

Rains Hamper Fair But Officials Expect Big Day Saturday

WEATHER
N. C. Probably showers tonight and Saturday, cooler in interior Saturday night.
Official Shelby temperatures: High 76, low 66, rainfall 2.26.

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ENVOYS OF 27 NATIONS IN SECRET MEET IN LONDON

LINT ESTIMATE UP 488,000 BALES

Condition Only 61.8 P. C. Normal

Report By Government Causes Market To Become Unsteady.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—A cotton crop in 1936 totalling 11,609,000 bales of 500 pound weight as indicated by October 1 conditions was forecast yesterday in a report released by the department of agriculture.

A crop of 12,481,000 bales was indicated August 1 this year, and 11,121,000 bales were indicated on September 1.

Cotton futures broke slightly when the report came out, then gained 30 points but later came back to about normal. The market at two o'clock today was about the same as before the report.

Little or no change was noted in the price of local cotton.

Member 1. Last year's production was 10,638,000 bales and that of 1934 was 9,639,000 bales.

The condition of the crop on October 1 was 61.8 per cent of a normal compared with 72.3 per cent on August 1 and 59.1 on September 1 this year. 64.0 on October 1 last year, and 56.2, the 1923-24 October 1 average.

Rains Halt Openings
The rains were said to have halted premature openings of cotton bolls which results in decrease in yield.

Favorable weather improved the crop in the eastern part of the belt since September 1. It was said, with plants making rapid progress to offset a late start.

The cotton crop in North Georgia and the Carolinas was reported still subject to damage by early frosts, while rapid opening of the bolls was said to have exposed a large amount of cotton to possible frost damage.

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Dr. Dixon Is Hurt As His Car Skids

Dr. H. C. Dixon, local dentist was injured last night when his car skidded on the slick pavement near the Blanton farm on Highway No. 74 west, and went down a deep embankment. Dr. Dixon is receiving attention in the local hospital for a dislocated hip and body bruises.

Aged Doctor Dies.

MOUNTVILLE, S. C., Oct. 9.—Dr. A. R. Fuller, 82, considered the dean of Laurens county doctors, died at his home here today.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—The action of the market yesterday would indicate that the trade both at home and abroad is more confident of the prevailing price level and a broadening in demand from these interests should develop. The large earnings reflect the rapidity with which the present crop is moving. While the crop figures indicate an important factor, the pressure from hedges should shortly wane. We believe that the situation favors the constructive side and that advantage should be taken of the dips to make purchases.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

The Markets

Cotton, spot 12 1/4 to 13c
Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$35.00
Cotton seed, car lot \$38.00
New York cotton at 2 o'clock today: Jan. 11.87, Mar. 11.92, May 11.94, July 11.96, Oct. 11.97, Dec. 11.98.

Roberta Semple Demands Damages

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Roberta Semple complaining she was "injured, disgraced and defamed" demanded \$150,000 today as damages from the personal attorney of her mother, Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson as the latest turn in the family rift at Angelus Temple.

A slander suit on file in superior court by the heiress to Mrs. McPherson's temple pulpit was directed against Willedd Andrews, veteran Los Angeles lawyer.

Miss Semple quoted Andrews as having said, "Mrs. McPherson has been threatened, intimidated and blackmailed for the last time" and the evangelist would take all precautions to preserve the four-square gospel church she founded in 1923.

Troops Withdrawn From Monarch Mill As Tension Eases

Governor Johnston Finds No Further Need Of Soldiers; Go To Rock Hill.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Governor Olin Johnston withdrew the national guard company on duty at the Union textile strike today after being told by Sheriff J. G. Fauett of Union that special deputies remained on guard.

"The need of troops at Union apparently no longer exists," the governor said.

Union, S. C., Oct. 9.—(AP)—A third of the national guardsmen at the Monarch mill strike zone received orders for immediate demobilization today.

Twenty-four of the 66 soldiers, camped opposite the mill since Sunday packed for the trip back to Rock Hill, home station of the company.

Major L. Dunn Matthews of Rock Hill, field commander, continued to hold the others ready for orders and posted observers near the mill gates on each change of shift as the plant approached the end of its second week of operations under protection of deputies.

Approximately a full shift reported for duty this morning without disorder.

French Communists Defy Government

PARIS, Oct. 9.—(AP)—French Communists openly defied government efforts to restrict their meetings in historic Alsace Lorraine today.

