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MARION STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

Workers Return to Work at Marion Mill As Agreement Is Reached; Recall Troops.

With the strikes at the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company and the Marion Manufacturing Company settled, workers at the two mills were returning to work Wednesday and the Asheville and Morganton units of the national guard, on duty in Marion for several weeks, were preparing to leave Marion during the afternoon. The Lincolnton and Statesville troops will remain in Marion for a few days longer.

The strikers Saturday night ratified terms of settlement drawn up Monday, and the two strikes were officially declared at an end.

While the strikers failed to secure all of their demands, strike headquarters Wednesday morning declared that the settlement was by no means a defeat for the workers.

Terms of Settlement

The strikers had demanded a 55 hour week, no decrease in wages, which would have meant about a 10 percent increase in the rate of pay; reinstatement of the discharged workers; recognition of the union; and no discrimination against union workers.

Under terms of the agreement the mills will operate on a 55-hour week but at the same rate of pay. The strikers failed to secure their demand for reinstatement of discharged workers or for recognition of the union, but the mill managements agreed to recognize "grievance" committees of workers, and agreed not to discriminate against workers because of their membership in the union. At the end of six weeks the mill management may submit the question of returning to the 60-hour week to a vote of the employees.

Since the Clinchfield mill has been operating a day shift for some time, and the Marion Manufacturing Company resumed day operation Tuesday, most of the strikers who are re-employed will be taken on the night shift at the latter mill and used to fill vacancies in the Clinchfield mill, Judge N. A. Townsend, Governor Gardner's executive counsel, explained Wednesday. The Clinchfield mill will not resume night work, at least for the present.

Townsend Pleased

Judge Townsend, who has been here seeking to bring about an amicable settlement of the strikes for the past several weeks, expressed pleasure Wednesday that they were ended, and declared that any bitterness, engendered by the controversy, appeared to have disappeared, and that there were no indications of further trouble.

The Statesville and Lincolnton troops will remain on guard for the next several days, however, as a precautionary measure. Judge Townsend expects to remain in Marion until Thursday. Major Eugene P. Coston, of Asheville, in command of the troops at Marion, will remain here until the last troops leave, he said. That, he explained, probably will be the last of this week of the first part of next week.

The strike leaders Wednesday gave a large share of the credit for the settlement of the strike to L. L. Jenkins, Buncombe county treasurer and Asheville banker, who is interested in a number of textile mills. He pledged his word, they said, to use his influence to see that the terms of the settlement are faithfully carried out, and this, the strikers appeared to feel, was an assurance that the controversy would not break out again.

Mr. Jenkins took part in the conference in Asheville Monday at which settlement terms were outlined.

Unionization work will continue here, it was intimated by labor leaders, and the union will keep a permanent business manager for the union on duty here.

The first strike in Marion nearly two months ago, when about 650 of the 900 employees of the Marion Manufacturing Company walked out. The mill remained closed until Tuesday.

On August 15 the Asheville and Morganton national guard units were ordered to Marion, when trouble occurred at the Clinchfield

mill attempted to open, after having been closed for three weeks. The troops, however, remained in Marion, a mile from the mill, until rioting occurred on August 30th, when an out-of-town family moved to the mill village to start work in the mill. Judge Townsend then ordered the Asheville and Morganton troops to the mill village, and called out two more national guard units, those from Statesville and Lincolnton. The troops have been on duty at the mill villages since that time.

Judge Townsend Tuesday night issued the following statement outlining the terms on which the strikes were settled:

"The strike at the Marion Manufacturing Company and Clinchfield Manufacturing Company mills is settled. The basis of settlement is that each one of the mills will operate on 55-hour per week schedule and that the pay per hour and per piecework shall remain like at present. The management of either mill may submit to its employees at the end of six weeks from Monday, September 9, the question of whether its employees want to remain on a schedule of 55 hours or go back to the 60-hour schedule, the present basis of pay.

"The respective managements agree that the mills shall show no discrimination against the employees simply because they belong to the union.

"Mr. B. M. Hart, of the Clinchfield, and Mr. R. W. Baldwin, of the Marion, agree that any man or woman in their employ can see them on anything involving conditions or character of employment."

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEET AT SILOAM CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Concord Presbytery held its semi-annual meeting at Siloam Church near Greenlee on Tuesday, Sept. 10th. The conference began at 10 a. m. and adjourned at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Greenlee of the hostess church, in a few fitting words welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Janie Reid of Old Fort and Mrs. Frank Gwin of Salisbury presided over the meetings. Prominent visiting women who spoke during the day were Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, president of Mitchell College, Statesville; Mrs. Edgar Volder of Hickory and Miss Carrie Roberts of Salisbury.

