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Rigid Compliance To Lint Contract To Be Demanded

To Measure Acreage More Precisely

County Committeemen's Statement Used To Inform Growers Of Impending Campaign.

Stricter compliance with terms of the contract and earlier acreage measurement, precise to the tenth of an acre, will be exacted in the cotton reduction campaign in Cleveland this year, the county committee announced this morning.

This committee, composed of S. S. Mauney, chairman, Tom C. Mauney and B. B. Suttle, issued the following explanation for the benefit of cotton growers:

Some Suggestions
"Considering your paper an excellent medium through which to reach the farmers of our county, we beg space to state a few facts concerning the cotton reduction contracts and offer a suggestion or two."

"Acting under an administrative ruling, we have posted in each township a list of every contract signer in that township, giving the basis allotted to each contract. This ruling provides that these contracts may be amended by revision, either upward or downward, provided facts justify such revision. This posted list should be carefully studied by each producer; and if any one knows that injustices have been imposed upon any one, or that any one has been given advantages by these allotments, he should, in fairness to all, report such facts to his community committeeman or some member of the county committee. But remember that such report must be supported by evidence before the county committee will entertain the charge and investigate. The total upward adjustments of the contracts in this county cannot exceed the total of downward adjustment, under administrative ruling No. 5. This means that before an upward adjustment can be made upon any contract, a similar downward adjustment must be made on some other contract. So if you expect a raise, some one must be lowered first."

Make Complaints Early
"Owing to failure to get the sign-up started earlier, we are forced to allow only a short time for the complaints to be made. Go to your township committeemen at once and give facts and figures upon which we may rely and investigation will be made. If you have grounds for complaint, speak up now or forever hereafter hold your peace."

"Your committeeman will be only too glad to explain anything about your contract you may want to know, so do not hesitate to inquire. Stricter Compliance

"According to information received at the office, the executives mean to force stricter compliance to the terms of the contract this year than last. Your acreage will be measured earlier in the season and compliance will be required to the tenth of an acre. The rented acres will be measured this year and no balancing of contracts will be allowed."

"We thank you for your wholehearted support accorded us during the past year and appeal for a continuation of your good will toward the campaign this spring."

Late News
THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot — 12 1/2 to 13 1/2
Cotton seed, wagon, ton — \$45.00
Cotton seed, car, ton — \$48.00

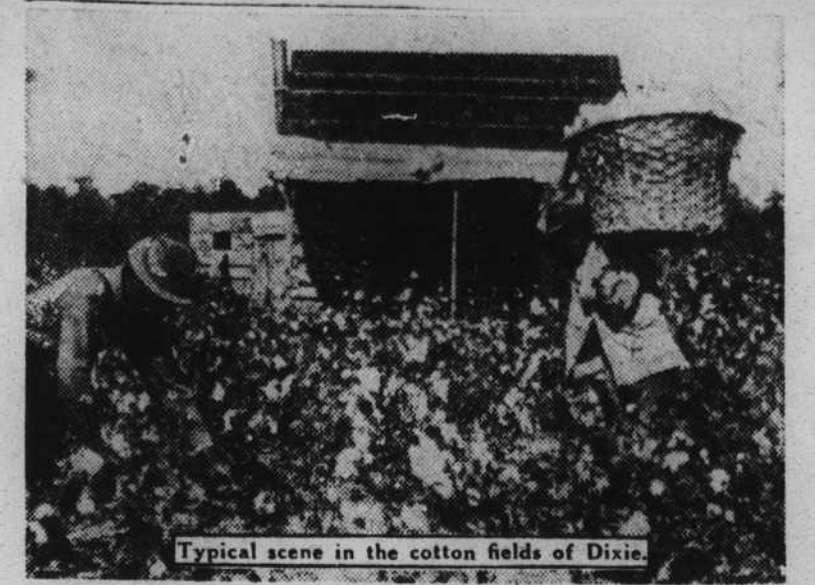
Colder, Cloudy
Weather forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair and much colder Friday; Saturday cloudy, followed by rain Saturday night or Sunday.

