

WEATHER
N. C. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, possibly showers in extreme north.
Temperature for Shelby yesterday: High 92, low 72.

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ITALY HOLDS 1,500 WAR PLANES POISED FOR COMBAT

Compliance Checking To Begin August 27; Initial Meeting Held

Committee Instructed In Details Which Will Add \$500,000 To County's Farm Income; Supervisor Here

A meeting of vital importance to 3,500 farmers in Cleveland county was held here yesterday and was climaxed with the announcement that compliance work for the new AAA soil conservation program will definitely begin next Thursday.

The meeting was composed of the county agricultural committee, the county agents, the committees from each township, all being instructed by C. A. Furr, district compliance supervisor from the Raleigh office.

To Meet Again

Some 85 officials were gathered in the county community building for several hours digesting the details of the new program. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday.

Actual measuring and checking increases of cotton and soil improvement crops will begin on Thursday.

The measurements will be the basis for the collection from the government of 5 cents per pound for cotton which would have grown on land amounting to as much as 25 percent of the base acreage of the grower.

Second Payment

A second payment will be made for soil improvement crops at the rate of \$1.00 per acre or \$10 per farm, whichever amounts to the most.

Compliance blanks will not be presented to the farmers until the

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Coming Saturday



Horace Eason who returns to Shelby to resume his work as director of music and young peoples work, will arrive Saturday from Dallas, Texas, and be at the Sunday morning service, it was learned today.

Mr. Eason has been with Dr. Truett's church in Dallas for two years. He was to return to Shelby August 1, but was delayed because of the illness of Mrs. Eason. She is getting along nicely and will join him later.

Tattooed Arms Reveal That Man Was From County

Charles Revels, heavily tattooed man of 38 who was killed Saturday night under a train at Charlotte, formerly worked in Shelby and was at the time of his death living in Kings Mountain, although he was then wandering from city to city frequently.

He was killed while trying to board a train at the P. and N. and Southern Railway underpass and for many hours his body was unidentified.

Final identification was made by David McDaniel and W. M. Ganitt, both of Kings Mountain. A horse-shoe, a butterfly and a moon in tattooing were the identifying points.

The slain youth was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Revels of Kings Mountain. They survive along with several brothers and sisters.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Hedge selling and lack of trade support, except on scale down, resulted in lower prices. There were no rains in western section of the belt where hot dry weather continues to create the reports of deterioration. Early forecast today gives no indication of immediate relief. North street textile trade continues in light volume with prices firmly held, particularly for spot goods. Mill activity continues at high rate, however, mills appear reluctant to cover future requirements. Present high basis for actual cotton and there is more or less uncertainty over prospects of increase in hedging operations in near future. Market appears to be dragging due to waiting attitude on part of trade pending weather and crop developments.—E. A. Pierce and company.

THE MARKETS
Cotton spot 13 to 14c
Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$30.00
Cotton seed, car lot, ton \$63.00
Close on New York cotton for to-day: Jan. 11.80, Mar. 11.75, May 11.70, July 11.75, Oct. 11.65, Dec. 11.60

CONSPIRATORS IN PLEA OF GUILTY

Confession Shows Organized Effort

If Successful, Plot Would Have Killed Josef Stalin And Others.

By The Associated Press
MOSCOW, Aug. 19.—Sixteen accused Trotsky conspirators pleaded guilty in open court today to charges they plotted to seize power through an organized reign of terror in which Dictator Josef Stalin and other heads of the state would have been killed.

Prosecutors at the opening of the trial charged the plot was organized by Leon Trotsky, famous Bolshevik exile, and that the plotters hoped for international complications which would pave the way for overthrow of the government.

A German secret police also was charged with direct participation in the plot.

Hardly had the session opened when Gregory Zinovieff, former high Bolshevik leader, accused as one of the masters of the conspiracy, rose and declared: "I am fully guilty."

His colleagues followed. They expected to receive the death penalty.

The Soviet press continued to intimate the passports of five of the agents, allegedly sent into Russia under the direction of Trotsky, were forged by the German secret police.

Spokesmen said the German embassy knew nothing about their citizenship. The embassy was reported not to be sending observers to the trial, and it was indicated they were not interested in the proceedings.

Heads Schools



Walter E. Abernethy who has been promoted to the superintendency of the Shelby school system, from the position of principal of the Shelby high school, which position he has filled for seven years, Supt. B. L. Smith has been chosen superintendent of the city schools of Greensboro and will move his family to that city in about ten days.

