been closed for nearly two years, will be opened again about September 1 under the direction of Dr. S. R. Black and Dr. Hugh Black, Jr., of Spartanburg. Exact details as to how the hospital will be operated have not been stated, but it is understood that the hospital and the surgical work will be carried on under the personal direction of these two physicians who will divide their time between Laurens and Spartanburg.

The two doctors are graduates of Jefferson college, Philadelphia, and have had experience in large northern hospitals. They will install entirely new equipment, it is understood, and conduct the hospital on strictly modern lines. The building is already undergoing repairs and alterations and will be ready when the equipment arrives. The entire building will be utilized for hospital purposes either at first or as the needs require.

PROSPERITY MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

J. W. Harman Cuts Throat With Razor. Found Dead by Brother.

Prosperity, July 29.—J. W. Harman, well known Prosperity citizen, committed suicide last night, cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. Harman was found, dressed in night clothes, lying in his yard near the garage at about 11:30 by his brother, G. D. Harman. He was already dead from the loss of blood.

Mr. Harman had been complaining recently of feeling unwell, but his family saw no signs of serious ill health. Melancholia, induced by his illness, is supposed to have led him to take his own life.

He was about 50 years of age and is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Harriet Harman, his brothers, Dr. G. D. Harman of Prosperity and J. Fred Harman of Newberry and four sisters, Mrs. J. Ben Blalock, Mrs. C. S. Schumper and Miss Madge Harman of Prosperity and Mrs. W. C. Adams of Greenville.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Prosperity cemetery.

Henderson Reunion

The Henderson reunion will be held at the home of W. R. Henderson at Gray Court, near Friendship church, August 11th. The whole generation is most cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

TWO LIVES LOST AT DUNCAN AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

C. W. Hale and John Beheler, of Chesnee, are Killed by Piedmont and Northern Car.

Greenville, July 31.—C. W. Hale, a merchant, and John Beheler, barber-shop proprietor, both of Chesnee, were almost instantly killed about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Piedmont & Northern train No. 6, Spartanburg bound, struck the touring car in which the two men were riding at the road crossing at Duncan. The injured men were rushed to the General Hospital in Spartanburg, but both died before they reached the institution.

Mr. Hale had made the trip from Chesnee yesterday morning to Greer with his wife and children, who were to visit relatives in Greer. Mr. Beheler accompanied the party. They had left the family at the home of the relatives in Greer, the two men were making the trip back to Chesnee when the fatal accident occurred.

Mr. Hale sustained a badly fractured skull, both bones in the right leg were broken and a large gash in his forehead. Mr. Beheler died from internal injuries. Other than the internal injuries he sustained a number of long, deep gashes on his head and body, his right ankle being broken and he suffered other minor injuries.

Wane Clement, the motorman who was driving the train, stated that his car was moving at a rate of 10 miles an hour, at the coroner's inquest held in Spartanburg yesterday afternoon. S. G. Moorehead, the conductor verified Clement's statement. The coroner's jury held that the accident was unavoidable and ledged no charge against Clement.

The automobile is only a mass of tangled steel and wood as a result of the collision.

UNION SERVICES IN AUGUST

Churches of the City to United in Four Services in August.

Announcements were made in the various churches of the city last Sunday that the usual union service program for August will be observed again this year. Under the plan the first union services, both morning and evening, will be held at the First Baptist church with the Baptist minister conducting them. The next two Sundays the services will be held in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches with their respective pastors preaching. The last services will be held in the Baptist church with Rev. Rideout, rector of the Episcopal church, occupying the pulpit.

Mr. J. T. Machen is spending a few weeks in Greenville with relatives.

MORE HATS THROWN IN RING

Former Supervisor Humbert Announces That His Name May Be Retained as in the Race.

The close of the time for filing pledges for county offices has seen several additional names placed in the races. In another column of this paper will be found a communication from Mr. W. L. Gray announcing that he will make the race after being placed in nomination by friends. Mr. H. B. Humbert, former county supervisor, in a telephone message to The Advertiser last night, said that he had decided to accede to the request of his friends and lay his services before the people. However, he said that he would not be able to make a thorough campaign or attend all of the campaign meetings.

Another candidate to announce for supervisor is Mr. W. M. Nash, of the Merna section of the county. Mr. Elmore G. Bramlette, of Barksdale, also announces for Auditor. Mr. J. C. McDaniel also has a formal announcement for the legislature in this issue.

It was rumored here yesterday that Mr. Charlie Owings, of Owings, was considering making the race for the House. Messrs. L. S. Bolt and R. D. Boyd, previously mentioned as possible candidates for the House, have not as yet made formal announcements.

The time for filing pledges expires Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Candidates who do not file pledges by that time will be debarred from the races.

BIG GUN SHOOT AT COUNTRY CLUB

Sports from All Over Piedmont Expected Here to Take Part in Special Shoot.

