

## WORLDWIDE WEATHER DISTURBANCES TAKE 275 LIVES

### Agriculture Committee Approves Smith Bill Directing Cotton Sale

**Senate Approves Measure 13 To 2 Over Opposition**

**Would Sell Staple In Weekly Blocs**

Oscar Johnson Says Bill "Unsound" And That Markets Cannot Be Created.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Over the opposition of government officials the senate agricultural committee today approved the Smith bill, directing the sale of approximately five million bales of government owned cotton in weekly blocs of between 20,000 and 25,000 bales. The vote was 13 to 2.

The bill, introduced by Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, committee chairman, had been before the committee nearly two weeks for secret hearing. It would set up a board of three to sell the cotton.

Market Drag

Smith contends the large government holdings are a drag on the market and that to dispose of them in small weekly allotments would not affect prices. He argues that 25,000 bales, the maximum to be allowed to be sold at one time, is less than 10 per cent of the world's

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### N. C. Will Share In First Check Of Security Act

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)—The administration's social security program actually got under way today when the first treasury checks for aid to the aged, the blind and dependent children were mailed to several states.

By tonight, the social security board announced, checks totaling \$4,446,622 will be in the mail, destined for 16 states for old age assistance, for 11 states for aid to the blind, and for 12 for aid to dependent children.

This federal aid is to be matched dollar for dollar by the states in the case of aid to the needy aged and blind, and two state dollars to one federal dollar in aid for dependent children.

The following checks were sent last night:

For old age assistance: Iowa, \$548,100; Alabama, \$105,000; Delaware, \$33,075.

For aid to the blind: Arizona, \$4,725; Connecticut, \$2,520.

For aid to dependent children:

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### Hearts Flutter For Valentine



Valentine's Day will bring messages of love, beauty, fun, and ridicule, but few will be prettier to look at than this one. Eleanor Whitney, film player, with a heart bigger than herself, makes a very lovely valentine.

### Rural Schools May Re-Open Monday If Weather Clears

Rain and roads will control the opening of all the rural schools in Cleveland county, closed a week ago today because of the impassable condition of most of the rural routes, over which transport buses had to go each day.

A meeting of all the principals of the rural schools will be held in the office of the county superintendent in the court house Saturday afternoon at 1:30 when they will report the conditions in the various communities.

Their decision will then be forwarded to the county board of education who will make the final ruling before Monday.

J. H. Grigg, superintendent said today that if the weather continues so rainy and roadbeds continue so rotten, travel will be almost as impossible now as it was a week ago.

However, most school officials wish to start schools Monday if at all possible, as they will have to make up the time in the spring which will disrupt schedules already planned.

Observers have noted that this is the longest, most severe period of unfavorable weather seen in the county in many years. Little travel except rural delivery of mail is carried out on the roads and a number of the carriers have had to be pushed from the miry places in the roads.

### WPA Agricultural Structure Next In Line For Building

Work Progresses Rapidly On Community Building; Project Is Improved.

County commissioners and farm leaders voiced the hope here today that the next WPA project to be started in Cleveland county will be the proposed Agricultural building which is part of a statewide project offered by the N. C. Extension department.

Workmen were putting the finishing touches on the construction work of the county community building and have already begun roofing the structure. When the roof is completed, only the inside finishing and painting installation of fixtures and a few other items will be lacking.

It is thought that common labor which is now being used on this project could then be transferred to the agricultural building.

This project has already been approved and would cost a little more than \$9,000. It would provide a housing place for the county agents, both farm and home supervisors, with adequate laboratory space and an assembly room. It would be located on Jones street where the county has agreed to furnish a lot.

### Mrs. E. M. Bridges Dies Early Today On Gidney Street

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3:30 at the Zion Baptist church for Mrs. E. M. Bridges who died at her home this morning on Gidney street. Her death occurred at 3 o'clock.

Cause of Mrs. Bridges' death was given as paralysis as she has been suffering for more than a year with the disease. She was 56 years of age.

Mrs. Bridges joined the Salem church in Rutherford county in early childhood and has been a faithful member since that time. Surviving are her husband, E. M. Bridges and six children. The children are H. M. Grayson of Washington, D. C.; Yates, Eugene, Haywood and Ruby Bridges, all of Shelby, S. C.

Also there are three brothers and one sister. They are Miss Alma Grayson of Greensboro, R. N. Grayson and Summey Grayson of Shelby and W. M. Grayson of Blacksburg, S. C.

