

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot ----- 13 3/4 to 14 1/2
Cotton seed, ton, wagon ---- 25.00

Warmer Saturday

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair and continued cool to night. Fair and somewhat warmer tomorrow.

Wreck Train

By UNITED PRESS
WARREN, Manzhoukuo, August 31.—Robert Luri Dana and Jon Johansen, American motion picture officials, are missing today after bandits had wrecked the Harbin-Hankiang night express, killing five persons, including three professors of the Imperial Valley university at Tokyo. Telegraphic reports said eighteen persons had been killed.

Varn In Toils

By UNITED PRESS
NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Federal authorities today took custody of Benjamin Franklin Varn, disabled former Naval mechanic, charged with threatening bodily harm and kidnap to the grandchildren of President Roosevelt, Sistic and Buzzie Dall.

The March Of Events

Kidnap Threat

Benjamin Franklin Zarn, 33, of Charleston, S. C., was arrested last night under the Lindbergh law charged with threatening to kidnap the grand-children of the President of the United States, the Dall children. He is said to have asked \$168,000 of Mrs. Roosevelt. Zarn was arrested in a New York Y. M. C. A. His letter said bodily harm would come to Buzzie and Sistic if the money was not paid.

Davis Cleared

Ballistics experts said on Thursday that the bullet which killed Sheriff G. C. Kimball of Iredell did not come from the gun of Ralph Davis, Lexington outlaw held for the murder, but from the pistol of Deputy R. L. Gilbert, the Sheriff's companion in the raid. Two witnesses said Davis killed the Sheriff, and he will be prosecuted anyway, in an attempt to clear up the mystery.

Bulwinkle Named

Representative A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia was today slated by the Democratic campaign committee to be one of the board of strategy for the forthcoming campaign to keep the house safely in the Democratic column. It is now two to one Democratic and majority leader Byrns is determined not to lose a single man.

Criminals Captured

Two of the seven criminally insane inmates of the State Hospital at Raleigh, who escaped early Wednesday morning, were back in their cells Thursday night. Joe Stafford, wife murderer, and Tom Jackson, burglar, were caught near Wilson Mills by Johnson county officers. They put up no fight, and were tired and hungry after their hours of travel through the woods.

State Population

North Carolina continues to be the most populous state in the southeast. The state population on July 1 was estimated by the census bureau as 3,301,000. South Carolina has 1,750,000, Georgia 2,911,000, Alabama 2,710,000, Tennessee 2,787,000, Virginia 2,446,000, Louisiana 2,166,000, Florida 1,375,000 and Mississippi 2,087,000.

District Meeting Of Mail Carriers To Convene Monday

Many Prominent Speakers On Program Of Meeting To Be Held At Rutherford College.

The 11th district, N. C. Rural Mail Carriers Association will convene at Rutherford College, near Connelly Springs in Catawba county, on Monday, September 3, for their regular district meeting.

Many prominent speakers are on the program which includes the following addresses: Devotional exercises, the Rev. O. L. Robinson, pastor of the Connelly Springs M. E. church; Address of Welcome, J. B. Cooper, rural carrier of Valdese; Greetings, Prof. R. L. Paston, supt. of the Burke County schools; Response, W. C. Johnson, rural carrier; Address, G. V. Hawkins, retired rural carrier of Shelby; and address, Arthur Talmage Abernethy author and humorist of Rutherford College.

The feature address of the day will be delivered by W. P. Cooke, president of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carrier Association, who makes his home in Asheville. The convention will open at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning.

