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## WALKOUT HALTS LIVESTOCK TRADE IN CHICAGO YARDS

### Huge Stock Yards in Windy City Paralyzed by Strike of Livestock Handlers' Union

### HOT WEATHER KILLS THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS

Chicago, July 24.—The strike which paralyzed business completely and caused a sweltering day of misery for a near record herd of live stock threatened to spread tonight at Chicago's stock yards.

After the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company refused to discharge strike breakers, labor leaders replied with a warning that a general strike of all yard workers would be called if their demands were not met.

The big packers said their employees were not involved and asserted, that Thomas Devero, business agent of the striking Live Stock Handlers' Union, did not possess authority to order a general strike. Company officials said the strikers' places would be filled and every effort made to "keep the yards" largest in the world, open.

Chicago and its trade territory was not worried by fear of a meat shortage. Packing house coolers contained a three weeks' supply. But unnumbered live stock died of starvation, thirst and the 105 degree heat, a new all time high for the city and yards. Government inspectors passed among the pens, pistols in hand destroying other beasts no longer fit for food.

About 50,000 head of the cattle were government owned. They were purchased in the parched prairie States because there was no water nor food for them there and brought here for quick killing. Instead they faced further agony as they milled about their waterless, unshaded pens through the day.

A blazing sun beat down on the crazy-quilt of corrals. Commission men, although prevented by the union adherents from leading any of the suffering animals to a merciful death in the slaughtering houses, filled their drinking troughs and sprayed those which seemed most likely to succumb with hose.

Some of the animals, staggering from starvation and weakened by the heat, were shot down by government inspectors and hauled away. Federal authorities were urged to withhold further consignments of drought-stricken kine. A major portion of the thousands of these cattle the government bought had been sent here.

The Farm Administration in Washington answered the plea by ordering a temporary suspension of the buying of cattle in the arid areas because of the Chicago situation and because other markets are congested.

The National Live Stock Marketing Association representing some 300,000 live stock raisers and feeders, appealed to Washington authorities to bring about a settlement of the strike or to at least a 72-hour truce to enable a clean up of the suffering stock already in the yards here or en route. The plea was wired to Dr. J. S. Mohler, chief of the packer stock yards division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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### IN NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stewart have moved into their handsome new brick bungalow on Lamar street. There are quite a number of beautiful homes on this street, and Mr. Stewart's is one of the prettiest.

### AT HOME

Mr. G. A. Duncan, who has been a patient at Duke Hospital, Durham, returned home last night and is now recuperating at his home on Lamar street.

### RETURNS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Allen have returned from Virginia Beach where they spent several days last week.

### BUSINESS VISITOR

Mr. Jas. H. Craig, of Philadelphia, president of Somerset Mills, spent several days here last week on business matters pertaining to the mill.

## INCREASE PRICE FOR WEED IS SEEN

### Chief Of Tobacco Section Of AAA Says All Conditions Are Favorable

### WILL SPEAK AT OXFORD TOMORROW

Washington, July 23.—Prospect of better prices for flue-cured tobacco this season was seen today by J. B. Hutson, chief of the Farm Administration's tobacco section.

Hutson will speak Thursday at the 13th annual tobacco station field day at Oxford, N. C., and will outline the reasons why he believes the grower may look for better returns.

He cited what he said was an indicated smaller crop, a relatively higher price level, improved relationships between supply and consumption, and prospects of a controlled crop and further reductions of supplies in 1934.

"The July 1 estimate of the Crops Reporting Board placed this season's indicated flue-cured crop at 525,749,000 pounds," Hutson said. "This is as much below annual world consumption as last year's crop was above. Reduced acreage, brought about through the voluntary cooperation of farmers who signed acreage adjustment contracts, is expected to contribute largely to the flue-cured supply."