Siloam is an old church which was organized more than a hundred years ago. The late Judge Avery thought and so stated that prior to 1800 it was called Pleasant Gardens and was organized as early as 1777. It was then perhaps, "a church without a habitation." He said, "The first Presbyterian minister who ever made his home in old Burke reported to the Synod in 1777 as the pastor at two points, Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens." If indeed Siloam is the continuation of the old Pleasant Gardens organization it is the oldest Presbyterian church in Western North Carolina west of Morganton.

A perusal of the session record reveals amusing and surprising information about the activities of the old church. It was vigilant of the behavior of its members, searching and determined in its investigations of their misdeeds and would sometimes "strike their names from the books" for such offences or combinations of offences as slandering a fellow member, telling falsehoods, wilfully absenting themselves from church and church ordinances, and selling ardent spirits on the Sabbath.

The church session seemed to serve as a sort of community court and to be surprisingly successful in checking waywardness, settling difficulties between members and keeping the general peace of the community.

On the roll of members and the list of those baptized are names of men and women who have been and are influential citizens in our fair state and elsewhere, names of physicians, judges, teachers, ministers, and missionaries. The name of one colored person is found on the church roll, "Fanny, a colored woman."

Sweet clover and alfalfa produced well in Burke county this season. One man with 17 acres of sweet clover said he had harvested a wonderful yield.

Next Monday and Tuesday at the Marion Theatre, AL JOLSON in "THE SINGING FOOL".

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR D. E. HUDGINS

McDowell Court Pays Tribute to Memory of Noted Lawyer—Sons Admitted to the Bar.

An impressive service was held at the court house Monday when the afternoon session of McDowell Superior Court was given to a memorial service for the late D. E. Hudgins prominent lawyer of Marion who died last July. For more than 30 years Mr. Hudgins was very active in the professional, business, civic, educational and church life of Marion and McDowell county.

Fitting resolutions prepared by a special committee of the Marion bar composed of J. W. Winborne, G. F. Washburn and J. W. Pless, Jr., were read by Mr. Winborne, chairman of the committee. Members of the Marion bar and visiting attorneys from adjoining counties made addresses, speaking of Mr. Hudgins' life and work, and high place in the town, county and entire state. The highest tributes were paid to his memory and many incidents of his life recited, and his great influence and powers reviewed by his associates and those who knew him well, in the practice of law, as well as in business and in other relations. A large crowd attended the service, with Judge J. E. Webb and Colonel J. L. C. Bird, one of Marion's veteran attorneys and a life-long friend of Mr. Hudgins, presiding.

At the conclusion of the memorial services in honor of Mr. Hudgins his two sons, Carter and D. E. Hudgins, Jr., were presented to the court and sworn in as members of the Marion bar. Carter Hudgins, the elder of the two sons, was presented by E. F. Watson, who had been Mr. Hudgins' law partner for more than 30 years. D. E. Hudgins, Jr., was presented to the court by J. Will Pless, Jr., who commented upon the fact that 10 years ago it was his pleasure to have been presented to the court, the same Judge presiding, by the late Mr. Hudgins, who outlined for him such high ideals and standards, professional and ethical, that he wondered if he should ever be able to live up to them. D. E. Hudgins, Jr., made an unusual record in college, having been chosen as president of his class, later chosen president of the student body, and having been successful in winning the Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University, England.

HOUCK-EASLEY

The following clipping from the Berea Sentinel, Berea, Ky., will be of interest in Marion, the former home of the bride:

The wedding of Miss Rosa Houck and Mr. Durell Easley was solemnized Saturday morning August third at seven o'clock, on Mrs. Helen Cock's lawn, on Jackson street.

The attendants were Miss Ruth Woods, maid of honor, and Mr. Lewis Hart, best man. Dr. Weidler performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a lovely dress of pink crepe. The maid of honor was dressed in pale green georgette crepe.

Mr. Howard Tilson, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lewis Hart, sang "At Dawning" and "Until". Mrs. Hart played the Lohengrin wedding march. During the ceremony, "Tis Thy Wedding Morning" was played softly.

Immediately after the ceremony a simple breakfast was served to the guests. Mrs. Easley was graduated from Berea in 1924. She was dietitian at the College Hospital for two years, and has been assistant at the boarding hall for three years. Her services to the college will be greatly missed. Her efficiency in her work will make it hard to fill her place.

Mr. Easley is a graduate of the University of Illinois and will teach in the Berea High School the coming year.

After an extended honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Easley will be at home to their friends on Jackson street September 1st.

(Among the guests at the wedding was John Houck, Jr., brother of Mrs. Easley.)