Amid threats of virtual civil war in the border provinces the communist party declared it was proceeding with plans to hold widespread demonstrations there.

Fears of open strife immediately were current.

Vote To Unify Asheville, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The Blue Ridge Atlantic conference of the Methodist Episcopal church voted unanimous approval today of a proposal for unification of the three branches of Methodism.

Roy Newman was high bidder for the stock and fixtures in the Quinn drug store in Shelby. The sale was confirmed to him yesterday by the bankruptcy court in Charlotte.

Slogan Of "Show Must Go On" Illustrated Before Grandstand

The time honored slogan of the stage, "the show must go on" was never more true than in front of the grandstand at the Cleveland county fair this week, as the dozens of sensational acts moved on during the deluges of rain and were brought to a climax—with scarcely a hitch and amid the applause of the audience.

Lifting clouds at noon today gave promise of weather possibly clear enough for the continuation of the program tonight and tomorrow, and a troupe of some 60 artists and actors were ready to go on with the show, rain or shine.

George A. Wamond of New York, promoter and booking agent for outstanding outdoor musicals and extravaganzas features, will be here in person Saturday. At present his interests here are represented by Henry Cogert, assistant.

The applause of more than 1,000 persons in the grandstand Wednesday night highly complimented the "show in the rain" as the spectators watched the bears ride their bicycles, the trained dogs go through their acts, and laughed heartily at the comedy acts.

Elaine Dowling and her co-ettes, premiere girl tumbler tumbled in the rain, and the 20 beautiful chorus and dancing girls danced and played, sometimes slipping dangerously, but to the music of Art Morro's "Revelations of 1936" orchestra.

Even the trapeze artists, acrobats and sensation artists swung from bars 110 feet high, though they were dangerously wet.

MAN-TO-MAN TUSSELS OCCUR

Smith Is Labeled As "Malcontent"

Ryan And Coughlin Tangle, Also Mills And Bailey; F. R. Travels.

By Associated Press

While President Roosevelt and Governor Landon steamed along on their campaign travels today man-to-man tussles broke out all over the map.

Monsignor John A. Ryan told Father Charles E. Coughlin he was wrong and Father Coughlin replied that he would retire from the picture if he could not prove that F. Ryan erred.

Alfred E. Smith assailed the New Deal party again and was called a "malcontent" by Senator Bennett Champ Clark Ogden L. Mills and Senator J. W. Bailey voiced opposite views from the same platform while Harry L. Hopkins and the Republican national committee cried "lies" at each other.

Heading for a major speech at Omaha tomorrow night President Roosevelt traveled to Iowa and Minnesota for a series of motor parades, federal works inspections, rear platform talks and political and farm conferences.

On a tour of four Great Lakes states Governor Landon issued a statement saying that the people by their ballots are going to demand in no uncertain way that their county be given back to them. Landon will deliver a major address at Chicago tonight.

Plans For Ocean Hop Is Revealed

Information received from a reliable source here discloses the fact that R. Glenn Nichols, son-in-law of Mrs. Jack Pounders of South LaFayette street, will take off on October 15 for a trans-Atlantic airplane flight from New York to London, the flight to be made with Clyde Pangborn in the latter's plane.