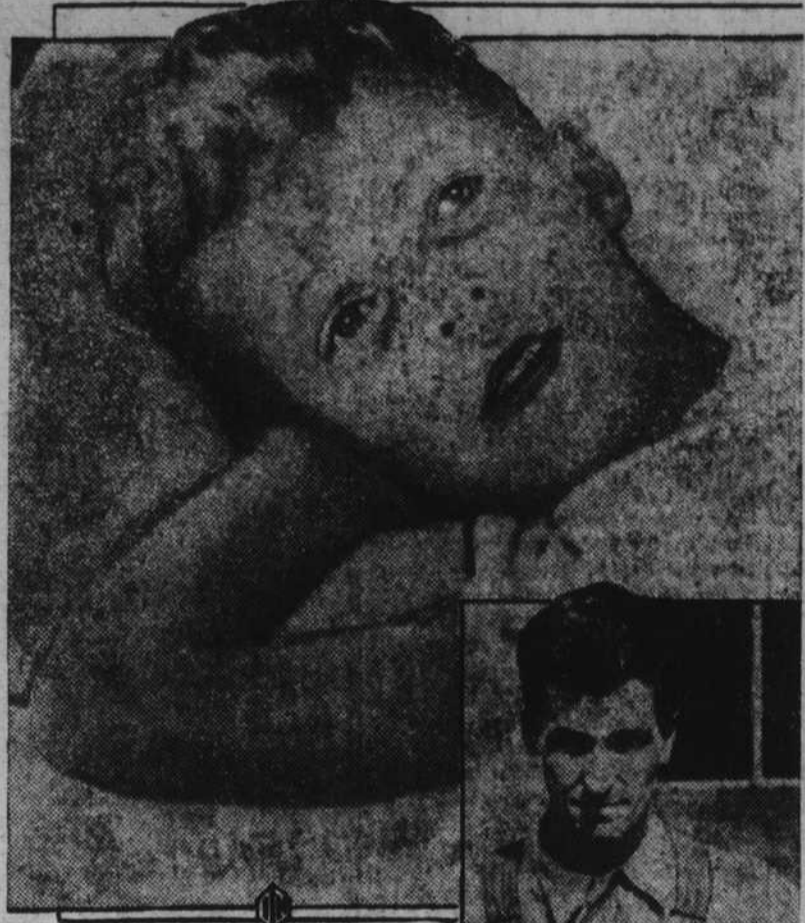
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Boy Survives Cult Neglect



Fighting for his life after an operation which was delayed four days by faith-healing cultists, eight-year-old Wallace Doyle Sharp, Jr., is shown in bed in the humble Sharp home at Fort Payne, Ala. Below, Wallace Doyle Smith, cultist, accused of hiding the boy from doctors while he suffered from a tubercular leg infection. It was only after a circuit judge warned that he would ask murder indictments against the boy's immediate relatives if he should die without medical attention that the operation was permitted.

Moore Quits County Post, Thompson Named Successor

Quarantine Officer Resignation Accepted, Ending Dispute Over Fees; New Appointee Hasn't Yet Been Notified.

3,400 Farmers Claim Right To Tax Free Lint

Approximately 3,400 applications for ginning tickets, which will certify exemption of a certain amount of cotton from the over-production tax under the Bankhead Act, have been made by Cleveland county growers, it was learned today at the county farm agent's office. These applications will be mailed to Raleigh and the tickets distributed as soon as received here.

Ickes Will Hold Parkway Hearing On September 10

Secretary Of The Interior To Decide Then Whether Tennessee Or N. C. Gets Entrance

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Secretary of the Interior Ickes will hold a hearing in Asheville on September 10, to determine whether the Great Smoky National parkway will enter the newest national park on the North Carolina or Tennessee side.

He told Representative Zeb Weaver today he will conduct the hearings himself, after Mr. Weaver had

Sensational Story Proves Flop As "Kidnapped" Girl Shows Up

Shelby almost had another sensational story today—or rather one that had all the indications of being the most startling yarn to break here in years. But the young girl, thought to have been abducted, turned up at her home, mad at the county officers for trying to find her. And plod went the story. It happened like this, according to Sheriff J. R. Cline: Lula May Sweezy, age 16, allegedly left her home in No. 9 township with Howard Grayson, to attend a chicken stew in Rutherford coun-

ty. That was on Tuesday night. And Wednesday morning, she had not returned. Neither did she show up all day Wednesday, or Thursday morning.

Her parents naturally became worried over her absence, and as officers had reports that the chicken stew had developed into something of a wild, drinking party, they started a search for both Grayson and the girl.

