

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 12 1/4 to 13 1/4
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 28.00
Cotton seed, ton, carlots 30.00

Snow Probable

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Cloudy and not so cold tonight and Thursday. Probably snow in interior and rain or snow on the coast tonight and Thursday, changing to rain Thursday.

Fight Postponed

By UNITED PRESS
Miami, Feb. 28.—The heavyweight championship fight between Champion Primo Carnera and Tommy Loughran, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until Thursday night because of rain and unsettled weather conditions. This is the second postponement, the first having been made on Feb. 22.

Russ-Jap Trouble

By UNITED PRESS
Tokio, Feb. 27.—The foreign office said today that word had been received from the Kwantung army in Manchoukuo that Russian soldiers had fired on a Japanese airplane on Feb. 18 and 23. It was claimed that the plane did not leave Manchoukuan territory, although it flew near the Russian border.

Had Two Jobs

By UNITED PRESS
Washington, Feb. 28.—Earnest Smoot, son of the ex-senator from Utah, told the senate air mail committee that he was engaged as a public relations representative here for the Western Air Express in 1930, at the same time receiving \$3,325.00 a year as his father's private secretary.

The March Of Events

Parties For Army
Harry M. Woodring, assistant secretary of war, late yesterday concluded a two-day appearance before a District of Columbia grand jury, to tell of dealings for army supplies. The grand jury was investigating reports of gay parties aboard yachts as commercial houses entertained army buyers.

Goodbye Economy

In a session that voted down a plan for immediate payment of the veterans bonus, the senate today almost annihilated the economy act which saved \$400,000,000 in veterans benefits and federal pay. The independent's office bill was returned to the house loaded with approximately \$350,000,000 more for veterans and federal employees. This liberalization was accomplished by a coalition of Democrats and Republicans, but they refused to adopt an amendment by Huey P. Long of Louisiana for immediate payment of the soldiers bonus.

Erosion Project

Selection of 137,000 acres in the upper watershed of Deep River in this state and 58,000 acres in South Carolina and North Carolina for a federal soil erosion project was announced today by the department of the interior. The project will be one of 20 major undertakings scattered throughout the United States.

Phones President

A Mississippi negro had been told that if he was about to lose his home, the thing to do was to let President Roosevelt know about it. He called the president on the telephone. Now, of course, there are secretaries to catch calls like that, but the negro wasn't going to be stopped by anything like that. He insisted he had to speak to the president. As the negro reported it, "De president says quiet-like, 'Sylvester, I'll investigate, and you'll hear from me.' The president did, and this week Sylvester heard. They're going to save his home for him.

Gee McGee Says

Flat rock, s. c.
Feb. 27, 1934.
Dear Mr. Editor:
Mrs. Holsum Moore, our new resident from Cedar Lane, is trying to get into the u.d.c. local chapter of flat rock, but she is having a hard time finding any of her kind folks who fought betwixt the states and wonned honor on the field of battle as required by the buy-laws ansoforth.
Yours truly,
Mike Clark, rtd.
Corry Ipondent.

CLOTH MILL SHUTS DOWN, CHARGES THREATS

NRA Chief in Labor Debate



General Hugh Johnson, NRA Administrator, pictured (left) with Representative William P. Connery, chairman of the House Labor Committee, when he appeared before that body to protest the enactment of a rigid 30-hour week bill. General Johnson favors a procedure that would have NRA codes bring about the reduction in working hours.

Grocers Set Up Code Authority To Govern Industry In District

John Pruett Dies At Union, Age 83

Respected Farmer Buried This Afternoon At Union Baptist Church. One Daughter Survives.
John Pruett, respected farmer of the Union community, was buried at the Union Baptist church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral being conducted by Rev. D. G. Washburn. Mr. Pruett died Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock following an illness lasting since New Year's. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Beam. She preceded him to the grave nine years ago.
Mr. Pruett, age 83, was a member of the Zion church. He was very industrious, a quiet, honest and dependable citizen, highly respected by his wide circle of friends. One tenant has lived on his farm for twenty years. Mr. Pruett built with his own hands his nine room home, all outbuildings and made much of the furniture in his home.

