

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 11.25 to 12.25
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 23.00
Cotton seed, ton, carlots 25.00

Warmer

Weather forecast for North Carolina—Fair tonight and tomorrow. Warmer tonight in west and central parts of state.

CWA Budgeted

By UNITED PRESS
Washington, Feb. 2.—President Roosevelt is determined to stay within the limits of the one billion and sixty-six million dollar budget item for relief work, he said today in response to the question if additional funds would be asked for the continuation of the Civil Works Administration. He is considering formation of a banking corporation to establish the enforcement of certain loans to Russia. It was learned authoritatively today.

Bank Held Up

By UNITED PRESS
Needham, Mass., Feb. 2.—One policeman was slain and three young men wounded today as four young and unmasked bandits help up the Needham Trust Company in the heart of the city's business district and escaped with \$10,000 in cash. They kidnaped and later released two bank employees, whom they used to shield their escape.

Payroll Robbed

By UNITED PRESS
Penns Grove, N. J., Feb. 2.—Four bandits robbed the Penns Grove National Bank today, escaping with the \$120,000 Du Pont Company payroll.

Seek Air Data

By UNITED PRESS
Washington, Feb. 2.—Chairman Back of the special senate committee investigating airmail contracts today threatened to impound all files from the law office of former assistant secretary of Commerce W. P. McCracken, after McCracken testified he would permit removal of some of the files on receipt of a subpoena from the committee.

The March Of Events

Golden Tide
A heavy flow of gold from Europe to America and the immediate use of the huge \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund were predicted today in Washington to counteract world market responses to the new American dollar that generally fell far short of expectations. At the price of \$35 per ounce of gold, it is more profitable to buy gold abroad and ship it here, and it was reported that foreign and domestic banks were only awaiting the announcement of the procedure to start the yellow flood across the Atlantic. The stock market rose rapidly yesterday as a result of the devaluation of the dollar, but commodity prices failed to respond.

Pulitzer Resigns

Ralph Pulitzer, member of the noted publishing family, last night announced his resignation as NRA division administrator in charge of the newspaper and allied codes. Pulitzer's resignation came because "I feel that the opposition to my appointment by the American News paper Guild would cast doubt on my impartiality in any question concerning its members which might come before me."

To See President

Senator Smith, South Carolina, will confer with President Roosevelt today to take up the bill to continue crop production loans through 1934. He will also place before the President his plan for purchasing 1,000,000 bales of cotton, which is to be converted into bedding and clothing for free distribution to the needy. Senator Robinson, Democratic floor leader, adjourned the senate yesterday so as to give Smith opportunity to bring up the crop production loan bill today.

No Graft Here

The house naval committee today will start an inquiry aimed at keeping ship and airplane contractors from making excessive profits when the construction on the \$570,000,000 naval program begins. The inquiry was ordered because of disclosures before the house appropriations committee that one airplane engine manufacturer had made a profit of 36 per cent on his navy contracts. Said Chairman Watson: "If profits like that are being made, we'll stop it—even if it's necessary for the government to go into the airplane making nuisance suit."

Chance Still Seen To Obtain Cotton Station In County

Representatives Will Push Project

Bulwinkle And Bailey To Talk To Secretary Wallace About Matter Soon.

Cleveland county still has a chance to get the cotton experiment station for which \$45,000 federal funds are available, according to a letter received this morning from Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle in Washington.

Mr. Bulwinkle, learning that this federal cotton experiment station would be established in Piedmont North Carolina, recommended Cleveland county because of its supremacy in cotton production. Reasons why Cleveland county is the logical place for its location were presented Mr. Bulwinkle who in turn will present them to Secretary Wallace who has discretion in the matter.

There is a cotton experiment station at Statesville, supported by the state department of agriculture and Dr. R. Y. Winters of Raleigh ventured the opinion that the federal station would be operated in conjunction with the Statesville station. However, Mr. Bulwinkle says "in this particular case, it may be best to put up a separate station and before any action is taken by the government, representatives will come to Cleveland county to make an investigation."

Mr. Bulwinkle and Senator Bailey have conferred together on the matter and Senator Bailey is very much in favor of Cleveland county. Just as soon as Secretary Wallace returns from a trip, Bulwinkle and Bailey have an engagement to call upon him in the interest of Cleveland county. "I believe there is a good chance to get this station for Cleveland," concludes Mr. Bulwinkle.