Grayson was taken into custody, and allegedly told the officers that he had been with the girl. (Continued on page nine.)

Cotton Reduction To Be Continued For Another Year

AAA Will Use Same National Set Up

Secretary Wallace Declares Action Necessary Because Of Droughty Bankhead Act Continues.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 30.—Another cotton reduction program next year was forecast here today by Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture.

Secretary Wallace also revealed in an interview that he believes the provisions of the Bankhead act must be continued throughout the present crop year in spite of the reduced yield. There have been pleas from some for suspension of the provisions.

To Equalize Drought The action is necessary, he said, in order to equalize the effect of the drought through the sale of ginning certificates by those under their quotas to those over them.

This section, he said, is above the average in cotton "and it is probably your farmers will have to buy some of these certificates from less fortunate ones."

The secretary did not reveal the form he thinks next year's reduction program should take, but said that "our carry-over in cotton is still above normal," even with this year's reduced production.

Secretary Wallace spoke this afternoon at Marianna, Ark., where he plans to elaborate on his interview here. He did not prepare an address in advance.

He warned that the south is faced with the necessity of making up its mind whether it is going to shrink its cotton production to actual domestic needs—about 6,000,000 bales—or continue to grow a surplus of about 8,000,000 bales for world markets.

"It is a question of which policy will bring the cotton farmer the greater prosperity," he said. "Personally, I would prefer it if we had a way to increase profits sufficient to go ahead with our customary world trade. It is not the duty of the southern farmer, however, to produce for foreign markets so that exporters can profit from it. Unless it brings the farmer a greater prosperity, there is no use growing such surplus."

Jenkins Is Dragged By A Team Of Mules

TRINITY, Aug. 30.—Joe Jenkins of this community was rather badly hurt last week when he was dragged by his team of mules for several days. Mr. Jenkins was unloading fodder on the wagon, when his mules started and Mr. Jenkins got tangled in the lines. He was dragged some distance before being released.

Jesse Willis, Old Coffin Maker, Made 'Em To Measure And Lined 'Em With Calico

By Wyan Washburn

Tales of ghosts and haunted places are always revived in the Beams Mill section when Virgil Gardner, prominent farmer and citizen of that community, begins to recall the facts about "coffin making," one of the county's original and most necessary industries.

The tale begins in pre-Civil war days when people were buried in coffins and not "interred in caskets." Those were the days when deaths were few enough to seem more serious and crepe was hung on door knobs and people mourned for days over the loss of loved ones. People stayed at home, grew what they needed to eat and wear, made what they used, and when they died were buried in a box made from timber, they grew within sight of their home.

Wife Helped Make Coffins. Jesse Willis, a carpenter by trade and whose father was the forerunner of many of the Willis clan in the Beelwood section, was the only man in the Beams Mill neighborhood whose handiwork would be trusted as a last gesture to protect the dead. He was born sometime before 1820 and from about 1850 until 25 years after the close of the war was known as a most skilled artisan in his trade. The old house where he fashioned the coffins for many former citizens of the county is still standing 9 miles north of Shelby on the Fallston road. However, it doesn't appear to be an old house despite its three-quarters of a century of age and the fact that four generations of children have been reared there since Mr. Willis brought his blushing bride Vin-

Mrs. C.R. Hoey As Mom Cagle



This is Mrs. Hoey—Miss Bess to you—in costume and make-up for her role in the Community Players production of "Sun-Down" tonight. She plays the part of Mom Cagle, hard-hearted, stoical mountain woman in the three-act play which, it is believed, will be the Shelby players' finest production. The dress, by the way, is authentic—Mrs. Hoey bought it way back in the mountains, and she treasures it highly.

Shoffner Returns With 131 Checks Due On Reduction

County Agent Went To Bat With AAA To Get Money Due Since June

R. W. Shoffner, Cleveland county farm agent, returned from Washington yesterday with checks for 131 cotton farmers who failed to receive their reduction payments last June.