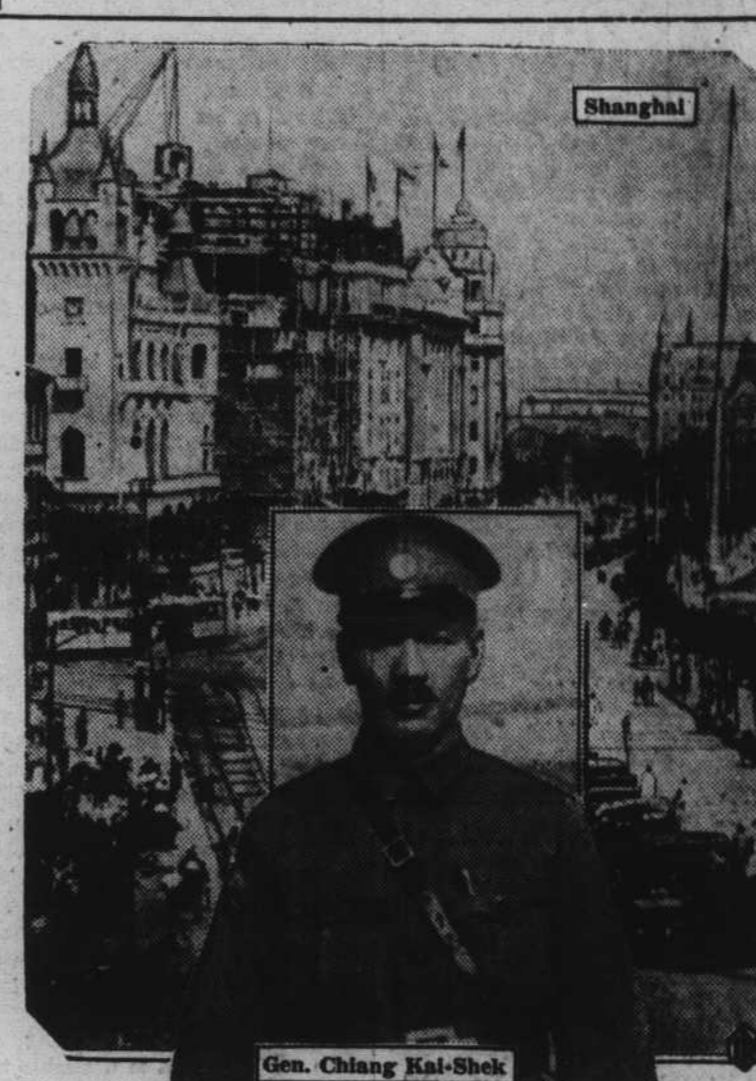
Mr. Nichols and Roscoe Turner were with Pangborn when the latter entered the London-Melbourne air race several years ago. Nichols is a radio operator on the Pangborn plane.

Mrs. Nichols and their son, Jack Glenn, who have been visiting at the Pounders home here for several weeks left Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Mildred Pounders, for New York City. Mr. Nichols, who spent several days here three weeks ago, joined them in Washington, D. C. for the remainder of the trip. Mrs. Nichols, Jack Glenn and Miss Pounders will return to Shelby in about two weeks.

NEWMAN BUYS QUINN DRUG STORE EQUIPMENT

Roy Newman was high bidder for the stock and fixtures in the Quinn drug store in Shelby. The sale was confirmed to him yesterday by the bankruptcy court in Charlotte.

War Threatens City Of Shanghai



War clouds are hanging low over Shanghai as Japanese troops crowd streets of the sixth largest city in the entire world. Gen Kai Shek, inset, is rallying his forces to show the invaders that the city will not be dominated without a struggle.

World War Aviator Sought In "Missing Legs" Murder

Legs Of 41-Year Old Boston Widow Fished From Boston Harbor; Police Run Down All Available Clues

By Associated Press

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Oct. 9.—Spurred by the identification of Mrs. Gracey Asquith, 41 year old widow, as the woman whose severed legs were hauled from Boston harbor four days ago detectives today held one man for questioning and sought a missing world war aviator.

While police grappled in the harbor for the head and torso of the victim a woman's tip sent detectives scurrying last night to a lonely cottage on the Weymouth shore, 12 miles from Boston.

There, Mrs. Isabel Murphy of Boston told police her friend Mrs. Asquith, who "disappeared" September 20, lived.

Resemblance
She said the widow, a former photographer's model resembled the harbor victim as pictured by medical examiner William Brinkley.

Police found the cottage ransacked:
"The walls of the living room were sprinkled with blood," Boston police said.

"Two blood stained sheets and a spread were found upstairs in a bedroom.
"In the cellar we located a saw. There are brown specks on the handle. We have sent the saw to

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Registration Books To Open Saturday For Fall Election

Registration books for the 26 precincts in Cleveland county will open on Saturday, October 10 and will remain open on the two successive Saturdays according to announcement today from John P. Mull, chairman of the board of elections.

Registrars have been notified and have given their registration books and will record the names of unregistered voters on October 10, 17 and 24.

Only registrars, and not judges, are required to be at the polls, said Chairman Mull. October 31 will be "Challenge Day," and if required, the judges will be called in.

"Persons who have moved out of their precinct who have become of age, or who have moved into the county and have never registered but are 21 years of age and are otherwise qualified as a voter, are eligible to register," he said.

Cleveland county made a remarkable record with a 13,000 vote in the Democratic primary, supporting Mr. Hoey and other members of the ticket. Word from Wallace Winborne recently indicated that the state organization is counting on this county to swell the numbers on the same ticket this fall.