Second Baptist Church Services

The services at the local Second Baptist church Sunday are as follows: 9:45, Bible School; 11:00 o'clock, Public worship, sermon by the pastor on the subject, "The Broad and Narrow Way"; 6:00 p. m., B. Y. P. U. meeting; 7:00, sermon by the pastor on the subject, "The Prophet With a Burning Heart."

Cleveland Supports Reduction Sign Up

Three hundred and thirty two cotton reduction contracts have been approved in Cleveland county to date, it was announced in County Agent R. W. Shoffner's office this morning, and 1,084 contracts are in the office for approval. An unofficial estimate was that Cleveland would sign up at least 30 per cent.

A Fair Question

Stirred by the growing tendency of his fellow townsmen to use the newspaper for everything but advertising, a South Dakota editor recently asked them pertinently, in a page one box: "If a member of your family died, would you send out the obituary in a circular letter? If your wife entertained, would you run a slide on the screen of the movie show? If you were to enlarge your store would you tell folks in a hotel register? If you were to have a wedding at your house, would you tack the news on a telephone post? Then why in heck don't you put your advertisement in the newspaper, too?"

Nation To Mark Boy Scout Week; Gastonia Convention On Feb. 13

Shelby and Cleveland county, which led the state in scout activities last year, will take part in National Scout Week beginning Feb. 10, but plans for the local demonstrations have not yet been perfected. Carl Thompson will be in charge. The national program calls for scouts to wear their uniforms during the week, troops to stage demonstrations of scoutcraft, window displays, observation of scout Sunday on February 11 by all churches, church attendance by troops en masse, talks and demonstrations before civic clubs. In the Piedmont council, it is recommended that in each county, the county vice president, or an official appointed by him, will serve as the chairman of a celebration committee for the purpose of arranging a special patriotic program and in mobilizing the scouts and leaders of his county and in developing a program which will include the attendance of city and county government officials and the public.

Wed Doug. Jr., "Within Month?"



Although the actress, herself, refuses to confirm or deny the reports, London friends of Gertrude Lawrence, British stage actress, insist that she will marry Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (inset) within the month. They say that the ring worn by Miss Lawrence was placed there by Fairbanks.

Shelby Man Reunites With Mother Whom He Thought Dead For Years

J. W. Thurkill is the happiest man in Shelby today. Through a chance exchange of letters, he has located his 80-year-old mother, and his sisters after losing track of them for 25 years.

Chance Exchange Of Letters Ends In Dramatic Disclosure; Eighty-Year-Old Woman Waits Return Of Son.

Overjoyed at the news, Thurkill left Shelby this morning taking with him his four oldest children to see their long-lost grandmother. Happy will be the reunion between mother, sisters, and son. Mrs. Thurkill wrote that she had never ceased praying for him since he left her home, and always had hoped to see him once again before she died. Although 80 years old, she has resolved to return to Shelby with him, saying that she packed her clothes immediately after hearing from him, and that it will be useless to try to dissuade her.

Francis Child Dies At Shelby Hospital

Martha Ann, the twelve day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Francis died at the Shelby hospital on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock where it had been a patient for four days. The child had not been well since birth. Funeral services were held from the Francis home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Dr. Zeno Wall in charge. Interment was in Sunset cemetery. The parents and one sister, Rosalyn, age eight years, survive.

Veterans Falls Is Some Better Today

J. Z. Falls, Confederate veteran who is critically ill at his home on West Marion street was reported to be somewhat better today. He has a heart trouble and pneumonia in one lung, but the lung congestion is light, his temperature is not excessively high and attending physicians report he has a fighting chance in spite of his age of 86 years.

Kalarathea Staff To Present Play

The Kalarathea staff of Bowling Springs college will present a benefit play in the college auditorium at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. The play is a comedy entitled "District School" and is built around the school of fifty years ago. The characters are: a school master, Bruce Arrowood; visiting boy, Sommers Collins; member of school committee; Bob Spratt, and a group of students. Extensive preparation has been made by the members of the cast and this along with an exceptional comically dialogue, should assure those attending of over an hour of entertainment. The play is sponsored by the Kalarathea club, and is directed by Miss Mary Ables.

Union Will Meet At 10 Tomorrow; State Head Here

To Discuss Probable Mill Walkout

R. R. Lawrence, President Of State Labor Federation, And Bolick To Be Speakers.

Paul R. Christopher, secretary of the Shelby textile worker's union announced this morning that a special meeting of union members will be held in Union Hall tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

R. R. Lawrence, president of the state labor federation, and C. W. Bolick, United Textile Workers Organizer and American Federation of Labor Representative, will speak "This is a very important meeting," Mr. Christopher said, urging all members of the union to be present. "We will discuss the negotiations in regard to the probable strike in protest against the stretch out system."

