

Labor Condition On Berry Farms Somewhat Better

Scarcity Of Berry Pickers Has Been Causing Considerable Alarm In Sections During Past Several Weeks

RELIEF PROJECTS HAVE BEEN HALTED

ERA Projects Were Halted Two Weeks Ago In District To Give Farmers Opportunity To Get Necessary Help On Farms

An acute labor situation in the berry growing area of this county has been alleviated to some extent during the past two days. Scarcity of hands to be used in the strawberry fields has been reduced somewhat, as hundreds of colored people from other counties have been imported.

At best, though, the situation is by no means well in hand. Many of the best and leading farmers of the county are still unable to secure the necessary pickers to harvest their berries, and have made a more or less fruitless search to secure them.

The situation the first of the week was described as immediately serious, in view of the fact that if sufficient hands were not secured with which to harvest the berries, much of the crop might be lost.

Relief agencies, throughout this entire district, have been assisting in an effort to secure the necessary hands. Several truckloads have been brought into the county from as far as a hundred miles away.

While a scarcity of hands accompanies every large berry crop it has been more acute this year than in several years. However, the situation is gradually being alleviated, and it is now thought that sufficient hands will be secured to harvest the crop properly.

The whole forces of the State ERA the first of the week took the situation in hand, and under order of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, the State ERA administrator, all those people who had been receiving money from that organization, who refused to accept work in the berry fields were ordered stricken from the list of possible workers on ERA projects.

Two weeks ago all relief work and projects in this district, comprising Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus counties, were halted under order of Mrs. Gladys B. Proctor, the district administrator, in order that the berry farmers might have the opportunity to secure the necessary hands with which to harvest their crops.

In an interview last week Mrs. Proctor expressed the opinion that there would be no more relief work in this county by the ERA until next fall when work on the farms had ceased, and emphasized the fact that the government agencies were only functioning where actual unemployment existed.

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Cat Between Mattres Annoys Nakina Folks

Nakina, April 21. — Recently Mrs. Jenny Hardee and other members of her family spent a most fearful night, all because of a cat. Mrs. Hardee had thrown one mattress upon another bed and in the middle of the night a cat, which had been sleeping on the bottom mattress, began to get restless and began mewing described as sounding like radio static. The family began looking high and low, but since it took them several minutes to locate the originator of those weird noises, they were on the verge of believing in ghosts and hunting other quarters.

Daylight Saving Time Next Sunday

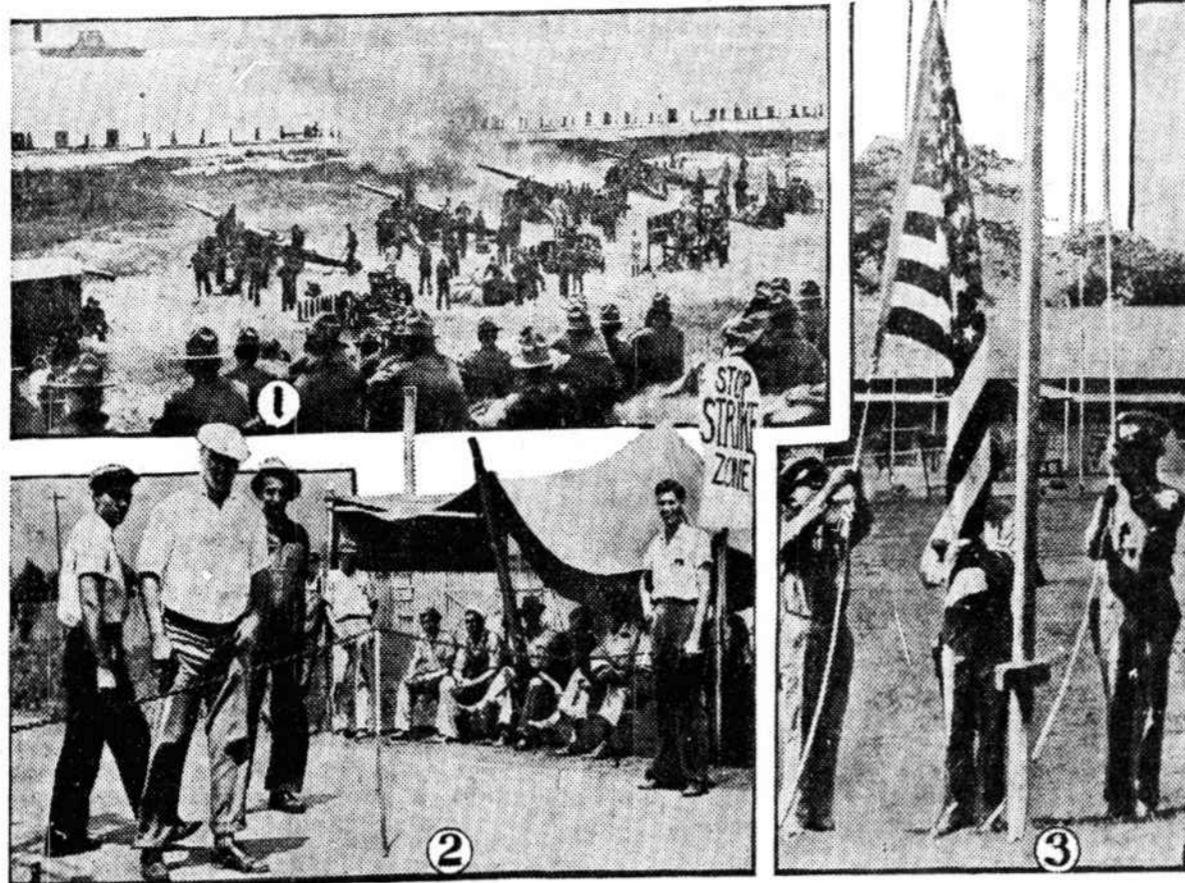
Radio listeners of this section will be interested in the change of time which takes place at 2 A. M. next Sunday morning, when an hour will be lost to millions of people living in the big metropolises.