"Although both domestic and foreign stocks of flue-cured tobacco are higher than a year ago, the crop is enough below that of 1933 to cause a decrease of approximately 120,000 pounds, or 8 1-2 per cent in the supply. In addition, domestic consumption is estimated to be somewhat above that of the previous year, while the decline in foreign consumption appears to have been checked in some important consuming countries. Since world consumption for 1933-34 shows no change from that of the previous year, the ratio of supplies to prices has been considerably reduced."

## MR. HALL ASKS FOR 25c PRICE

Mr. C. A. Hall, chairman of the N. C. Tobacco association, wired Mr. J. B. Hutson, chief of tobacco section, asking for a 25 cent price agreement on the coming crop. He wired as follows:

Mr. J. B. Hutson, Chief of Tobacco Section, Washington, D. C.

Protracted drought indicates very grave shortage in flue cured tobacco. In view of this shortage we feel that price agreement should not be made too quickly. If price is made we feel that 25 cents per pound or more should be obtained.

C. T. Hall, Chairman.

## STATEMENT

So many inquiries have come to me relative to our teacher allotment for Allensville High School, 1934-35, that I make this statement. The Allensville High School was allotted 3 high school teachers and 8 elementary teachers for 1934-35. This allotment is the same as of last year, and so both the High School and the Elementary School will be operated in 1934-35. The High School will, of course, maintain its standard rating.

S. G. Winstead, Superintendent, Person County Schools.

## Appendicitis Operation

Mr. Ivory Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fox, was operated on for appendicitis this morning in Watis hospital, Durham. He stood the operation all right and his condition is good. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have four children and Ivory is the third to have had such an operation.

## EASTERN STAR TO MEET THURS.

The Order of Eastern Star will meet Thursday night, August 2, at 7:30 P. M. All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

Mrs. E. E. Thomas, Worthy Matron.

## LOCH LILY CAMP

The members of the B. Y. P. U. of Lamberth Memorial Baptist church spent three days last week camping at Loch Lily. Mr. A. O. Painter is president of the Union, and the young people report a most enjoyable time.

## Called to Washington



Mr. C. A. Hall, chairman of the North Carolina Tobacco Association, was called to Washington to meet with the executives on Friday and discuss the price to be fixed for tobacco the coming season.

## ALL TIME HEAT RECORDS CAUSE DEATHS TO MOUNT

### Chicago And Other Cities Report Highest Temperatures In Their History

### 700 DEATHS REPORTED

The summer's hottest heat wave had caused more than 700 deaths by Tuesday night adding to its victims yesterday at the rate of ten an hour with no relief in sight.

All-time high temperatures were recorded in many cities of the Midwest and new, more disastrous estimates of the damage to crops and live stock.

At 2 p. m., Central Standard Time, the death total stood at 655 for the 22 states most affected. At 8 p. m. it was 719, half of them in Missouri and Illinois.

The Chicago weather bureau reported the hottest weather ever endured there—104.8 degrees, officially 105, at 2:40 p. m. The previous high was 103 in 1903.

St. Louis' new high was 110.2 with 29 deaths for Tuesday and 143 for the season. Quincy, Ill., with 111 had had temperatures above 108 for seven consecutive days, and above 90 for 31 days. All-time new highs reported included Peru, Ill., 108; Rockford, Ill., 107; Centralia, Ill., 111; Milwaukee, 105; Ottumwa, Ia., 111; and Independence, Kas., 112.

The hottest town, officially, was Vinita in northeast Oklahoma at 117, although more exciting but less official reports were numerous. They were topped by a reading of 147 on a thermometer in the sun outside a physician's office in Ellis, Kas.

Southeastern Nebraska had its tenth day of plus-100 degree heat. In Tulsa, Okla., the 111 reading was highest since 1932.

