

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

Partly Cloudy

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair in west Monday. Tuesday partly cloudy, followed by showers in interior.

Strike Biggest In U. S. History

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—America's first nation-wide strike made labor day the grimmest in the country's history as 600,000 workers in the cotton, woolen, worsted, silk, rayon plants were involved in the greatest walkout ever recorded. One hundred and fifty thousand more workers in the velvet, drapery, underwear and synthetic yarn industries were predicted as ready to strike before the week was over. Strife and pitched battles are expected on many fronts. In Chicago, plans for a possible strike of 200,000 garment workers of the nation were drawn by David Dubinsky, head of the international garment workers union, who said that an ultimatum would be issued tomorrow demanding a 36 hour week.

The March Of Events

Douglas Leaves

The going of Lewis Douglas, director of the budget, who resigned because of differences with President Roosevelt over policy, marks the departure of the last of the orthodox school of financiers from the New Deal set-up, and is regretted by many business men, it was reported from Washington today. He was regarded as a balance wheel, even though his policies were ignored.

Relief Forecast

A forecast that federal relief rolls will reach a record high of 5,000,000 families in February, and a denial that the government is financing strikes were issued yesterday by Donald Richburg for the President's executive council. The amount of federal relief attributed to strikes is negligible, he said.

Russ Columbo Dead

Russ Columbo, movie actor and radio singer, was killed last night when a pistol accidentally went off at the home of a portrait photographer. He was shot in the head by a weapon that was one of a collection owned by Lansing Brown.

To Act On Arms

The disclosure that the senate munitions committee had been forced to threaten contempt proceedings to get some of the information it wanted was coupled yesterday with the prediction by one member that the federal government would take over manufacture of all arms. Senator Bone, Washington Democrat, said the startling evidence disclosed would impel Congress to pass such laws.

Stuart Resigns Job As Assistant To County Agent

Leaves To Teach At University Of Georgia; H. B. James Named As Successor.

A. D. Stuart, assistant county agent here for the past two months, resigned today to accept a position as agricultural teacher at the University of Georgia. He will be immediately succeeded by H. B. James, of Stanly county, who has been teaching vocational agriculture at the Knightdale school in Wake county. Mr. James was graduated from North Carolina State college in 1932. Mr. Stuart left Saturday afternoon for Georgia and will take up his new duties on Monday.

Busy Office Now
The county agent's office is currently the busiest of the county institutions, what with Bankhead control, the AAA reduction program, and ginning tickets to be issued. Typewriters rattle a staccato tattoo all day long, and a continuous stream of farmers marches in and out.

Exclusive of county committee-men, the regular office staff consists now of fourteen workers. They are: Miss Mary Grace Ledford, Mrs. Thelma Smith, Miss Sara Sue Wilson, Woodrow Morris, Watson Falls, Miss Charline Gold, Miss Vernie Morrison, Miss Mary Tedder, Carl Spangler, Miss Gladys Hawkins, Mrs. Thomas Harris, Miss Lottie May Hendricks, Mrs. D. H. Overton and J. Alvin Propst.

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2,305 OUT AS STRIKE CLOSES MILLS HERE

Acts To End Textile Strike



Here is George A. Sloan, head of the Cotton Textile Institute and representative of the cotton mill owners of the nation, who has been conferring with Lloyd Garrison, chairman of the National Labor Relations board, relative to the strike of the cotton textile workers. The strike was ordered called after Sloan insisted that the unionists meet with the textile code authority on their demands. The union refused to meet with the group.

Shelby Tax Rate Remains At \$1.05 County Is Ahead

City Will Give Usual 2 Per Cent Discount

Levy Receipts To Be Ready On Sept. 15; Cleveland Has \$20,500, More Than Double.

Shelby taxpayers are virtually assured the same tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 valuation as paid last year and will be given the usual two per cent discount for payments made during the first month. Mayor McMurry said today that the board would meet at an early date and definitely settle on the matter. Receipts will be ready about September 15.

Troy McKinney, county auditor, said that collections on discounted pre-season taxes had slowed up a bit until farmers sell a little cotton, but reported that to date a total of \$20,500 has been collected. This figure more than doubles the amount collected up to the same date last year.