A SPECIAL Picture at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday. AL JOLSON in "THE SINGING FOOL".

MRS. JONAS HEADS P. T. ASSOCIATION

Officers Elected And Important Undertakings Discussed at Meeting Monday.

Last Monday afternoon at 3:30 the Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting for the current year in the high school auditorium. Seventy-six parents were present, which marks the largest attendance for the association during the past several years.

Immediately after the singing of "America" prayer was offered by Rev. T. L. Klutz, Mr. F. R. Richardson, the new superintendent, then stated the purpose of the meeting, and after introducing the teachers, officers of the association were elected.

Mrs. J. F. Jonas was given the president's post, while Mrs. R. J. Noyes was selected to serve as vice-president. Mrs. Jessie Morgan, high school librarian, was elected secretary and treasurer.

After the election of officers business was discussed. The primary purpose of the association is to bring contact of both parent and teacher in such an environment that the children of the community can be given every possible advantage. The association placed as its specific objectives for the year two important undertakings: beautification of the school grounds was suggested as the primary objective with a thrift programme presenting itself for second consideration.

In order that the suggested plans might be carried out, "Ways and Means" had to be considered. One solution was that the association be divided into "Circles", letting each circle be responsible for methods and devices.

The general suggestions for raising money were:

(1) Home talent plays. A suitable date for an entertainment could be marked on the calendar for each circle.

(2) Benefit bridge parties. A party of this kind has been known to have netted \$75.00.

(3) By asking each member of the circle or at least all men for \$1.00. A certain association last year raised \$250 in this way. To sell the tags on the streets after a great deal of publicity would be effective.

(4) Rummage sales.

(5) Old style oyster and ice cream suppers.

TWENTY MEN OUT FOR FOOTBALL THIS YEAR

The football prospect at Marion high school put on a gloomy face several days ago and since that time the atmosphere has deepened. With only four letter men back to form the framework, coaches Hawn and Beam are up against a tough proposition.

The loss of valuable men by graduation produced a problem for the coaching staff, but that is not the only thing that is troubling the mentors; men who should be in school have not returned. Keith Kanipe, star guard of last season, is in Texas; Frank Moore, another guard, has given up football; Alfred McCall, lineman, has enrolled with Charlotte high school. It is also known that John Bowditch, center, will not return to school this year.

About twenty men are out for the squad, and despite handicaps, are working hard. Kelly Gilkey, tackle, has been elected captain of the '29 eleven and should prove a worthy pilot. A light, fast team is the vision of the coaches at present; what is lacking in height is hoped to be overcome by speed. A heavy schedule is being arranged which will be announced later.

Among those showing up well for the past few days are: Captain Gilkey, Smith, Mashburn, Clay, Ouzts, Rabb, Roper, Hennessey, Williams, Holcombe, Martin, Finley, Ledbetter, and others.

Everybody knows the song "Sonny Boy". Hear AL JOLSON sing it to little DAVEY LEE in "THE SINGING FOOL", at Marion Theatre next Monday or Tuesday.

Farmers of Jackson county sold three cars of Irish potatoes recently at \$1.10 a bushel delivered at the car door.

FARMERS VISIT CHEESE PLANT IN ASHE COUNTY

On Friday of the past week several thousand people gathered at West Jefferson, in Ashe County, to attend the second annual farmers' picnic and to hear agricultural leaders addresses on this occasion. Representatives from McDowell, as well as many of the other nearby counties, attended and report a wonderful meeting.

Nicholas Simons, vice-president of the Kraft Phenix Cheese Corporation, made an address which was enthusiastically received. He told something of the ideals of his corporation, and the rapid development of the dairy interest in Wisconsin, and cited three towns in that state as an example of what dairying can do for the prosperity of a community. He said that Wisconsin was the greatest dairy state in the Union, yet it had nothing like the advantages of this and other sections in this part of the state for dairying, and he felt that no section anywhere surpasses this immediate section in its natural advantages for dairying. He did not see any reason why this state should not rank with or ahead of Wisconsin if the people will take advantage of their opportunities.

Mr. Simons stated that his corporation had set aside a fund for future development of their plant at West Jefferson and that the first unit of a modern cheese plant would be erected at an early date. When this unit is completed, not only will cheese be manufactured, but every other by product of dairy business.

It was also stated that it was planned to make the West Jefferson plant a "mother plant", and as the dairy interest developed, to establish branch plants where the conditions would justify such locations.