AUTO RACING DEPENDS ON WEATHER

Many Activities Forced To Close

School Children Tickets To Be Honored On Saturday As Well As Friday.

A heavy deluge of more than three inches of rain in the past three days brought almost to a standstill the activities of the Cleveland county fair, and officials were looking for hopeful signs of fair weather this afternoon and tomorrow for a successful climax to the 13th annual exposition.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, secretary, said today that tickets issued to school children in Shelby, Kings Mountain and in the 21 neighboring counties for attendance on Friday will be honored Saturday. More than 100,000 such tickets have been issued.

Show Postponed.
The district horse show which was to have been held today with more than 50 show horses was postponed until tomorrow.

Barring continued rain, the dirt track auto races sponsored by Ralph Hankinson and the AAA racing board, will be held Saturday afternoon with Mr. Hankinson here from New York to personally direct the events. A score of daredevil drivers are already in the city.

Races Uncertain.
Promoters said the races are now problematical. Sunshine late this afternoon and tomorrow combined with scraping and treating the track would allow the races without danger. If the rain continues, the races will be cancelled.

Dr. Dorton said this morning that this is the worst stage of bad weather the management has experienced

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Shelby Selected For District Meet

At the annual meeting of the fourth district of North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, held in Lincolnton Wednesday, Shelby was selected as the place of meeting for next year.

Clubs from Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Lincoln clubs were represented by about 125 women present at the meeting Wednesday.

Among them were Mrs. H. T. Hudson, president of the Shelby's Women's club, Mrs. Z. J. Thompson, Mrs. Charles L. Eskridge, Mrs. Charles Wells, Mrs. Maynard Washburn, Mrs. C. C. Carpenter, Mrs. C. H. Shull and Mrs. Brantley Smith.

Mrs. Ray Horne of Forest City was elected district president, succeeding Mrs. F. H. Chamberlain of Lincolnton, and Mrs. Colt Jones of Gastonia was elected vice-president, succeeding Miss Cleo Burns.

Dr. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the First Methodist church in Lincolnton opened Wednesday's meeting with invocation.

AAA To Pay Only 90 Per Cent First

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—To "avoid possible deficits," the AAA said today it will pay farmers who participated in this year's soil conservation program will be limited to 90 per cent in virtually all regions except the northeast.

Producers in the northeast, including New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, will be paid in full in one check.

A statement issued by the farm administration said that estimates of participation in the program in the northeast, "although not complete," showed funds would be available for full payment in those states.

H. R. Tolley, the AAA administrator, said that in the other regions where 90 per cent would be paid at first "the second part of the payment will be made as soon as participation and the expenses of the county conservation associations have been determined."

The agriculture administration has a total of \$470,000,000 available to make payments under the soil conservation program.

Rainfall Heavy In Past Few Days

Rain, rain, go away, come again another day, the Cleveland fair wants to play.

The chant began by thousands of persons here in the county Tuesday and has not stopped. Neither has the rain.

In fact, it has rained more since Tuesday morning than it rained all during last month. A total of 3.66 inches fell in Shelby since that time. Two and a quarter inches fell yesterday and more than an inch and a half last night and today, according to the report made by John Phifer who checks for the government.

Aside from the fair being halted, field work in the county such as fall grain sowing, breaking land and picking cotton are all suspended for the present.

Creeks and rivers in the vicinity of Shelby were out of their banks and steadily rising.

Aviation History Made As Newsmen Fly Round World

Wealthy Men Also On Flight; Ekins Leads Reporter's Race.

By The Associated Press
A mass flight of millionaires and American business leaders, a journalistic preview of the China Clipper's transpacific course and the 9th day of the reporter's round the world race contributed to aviation history today.

The men of wealth and power, 73 of them, were up for a 618 mile cruise over six eastern states in the German dirigible Hindenburg.

China Clipper
Out in Honolulu the China Clipper's engines were warming up in preparation for the second leg of the flight westward to Manila. The ship carries five New York reporters who are getting an eye full of the route regular passengers will be shortly be seeing.

In the other newspaper fight—the globe circling race, H. R. Ekins, New York Telegram and Scripps Howard newspaper reporter was still far in the lead.

Jean Batten, New Zealand aviator, who is trying to break the England-New Zealand flight record, landed at Singapore.

