



50,000 Persons Involved

HONEYCREEK STRIKE IN SOUTH



SHORT-LIVED "MARBLER" enough for years of shooting fell Rock Hill last night as hail battered York County with a five-inch fall in five minutes. Out to check are Rock Hill's Westbrook brothers, Charles, John and Robert. (Joe Azer photo).

Man, Girl Are Killed

Four To Five Inches Hail Falls In South Carolina

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
A violent hailstorm felled a five-county area in South Carolina Sunday night, killing a 60-year-old man and a 3-year-old girl who were trapped when a concrete block house was blown in.

The storm, which dumped five inches of hail at Batesburg and four inches at York and Rock Hill, occurred on the leading edge of the cool air mass which brought seasonal normal temperatures back to most of the country today.

The violent wind caused extensive property damage and the blanket of hail blocked several miles of U. S. Highway No. 7.

The cold air lowered temperatures 10 to 20 degrees from Sunday in the East and over the Rocky Mountains; scattered showers and snow flurries over the Northwest, northern Great Lakes region, upper Mississippi Valley and New England; and showers in the South and East. Generally precipitation was light, but Charlotte got 52 of an inch and Pulaski, Va., 33.

Early morning temperatures ranged from 7 above at Butte, Mont., to 73 at Key West, Fla. The freezing temperatures were confined to the northern states all across the nation. It was warmer in the eastern plains and middle Mississippi Valley.

Some representative reports: New York, fair, 25; Atlanta, showers, 56; Miami, fair, 65; New Orleans, foggy, 69; Denver, fair, 36; Fargo, N. D., fair, 32; Seattle, cloudy, 33; Los Angeles, cloudy, 56; Chicago, fair, 36; Milwaukee, cloudy, 31; St. Louis, partly cloudy, 47; Indianapolis, fair, 35; and Detroit, fair, 31.

Passenger Lost From Jet Plane Over S. C.

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Taylor in Hong Kong

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Our Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today. Fairly cloudy and a little cooler tonight. Tomorrow, increasing cloudiness with a few scattered showers.
Low tonight—46.
High today—62.
High tomorrow—73.
Low yesterday—78.
Sunrise 6:35 a.m.; sunset 6:30 p.m.

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Money Matters Head Assembly Monday Agenda

Finance Hearings To Be Concluded

RALEIGH —As members of the General Assembly returned to Raleigh today for their 11th week, the important issues of finance and appropriation continued to head the agenda.

The House and Senate will meet tonight at 8 o'clock. The Joint Finance Committee hopes to wind up hearings tomorrow and Wednesday on tax bills. The committee expects to receive from the State Department of Revenue by Thursday new estimates of state revenue for the 1955-57 biennium.

The committee will use these estimates as a yardstick in its search for new tax dollars. Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission have proposed new taxes totaling \$1 million a year to finance a budget calling for expenditures of \$37 million for the biennium.

House Finance Chairman W. B. Rodman of Beaufort said he would not attempt to make a guess on when the Finance Committee will reach agreement on a revenue bill. He expressed the opinion that detail work on the measure will be turned over to a subcommittee after the full committee has decided on the tax issues.

"The question of administrative procedure," Rodman stated, "will necessitate it being turned over to a subcommittee to define the appropriate language for the basic details of the full committee makes."

GETTING OUTLINE
Comparing the tax and appropriation work to a puzzle, Rodman said, "Once the pattern is laid, the pieces will begin to fall into place. We are just getting the outline."

Senate Appropriations Chairman J. C. Eagles Jr. of Wilson said that when the finance bill is reported out, it shouldn't be long before the appropriations measure will follow suit.

He said there has been final of turning the appropriations bill over to a subcommittee for final preparation. This procedure has been followed in the past two General Assemblies.

The Joint Appropriations Committee tomorrow resumes its line-by-line study of the budget bill for the next biennium. At its first study session Thursday, the committee chopped off \$22,500 in appropriations but approved the addition of \$18,100.

Eagles said the Legislature can't do its work very quickly.

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THE PHANTOM NEW FEATURE IN THE NEWS

Mystery fans got a new treat today. The Phantom came to Charlotte from Africa to help them in their trouble.

The Phantom is a brand-new adventure strip which begins today in The News. From savagery in the jungles of Africa to the paled streets of cities to the gilded temples of the Orient, the Phantom moves — always ready to thwart evil, eager to help those in trouble.

For mystery fans, the Phantom—with his strange, mystic powers — makes fascinating reading. Start following him today. You'll find this new daily feature on Page 10-B.

Expert To Be Employed

Way Paved For Airport Study

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Way was cleared today for initiation of a study to develop a master plan for Charlotte Municipal Airport.

Announcement was made that conferences have been held by City Manager Henry A. Yancey with the Airport Advisory Committee, looking toward the retention of an aviation consultant. Mayor Van Every said that Jack Erwin and the members of the Airport Advisory Committee have never opposed the proposed airport master plan.