**Marjorie Hicks, 9,
Dies Of Lukemia**

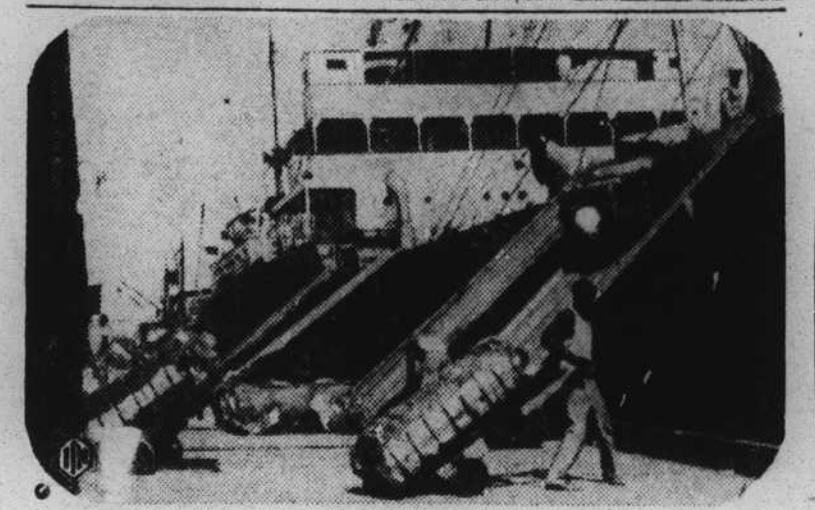
Little Marjorie Hicks, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hicks of the Mt. Pleasant community on Mooresboro route 2, died at the Shelby hospital early this morning following a lingering illness of some months.
The immediate cause of her death was given as a general weakened condition resulting from lukemia. She also had measles some time ago.

Definite funeral arrangements could not be learned, but it is expected that services will be at Mt. Pleasant Saturday in charge of the pastor.

Mechanical Cotton Picker Called Practical at Last



Typical scene in the cotton fields of Dixie



King cotton and his Southern regime face a new era if the new mechanical cotton picker will actually work. Scenes like those pictured above would vanish. But experienced cotton men, like County Agent Robert W. Shoffner, have their doubts about the new device, as the story below relates.

Tractor Attachment Said To Do Season's Work In A Day; Shoffner Doubts It Will Revolutionize South

Just as Eli Whitney's cotton gin 140 years ago enthroned King Cotton in the South, so today does another invention—a mechanical cotton picker—threaten to affect the lives of three million persons annually employed in Southern fields.

The new machine is said to pick more cotton in seven and a half hours than a good hand-picker in an entire season of three and one-half months.

Many Futile Attempts
Patent office records show that attempts to develop a mechanical picker were made as early as 1857, and that more than 800 patents have been granted from that date. The International Harvester company alone spent more than \$3,000,000 in the past 40 years, and other organizations have spent hundreds

of thousands in the attempt to manufacture a cotton picker that would work.

R. W. Shoffner, Cleveland county farm agent, studied a description of the new machine this morning, and shook his head.

Would Affect Tenants
"I just don't know," he said, "if it will work, if it really will work, it would certainly mean a revolution. It would do things to the tenant system, it would mean a great

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New England Textile Mills Faced By Ruin, Miller Says

Pathetic conditions current in New England textile mills were described yesterday by H. B. Miller, manager of the Ella Mill, a unit of the Consolidated Textile corporation, who has just returned from Providence, Rhode Island, where he purchased 36 cars of machinery from a mill recently liquidated.

He saw three mills, aggregating 137,000 spindles, closing. The last three mills of a group of 17 and three mills of another group are closing. "I saw the last shuttle pass through one mill, 50 years old, a group of 17 mills, with excellent machinery."

Mills Are Liquidating
"Mill owners are being forced to liquidate because they can't help but lose money under the present set-up, and the workers, thrown out of work, will be in a pitiable condition."
"If only we could all see conditions in New England, we would appreciate the benefits of the south."
In Providence he was told that the downfall of the textile business was due to the NRA, competition with foreign goods, labor troubles which began in 1921 and the processing tax.

Huge Losses Shown
He learned that the greater portion of a group with four million spindles have been closed. In the Lawnsdale mills, he saw 2,000 workers lose employment. The Ameskeag mills, he read from a recent report, now show a loss of \$2,000,000.