Income Tax Man Here Three Days

Deputy Commissioner R. A. Hoyle will be in the office of the Clerk of Court at the courthouse for three days March 8, 9, and 10, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their state income tax returns. All unmarried persons who had an income of \$1,000 or over during 1933 and all married persons who had an income of \$2,000 or over are required to file a return on or before March 15, 1934.
Mr. Hoyle will be at Kings Mountain at the Mountain View Hotel for two days, March 6 and 7.

Mrs. D. F. Parker Dies At Albemarle

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blanton and H. F. Sikes were called to the bedside of Mrs. Blanton's and Mr. Sikes' grandmother, Mrs. D. F. Parker who died Sunday afternoon at the age of 83. The funeral was conducted Monday at Albemarle. They returned yesterday.

To Inaugurate Vast New Program To Replace Abolished Civil Works

Washington, Feb. 28.—A vast new and comprehensive program to meet the needs of the unemployment situation and to replace the Civil Works Administration will be launched this spring and will continue in operation for approximately a year, according to an announcement from the White House by President Franklin D. Roosevelt today.
The president plans to divert for this new relief project the \$950,000,000 recently appropriated by congress for continuing CWA activities. It is believed by official sources that this amount will be sufficient to carry through to completion the new program.
The program will be designed to meet three main conditions; first, to aid distressed families in rural areas who have no means of supporting themselves by agriculture; second, to relieve stranded populations living in communities of a single industry such as miners, and who have no hope of future employment; and third, to succor unemployed families in urban areas.

Service Charge On Checks To Begin Here On March 1

Three Checks Free On Small Accounts

First National and Union Trust Institute Clearing House Charges Now.
A service charge on unprofitable checking accounts will be instituted beginning March 1st by the First National bank and the Union Trust Co. and its branches in conformity with a system worked out by the North Carolina Clearing House association.

All Banks Institute It
A service charge is already in effect with the First National bank of Kings Mountain but not, exactly in line with that approved by the Clearing House association. Mr. Neal of the First National of Kings Mountain, stated to The Star by telephone this morning that the charges as approved by the clearing house association would be adopted by his institution either March 1st or April 1st.

It is understood that every bank in North Carolina that has not had a service charge on unprofitable accounts will institute this system either March 1st or an early date. Some of the banking institutions in the larger cities, however, have been charging for service for years past and at much higher rates than the rates recently approved by the North Carolina Clearing House association.

Three Free Checks
Briefly the charges to be instituted by the First National and the Union Trust Co. tomorrow and by the First National of Kings Mountain either tomorrow or April 1st, are as follows:
Three (3) checks will be allowed each month irrespective of balances, no matter how small the account. Of course, also, on accounts where there are no checks or debits, there will be no charges.

The drawing of more than three checks, where the monthly balance averages less than \$100, a service charge of one dollar a month will be made.
Where this charge is made on accounts that do not keep an average balance of \$100, the customer can draw ten (10) checks without additional charge, and above ten (10) checks, at the rate of 4 cents per check.

Where the average balance is \$100 ten checks will be allowed for the first \$100 balance and one check allowed for each \$10 of collected balance above \$100, all checks drawn in excess of this allowance shall be charged for at the rate of four (4) cents each.

To illustrate, if you keep an average monthly balance of \$150 you can give 15 checks, if necessary, without charge. Should you give 16 checks the charge would be only 4 cents.

On accounts with great activity, where the balances are larger, a system of analysis to find out if the account is run at a loss will be maintained.

Mr. Hamrick Pushes Highway No. 18

A letter from Dr. W. C. Hamrick, senator from Cherokee county, S. C., says he has the promise from the South Carolina highway commission that the Cherokee link in highway No. 18 will be let to contract this spring. North Carolina constructed this road to the state line several years ago with the understanding that South Carolina would build from the state line in to Gaffney, but for some reason the Cherokee end has been delayed. Senator Hamrick is pressing for early action on the South Carolina end of the road.

Singing School To Close At Bethlehem

The singing school which is being taught by Professor W. L. Harmon at Bethlehem Baptist church, will come to a close next Saturday night, with a musical program and an oyster supper at the Bethlehem school building.
Professor Harmon is one of the better type singing teachers with new methods, having had training with the Vaughn's school of music. Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and the Stamps-Baxter music school of Chattanooga and Dallas. Any one interested in a class of this kind should attend this program.

