

FARMER LEADER BOLTS G. O. P. IN FAVOR OF SMITH

George N. Peek To Support Democratic Presidential Nominee

HOOVER CRITICIZED

Says No Promises Hoover Can Make Will Obliterate His Past Record On Farm Questions

New York, Aug. 2.—In his fight for the Presidency, Governor Smith gained an ally today from the corn belt—George N. Peek, of Illinois, one of the champions of the McNary-Haugen farm bill, which was sponsored on by the Coolidge administration.

Peek announced that he had bolted the Republican party to enlist under the Smith banner after he and the Democratic nominee had discussed the farm question for two hours.

Immediately after their conference which took place over a breakfast table in the Governor's suite at the Biltmore, Smith reaffirmed his intention, if elected, of calling on the best minds for advice in the shaping up of a farm relief program. He mentioned Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, as one of the Republicans he would like to consult.

In his statement, the Governor reiterated that he would discuss the farmer's problem at length in his acceptance speech, and observed that "control of the sale of agricultural surplus is recognized by our platform as an essential need, its cost to be imposed on the unit to be benefited."

"That principle is fixed in our platform, on which I stand—only the detail of its accomplishment remains," he added.

Peek, who supported Lowden for the Republican Presidential nomination, came out for Smith formally after he had visited Chairman Rascoe of the Democratic National Committee, at campaign headquarters late in the day.

"As a result of my conference with Governor Smith this morning," he dictated to newspaper men for immediate publication, later incorporating the same language for the introduction of a statement he issued for tomorrow morning's papers, "I feel certain that he has a clear and correct understanding of the farm problem and that he will solve it with intellectual honesty if he is elected President.

"Upon the strength of this statement to me as epitomized in his public statement this morning, I shall support his candidacy for President."

In his formal statement, Peek then said he had been asked what he thought would be the effect of Mr. Hoover's forthcoming statement on agriculture in his speech of acceptance, and added:

"I think that no campaign promises which Mr. Hoover now makes for the purpose of insinuating himself into the good graces of the farmer will obliterate his past record from the memory of grain and livestock producers, many of whom have lost, or are in the process of losing their homes."

Automobile Sales Largest In State Since Sept., 1925

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—Automobile sales in North Carolina during the past month totaled 6,950, the largest number of sales recorded during any one month since September 1925, Sprague Silver, head of the automotive vehicle bureau of the State Department of Revenue, stated yesterday.

July sales topped June sales of 5,008 by nearly 2,000 cars. Sales for the first seven months of the year were 33,770.

Chevrolets led other sales last month with 2,008, while Fords ranked second with 1,508.

Around 25 Tobacco Barns In County Are Lost by Fire

Largest Number of Fires For Several Years; Estimated That About Half of Number Destroyed Insured; Ten Burned in County This Week

While no accurate account can be had as to the number of tobacco barns lost in this county by fire during the present tobacco curing season, it is believed that not less than 25 barns have been destroyed by fire. Several of the insurance men state that approximately one-half the barns were insured, but in the other cases, the barns and their contents were total losses to the owners.

Up until noon yesterday 10 barns had been reported burned in the county this week, 2 in Griffins Township, 4 near here, 3 near Robersonville. As compared with the loss last year, it is thought that the fire damage will amount to more this season, judging from the number of losses reported to date.

A press report from Wayne County states that approximately \$10,000 have been lost by farmers in that county by tobacco barn fires during the present season. Similar reports have been made in other counties, and while there has been no explanation for the large number of fires, it is the general opinion that the increased number of barns is partly the cause and not the carelessness of the barn tenders. It is an assured fact in this county that the farmers have better barns and take less chances with worn-out flues than was once the case.

MANY BEWAIL COOKS' EXODUS

Society Women Take Turn In Kitchen As Cooks Go To Tobacco Fields

Williamston cooks go to the tobacco fields, and Williamston society followers go to the kitchens. And that one change alone has caused more talk here than any other one thing since the close of the war. And it isn't even permanent, but the ladies are making a loud outcry over their plight.

Once the topic of conversation with many was nothing more than a "yib-yab" bounced around and around, but now it's different, and the conversation has to do with the heat in that kitchen, the unwashed dishes in another, and so on and so on. There must be a lot of things to do in a kitchen.