Discount Rates
Discount rates for county taxes will be one and one half percent for September, one percent for October and one half of one percent for November. Straight rates will be collected during the months of December and January, after which time a sliding scale of penalty will be added.

Mayor McMurry had no estimate of the expected tax receipts and did not say it was expected to reach a larger or smaller figure than last year. Last year's set up amounted to \$79,509.07 of which all was collected except \$9,352.78.

It is expected that a large number of citizens will avail themselves of the city's tax discount. After the receipts are completed and further announcement is made the discount will be two percent for the first month and one percent for the second month. As with the county a straight rate will then be collected until taxes are overdue.

Shelby Hard Hit As Teachers Quit To Get More Pay

Five Leave City Schools For Better Jobs Elsewhere; Other N. C. Cities Also Affected.

The Shelby schools have been hard hit with resignations during the past ten days. Five teachers have resigned to accept, in each case, more remunerative positions. R. W. Morris, for ten years social science teacher and athletic coach, has resigned to accept a similar position in the Belmont schools. Mrs. Matilda L. Morris, history teacher, has resigned to accept a junior high school teaching position at Belmont. Miss Rosina Pearl, French teacher, has accepted work in Augusta, Georgia. Miss Nettie Mull, seventh grade teacher in the Marion school, has gone into public welfare work. Miss Martha Hurst, expression teacher, has accepted a position in Rome, Ga.

Similar depletions of the teaching force are being confronted in other N. C. communities throughout the state. It is suggestive of what is happening to the teaching profession under the pitiless burden of the retrenchment program.

Ginners Called To Meet Here Saturday

Cotton ginners of Cleveland and adjoining counties are called to meet in the court house Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The call is issued by Mr. Hord, president of the ginners association and the purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the coming season.

Motor Caravan Visits Shelby Tuesday P. M.

The Norfleet Motor company of Charlotte, distributors for Dodge and Plymouth passenger cars, Dodge trucks and commercial cars, will have a special caravan of trucks, commercial and passenger cars Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The caravan will visit Shelby Tuesday and parade the streets, after a visit to the local dealer, Keever Motor Co. on S. Washington street.

First 1934 Bale Ginned Saturday

Cleveland and Rutherford counties shared honors in the first bale of 1934 cotton. It was grown just across the line in Rutherford by Ed Forbes, but ginned in Cleveland by the Mooresboro Oil company on Saturday, according to J. K. Smart, manager of the gin.

The bale weighed 565 pounds and was picked during several days of last week. It could not be sold for the reason that the proper papers required under the Bankhead cotton control bill have not been received.

Prices On Meats Soar Skyward; Housewives Scurry To Buy Pork

There's an old saying "when fatback gets to 25 cents, then we have inflation." Well that is getting more and more true each day, as housewives watch with anxious eyes the rapidly soaring prices on meats, especially pork. Fatback itself has taken a big jump during the past week. Last Saturday, it was selling at 11 cents, and Saturday, it had jumped to 16c. Not quite to 25 cents yet, but it's rising fast.

A survey of the meat markets in Shelby shows corresponding advances along meat lines. Here are some of them:

Pork chops, 20 to 25 cents; pork roast 20 to 25 cents; bulk bacon, 20 to 30 cents; pork sausage, 15 to 20

cents; cured ham, 25 to 35 cents, and pure lard, 10 to 12 1-2 cents.

And those are not the only foodstuffs that are jumping. Flour has risen from \$3.60 to \$3.90.

The merchants cannot explain just why the meat prices are so much higher. One says that the government program of hog reduction has been the main cause for it. Beef and steak prices are holding steady, with a possibility of a drop, since so many cattle from the West are being slaughtered. But the merchants say "Watch steaks go up next year."

At any rate, Shelby housewives are lamenting the rise in prices, and are scurrying around, buying up their pork supplies for the next week.

Sistie And Buzzie Threatened



Benjamin Franklin Varn, 83-year-old former navy man of Charleston, S. C., has been placed under arrest in New York City on charges of threatening to kidnap Sistie and Buzzie Dall, grandchildren of President Roosevelt, unless he was paid \$168,000. The threats to abduct the children, shown above with their father, Curtis B. Dall, were contained in a letter sent to Mrs. Roosevelt, the president's wife.