That hour will be made up again on September 29th, when the time is changed back from Daylight Saving Time to Eastern Standard Time.

Gaston farmers have given more attention than usual to their seed sweet potatoes this spring and have used good seed treated for disease before bedding.

Why do organized minorities run things? Simply because the majority has not sense enough to organize.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—First-class cadets from West Point getting firing practice with six-inch coast defense rifles at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. 2—Pickets surrounding the American Aluminum company plant at Alcoa, Tenn., with temporary shelters prepared for a long siege. 3—Lowering the Stars and Stripes at the marine barracks at Cape Haitien, as the American forces finally evacuated Haiti.

OLD NEGRO MAMMY SAVES SMALL CHILD FROM DEATH

Charlotte, April 30.—A white haired Negro mammy, Aunt Nancy Smith, adds another sentimental chapter to her kind by her heroic action in rescuing an 18 months old baby from the tragic automobile accident which occurred on United States highway number one, 10 miles south of Rockingham, Saturday night.

Aunt Nancy was one of the first to reach the wreck, and while Jim Hamilton and Robert McBride, two strong young Negroes were "totin' folks out dat creek sumpin' scandalous" she found Baby Mable wriggling in the water, mud, and briars, barely able to lift her head high enough to keep from drowning. While other strong men came and placed the dead, injured, and dying along the roadside, Aunt Nancy pressed a tiny face to her bosom and wiped away the tears mixed with the mud and grime.

When the writer arrived on the scene, Curtis Quick, the child's father, was lying on the road screaming in agony, and her pretty 18-year-old mother was being placed in an automobile bound for a Hamlet hospital. Almost unnoticed Aunt Nancy was standing by the roadway crouching to her charge. The baby, unhurt except for a briar scratch slept placidly. When some one attempted to put little Mable in a car she set up such pitiful wailing that all agreed with Aunt Nancy—"Dat honey child need me," she said.

Aunt Nancy says she was born on Gourdvine creek in Anson county, and accepted her part in the tragedy with that humble grace for which her race have been celebrated in Southern song and literature.

The Mecklenburg Jersey Breeders Association is planning a more aggressive campaign for popularizing the breed in that section. A Jersey calf club sale will be held in May.

Texas seeded ribbon cane gave good results in Cabarrus county this season as an ensilage crop. In one demonstration, the cane yielded four times as much silage as did corn.

Demonstration settings of loblolly pines have been made in Davidson County this spring to study timber management.

Highway Man Sued For \$25,000

H. N. Panther Defendant In Three Suits Of \$10,000 Each, Asking Damages As Result Of Wreck Near Here In September

Result of an automobile wreck which happened on highway 20 between Whiteville and Chadbourne on the 18th of last December, three suits asking damages aggregating \$25,000 were filed yesterday in the clerk of the court's office here against H. N. Panther, highway man.

Plaintiffs in the suits are C. T. Whaley, chief of police of the town of Fair Bluff, John Powell, of that place, and E. T. Reed, colored merchant also of the border town. The first two ask \$10,000 each for injuries received while Reed asks for \$5,000.

The complaints allege that the plaintiffs received serious and permanent injuries when the car owned by Panther and driven by another man plunged over an embankment four miles West of Whiteville.

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Will Select Queen Of Coastal Area

At a dance to be held at the Anchorage pavilion at Lake Waccamaw next Wednesday night, May 1st, a beauty contest will be held with representatives from all the towns of the coastal area, and the winner will be awarded a grand prize and crowned Coastal Queen.