Lang Holds Conferences. It will be a closed meeting, he said. J. P. Lang, representatives of the state department of labor, who was sent here on a hurry call to try to avert the strike, will confer with labor committees and mill executives today, but will not attend the labor meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Bolick said this morning that he had hoped the situation would permit him to leave Shelby today at noon, but from present indications he will be compelled to stay longer. Mr. Lawrence, who arrived early this morning, said he did not know how long he would be required to stay.

"There's trouble like this all over North Carolina," he said. "I ought to go to Mt. Airy right now. They have a dispute there very similar to this one."

Reports that a strike had been called in Greenville, S. C., were abroad last night, but were unconfirmed this morning.

County Map Plan Beyond CWA Woodson Is Told

May Get Action Through Reynolds Or Bulwinkle; Project Must Be Approved By Washington.

The Cleveland county map project, which was rejected in Raleigh this week, was said to be "beyond the scope" of the present set up in the administration, Harry Woodson, Cleveland county administrator, said this afternoon on his return from Raleigh. The map project, which called for a complete survey of the county to locate accurately every piece of property in it, would cost approximately \$38,000 and the board of county commissioners hoped, through the unlisted property it would reveal, to increase the tax collections.

Reverse English. There is still hope that the map be made, though. Mr. Woodson said he was told that the plan would have to be submitted to Washington, through Senator Reynolds or Representative Bulwinkle. If Washington approved, they might then reverse the process and submit the project to Cleveland county.

Delphic Groundhog Sees His Shadow

Your old friend the groundhog poked his sleepy head above ground this morning after a warm winter of hibernation, blinked his eyes in the brilliant sunshine, and predicted with delphic authority that we're in for bad, bad weather. "It's a tradition, you know. The only trouble with the legend is that it's almost a certainty that the groundhog will see his shadow. And it's another certainty that there'll be at least some mean weather from now on. So it works, every time. And that's the story of the ground hog for today."

Methodists Shift Their Church Debt

A campaign is on this week among the members of the Central Methodist church to secure note pledges for \$35,000 to pay off the debt to an insurance company for a like amount. The sum is owed on the church building fund. Instead of carrying the debt through an insurance company, the congregation is asked to give their individual notes and \$20,000 of the amount was pledged up until this morning.

U. S. Exerts Influence To Avert Shelby Strike; Not Sanctioned By Union

Will Europe Fight?—He Knows!



A modern Diogenes, searching for signs of peace instead of an honest man, H. E. Knickerbocker (inset), Pulitzer Prize winner and European correspondent of International News Service, traveled more than 5,000 miles along routes shown by dotted line, through a Europe bristling with armaments, interviewing crowned heads, prime ministers and others who hold the deciding word for war or peace in order to present an accurate review of the situation to the American people.

Mill Offers More Employment, Mull Says, If No Interference

Cleveland Cloth Now Installing 200 New Machines And Will Use More Men, Executive Says; Offers To Arbitrate.

"If the workers themselves don't hold us up, we'll employ more men on February 1 than we did on December 1," O. M. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Cloth mill said in an interview yesterday. He conceded the fact that about fifteen men would be eliminated on Monday if the plan to employ workers on six looms instead of five is carried forward, but emphasized the fact that eventually more will be employed.

Workers Still Protest. It is against the six-loom plan that the Shelby union protests. They held firm in their declaration today to strike unless they were allowed to continue on the five-loom scheme. Mr. Mull, in citing the mill's side of the dispute, declared that the 6-loom plan was no innovation, but was merely a return to the schedule in operation up to October 7 last year, when the number of looms was reduced because of bad yarn and because of heavier construction. The shop committee at that time agreed to return to six looms with good yarn and spring weaving on lighter goods.

Arbitrage Agreement. "The committee, which has two new members since then," Mr. Mull said, "does not seek to deny this agreement, but insists that the workers will not abide by it. I am perfectly willing to submit the dispute to the textile code authority, because I know what their answer will be."

"The Cleveland Cloth is one of the most sanitary mills I ever set my foot in," says C. W. Bolick, labor representative who formerly was superintendent of one of the big Marshall-Field company mills at Leaksville. "The issue is a clear-cut one involving the number of looms each weaver shall run—five or six. Of course a few minor grievances have been expressed, but they are beside the question at issue. Generally speaking the employees are pleased with the management, living and working conditions, work hours, etc.," said Mr. Bolick.