"New England is on the spot," he said, "with the balance of survival strongest in the south. If only our people could see conditions up there! Some of the men in Providence came to me and asked for jobs down south. They'd rather move down here now."
The south holds the advantage now, he said, judging from his observation, but is being hamstrung by the heavy processing tax. The administration must come to the relief of the mills, he holds, or liquidation, just as it is taking place in New England, will also occur in the south. New England, he said, has lost 11 of her 21 million spindles already, and three or four mills have recently shipped their machinery to South America to escape NRA prices and processing taxes.

**Lincoln's Jonas Says Rackets
In Legislature Threaten State**
LINCOLN, N. C., March 8.—In a statement to a local newspaper yesterday, Representative Charles A. Jonas, minority leader in the lower branch of the general assembly, charged that a legislative "racket" at Raleigh, if allowed to continue eventually will bankrupt the state through its favoritism, waste and extravagance.
"Adjournment day is here and none of the legislation for which the assembly convened has been enacted," he said. "In fact, no essential legislation has yet been enacted."

Budget Balanced With 32 Million; Hill Bill Delayed

Appropriation Bill To Be Reduced

Committees Hear Arguments On Reduction In Auto Tags And Sum For Streets.

RALEIGH, March 8.—Chairmen of the Joint finance committees of the general assembly yesterday announced that a \$32,000,000 budget for each year of the next biennium has been balanced.

Further consideration of the Hill bill to establish a state system of liquor stores was postponed by the senate until next Thursday, and it was voted to complete argument on the measure and vote on it that day.

The finance committee voted to levy a flat three per cent tax on dividends from stocks in domestic corporations. It is estimated to raise in excess of \$1,000,000 annually with constitutional income tax exemptions allowed.

The appropriations bill is now some \$200,000 above the revenue measure. It is proposed to scale down allotments by that amount.

Hear License Arguments
The joint committee on roads heard proponents and opponents of a subcommittee draft of bills to reduce the cost of automobile license tags and also discussed the measure to appropriate \$500,000 for maintenance of city streets which are part of the state highway system. Action will be taken at an executive session in the near future.

With liquor and investigation of the allegations of mistreatment of prisoners overshadowing the rest of the midget sessions, some of the legislative action taken follows:

The house passed and sent to the senate a bill to create a new tubercular sanatorium in western North Carolina at a cost of \$250,000.
The house passed and enacted into law the "Harwood" bill of Senator Browning of Swain which gives the board of examiners of the state bar authority to consider any appeal for reinstatement by a disbarred attorney, including former Judge H. Harwood of Bryson City.

Memorialize Congress
House and senate passed the Leesberry-Spruill joint resolution asking North Carolina congressmen to vote against the Flannagan bill to require growers of tobacco to have their weed graded by government graders.

The house sent to the senate a bill to allow ministers to get five instead of three gallons of sacramental wine each 90 days.
The senate enacted into law a measure to require insurance companies to write compensation policies where a risk is offered in good faith and refused by three companies.

The house passed and sent to the senate the Andrews-Page bill to prohibit working of employees of state hospitals more than 84 hours a week.

**Mrs. H. T. Hudson
Chosen 4th Time
Womans Club Head**

Club Takes New Quarters; Plans
Clean Up Drive Soon For
Shelby

Mrs. H. T. Hudson was elected Wednesday afternoon for the fourth time as general president of the Shelby Woman's club in a general election of officers held in the new club room over Wray's department store.

Other officers named at the annual election were: Mrs. W. H. Jennings, vice president; Mrs. Z. J. Thompson, second vice president; Mrs. J. J. Owen, secretary; Mrs. Roy Newman, treasurer. Mrs. Newman succeeded Miss Maude Lattimore. The other officers succeed themselves. Mrs. Chas. Wells was chairman of the nominating committee, and commented on the work of the officers.

The new club room was formally presented the organization by Geo. Wray who commented on the value of the work of the club to Shelby. General meetings and divisional meetings will be held there.

The woman's club has some 350 members with six divisions active in literary work, gardening, home building, music and art. The club will initiate within the next few days a "clean-up" drive for Shelby and will ask the co-operation of all civic organizations to help rid the town of unsightly waste paper, garbage, and to emphasize making some more attractive by planting shrubbery, sowing grass, and other projects.