250 Are Enrolled As Adult Schools Begin Fall Term

Mrs. E. B. Olive, County Supervisor, Lists Teachers For Year.

Enrollment of 240 persons ranging from ages 16 to 72 in the fall term of the WPA Adult Schools was announced today by Mrs. E. B. Olive, county supervisor of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Olive named the following teachers who will give instruction in home making, literacy, and general educational work:

Mrs. Annie Byars, Stubbs; John Henedy, South Shelby; Mrs. Edna Ware and Mrs. Susan Whitesides, Lilly Mill; Harold Hamrick at Boiling Springs; Mrs. Terrah Ferree, of Grover; Mrs. C. E. Carpenter, and Mrs. Olive of Kings Mountain.

There are two colored teachers, Edward McLeod with the CCC camp and Summey McBrayer in the neighborhood of the Cleveland colored school.

The adult educational program is still under the direction of the WPA. Teachers work on the basis of being skilled, intermediate and professional. The highest wage rating is \$54 per month and the lowest \$36.40. Teaching time is 20 hours per week.

The former adult schools in this county have brought commendable results. Educational leaders feel that they strike a hard blow at the approximately 10 per cent of the population which is illiterate.

Teachers choose their own classes in their localities and arrange for the class times, morning, afternoon or night.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. S. H. Harris

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Palmer Funeral home for Mrs. Laura Stephens Harris, widow of S. H. Harris, formerly of this city. Mrs. Harris died Monday in Washington, D. C. after an illness of several months.

Interment was at Sunset cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Harris are her sisters Miss Hattie Stephens of Washington, with whom she made her home; Mrs. Sa McGidney and Mrs. Cleve Hart, both of Muskogee, Oklahoma; a brother, Gus Stephens, of Virginia; a nephew, C. H. Hardin, two nieces, Miss Mame Hardin and Mrs. Bob Crowder, all of Shelby.

Corn Higher Than Wheat By 3c Bushel

On the Chicago Board of Trade today September corn was selling for 119 1-2 cents a bushel as compared with September wheat at 116 3-8 cents. This is said to be the first time since 1930 when corn was selling above wheat.

JURY SELECTED IN MURDER CASE

Contest Negro Made Confession

Moore's Sister Engages Counsel To Assist Attorney Styles In Defense.

By Associated Press
ASHEVILLE, Aug. 19.—The jury to try Martin Moore for the death of Helen Clevenger was completed today, just before Buncombe county Superior Court recessed for lunch.

Its selection followed rapidly after J. Scroop Styles, court-appointed counsel for the negro, announced the defense would contest the legality of the confession obtained by Sheriff Laurence Brown when the negro was arrested.

Styles said the defense would fight introduction of the confession on the ground that it was obtained through duress and promises of leniency and that the negro was not under legal arrest at the time.

Moore, his ham-like hands extended before him on the table, watched stolidly as opposing counsel inquired as to the attitude of prospective jurors toward the negro, capital punishment, womanhood and other routine questions.

The quest of ventrismen was interrupted twice during the morning. Once Styles asked the court to be relieved as counsel since Stanford Brown, another Asheville attorney, had been retained for the defense by Moore's sister. Instead Judge Don Phillips ordered that Brown be associated with Styles and others in the case.

At another point in the proceedings the county grand jury entered to make its monthly report, recommending among other things that hotels employ house detectives to insure life and property on all floors.

Reynolds Daughter Gets \$30,000,000

WINSTON-SALEM, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Mary Reynolds Babcock, eldest daughter of the late R. J. Reynolds has come into her inheritance of \$30,000,000 it was revealed here today.

Mrs. Babcock was 36 years old August 8 and under the terms of her father's will on that date assumed complete control of her share of the colossal estate. Since childhood she has been granted varying amounts of the estate's income. At present she is living in Connecticut.

Under the will of R. J. Reynolds, who died in 1918, his four children were to inherit equal shares of the estate, now valued at around \$120,000,000.

Hollins Is Placed Under \$1,000 Bond

Probable cause was shown and found in recorder's court today and Azlea Hollins, 20-year-old negro youth was placed under a \$1,000 bond for trial in September in connection with the death of J. B. Biggerstaff here Sunday night.

The negro youth is alleged to have run Mr. Biggerstaff down on the West Marion street extension and then failed to stop. Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Hamrick followed him until police aid could be enlisted.

New PWA Program Awaiting Orders

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The new \$800,000,000 Public Works Program was being held up today by Secretary Ickes until President Roosevelt can be consulted about the use of relief labor.