FRANK HOEY PATIENT IN HOSPITAL AFTER OPERATION

Frank Hoey underwent an operation yesterday morning at the local hospital and his condition today is reported as satisfactory.

### Charlotte Man Dies

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 14.—(P)—Brevard Springs, prominent Charlotte business man, died of a heart attack today at the old Springs home, 1000 S. W. 11th street. He was 61 years of age.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. today at Presbyterian church.

### "Our Bob" Bids For Jap Trading In Cotton In Speech To Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)—In the Senate yesterday, Senator Robert E. Reynolds, after introducing a bill to restrict immigration, spoke for more than an hour on the economic and military conditions in the Orient, and pictured Japan as the best customer in the purchase of American cotton.

He also sounded a note of warning to the South that "we must prepare for competition in growing cotton in 40 to 50 countries of the world." He then severely criticized European countries for not paying war debts.

It was the first speech of the junior senator since his recent trip

### WPA Certification Fails To Come To Expected Policy

#### Mrs. Bost Gives Note In Explanation

Can Come To Only Those On Relief In May-November Of Last Year.

General disappointment was registered here today when it was announced from Raleigh that very few certifications for work on WPA can be made by Mrs. T. W. Hamrick, newly appointed welfare worker.

Certification can go only to persons on relief under FERA in the May-November period of 1935.

This disappointment was offset however by the announcement that distribution will begin at once of commodities from the warehouse of the late FERA but distribution will be only to families who have been certified for relief.

Attend Meeting

Mrs. L. H. Ledford and Mrs. T. W. Hamrick attended this week a meeting in Raleigh, composed of welfare workers from all over the state. The discussion was led by Mrs. W. T. Bost, head of the state board of charities who advised them as to eligibility regulations.

Mrs. Hamrick is today present.

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### Mrs. G. Kendrick Will Be Buried At Kings Mount.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday at the First Baptist church at Kings Mountain for Mrs. George Kendrick, 74, who died at her home in that city early today after a lingering illness of four months.

Rev. A. G. Sargeant and Rev. J. M. Garrison will be in charge of services and interment will be at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Before her marriage as a young woman to the late George Kendrick, she was Miss Willie Borders of this county and has lived in Cleveland all her life. Her husband died 15 years ago and her only son, Arthur, died 13 years ago.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Will Byrd and a granddaughter, Mrs. Harold Crawford, of Kings Mountain. She was known as one of Kings Mountain's best loved women.

### Open Recreation School For Tots

A recreation room for the tiny kiddies of pre-school age will be opened the first of next week in the Arey building, according to announcement today by Mrs. Fetzer, director of the recreational work in the county.

Classes will be held from 10 until 12 o'clock each Monday, Wednesday mornings this spring and will be in charge of Miss Mildred Laughridge and Miss Margaret Smith.

The classes will be part of the county and statewide recreation project under the WPA. All children of pre-school age will be admitted and asked to attend.

### District Music Contest April 4

A district music contest which will include all schools in Rutherford, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston and Cleveland counties will be held at Lincolnton April 4th.

This announcement was made today by Ray S. Lowder of Lincolnton, who is district chairman of arrangements. The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium and precedes the annual music contest held each year at Greensboro.

### Capture "Delight" In Delight Area

Five gallons of "delight" was found in the Delight community yesterday by Deputies H. A. Guinn and E. J. Cordell and brought to the office of the sheriff.

The fluid was found concealed in an old earthen jar hidden along the banks of a branch. No persons claimed ownership and no arrests have been made. The liquor will be poured out at the regular time by the officers.

### See Fight On War Money Bill



Prospects of an open battle on the floor of congress over the proposed military appropriations bill of approximately \$385,000,000 loomed as alarmist notes were sounded during debate on the measure. The war department program proposes an increase of \$25,000,000 over the 1935 appropriation. Senator Key Pittman of Nevada caused considerable comment by his attack on Japan while Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois discussed the possibility of a Russo-Japanese alliance which would dominate Asia at American expense.

### Gardner Presents Analysis Of Textiles, Farms, Finance

One of the clearest analyses of the present national situation with regards to textiles, agriculture, business and finance heard in Shelby this year was given at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club last night by O. Max Gardner, former governor of the state and now of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Gardner did not make an address, but discussed in round table and an informal manner the questions asked. He was presented by Forrest Eskridge, in charge of the program.

He was introduced as the first president of the Shelby Kiwanis club which was begun 14 years ago this spring.