A special program for a big "shoot" of clay pigeon marksmen to be held at the Bois Terre country club next Tuesday afternoon has been announced by L. C. Barksdale, secretary of the local gun club. Devotees of the sport from all over the Piedmont section of the state are expected to be on hand and a big day is expected. Interest in clay pigeon shooting has been on a steady increase since the traps were placed at the country club and the special shoot is expected to prove the first of a number of such events.

The following is the program announced by Mr. Barksdale:

100 16 yd. targets—4 events—Entrance \$7.00 including targets at 2c each. Class shooting—four classes—money division 25 per cent of purse to each class.

1st gun class A—50 per cent class purse.

2nd gun class A—30 per cent class purse.

3rd gun class A—20 per cent class purse.

1st gun class B—50 per cent class purse.

2nd gun class B—30 per cent class purse.

3rd gun class B—20 per cent class purse.

1st gun class C—50 per cent class purse.

2nd gun class C—30 per cent class purse.

3rd gun class C—20 per cent class purse.

1st gun class D—50 per cent class purse.

2nd gun class D—30 per cent class purse.

3rd gun class D—20 per cent class purse.

Handicap

50 targets, 2 events, entrance \$3.00 including targets at 2c each.

Handicap committee to be composed of three shooters selected on the grounds.

Purse divided to high gun as follows: 1st score 35 per cent; 2nd scores 30 per cent; 3rd scores 20 per cent; 4th scores 10 per cent; 5th scores 5 per cent.

Two Trophies Offered

One to high gun 16 yard line.

One to high gun handicap.

Shooting to start at 2:30 o'clock sharp. All entrances must be made before 2:30 on shooting grounds.

Shells for sale on grounds at \$1.00 per box.

Additional information can be obtained from L. C. Barksdale, Laurens, S. C.

Singing Congestion

The South Laurens Singing Convention will meet at Calvary Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All singers and the public are cordially invited to attend.

H. Y. ABRAMS,

EDUCATIONAL RALLY

HELD SATURDAY

Sentiment Expressed For More School Support

OTHER MEETINGS NEXT TUESDAY

Meeting of Trustees, Teachers and Ministers Saturday Goes on Record as Favoring Necessary Taxation for Better Educational Program in Rural Schools.

For the purpose of arousing interest in the educational program, and a san expression of the attitude of Laurens county in this big forward step an educational rally was held here Saturday at the county court house. The meeting was a success in every respect, being attended by the district trustees, teachers and the ministers of the county, these being especially invited to attend the rally, which was held under the auspices of the state federated clubs.

The crux of the meeting yesterday may be summed up from the tenor and tone of the following resolution which was adopted unanimously: "That South Carolina is able to give and should give to every child a seven months' term in school.

"That the members of the general assembly of South Carolina should work and vote for an appropriation to carry out the law.

"That the legislature should make provision for coal and other incidentals, and that we assembled are willing to pay the additional taxes incident to the carrying out of the program."

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. S. Bennett, president of the Laurens Civic League. The purpose of the meeting was stated by James H. Sullivan, former county superintendent of education.

By invitation, Col. E. H. Aull, county superintendent of education of Newberry county, was present and he discussed in an informing manner the question of relieving the situation regarding school defects. He emphasized the need of the state acting as a unit educationally, and the state must take united, forward steps to achieve its place in the matter of educating the children of today.

Superintendent Wilson, speaking of the local situation, explained that many school districts were now in debt because of the fact that the appropriation was not sufficient to carry out the law though the school terms were not curtailed.

The meeting, as stated, was considered as a forward movement in a campaign for improving school conditions and for informing the boards, teachers and preachers of existing conditions today.

The central education meeting Saturday is to be followed by district meetings in every school district next Tuesday afternoon and night. Speakers will be provided for each school and the message of increased educational advantages will be carried to every school patron who is willing to hear it.

With the exception of the two schools of Youngs No. 7 and Trinity-Ridge, which will hold their meetings at 8 P. M., all of the other meetings will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The following is a list of schools with the speakers for each, so far announced:

James H. Sullivan, Friendship, Sullivan 47.

Charles F. Brooks, Youngs.

Z. L. Madden, Brewerton.

H. S. Burdette, Grays.

W. P. Culbertson, Center Point.

Carroll D. Nance, Mt. Olive.

James Browning, Mt. Pleasant.

S. H. Templeman, Gray Court-Owings.

C. B. Owings, Eden.

Miss Kate Wofford, Sandy Springs.

Mrs. E. C. Owens, Long-Branch.

N. C. Hughes, Barksdale-Narnie.

T. N. Kennedy, Trinity-Ridge.

Shaw Johnson, Ora 12.

H. S. Blackwell, Prespect.

R. E. Babb, Green Pond.

W. P. Wingo, Lisbon.

C. H. Hicks, Oakville.

Supt. Wilson said yesterday that he hoped that the patrons all over the county would attend the meetings and lend their influence to the educational program.