Earl to Wed Dancer



The Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, announcement of whose engagement to Mimi Crawford, London musical comedy dancer, caused a sensation in the English capital. He is a grandson of the late Levi Leiter, Chicago millionaire, his mother having been the former Daisy Leiter.

Processing Tax On Corn And Meat Has Exemption

Farmers May Sell Home Grown Meat Up To 300 Pounds. Corn Tax Explained.

There are exemptions from the processing taxes on meat and corn which cover the small grower, according to J. K. Livingston of Asheville, collector of these processing taxes who was in Shelby yesterday in connection with his work.
Farmers have been very much concerned about these processing taxes, not wishing to evade their payment or violate the law in any way, so when Mr. Livingston was in Shelby he was asked by The Star for an explanation.

Pork Tax Explained
In the case of a farmer raising his own hogs, he may sell as much as 300 pounds during a season without paying the processing tax. If a farmer grows and sells as much as 1,000 pounds there is no exemption whatever, not even the 300 pounds. If he buys hogs, kills and sell them the processing tax must be paid. In February this tax is \$1.50 per hundred on foot, in March \$2.25 per hundred on foot.

Tax On Corn
As to the processing tax on corn, each farmer is allowed one bushel a week during each calendar week of the year without being subject to the processing tax without signing a producer's affidavit. If more of his home grown corn is needed to feed his household, stock or families on the plantation, he may have a larger quantity of corn ground during each week, but must sign a producer's affidavit in the presence of two witnesses. If the value of the corn is \$10 or more, then the producer's affidavit must be signed before a notary public.

Whenever processing taxes are paid by a producer of meat and corn, this tax is not supposed to come from the producer's pocket, but passed on to the consumer.

Mrs. G. G. Humphries Dies Here, Age 38

Mother Of New Born Infant Buried This Afternoon In No. 1 Township

Mrs. G. G. Humphries, age 38 years, died Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock in the Shelby hospital where she had been a patient for the past two weeks. She lost her new-born infant eight days ago.
Mrs. Humphries was Dovie Potter before marriage. She and her family lived in No. 1 township and the funeral took place there at Camp Creek church this afternoon. Surviving are her husband and four small children.

Dr. Houser Falls And Breaks Ribs

Dr. E. A. Houser, confined to his bed with several broken ribs, will not be able to attend to his practice for several more days. The broken ribs were the result of a fall sustained by Dr. Houser while he was bathing Saturday.

Sentell Is Held On Murder Count In Death Of Girl

Held Without Bond On Murder Charge

Bond Denied, First Degree Murder Is Charged; Bloody Garments Put In Evidence.

Thoroughly implicated by state witnesses, Louis Sentell was held without bond this morning in Recorder's court, charged with the first degree murder of Mrs. William Drake, who was known as Florence Jones. She died in the Shelby hospital Saturday afternoon, her body blasted by a shotgun wound.
Emily Drake, sister-in-law to Florence, and Mrs. Joe B. Williams, boarding house keeper, gave the most devastating testimony against Sentell.

Tells Of Shooting.
Miss Drake described the shooting, telling how she, with Mart and Francis Anderson and Florence were walking home from the mill at noon when Sentell drove up in his car. She saw him raise the gun, she said, and cried, "Run, Florence he's going to shoot." The girls fled toward Mrs. Williams' home, screaming. Emily heard another shot, and turning, saw Florence fall at the threshold.

She testified that she saw a note Sentell placed on Florence's machine in the mill when he left that morning about nine o'clock. She read the note, she said, and quoted it. It said:
"Dear Florence—May God be with you." It was signed "L."

Mrs. Williams identified the bloody garments Florence wore at the time of the shooting. Her dress and coat, riddled with shot gun pellets, and blood soaked, were placed in evidence.

Sheriff Cline told briefly how he and Chief Wilkins captured Sentell in Polk county, and how Sentell speaking voluntarily, had said, "I don't know what made me do it."
During the hearing, Sentell, a chinless, stooped man, sat nervously plucking at his clothes beside his lawyer, W. E. Breese, of Brevard.

Says America Plans Most War Cruisers

London, Feb. 28.—A British admiralty report cites the United States as leading world powers today in the number of cruisers planned or being built.
The figures as given in the official report are:
United States, 11 cruisers under construction, six projected; British Commonwealth, seven built, three definitely planned; France and Italy, six each under construction; Japan, two building and two projected.