In short, Mr. Gardner sees a 15 to 20 percent increase in general business during 1936, voices optimism.

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### Floods Threatened From N. C. Rivers

RALEIGH, Feb. 14.—(P)—Floods were in prospect again today. Forecasting North Carolina, streams the weather bureau here issued advisory warnings that overflows could be expected in the Cape Fear, Tar, Neuse and Roanoke rivers due to rains and melting sleet and snow.

### Mrs. Eskridge Escapes Serious Injury When She Falls From Car

Mrs. John Eskridge, nearly 60 years of age, of South DeKalb street, narrowly escaped death yesterday when she was the victim of an unusual accident which catapulted her from a car, running at a reasonably high rate of speed, to the pavement where she landed on her head and was dragged 20 or 30 feet along the highway before the car could be brought to a stop.

She suffered severe bruises and abrasions over her entire body, and especially about the head and the left arm, her clothing was practically torn from her body, and yet, so far as physicians at the local hospital have been able to determine, no bones were broken and there are no internal or other injuries likely to prove serious.

Mrs. Eskridge and her daughter, Mrs. Paul Hawkins, were on their way, about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, to visit the former's 86-year-old mother, Mrs. Monroe McSwain, in the Beams Mill section when the accident occurred. The car, being driven by Mrs. Hawkins, was going about 35 or 40 miles an hour, along the Fallston road just north of Shelby. They were passing in front of the George Spurling home when Mrs. Eskridge, in an effort to raise the window of the

### Climatic Variety Deals Out Storms Of Fatal Nature

#### Europe And Asia Suffering Most

Epidemics Follow In Wake Of Storms; United States Stricken Too.

(By Associated Press)

Virtually all forms of atmospheric and climatic disturbances, except a heat wave plagued some part of the northern hemisphere today.

The elements dealt body blows with windstorms on land and sea, dust storms in the southwest, snow, hail, sleet and rain various parts of the United States, earthquakes in Montana, fires, fanned by winds, hampered transportation and threatened floods.

Epidemics followed in the wake of the storms. A Hollywood California movie company was isolated high in the Sierras and several members of the troop, including Mary Astor, actress, were ill with influenza.

Hundreds Ill

An undetermined malady caused illness of hundreds of Indiana children of the Navajo tribe near Gallup, New Mexico.

Montana reported a moderate earthquake in the western part of the state. Dust storms struck parts of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas. Cold winds dropped temperatures from 50 degrees to zero. Visibility in many places was limited to 50 feet. An estimated number of deaths for the last 48 hours neared 275, including at least 35 in the United States, 100 in Bulgarian blizzards, 40 in Italy, 28 in Great Britain and an unestimated number in coast storms in European waters.

### Mrs. Hamrick Dies Of Heart Trouble; Funeral Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Roxanna Hamrick, 80-year-old resident of the Lattimore community will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Lattimore Baptist church. Rev. Rush Padgett and Rev. D. G. Washburn will be in charge.

Mrs. Hamrick died at her home at 1:40 Thursday afternoon of heart trouble. She had been seriously ill for two weeks following a fall in which she sustained a fractured hip. She had been in a period of declining health since last fall. If she had lived until March 18 she would have been 81 years of age.

Were No Children

She was married in early womanhood to E. J. Hamrick who preceded her to the grave 23 years ago. There were no children.

Survivors are one sister, Mrs. L. C. Putnam of Mt. Sinal community; three brothers, J. A. and R. L. Jones of Lattimore and A. C. Jones of Forest City.

Mrs. Hamrick came from a large family of 11 children and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones. She was reared and lived her entire life in the Lattimore community. She was a member of the Lattimore church and was regarded one of its most faithful members.

### Cotton Consumed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)—Cotton consumed during January was reported by the census bureau today to have totaled 591,389 bales of lint and 55,974 of linters, compared with 498,329 and 55,170 for December last, and 550,533 and 61,924 for January last year.

### Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Advance was mainly due to covering as trade demand was light. The selling of a good sized line of near month and small southern sales supplies most of the contracts. The bulk of present operations consists of straddles both between month and against Liverpool. Most people in the trade are deferring new operations until Washington acts on the new farm program.

For the present a trading market will likely prevail. A. E. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS

Cotton, spot ----- 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c  
Cotton seed, wagon, ton --- \$33.00  
Cotton seed, car lot, ton --- \$36.00

New York cotton at 2:30: Jan. Jan. 10.34, Mar. 11.36, May 10.93, July 10.63, Oct. 10.34, Dec. 10.32.