Double Code Wage. "As a matter of fact," Mr. Mull continued, "the same men who refuse to run six looms now were running seven in 1932. Moreover, a good weaver at our mill can earn \$25 a week on six looms, which is just double the minimum set by the textile code for a forty-hour week."

Ex-Tenants Yearning For Plows But Cleveland Land Is Scarce

Finding men willing to go back to the farms was easy enough, J. J. Lattimore, director of the re-employment bureau here said yesterday, but finding farms to put them on is the real problem. Mr. Lattimore has 100 experienced farmers who'd give most anything to get back to the soil, but after making two excursions over the county, and after sending out several hundred letters, he hasn't been able to find places for them. Some of the men are exceptional horse farmer" has all his own stock, and requires nothing but good land. He can stake himself. Others have one or two horses and equipment. There are more than 5,000 farms in Cleveland county, R. W. Shoffner, county agent, estimates, and many of them already have one or more tenants. None of them seems to feel that they need additional workers now. Of course the cotton reduction campaign may have

Washington Moves To Settle Disputes In Local Mill

Hope of averting the imminent strike of Shelby mill workers was seen this morning as the U. S. Department of Labor exerted tremendous pressure from Washington and the American Federation of Labor, likewise trying to avert the walkout, announced that it did not support a strike here. C. W. Bolick, American Federation of Labor's representative here, states that if the strike matures, as he predicts it will, they will not receive any support from the national body.

R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation of Labor, rushed to Shelby last night, arriving at 1 o'clock this morning, and told representatives of The Star before breakfast that he would call a meeting of the union immediately. He declined to comment on the Shelby situation, but from his attitude it may be assumed that he is interested in averting a strike if possible.

Conferences Today. Jack Lang, representative of the North Carolina industrial board, conferred last night with Bolick and mill executives. Further conferences were to be held this morning in an effort to iron out differences in mills here.

In spite of all these strenuous moves, however, the strike situation remains clearly this; workers at the Cleveland Cloth mill will walk out on Monday unless their demands are met. Yesterday afternoon, a committee from the union headed by Bolick, presented their demands to O. M. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Cloth mill, and the mill superintendent J. A. White and Tom Kerr. In a written bill of complaint, the union demanded continuation of the five loom per man program instead of the six-loom plan scheduled to start Monday. They admitted freely that their committee had agreed last fall to return to six looms at this time of the year, but claimed that the bad yarn which was partly responsible for the five-loom plan had not been consumed.

Mull Offers Bonus. Mr. Mull has offered a bonus to operatives on six looms who turn out exceptionally good work, but the workers snuffed at this and declared that it was the universal preference of mill workers that when the shop went on stretch-out, their piece-work rates were eventually reduced.

The union offered, Mr. Bolick said, to lay the dispute before the state labor board and abide by their decision until an appeal could be made to the national body. But they insisted on continuing with five looms. Mr. Mull said he was quite willing to leave the matter to this arbitration, but insisted on his part that the six-loom begin on Monday.

Mull Offers To Abide By Decision Of Cotton Board

O. M. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Cloth mill, this morning posted a notice in the mill succinctly stating the mill's position in the current dispute. Mr. Mull said: "The Cleveland cloth mill is being operated under the Cotton Textile code. We are only asking each weaver to care for the same number of looms that he or she attended in July, 1933 when the Cotton Textile code was adopted. If any disagree with this, we will join with them in presenting the dispute to the duly authorized boards under the Cotton Textile code and the N. E. A., and will abide by the final order of said authorities. Each employee must be permitted to do as he or she pleases about working at this mill. Those who want to quit have the right to do so. Those who want to work have the right to work without interference. Business conditions are not good but we expect to do our best to keep work for those of our employees who desire to work at Cleveland Cloth mill. CLEVELAND CLOTH MILLS. By O. M. Mull."

Gee McGee Says:

Dr. Hubert Green has returned back from a medical meeting at the county where the fleas have organized, they will continue to do free work but they won't do it on purpose. folks who won't pay for medical service rendered will receive only the very cheapest kind of medicine but good paying patients will get the best of everything, such as radiom, x-rays, violet rays an soforth. dead beats will all hater die natcheral deaths or pay something from now on. yores trulle, mike clark, rfd. Gee McGee's column, "No-body's Business" appears on the editorial page of The Star.