Yet 50 miles from Denver, tourists (Continued on page eight)

## TEN MILLIONS FOR STATE'S FARMERS

### Roosevelt Program Puts Handsome Sum in Pockets Of N. C. Agriculturists

### TOTAL RECEIVED IN ALL OF U. S. WAS \$267,562,231

Washington, July 23.—Over \$10,000,000 in cash has been paid to North Carolina farmers for cooperating with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, according to figures released here today by the Department of Agriculture. In addition to cash which the Roosevelt farm program has put into the pockets of Tar Heel farmers, there has been a general upswing of farm commodity prices, brought about more or less by the cooperation of producers with the AAA lining production with consumption.

North Carolina tobacco growers up until June 30 received \$5,056,016 in land rental and benefit payments. Tar Heel cotton farmers received \$3,755,483, and wheat farmers \$37,459,58. In addition to this cotton farmers under the Smith plan have put-in operation last Summer have realized a net profit of \$1,307,716. This makes a grand total of \$10,156,675.

The cash money received by all farmers in the United States from the AAA totals \$267,562,231. This money is raised by processing taxes levied on processors of various farm commodities.

## BUSINESS AFFAIRS ARE IMPROVING

### Continued indication of a brightening financial picture throughout the South is contained in the mid-year financial statement just reported by the company to B. E. Knight, Pilot Life Insurance company general agent locally, showing substantial gains in insurance in force, surplus and assets for the first half of 1934.

Other significant trends reported by President Emory C. Green include policy loans, showing less than half the total for the first half of 1933; loan repayments, more than double the total for the first half of last year.

A favorable mortality rate of 49% was also reported by the company. KNIGHT'S INSURANCE AGENCY

## BAILEY THINKS 25-CENT MINIMUM IS NECESSARY

### Raleigh, July 24.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey today wired Chester Davis of the tobacco division of the AAA in Washington, expressing his belief in the imperative need for a 25-cent minimum price for the weed.

"With an estimated crop of 350,000,000 pounds, it will take a minimum price of 25 cents per pound at least to equal the volume of last year," the senator said. Governor Ehringhaus urged a high price for tobacco in a wire to Mr. Davis yesterday.

The wool pool arranged by County Agent W. B. Collins was participated in by 252 Alleghany sheep growers who sold 18,678 pounds.

## Make Attempt to Offset Bittings' Case Evidence

### Delegation Appears Before Gill In Case Of Negro Due To Die August 10

### ANOTHER HEARING SOON

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M. H. Thompson, Durham Negro attorney and counsel for Bittings, headed a delegation of Person County Negroes. Their testimony was offered in an attempt to offset testimony of Bittings' wife and children.

Bittings' wife and children told a story which was counter in almost all respects to the story told by Bittings himself. Their stories are regarded as having materially damaged the Negro's chances for clemency.

At one point in yesterday's hearing, Thompson charged Commissioner Gill with intimidation of Frank Pettiford, Person County Negro youth, one of the witnesses. Mr. Gill told Pettiford rather sharply to take his feet off the office wall—which had been cleaned and painted recently—and Thompson immediately entered his charge that Mr. Gill was attempting to intimidate the witness.

The Parole Commissioner then had a chair brought for Pettiford and had his statement taken by a stenographer.

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All of yesterday's evidence was introduced in an attempt to show that the wife and children may not have been on the best of terms with Bittings and to show that Clayton was a man of violent temper and bad reputation. The evidence also attempted to show that Clayton had immoral relations with Lily May Bittings and that the girl actually was not Bittings' daughter.

W. C. Clark, Person County Negro merchant, and Willie Wade, Negro, said they had heard that Clayton was a man of violent temper, and Wade said he once had sued Clayton for his share of a crop. Each of them stated that they heard Bittings' wife state about two weeks following the murder of Clayton that Clayton had threatened Bittings and had beat one of the Bittings children.

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## TOO HOT

Ramsey, N. J., July 23.—William Storms, 55, and Jilted, set fire to his barn. Then he threw his life savings, \$2,500, to the flames. The deed to his property followed. Storms then ran into the barn, intending to die. The pain was too much. He ran out screaming and plunged into a spring.

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