50% Of Mills In Carolina Closed By Textile Strike

Mecklenburg Shut Down Tight; Cannon Mills At Kannapolis Stay Open, Close At Concord

CHARLOTTE, September 3.—Charlotte and Shelby are the only two North Carolina cities that have thus far reported a 100 per cent shut-down in the national cotton textile strike.

Secret Service Idea Employed In Booze Trade

Bus Hardin devised one of the smartest tricks known to police officers in concealing his liquor, but Bob Kendrick snooped around and found it.

A prisoner had run away from the court house and Bob went in search, driving hurriedly under the shed at Bus Hardin's filling station near the river bridge west of Shelby. Bob heard a suspicious clanking of metal and began to look around. Finally he picked up a five gallon kerosene can. The changed expression on the face of Bus gave him away for as Bob tilted the can over, Bus said "Well, you've got me."

The five gallon can had a false bottom. About five inches down it was filled with kerosene. The bottom of the can was filled with liquor. A pet cock and screw cap in the bottom permitted the filling and emptying of the liquor. Bus posted a \$100 cash bond for his appearance in recorder's court this week.

Chairman Jeffress Shows Improvement

The condition of E. E. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, who is critically ill in Richmond, Va., showed "some improvement," Sunday according to a bulletin issued by the Memorial hospital there. Mr. Jeffress was stricken at his home in Greensboro last Sunday a week ago and on Thursday had a deep-seated brain tumor removed by Dr. C. C. Coleman, eminent brain specialist in Richmond. The bulletin stated that Mr. Jeffress' chances for recovery are fair and that at present he shows improvement by being much more sensitive to things around him and much more responsive to food.

2,305 Workers Involved Here In Eight Mills

Eight Plants In City Closed Today

Cotton, Rayon And Hosiery Mills Here Have 2,305 Employees.

A total of 2,305 employees of the eight textile plants in Shelby are involved in the strike which fell here with force this morning. Not all are union members, but the union strength is such that the mills could not operate on full schedule without them. Many non-union workers reported but rather than have any ill-feeling develop among the workers, all plants suspended. Four mills that started in the Shelby area operated for periods ranging from fifteen minutes to an hour, then announced that they would suspend, after committees from the striking employees of other mills had called on them.

A check-up shows that the eight textile plants involved in the Shelby area have approximately the following number of employees:

Table with 2 columns: Mill Name, Number of Employees. Includes Dover Mill (378), Shelby Mill (300), Ora Mill (250), Cleveland Cloth (550), Belmont Mill (175), Ella Mill (225), Lily Mill (250), Byrum Hosiery (180).

Star Gives Trips To 13 Workers In Subscription Club

Thirty-Eight Persons Get Their Checks For Work Done In Recent Campaign.

Thirteen unlucky? No, because just that many Cleveland county persons won free trips to the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago during The Star's recent campaign.

It wasn't a contest, for everyone who entered it received something. Those who didn't quite get enough for their trip received a commission check of ten per cent of their subscriptions, which in several cases, amounted to a worthwhile total. Thirty-eight persons got their checks last week.

Some Get More
And some got more than their required total, and received a 20 per cent check for all over the necessary amount.

Those who got to see the famous exposition were happy, and all vowed that they had never received so much benefit from so little effort.

All in all, a total of approximately 400 new subscribers were added to The Star's subscription list as a result of the contest, and more than 1,200 renewal subscriptions were secured by the workers.

Others Leave
Several of the trip-winners have already taken their tours over the Greyhound bus lines, and two to four more will leave next Monday.

Miss Alphonine Harris and Miss Mary Lucas, the only two club members in Chicago last week, will return either tonight or tomorrow morning.

UNION DEGREE TEAM AT CASAR WEDNESDAY

The Union Masonic degree team will meet with the Casar lodge on Wednesday evening, Sept. 5th and give a demonstration of their work. Jim Irvin will deliver a lecture on Masonry.

More Than Two Million Dollars Insurance Covers County Farms

More than two million dollars worth of farm property in Cleveland County is protected against fire, wind, and lightning by the Farmers Mutual Insurance company which last year insured property for more than 1500 property owners in the county.