Far out in front in the number of completed cruisers, the British Commonwealth was revealed as having 50—the maximum accepted under the London naval treaty.
Compared with the number, the United States was listed as having 21; Japan 31; Italy 24; France 15; Russia six and Germany eight.

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New Cotton Reduction Program Drafted By Farm Administration

Washington, Feb. 27.—The farm administration today announced a ruling designed to place responsibility for failure to sign cotton acreage reduction contracts when one of the parties to the contract desires to co-operate and to permit "non-participating agreements" for farms ineligible for contracts.
The administration said the new ruling would "prevent injustices" in the case of farms ineligible for regular contracts because of past cotton production and in the case of producers desirous of co-operating who are prevented from doing so through no fault of their own.
Under the regular cotton adjustment contract, the co-operating producer is not allowed to grow cotton on any land owned or operated by him unless this land is also covered by a contract.
The new ruling changes this by providing that if a landlord or tenant has signed a contract covering one or more farms but is unable to obtain the signature of a party necessary to the completion of a contract covering another farm, his

Plant To Shut Down For Indefinite Time; Union Denies Charge

Union Officials Say News Reports Fair To Both Sides

The following statements were authorized today by union officials, relative to the labor troubles at the Cleveland Cloth mill:
From Organizer Bolick
While I have heard some union men charge unfairness to organized labor on the part of The Star, I see no reason for complaint or criticism. There have been a few minor errors, but in the main the newspapers have been as fair to both sides as it is possible for newspapers to be, working under strain and handicaps as they do.
C. W. BOLICK, United Textile Workers and organizer of American Federation of Labor.

From President Christopher

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Kings Mountain Baptists Urging Missionary Spirit

At the meeting of the general board of the Kings Mountain Baptist association held recently, emphasis was given to mission work and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
"Owing to the fact that the missionary spirit is not as manifest in our churches as it should be, and by reason of this fact, contributions to missions are too small in proportion to our home expenses, the financial group of the general board of the Kings Mountain association beg to recommend to the churches and their pastors some definite things that we may do to increase the interest in missions as follows:
That we endeavor to put on a school or class of missions for the whole church some time this year; using the best method in each church that will reach and enlist the largest number of the membership.
That we make greater use of any mission literature that we may obtain from our mission boards and distribute the same among the membership of our churches.
That we make greater effort to secure as large an offering on home and foreign day in our Sunday schools as possible. Getting a cash offering from those who do not make a subscription to the church budget.
That we put the great mission cause on our prayer list.
The above was approved by the general board in session February 17, 1934 and requested to be published in the Cleveland Star."

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Strike Leader "Aghast" At Statement, Says Strict Order Had Been Kept

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C. W. Bolick, textile organizer in command of the strike front, gave a totally different version in an interview last night. He said he was aghast at Mr. Mull's charge. He added that it was not threats that closed the mill, but "the prayers of the righteous." He said that, instead of making threats on Monday night, his canvassers, many of them women, prayed with the workers.

Mull's Statement

Mr. Mull's statement follows:
"Since Thursday, February 15th, we have been operating one shift offering work to all of our employees without discrimination and both Union and non-Union members are now working. But a part of those on strike are making such serious threats against those who are working, and such a bitter feeling is developing among our employees, that we think it better to close rather than take the risk of violence. Most of those now working share this opinion. We are, therefore, closing the mill for an indefinite period."
O. M. MULL

Mr. Mull added informally that he intended to devote himself to his 1,000 acre farm, on which he has 23 tenants. The task of adjusting crop reduction for them, he said, would be a large one.

Picketed Since Friday

Since Friday, the mill had been picketed by unionites, who walked out on Thursday when Rodney Wilson, a shop committeeman, was dismissed for leaving his looms. Lines were formed in front of the gates and workers, most of them non-union, who sought to go back to work were jeered and argued with. But, so far as appeared on the surface, there was no violence or threat of violence. Police and Sheriffs were on hand, but were not required to keep order. It was at night, Mull said, that the canvassers went to the homes of his workers and told them they did not dare go to work the next morning.
The strikers attracted state-wide attention by their tactics of "singing in the rain."

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