Unless the President changes the latest order, Ickes said the Public Works administration would be able to contribute only about 10 per cent of the cost of the average project where in the past it has contributed as much as 45 per cent.

City Gets Raise For Upkeep Of Streets

Mayor Woodson is in receipt of a letter from Chairman Capus Waynick of the state highway department saying that a tentative allotment of \$4,547.50 has been set up for the city to maintain state and federal highways Nos. 75, 150 and 18 which traverse the city.

Last year the city received only \$3,306 for maintenance from the state.

Agents Say Now Is Best Time To Begin Preparation For Fair

"Hot summer days with the relatively cool nights is the time of the year to begin thinking about preparation for exhibits at the big county fair this fall," County Agent J. S. Wilkins said today.

"Careful farmers will begin looking over the best of all their crops and making their selections for the fair. There are a number of bulletins on preparation which are issued by the department of agriculture.

"Livestock cannot be looked after too carefully. There will be thousands of exhibits and the persons who are careful with feed, brushing, and handling will be the ones who win the prizes.

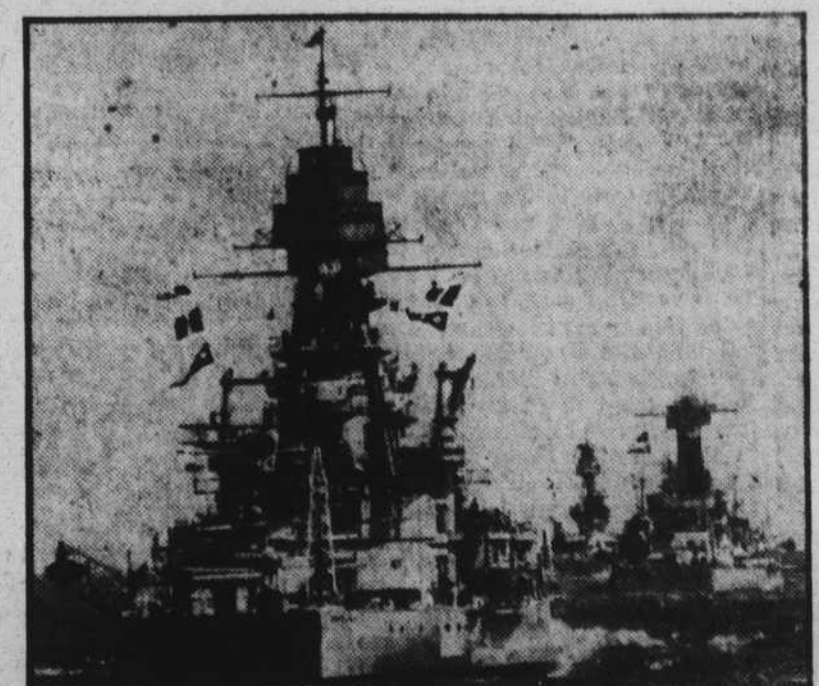
"Dr. J. S. Dorton will announce in a few days many more of the details of the premium list and some of the new features.

"I can say this: We will have a new arrangement for the swine department in which Cleveland hogs will be in a competition only with those grown in this county."

Mrs. Frances MacGregor said today that now is also the time to begin preparation of canned foods, meats and vegetables and other household articles. She added that there will be a much larger premium list for foods than ever before.

The dates for the fair this year are October 8 to 19.

Uncle Sam Shows His Power



Churning into harbor in the Hawaiian islands after taking part in maneuvers in the Pacific ocean, the U. S. S. Arizona presents an imposing picture of naval power. This photo was made from the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, flagship of the American fleet.

Fifteen Million Dollar City Sold For Thousandth Part

Entire City Of Shelby Once Sold For \$15,000, Interesting Record By Historian Shows

Striking pictures of a Shelby that used to be were lifted out of the shadows of the dull pages of a minute docket book this week by County Historian P. C. Gardner, who found that the city now worth fully \$15,000,000 once sold for a paltry \$15,561.

Nonchalance Plus Shown By Couple

Informality and nonchalance were the outstanding features of a wedding performed by Magistrate W. R. Newton in the Cleveland county court house at noon today.

The groom, without a coat or a tie, but with a lighted cigarette in his hand went through the ceremony without so much as a tremor, while the bride was almost as calm.

The two who gave their names as Budd Lail and Fleda Young, both of near Hildebran in Burke county marched into register of deeds Andy Newton's office and planked down the fee of four dollars and paid the magistrate his usual fee for tying the knot.