A little more than a year ago through the united effort of business men and farmers, with the co-operation of the Dairy Extension Specialist of the State College and County Agent Turner, a cheese factory began operation in an old garage building in West Jefferson. The Kraft Cheese Company had guaranteed to take over the plant when 6,000 pounds of milk a day was available. On the first day of operation, July 23rd, 1928, only 1,126 pounds of milk was received for which the farmers received \$25.90. On June 10th, 1929, not quite 11 months afterwards, the farmers sold 19,557 pounds of milk for which they received \$410.69.

This shows briefly what has happened in that section. About 500 patrons are selling milk to the cheese plant. Milk is bought on the butter-fat basis, at about 50c per pound butter-fat. Milk routes are radiating in all directions from West Jefferson. The farmers are buying purebred and high grade dairy cattle, planting more grasses and legumes, remodeling old barns, building milking sheds, and everywhere there is an air of "prosperity". Mr. G. C. Conley of Marion said that he had never seen so much grass, haystacks, cattle, so prosperous looking farmers and as fine farming section as he saw at West Jefferson.

When will McDowell County have a cheese plant, or some kind of a dairy manufacturing plant? Just as soon as the farmers throughout the county "get together", get busy and produce the necessary milk. Just a handful of farmers cannot produce enough milk to operate a cheese plant, but if a large number of farmers throughout the county will produce only some surplus milk, the peration of cream routes will be profitable, and milk checks will find their way into many farm homes.

Miles out from West Jefferson it was a common thing to see five gallon milk cans sitting at the farm gates, no uncommon thing to pass a milk truck gathering milk, and in West Jefferson several large trucks were seen loaded down with milk. McDowell County farmers will have to have such a vision of things in this county. As long as each farmer tries to sell his surplus milk as "country butter" on the local markets, there is not much hopes of a cheese factory, or any other kind of a dairy product manufacturing plant in this county. Let's get the old fields and little rich coves cleared and sown in grasses and clovers, a few acres of the best land put into pasture, and everybody producing milk to sell, with a truck gathering the milk throughout the county. Then it won't be long before we will have some kind of a dairy product manufacturing plant in this county.

HUNTING SEASON OPENS NEXT WEEK

Season for Squirrels Sept. 15 Marks Beginning of Fall Hunting Season in the State.

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—First tinges of crispness in the atmosphere, presaging the arrival of fall, are turning the thoughts of the outdoor enthusiast toward a trip afield with gun and dog.

Only a few days remain before the first of the major seasons for hunting opens. This season, the hunter finds a number of changes for the regulation of his sport and in the interest of increased opportunities for its enjoyment.

Licenses for the coming season have already been placed in the hands of selling agents over the state, and many sportsmen are preparing for the opening of the season by purchasing their hunting permits.

In comparison with six classifications of licenses sold last year, there will be 16 for the coming season. The general assembly of 1929 directed that all persons engaged in trapping should pay a fee for that privilege. The general assembly also provided for combination hunting and fishing license and a combination hunting and trapping permit. A special fur-dealer's law added four classifications of licenses while hunting guides were also brought under the regulation of the state and must take out a permit to engage in this occupation.

Anticipating the demands for the various types of licenses, the department of conservation and development increased by more than one-third the number of blanks and buttons for sporting privileges this year. The total number of licenses available this year for distribution is 312,000 in comparison with about 200,000 last year.

Seasons this year have been changed by the legislature to allow the opening of all before Thanksgiving. Squirrel shooting, starting in the western part of the state on September 15, is the first to open, and in the east it comes one month later, October 15. Deer and bear are the next species of game that may be lawfully taken this fall, the season opening on these animals being October 1. November 20, the hunting season will be launched in full sway with quail, turkey, rabbit and dove being legal bags.

Game wardens over the state have been cautioned by State Warden C. H. England to enforce strictly the season regulations, and as a result many prosecutions have been conducted. Authorities have also instructed the wardens to check closely this season to see that hunters taking the field have purchased their licenses.

MAN, CRAZED BY BLOW, CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Running amuck with a shot gun in East Marion mill village, Jim Owens, employee of the Marion Mill and opponent of the union, created considerable excitement in the village Saturday evening, before he was arrested by members of Sheriff Adkins' force.

Owens, who lives near the strike headquarters, went to the union center, it is stated, to insist upon the strikers making less noise. When he appeared there, Owens charges, West Fowler, one of the strikers, suddenly struck him with a broad axe. Owens then went to his home and secured a shot gun and ran the villagers into their homes. Three shots were fired, one bullet taking effect in the leg on an eight year old son of Theo. Jenkins. The child's wound was not considered serious.

Both men were jailed on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

DIRECTORS MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the directors of the Marion Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber of Commerce office in the court house Thursday evening at eight o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Everybody has heard about the AL JOLSON pictures. "THE SINGING FOOL" will be shown at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday. Regular prices.