The unusually low rate of 45 cents per \$100 was collected for protection guaranteed by the company. This is less than half the amount collected by other insurance companies, some of

Orderly Picket Lines March To 3 Plants; All Out By 8 O' Clock

Lewis Douglas Resigns Post



Lewis Douglas, young, efficient director of the budget under the Roosevelt administration, has at last announced his resignation after rumors to that effect had spread throughout official Washington. Roosevelt has accepted the resignation.

Eight Mills Close In Kings Mountain Union Men Claim

Crowd Of 1500 Strikers Deploys On Mill Village; Three Plants Known To Shut Down.

Three mills, the Cora, Dilling and Phenix were definitely known to have closed in Kings Mountain before noon today, and a report from the Shelby union publicity committee at 1:30 claimed that all but three of the 11 mills there had been forced to shut down.

A crowd of 1,500 strikers has been in Kings Mountain since 8:30, composed largely of Shelby strikers. They went first to the Dilling mill, which closed shortly after their committee talked with the management. The Phenix and Cora followed suit shortly afterwards, and parleys were being held at the Pauline and Park Yarn.

It is apparently the intention of the Shelby strikers to take a crowd to Spindale and other industrial centres nearby to aid local unionists in forcing mills to close.

Series Of Meetings At Salvation Army

A series of meetings will be held at the Salvation Army Hall beginning Monday night, Sept. 3 at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend these services. The ministers of the city are especially requested to come and take part in the services. The purpose of the meeting is the conversion of sinners and the earnest cooperation of all the churches is needed to make the meeting a success.

Lily, Belmont And Byrum Close After Crowds Gather

Unionists Then Speed By Car To Kings Mountain, Where All Plants Were Open.

All Shelby mills are closed today as striking union textile workers carry out their plans for a national walkout in the industry.

The whistles blew and the gates were open at every local plant except one, but there was "no quorum" of workers so no wheels were set going in a majority of the plants. Pickets were in evidence at most of the plants, but the strikers were as cheerful as school children on a holiday.

Union members had been instructed by the union not to attempt any violence and the mill managers themselves, not wishing to see any clash between those who wished to work and those who wish to stop, closed the gates and suspended business when it was seen that an insufficient number to operate, went to their job.

Three locals mills, the Lily mill and Power Co., manufacturers of threads, the Byrum Hosiery Mill and the Belmont Mill, manufacturers of coarse yarn, started work as usual, but crowds of strikers from other plants appeared and the managers announced that the mills would close until further announcement.

The whistles blew and the opportunity to work was offered employees at the Eton, Dover, Ora, Shelby and Ella Mills but only a few workers went through the picket lines and "there being no quorum" the wheels were never started.

A committee from the Union at the Cleveland Cloth Mill had notified Mr. Mull, manager, that the union members would not return to work, so the mill did not open this morning.

The crowds that had gathered at the mills which did offer employ-

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Shelby Unionites Hold Enthusiastic Gathering Today

Number Of Prominent Striker Men Address Gathering Of Strikers In Court House.

Before an enthusiastic meeting of Shelby unionites held in the court house this morning, several prominent Shelby men urged their support of the movement, and admonished the workers to accomplish their purpose without "violence of any kind."

Brynum E. Weathers, recorder-elect who was endorsed by the local union in the past primary, and who won over Judge Joseph M. Wright by the narrow majority afforded by labor's support, urged peaceful methods in handling the situation, and requested the workers not to listen to propaganda, but to follow their leaders.

Weathers said "It is better to be hungry and fighting for the cause than to be well filled and lose the honor at stake."

F. Cleveland Gardner, Shelby lawyer, also spoke, and aired his views concerning the question. Mr. Gardner has long been an outstanding supporter of organized labor, and he too, gave the workers his whole-hearted approval.

J. D. Morris, member of the board of county commissioners, was another speaker on the program, and his talks followed somewhat along the lines of his predecessors. Ernest Gardner, Cleveland county's next representative, was the final speaker, and also confirmed his beliefs in the strike platform adopted by the union.

At the close of the assembly, O. P. Allen, president of the Shelby local, announced that a meeting would be held at the union hall at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Another open meeting will be held Tuesday at the same place and hour.