And while the wives complain of the hot weather and the thousand and one other things about the kitchen, the husbands are coming down the street by the dozens with terrible cases of indigestion caused by biscuits warmed over for the third time and the extensive use of canned goods. Few complaints have been made by them, however, but it is quite evident that the wives are not alone in wishing for the return of the cooks.

20,000,000 GALLONS GAS USED IN JULY

State Collects Over \$800,000 in Gasoline Taxes During Month

More than twenty million gallons of gasoline were consumed on North Carolina highways during the month of July, the State Revenue Department announced Thursday.

The report, which was compiled by the motor vehicle bureau, shows that 20,964,681 gallons of gasoline were burned on North Carolina highways in July against 18,645,386 gallons during July, 1927.

Total July tax collections by the motor vehicle bureau were \$984,162.44, of which amount \$838,587.36 was for tax on gasoline. Funds realized from the sale of automobile licenses last month totaled \$132,516.08, and title fees collected aggregated \$13,059.

Hottest Day of Year Is Recorded Here Yesterday

Using the thermometer as a guide, local people say yesterday was the hottest day we have had this year. No readings for today have been made, but it is safe to say that yesterday had nothing on today as far as heat is concerned.

Boy Shot During Bear Hunt Is Growing Worse

William Manning, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Manning, of Griffins Township, who was accidentally shot in a bear hunt last Sunday, is a patient at Washington Hospital, where he was carried soon after the shooting. Alton Corey, a companion of the Manning boy, and who was shot at the same time, is said to be very restless. Up until yesterday the two boys had occupied the same room in the hospital, but upon the advice of doctors there the two were separated.

Preaching at Cedar Branch Next Sunday

There will be preaching at Cedar Branch Sunday morning and night, as there is no pastor, and at the request of many of the members, Rev. A. Coffey, of Jamesville, has agreed to preach for the congregation. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring their friends.

AGENTS DISCUSS FARM PROBLEMS

General Livestock Agent of Atlantic Coast Line Visitor Here

Discussing farm problems in general, Messrs. V. W. Lewis, general livestock agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, of Florence, S. C., and L. C. Salter, of the Farmers Mutual Exchange, Rocky Mount, met with County Agent T. B. Brandon here yesterday and offered their aid in furthering agricultural work in this county.

Mr. Lewis has carried on an extensive work with his company during recent months, and has cooperated to a very great extent with the county agents in several Southern States. Although he was here for a short while only, he was greatly impressed with the future of this section, stating that conditions in this section were very favorable when compared with conditions in many of the other States.

Recently Mr. Lewis had charge of an exhibit train that went into practically every county in South Carolina, showing the latest methods in poultry-raising, dairying, and the feeding of swine. He stated that the tour was a marked success, that farmers visiting the train have turned to the methods offered and that a progressive work is being carried on in that State as a result of the train's visits.

The two men spent some time with Mr. Brandon asking various questions relative to the work in this county, and offered their services at any time in furthering the work here.

RECORDER HAS SHORT SESSION

One Man Got His Courts Mixed Up; Sentences and Fines Meted Out

A general mixture it turned out to be in recorder's court here last Tuesday when cases were continued, and appealed, fines imposed and road sentences meted out. The cases were not numerous, and the session was comparatively short. Solicitor H. O. Peel represented the State and J. W. Bailey presided.

C. C. Sheppard, charged with violating the liquor laws, pled not guilty, but the court disagreed with his plea and fined him \$75 and costs. A six month's road sentence was attached, but the entire punishment was held up when Sheppard appealed his case. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$150.

J. L. Lilley pled guilty to a simple assault charge and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs. A second case charging Lilley with assault was not pressed. Henry Chopick got his courts mixed up and went down to Judge Bailey's bar just to find out that his case was for the Federal courts. The court's record reads: "It appearing to the court that the defendant was under bond for his personal appearance before the court on this day and the defendant having made his appearance and no warrant having been issued by the State for the defendant, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that the bond be discharged." While the record did not reveal the particulars in the man's case, it is understood that he is under a Federal warrant charging a violation of the liquor laws.

Mrs. Earl Stevenson, charged with assault, pled not guilty, and the court agreed with the plea advanced by her. A nol pros was ordered in the case charging Cleator Sheppard with violating the liquor laws.

In the case charging J. A. Whitfield with passing worthless checks, a nol pros was ordered. John Brown had his case continued one week, he being charged with larceny and receiving. J. L. Nicholson, C. B. Bell and C. B. Kugler, charged with violating the liquor laws, had their case continued two weeks.