Concord Druggist Dies On Highway

CHARLOTTE, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Zeb V. Moore of Concord died of a heart attack this morning on the Charlotte-Pineville highway shortly after his car narrowly escaped wrecking.

Moore, who was being driven by a chauffeur, was forced from the road by a truck it was reported to Mecklenburg police who were called to the scene.

Apparently endeavoring to look over the situation with a view to getting his car back on the road he was seen to halt suddenly and collapse. He died in a few minutes.

Moore is survived by his widow. He was connected with a drug company here.

WILL CONSIDER WAY TO STOP FACISTS

Rebs Are Nearing Spanish Capital

Will Thresh Out Charges Of Infidelity And Aid To Rebels.

By Associated Press

In the tense atmosphere of continental crises neutrality envoys of 27 nations met secretly at London foreign office today to thresh out sharp Russian and Spanish government charges of broken pledges and Fascist military aid to Spain's insurgents.

The basic problem before the group was how to stop an open rush by Fascists and Communist nations to aid opposing belligerents on the Iberian peninsula.

Soviets Accuse
That might mean European war. Soviet Russia flatly accusing Germany, Italy and Portugal, wanted the committee to send an investigating committee to Portugal, alleged gateway for Fascist arms shipments to the Spanish insurgents.

There were concrete evidences that Portugal would not consent to an investigation, that Lisbon believes Russia is bluffing.

But a Soviet envoy entering the secret session said grimly, "We have stated our stand, it is up to the committee to do something."

Near Madrid
West of Madrid Fascists smashed through rugged terrain in three powerful columns to capture strategic cities. Madrid halted the prospect of Russian help and rejoiced in what appeared to be almost complete victory for Loyalists who long have besieged the Fascist cities of Oviedo.

Heavy government reinforcements were rushed into the line on the Biscay front where defense of Bilbao is the government's chief concern.

Conference Fairs

TOKIO, October 9.—(AP)—Japanese officials declared today that the conference between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, China's dictator, and the Japanese ambassador does not warrant optimism for settlement of the Sino-Japanese crisis.

Breaks Ankle
Mrs. Paul Webb, 61, is in the Shelby hospital suffering from a broken ankle. She slipped on a wet doorstep this morning and fell. She will remain in the hospital for several days.

Winners Named For Livestock Judging Trials

More than 300 students of vocational agriculture competed for western North Carolina livestock judging honors at the Cleveland county fair here yesterday, the teams using the prize winning horses, mules and cattle for judging.

Winners announced today by Roy H. Thomas, state supervisor and J. L. Osten of Troy and T. H. Stafford of Asheville, district supervisors, are:

Roy Bridges of the Derita high school in Mecklenburg county, first place with 525.95 points; Hugh Dillingham of No. 3 high school in Cleveland county, second place with 513 points and W. S. Griffin of Marshall high school in Union county with 492.5 points.

Winners by schools, each represented by a team of three boys, are Derita, with 1474.55 points; Marshville with 1456.75 points and Tryon, in Gaston county with 1391.75 points.

The vocational students were from 29 vocational departments in the western part of the state. The Cleveland fair has come to be the scene of the largest livestock judging events in the state with the exception of the state fair.

Plan Big Barbecue At College With Gardner, Webb As Speakers

Plans for a rally or informal meeting, at which Dr. J. G. Burnett, new president of Bolling Springs junior college will be presented to patrons and friends were announced today by A. W. McMurry, chairman of the faculty committee. The date is October 20 at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The meeting will be in the form of a short program followed by a barbecue, the menu of which will include pork, chicken and lamb. Five hundred or more persons are expected to attend.

O. M. Mull will be the toastmaster for the occasion and short addresses will be made by former Governor O. Max Gardner, chairman of the board of trustees, E. Y. Webb and possibly other leaders in the Kings Mountain association.

Two men and a woman who are prominent leaders in the Sandy Run association will also make short speeches.

Those who are invited to attend the meeting, said Mr. McMurry are the pastors and their wives, all deacons and their wives, all teachers and officers, church officers, and the finance committee of the churches in the two associations which sponsor the college. Also, a number of invitations to educational leaders and friends of the college will be given.

Dr. Burnett is this week attending several sessions of the Sandy Run association which is meeting. He is rapidly getting acquainted with the leaders of both groups and is highly pleased with his reception by the people.