And he said that already Mr. Yancey and members of this committee have been conferred regarding the employment of an expert to draw up the plan. At last Wednesday's session of City Council, McAlister Carson Jr., chairman of the Cham-



Operators, Other Bell Workers Form Picket Line At Exchange On N. Caldwell St.



Charlotte Supervisory Workers Man Phone Switchboards.

Long Distance Service Handicapped

Local Workers Picket Bell

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Sign bearing pickets, mostly young men, were walking past today before offices in Charlotte of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.

The strike of members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) began here at 6 a.m. today, the hour set by the union's high command for the southwest walkout.

J. F. Klutz, president of the CIO-CWA local union here, had estimated that more than 1,000 employees were of Southern Bell would join the walkout.

Offices here of the telephone company had estimated that approximately 1,400 employees here were eligible for membership in this union.

The telephone company arranged to maintain service at the highest possible rate of efficiency through the cooperation of supervisory employees and other employees. Some former switchboard operators were transferred from clerical work to communication duties.

All indications early this afternoon were that the local telephone service in Charlotte was normal. The local calls here are normal. The local calls here are normal.

Bus Concern Seeks Money

RALEIGH — Charlotte City Coach Lines Inc. today asked the Southern Bell spokesman for permission to borrow \$400,000 and to issue \$240,000 worth of its common stock.

The firm which recently bought the Charlotte transportation system from Duke Power Co. said the National Bank of Detroit to be repaid in 13 quarterly installments of \$30,000 and a final installment of \$10,000. It also would pay interest quarterly at an annual rate of 4 per cent.

Of this sum \$360,000 would be used to finish paying Duke the purchase price of \$400,000. The remaining \$40,000 would be used as working capital and other purposes such as buying equipment. The remaining \$40,000 represents the amount the company advanced toward the purchase price of the system.

Negotiations Fail To Bring Agreement

Company Says Some Remain On Job

ATLANTA — Southern Bell Telephone Co., workers in nine states struck today after more than eight months of negotiations failed to produce a new contract agreement.

A continuous 20-hour session between representatives of the company and the CIO Communications Workers recessed at 7:30 a.m. to be resumed at 2 p.m. Both sides issued statements expressing hope for an early accord could be reached. There was no specific sign, though, that they were any nearer agreement than they were a day, week or month ago.

CWA leaders said that as far as they knew the walkout was approximately 100 per cent effective among the 50,000 employees eligible for union membership. The company reported that some workers remained on the job but gave no definite figures.

CABLES CUT
Two main telephone cables into Birmingham were cut today as Southern Bell employees went on strike.

The company offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of those responsible, claiming it was done deliberately.

The Birmingham-New Orleans cable was cut on the old Tuscaloosa highway, about 20 miles southwest of here. In addition, a main cable between Birmingham and the industrial suburb of Bessemer, 12 miles south, was cut.

C. P. Malone, district manager here, said "there's no question that the lines were cut deliberately." Emergency repair crews expected to restore service completely during the day.

PAY RAISE OFFERED
A company statement called the strike "a tragic thing" and said it had done all it could to prevent it, including "a most generous wage offer, plus many contract improvements." It reiterated that a settlement could be quickly arrived at if the union will accept a no-strike clause.

The company stated that the remaining differences "are several in number and vital in their scope. But we retain our faith in our ability to reach an accord in the very near future."

The union reported that at the request of the Federal Mediation Service both sides had agreed not to discuss the issues in dispute in the public statements. The mediators felt, said a union spokesman, that with this curb an agreement might more easily be reached.

PICKETING PEACEFUL
The company's report said its interest primarily is being directed to handling the calls. Statistics regarding the number of striking employees here and the number of employees on duty were unavailable for publication early this afternoon. The company also reported that the "picketing has been peaceful."

As regards local service, the company's report said this service was normal. Also, it was reported that the wire services for long distance calls were normal and at Charlotte priority was being given to emergency calls over long distance lines. In addition, the company was described as "slowly handling all long distance calls."

The opinion was expressed by the Southern Bell spokesman here that "presumably the service will be restored by the end of the week."

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Red Gunman Shoots Way Into British Embassy

MOSCOW — A husky gunman shot his way into the British Embassy here last night, seriously wounding a Russian police guard who tried to stop him.

The fugitive Russian intruder was overpowered and disarmed by two unarmed British Embassy attaches after he had forced his way upstairs to the living quarters of Ambassador Sir William and Lady Hayter.

Sir William and Lady Hayter were in the country during the time. They returned just as the gunman was being handed over to British police.

No motivation for the armed invasion of the embassy could be learned. This dispatch was telephoned from Moscow to London. The call was broken at this point by an operator who said in Russian: "There will be no more on this call for the present."

Evening Prayer

Father God, grant to us a spiritual awakening that shall reveal to our individual hearts where we stand with Thee in relation to the place we ought to be. Whenever there are shortcomings, help us to confess them to Thee, loving Father, that we may receive pardon and strength in journey on toward heaven and Thee. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.