Whiteville offers four representatives in the contest: Misses Maggie Jackson Smith, two years ago Miss Whiteville in a local beauty contest, Katye Winesett, Mrs. Paul J. Williamson and Mrs. H. B. Gurganus.

Four-H Club members of Caldwell county completed 176 projects in 1934 and obtained excellent results from their work according to report books filed with the county agent.

Tabor City Plans Big Exposition

American Legion Staging Big Trade Week And Festival During the Week Of March 6th, With Many Interesting Features

Plans are being whipped into shape for the American Legion Trade week and Festival that will be held in Tabor City during the week of May, 6th.

The city business men are planning great sales for every day during the big festival. The exposition will be located right in the center of Tabor City and all merchants are buying booths in which to display their merchandise during the big show. Some of the best circus and vaudeville acts in show business will be brought to Tabor City to help furnish the visitors amusement during the week. Special features will be on the program for each night. The opening night will be a grand review of all acts. Tuesday night

will be home talent night with cash prizes to all winners, Wednesday night a style show using 18 of the young ladies of the county, Thursday night will be Old Fiddlers Night with cash prizes to the best string band, best old fiddler, best banjo players. A couple is wanted to get married on the exposition stage on Saturday night. The exposition manager has a wonderful offer for a couple planning to get married. The auto dealers will also have a chance to show their new cars at the big exposition.

The Legion's \$5,000.00 hut will be formally opened with a big dance, and the Legion post hopes to make this one of the biggest dances that has ever been held in this part of the state. One of the best Orchestras will be secured for Friday night. Hal Thurston, Hod Williams and others are under advisement but so far the dance committee has not yet picked the band.

The new hut is one of the finest in this part of North Carolina, and the post members are very proud of the building. The floor is made of hard wood and makes a very fine dance floor. The hut will be decorated with the colors for the big dance.

Falls At Dance, Breaks Her Knee

While attending a square dance on Saturday night, Mrs. Rossie Fowler, who lives out on Tabor City Rt. No. 1, happened to trip and fall, sustaining a fractured knee cap.

Rushed to Tabor City physicians, she is now progressing nicely.

PCA DISBURSEMENTS

The Whiteville office of the Production Credit Association through April had disbursed a total of \$51,650.00, information issuing from Columbia, S. C., indicates.

Evergreen Youth Contest Winner

In a live stock judging contest held at Fort Bragg the first of this week, Anthony Benton, Agriculture student in the Evergreen high school, won first place with a score of 183.

These contests are sponsored by the state department of vocational education and the Young Tar Heel Farmers organization.

Mountain farmers of Graham County have purchased 5,800 lbs. of lespedeza seed for demonstration planting this season.

Boone Bicentennial Half Dollar



The obverse and reverse sides of the model of the Daniel Boone bicentennial half-dollar, as designed by Augustus Lukeman, following the authorization by congress for the manufacture of 600,000 of the piece. The money from the sale of the coins will go to the Daniel Boone bicentennial commission of Kentucky which will acquire four shrines to constitute the pioneer's national monument.

In Rutherford County, 267 farmers have sold 14,786 pounds of poultry for \$1,798.97 during last few weeks.

SPECIAL NOTICE Tax Listing

April has gone and many are delinquent in listing their property for 1935. In order to give those who have failed to list, further opportunity, you are given until Wednesday, May 15th to see your Township Lister and make your tax returns.

Section 521 of the Machinery Act provides that in addition to 10 per cent added to the tax, the willful failure to list is a misdemeanor, and the Board of County Commissioners shall present the names of all such persons, firms or corporations to the grand jury.

SEE YOUR TAX LISTER AT ONCE

W. R. HOLMES TAX SUPERVISOR

WAR! WAR!!

There is a Price War on Tires this week. Get your set of UNITED STATES TIRES before the price goes up. Good allowance on old tires. Let us make you a price before you buy. Since they do not cost any more why not put on a set of popular UNITED STATES TIRES.

MACHINE SHOP

Where do you get your machine shop work done? We are doing a lot of machine shop work such as Reaming, Drilling, Lathe Work, Press Work, Rebabbiting, Reborring, Electric and Acetylene Welding, Etc.

PANIT DEPARTMENT

Automobile painting and body work. Sign Painting.

GARAGE

Anything done on an automobile. Repairing, painting, Body Work and New Parts.

RADIO-Repairing and Parts

RCA VICTOR and DELCO RADIOS FOR SALE

Terms to suit you

Columbus Motor Co.

Insect Trouble?

If you are bothered with Ants, Roaches or other household pests see us before going elsewhere for relief.

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Watson's Pharmacy

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