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'Sweet Adeline'



Jule Folland

Selected from among scores of beauties because of her demureness and charm, Miss Jule Folland, above, of Ogden, Utah, was chosen as the modern "Sweet Adeline" of the Mormon state.

Raleigh To Probe Alleged Cruelty In Prison Camp

Legislative Investigation Launched In Case Of Two Negroes With Frozen Feet

RALEIGH, March 8.—A legislative investigation into allegations that inhuman treatment in Mecklenburg county prison camps, caused the amputation here last night of the feet of two negro convicts was launched here last night.

The joint general assembly committee on penal institutions met with C. M. Waynick, chairman, and other members of the state highway and public works commission to hear all possible information on the matter.

In the meantime Governor Ehringhaus asked Solicitor John G. Carpenter, of the 14th judicial district, to wait until tomorrow for a formal response to his telegram asking the chief executive to designate a Superior court judge to sit in Mecklenburg county as a committee magistrate in an investigation of the case. The governor called attention to investigations under way by the highway commission and other state agencies already.

Waynick read a statement to the legislators, assuring them the commission welcomed a chance to present all possible data to the superintendents of the two prison camps under fire, H. C. Little and T. S. Brown, as well as the camp physician, C. S. McLaughlin, were present and wished to tell what they knew. He told the committee the three men had been warned that what they said might be used against them in the inquiry Solicitor Carpenter contemplates conducting.

**College Choir To
Sing Here Sunday
At Central Church**

The Guilford college choir, under the direction of Max Noah, will render a sacred concert at Central Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is announced by Miss Nettie Rayle, director of music. The choir consists of over 60 voices, all having received definite musical training which makes it one of the finest musical organizations in the south and has already had its influence on church music.

There will be no charge for admission for a free will offering will be taken to help defray the traveling expenses of the choir. The program includes, "Hail, Gladden Light," "Methinks I Hear the Full Celestial Choir," "The Holly and the Ivy," "I Wrestle and Pray," "Soave Via II Morir," "Ave Maria," "A Rafaello Divino," "The Day of Judgment," "It Is Good Thing to Give Thanks," "O Lord, Support Us," "Hospodee Pomeelooy," "O Cast Me Not Away From Thy Countenance," "The Song of Mary," "Lost in the Night," "Glory and Honor and Laud."

Incendiary Case, One Murder Trial, To Feature Term

Negro to Be Tried for Downs Killing

Henry Swink Accused In Fire Which Destroyed Building Of Asor Pruett.

Two sensational cases will attract major attention in the special term of superior court opening here Monday morning, under Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro.

One is a first degree murder trial, the other an incendiary indictment. Jack Parks, young negro, is to be tried for his life on a charge of murdering J. R. Downs, when the white man was assisting in the arrest of the negro, and Henry Swink will be tried for burning a barn belonging to Asor Pruett, near Casar. The loss in the burning was heavy, including implements, two automobiles, and a great quantity of stored crops.

To Clean Up Docket.
In the special term, only cases in which indictments have already been returned, or which require no indictment, will be tried. It is expected to clean up a number of bond and jail cases now hanging fire.

Another interesting case will be that of W. R. Shaw, who has appealed confiscation, and subsequent destruction, of 15 table games and 24 slot machines seized by city officers from a storage house here. Mr. Shaw claims that the machines were not legally taken because they were merely stored here, for transportation to another state, and were not intended for use in North Carolina.

There will be no grand jury for the special term. The regular term begins March 25.

Motor Accessory Store to Open In Hull Building

The Economy Motor Store will open sometime this month in the Hull store room, opposite the First Baptist church on N. LaFayette street, the proprietor J. F. Buff having secured a lease on the building from the Shelby Real Estate and Mortgage Co.

Mr. Buff who will be in charge of the store, has been a salesman for the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Co. for five years and a district manager for this firm. He will handle Goodrich tires, radios for home and auto, a complete line of auto accessories and household necessities.

Mr. Buff who was in Shelby again this week, has had an eye on Shelby as a logical location for several months and since securing the lease on the store room, is having extensive improvements made to the interior and exterior.

Farmers To Attend Poultry Meeting

A number of farmers, poultrymen and club women from Cleveland county are planning to go to Newton next Tuesday to attend the one day short course on poultry being held there by poultry experts from State college.