Without changing expressions or taking note of the gaiety on the faces of the attaches of the court house, the couple marched out as the groom finished smoking his cigarette.

The information was gathered by Historian Gardner from the minute docket of the court of pleas and quarter sessions from the period 1841 (the birthdate of the county) until 1847.

95 Years Ago

It first tells how 147 acres was deeded from the J. F. Love estate to the chairman of the county court on August 11, 1841, or 95 years ago last week.

Later information is given as to how the town lots were laid off, sold for as much as \$127 and as low as \$75, with two of the best ones being given to the Methodist and Baptist churches which churches now have buildings located on them.

Whipping Post

Stocks and a whipping post were erected on the present court square for the sum of \$25 and then by a public protest were removed to the jail (where Huss Cline's auto agency is now located) at a cost of \$3.00.

A new jail was built about that time at a cost of \$1,000 being 32 by 42 feet and having ten rooms. It cost 25 cents per day to remain in jail then. A sheriff was fined \$10 for making too much racket on the

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NEUTRALITY HOWEVER SEEN

France Insisting She Is Neutral

Mussolini Ready To Aid Rebels If France Aids Loyalists.

By Associated Press
Italy, warily keeping her fleet of 1,500 Fascist war planes in a state of readiness, let it be known today a compromise Franco-Italian agreement on Spanish neutrality was nevertheless, in sight.

Such a compromise Fascist officials indicated might mean Italy would give up her demand that Socialist France stop expressions of public opinion at home on behalf of the Socialist Spanish government.

Earlier informed Italian sources said Dictator Mussolini had served

MADRID, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Spain's grave and bloody events echoed again and again today in the capitals of Europe's great powers.

With fighting confined apparently to a rebel attack, with was stopped at the edge of the city of Irun, there were important developments outside the peninsula.

Germany, an informed source said, would recognize a rebel government in Spain as soon as it demonstrates its ability to preserve order and protect foreign lives and property.

Great Britain, setting an example for other countries capped a civil and military embargo on aircraft shipments as well as on a score of other materials of war.

notice the airplanes would fly to the aid of Spanish Fascist rebels if France failed to abstain from intervention and moral support for the socialist government of Spain.

Paris officials quickly let it be known France would abandon her present position of neutrality if Italy undertakes to aid the rebel cause. They insisted France still was neutral in word and deed.

The Roman report stated Italian and French airmen actually had exchanged shots over Gibraltar as part of the civil war and some Fascists credited an Italian bomber with damaging the Spanish government cruiser, Jaime I, which

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Roosevelt Eyes Spanish Revolt; Plans New Trip

HYDE PARK, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Keeping an eye on Spain's civil war and its international repercussions, President Roosevelt is making plans for trips which will keep him away from the White House for any protracted length of time.

He is going through with a trip to drought states starting next Tuesday night. But it was learned he feels it would be unwise while conditions abroad are so serious to schedule any additional journeys that would keep him from within easy travel distance of the capital.

He said in a recent address he was more concerned over international affairs than domestic problems and promised to use his powers to preserve neutrality and peace for America.

Because of prospects that the steamboat ride down the Mississippi and an inspection of flood control projects along the river will not be tackled on end of the drought trip, a presidential assistant said later Mr. Roosevelt probably would return to the capital about September 3 or 4. He expected to remain there until time to go to Charlotte, N. C., for an address Sept. 10 at a seven-State "Green Pastures" rally.

The President still is planning, however, his aide said, to carry out his original intention of going first on his drought trip.

Scenes Of Horror Are Reported In City Captured By The Rebels

LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 19.—Pitiful scenes of horror in the corpse-strewn streets of Badajoz were reported here for the first time since the capture of the town by rebels in their bloody attack.

Madrid News, a newspaper correspondent said the city was in complete disorder and that the parts of the Portuguese city which is not completely destroyed is covered with corpses and street barricades. Bullet holes have scarred the bloodstained walls where defenders held on until the very last.

In parts of the city are mute evidences of where hundreds of executions were carried out by the rebels.

Women and children walked pitifully about, seeking their husbands and fathers.

The Diario Noticias said a strong rebel column from Seville, with 15 anti-aircraft guns, was marching to relieve the Badajoz insurgents, who were building strong fortifications.

"Most of the young rebs sentenced to death by court martial showed no fear of death but asked to be comforted by priests," Portiella stated. "Whereupon, priests on the rebel side dropped their guns, changed their uniforms for Catholic raiments, and officiated."

"Before the doomed men were lined up before the firing squad, both the rebs and the priests wept bitterly and embraced."