Mr. Shoffner went to bat for the farmers with the AAA and learned that the 131 neglected applications had been shored aside, failing to go through the regular channels. The checks are here now, amounting to almost \$5000 and notices were sent out today for the owners to call for them.

In the old Washington post office building, the county agent, said he saw 2,700 clerks working day and night in three shifts in order to expedite the tremendous task of the Agricultural Administration. He thought this activity compared favorably with his own office here, where typewriters have been steadily clicking for many months.

Buddy Jones Dies From Accidental Discharge Of Gun

Was Shooting Birds With Cousin

Thirteen Year Old Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Eddie Jones Lives Only Hour After Accident.

Eugene Douglas Jones, better known as "Buddy," died within an hour yesterday afternoon as a result of a wound from a .22 calibre rifle with which he had been shooting sparrows in the yard of a neighbor and playmate, Earl Jones. The accident happened on Broad St. in South Shelby near the home of his parents.

Buddy had shot at a sparrow, reloaded his rifle and set it down by his side. It is supposed that the jar of the butt of the gun caused it to discharge. The bullet entered his right side, ranged upward and came out of the left side. His course was near the lungs and heart and physicians think a blood vessel was punctured. The popular youth was rushed to the hospital where he died within an hour without regaining consciousness.

Buddy was 13 years of age and his playmate cousin, Earl Jones is 12. He had finished the fifth grade in the South Shelby school and received his promotion to the sixth.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jones and one sister, Louise, age 15. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. C. V. Martin, pastor of the Second Baptist church and interment will take place in Sunset cemetery.

Webb's Condition Is Still Serious

Shelby Golf Star Has Lung Injury; Condition Improves To Slight Extent

Pete Webb, Shelby youth who was injured in a wreck at Gastonia last Sunday night, still remains in a critical condition at a Gastonia hospital.

It was first thought that Webb had suffered only a compound fracture in his leg. However, later examination revealed that he has a lung injury. The physicians are not sure whether or not the lung is punctured, but are of the opinion that it will heal provided pneumonia doesn't set in.

Harrison Yarborough continues in practically the same condition. His broken jaw and numerous lacerations are very painful, but he is perfectly conscious and seems to be recovering nicely.

Both boys will probably be in the hospital for the next few weeks. The other two Shelby occupants of the car, Hal Putnam and W. C. Roberts, are not injured seriously.

More Wheat Thieves Bagged By Sheriff

Scouring the county in search of wheat thieves, Sheriff Cline added two more negroes to his jail collection on Wednesday. He arrested Ernest Nivens and Leroy Degree and lodged them in a cell along with Nath Degree and Mason Roberts, whom he arrested Sunday night on charges of stealing and selling wheat from a barn owned by Shovine Beam, near Buffalo.

Farmers Mutual Fire Association To Meet

W. R. Newton, secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance association has called for the annual meeting of policyholders to be held in the court house Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Officers will be elected and the annual financial statement presented.

Fires Glow In Cleveland Homes At First Whiff Of Autumn Chill

Many a fireplace glowed in Cleveland county last night as the first whiff of Autumn chill touched the night air, and many a housewife groped in the hall closet for those blankets she put away this spring. It was pretty cold—just how cold could not be determined, for Shelby has no weather bureau. But observers saw the thermometer lowered to 63 at night fall, and by midnight it must have been ten de-

Union And Mill Men Uncertain Of Course Strike To Take Here

Both Sides Of Textile Dispute

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The cotton textile argument in a nutshell is this:

The union demands: A six-hour day; five days week; no cuts in present weekly wages; uniform pay for all areas; a halt on the "stretchout"; and end to "discrimination" against unionists; recognition of the union as the bargaining agency; an arbitration tribunal. The union says "reactionary" employers have "flouted" the economic and humane provisions of NRA.

The employers reply: They have observed the law; the NRA code has boosted labor costs; any more wage boosts or shortening of hours is impossible to carry; raw materials have jumped 100 per cent; demand for cotton goods has fallen off; the strike "will put a premium on force and violence as instruments of law-making" in amending the code.