According to County Agent R. W. Shoffner instruction will be given there from 10 o'clock until 3:30 on various phases of poultry growing, breeding and marketing.
Teachers will be C. F. Parrish of the extension service, Dr. R. S. Dearstyne, head of the department at the college, and H. C. Gauger, instructor in poultry.

Time will be taken for open forum and answering of practical questions. This is the first time a short course has come to poultry growers in this part of the state.

All Unpaved Streets Will Be Stone-Treated Says McMurry

"All unpaved streets and sidewalks in Shelby will be treated with crushed stone," said Mayor McMurry. The list of streets as published Monday was incomplete, he said.

A meeting of the board was held this week at which time the mayor submitted prices on an air compressor, drill and a rock crusher to be set up at the city's quarry in the southeastern section of the city. At an investment of \$3,300 the city has purchased an air compressor, drill and jack hammer to be shipped immediately from Greensboro. A rock crusher with a capacity of crushing from 60 to 100 tons daily, depending on the size of the

Woodson Announces For Mayor; McMurry Not Decided Yet

Child Labor Bill Hearing Tuesday

The resolution introduced by Representative Gardner of Shelby proposing ratification of the federal child labor amendment was shunted yesterday from a judiciary committee to the committee on constitutional amendments.

This deals a blow to Mr. Gardner's bill. The constitutional committee is headed by Representative Tam Bowie of Ashe, who is bitterly opposed to ratification. He said a hearing on the measure would probably be held Tuesday.

**E. A. Melton Freed
From State Prison
By Gill Parole**

Was Sentenced To Five Years Term For Death Of Otis McPherson In Auto Accident.

E. A. Melton of Shelby, who was sentenced to three to five years in states prison for manslaughter by Judge Oglesby in the January, 1934 term of Superior court here, was one of 21 prisoners granted a parole yesterday by Edwin M. Gill, parole commissioner.

Mr. Melton was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of 10-year-old Otis McPherson, son of W. S. McPherson. This child was killed in the fall of 1933 when a car driven by Mr. Melton struck a truck owned by the F. M. Mauney grocery store, in which the child was riding. The accident occurred on the Fallston road.

Parole Commissioner Gill, brother of Miss Louise Gill, principal of the Graham street public school, returned to his desk Monday after an absence of several weeks due to severe illness. He denied parole petitions from 50 prisoners.

Supervised Play For Summertime Suggested Here

Supervised play for school children during the summer was suggested last night at the Kiwanis club by Mr. Rankin, principal of the LaFayette street school.

The program was in charge of R. T. LeGrand who invited Mr. Rankin and Miss Margaret Anthony to speak to the club. Miss Anthony reviewed work which she is doing with classes of boys and girls in play, reading, story-telling, domestic science, etc., at the Shelby mill where interest is keen and classes are crowded.

Mr. Rankin who is teaching "fair play" and "good sportsmanship" among the children of his school said he had rather see a boy be a true sportsman at work and play than know all of the mathematics. Teachers have charge of children 160 days of the year. Now that they are forbidden to work, it is important to direct their leisure time, hence a movement is on foot among the three civic clubs to furnish supervisors at playgrounds during the summer.

Jack Hartigan Better
Jack Hartigan, popular salesman, of Charlotte who has been seriously sick at his home was reported to be improved yesterday.

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400 Deacons To Meet On March 31

At the spring meeting of the Kings Mountain Baptist association to be held on the fifth Sunday in March at Double Springs, the program will concern deacons mainly and all deacons of the forty odd churches will be invited to attend. It is estimated by the Rev. John W. Suttle, moderator, that there are 400 deacons in the Kings Mountain association. Dr. J. P. Henderson, head of the laymen's movement in the south will be present from Knoxville and speak, also Smith Hagaman, superintendent of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem and Ike Grier, superintendent of the Mills Home at Thomasville.

Basketball

Sports thrills for the Shelby week-end:
In the Rotary boys basketball tournament, tonight's games in the semi-finals are: Lattimore vs. No. 3, and Fallston vs. Grover. First game at 7:30, Shelby high gymnasium.
The Schoolmaster's club girls' basketball tournament begins Tuesday night, at Folkville high. On the first night: Grover vs. Belwood, Lattimore vs. Bolling Springs, and Casar vs. Fallston. First game at 7:30.