As yet for the rayon industries. Strike orders only effect cotton textile workers. There are several plants running wholly or in part on rayon in Shelby. What these employees will be called upon to do remains to be seen.

C. E. Lowrance, recording secretary of the Shelby local, stated today that he had received strike orders sent over the Postal telegraph and mailed from Kings Mountain, but he honestly did not know what effect the order would have on combination plants, such as the Dover, Ora and Eton. He says the Cleveland Cloth, using nothing but rayon, will not be affected in this order. Byrum Hosley will using rayon almost wholly, will not be affected, it is understood.

A strike order is understood to be in preparation in Washington at 2 o'clock this afternoon asking 150,000 silk workers to join in the cotton strike and a conference is being held this afternoon between Francis J. German and Peter Van Dorn of the code authority with reference to the silk and wool industries.

Wide Disquiet Feared As Strike Threatens Nation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The national cotton textile strike today threatened the nation with industrial warfare such as has not been seen in the United States since the historic labor battle of the nineties.

A thousand workers throughout the nation have disobeyed orders by striking ahead of time, and more have refused to strike, posing a picture of internal strife among the union men themselves.

Some mill owners have locked their plants, but others announced they intended to keep running, using strike breakers if necessary. All peace negotiations have collapsed.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today warned the nation of a prospective unemployment situation throughout the nation this winter, rising to serious proportions, unless business revives vigorously in the fall. He declared that the country faced a loss of all its recovery gains.

Shelby-To-Polkville Road Is Completed

Engineers Now Turn To Asphalt Job On Polkville-To-Fallston Stretch, Last Project.

The final drop of tar was smoothed into place on the Shelby-to-Polkville road Wednesday afternoon and the road is now declared officially open by the highway department. It is now a smooth, curving highway, 13 miles between the two towns.

The next step is the Polkville to Fallston road, on which work started Tuesday on the final tar surfacing. Engineers expect to complete this road within a week or ten days. This will also complete the triangular link between Shelby, Fallston and Polkville, and will end the current activity by the highway department. The Boiling Springs road was completed several weeks ago.

Rayon Mills Not In This Order

Secretary Lowrance Of The Union Says He Does Not Know Status Of Combination Plants.

A state of confusion and uncertainty both as to the attitude of mill executives and the workers attends the threatened strike of textile workers called for Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock.

In the Shelby area union officials say their members, although in the main satisfied with the working conditions will "go down the line" and refuse to return to their work when and if the whistle blow. Mill men are waiting to see how effective the strike is before they determine whether they will attempt to start operations after the strike begins.

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State Is Uneasiness

Exactly how the strike would affect the North Carolina cotton textile situation was hard to determine as the strike orders went out today. Mass meetings of textile workers will be held Saturday by union workers in the Charlotte district. These will be in the nature of "pep" meetings, which the public will be privileged to attend.

All plans for the strike in this district have been completed, said Howard Payne, president of the union district council, and nothing has been left undone except to pass out the word to the locals.

Opposed To Strike Although the union claims solid support throughout the strike, rumors of dissatisfaction in various

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Brain Operation Better's Condition Of E. B. Jeffress

Highway Chairman Speeded to Richmond By Airplane, Blood Clot Removed.

The quick incision of a surgeon's knife, made in Richmond after the patient was speeded there by airplane, may save the life of Chairman Edwin B. Jeffress of the North Carolina highway commission, who suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday.

Late Thursday night, word came from Richmond that Mr. Jeffress had rallied. The operation was performed by Dr. C. C. Coleman, eminent brain specialist, during the middle of the afternoon, and at 9:30 announced that Mr. Jeffress had rallied splendidly. He was encouraged over his condition, but it is still "critical."

Caused Paralysis

The patient was in the operating room for four hours while the surgeon removed a deep-seated blood clot on the right side of the brain. This is believed to have caused the paralysis. Mr. Jeffress will not regain consciousness for several days, it was said. Late yesterday he was given a blood transfusion. Three doctors are in attendance.

Banks And B. and L's To Observe Holiday

All banking institutions in the county as well as building and loan associations will suspend business on Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day.