After hearing the evidence in the case charging Augustus Wynn with drunkenness and disorderliness, the court disagreed with the defendant, but the case was continued one week for final judgment.

Guy Rollins, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, pled not guilty, but the evidence was against him, and he was charged with the costs and goes under a 60-days suspended road sentence.

Services At Piney Grove Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach at the Piney Grove Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, according to an announcement made yesterday by the members there. The church is located near the home of Mr. P. E. Getzinger in Griffins Township.

A welcome is extended the public to attend the service.

Superintendent of Poultry Department of Fair Here

Mr. C. W. Jacks, of Rocky Mount, was here this week looking after the details relative to the poultry department of the Roanoke Fair Association. Mr. Jacks, who is superintendent of the department, is assuring fair patrons a splendid show in his department, stating that it would be a little larger and better than the ones in past years.

To Have One Service At Episcopal Church Sunday

Rev. W. A. Lillycrop, of Hamlet, will preach in the Episcopal Church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening service, and a large attendance upon the part of the congregation is urged for the one service. The public is extended a cordial welcome.

During the past several years, Mr. Lillycrop has been with the Episcopal Church in Hamlet, and his coming here for the one service will be greatly appreciated by the denomination members.

Miss Sallie Wiggins, of Tarboro, visited Mrs. M. D. Wilson today.

Reports on Georgia Tobacco Market Opening Conflicting

PRICES BELIEVED SLIGHTLY UNDER OPENING IN 1927

Some Reports Say Quality Of Crop Good, Others Declare It Is Bad

PRICES FROM 7c TO 25c

General Opinion Is That Quality Is About Same As Last Year and Prices 2 or 3 Cents Lower

Twenty-two tobacco markets were opened in Georgia Wednesday. The reports from that State relative to the prices paid and quality of tobacco vary greatly, and at the present time few people in this section have any definite idea as to what the tobacco is bringing; how its poundage is running, or of what quality the tobacco is. And, judging from the contradicting reports, few people in Georgia know the details relating to quality, weight, and prices.

One report reads: "Most of the tobacco offered today consisted of sand lugs, but was declared to be of the best quality in years, bright in color and light in weight, making for prices above the usual level for that grade of the weed. Prices averaged between 15 and 20 cents per pound." That report was from Macon, Ga., and had to do with the opening.

At Moultrie, the report reads, "Prices, ranging from 7 to 25 cents per pound, were said to be from 3 to 5 cents under those of last year."

At Pelham and Camilla, one report stated that the prices paid averaged 15 cents. Another report from the same markets stated that the prices averaged \$12 the 100 pounds and were \$3.70 lower than they were last year.

Another report stated that prices were lower than they were last year, but that tobacco was selling equally as well as growers expect it to sell.

Individual reports were not so pleasing as the dispatches, since they stated that the growers were greatly displeased by the prices they were getting. They felt as if the prices were entirely too low.

And so it was with the reports. According to the combination of reports, it would seem that the quality is about the same as it was last year, that the body weight is light and that the prices are from 2 to 3 cents per pound lower than they were last season. The total crop is estimated at 68,000,000 pounds.

The Export Tobacco Company is said to be buying 40 per cent of the offerings with Liggett & Myers second in the number of pounds bought.

In recent years the doings of the Georgia and South Carolina markets have been of little value in judging the opening in this section. With prices low in Georgia, they were relatively high here the same year. Another year when prices were high in Georgia and South Carolina they were low here.

If buyers are not looking for thin and light tobacco, the growers there will continue disappointed, according to certain reports from that State. And if the companies do not wait the light tobacco and buy at low prices, it is reasoned by many here that the prices in Eastern Carolina will be strengthened.

While the farmers in this section would surely not turn down a good price for their crop, they are a bit dubious about the prices and are clinging to the hope that the markets will hold an average equal to the one last year.

Odum Discusses Faults Of Southern People

Chapel Hill, Aug. 2.—Southern people have too long engaged in dogmatic fighting over prescribed creeds instead of working in a concerted manner toward the all-important end of bringing democracy to the unequal places, declared Dr. Howard W. Odum, head of the University School of Public Welfare, addressing the School of Citizenship and Parent-Teacher Institute of the University Summer Institute here today.

Calling the development of the South the biggest thing on the American horizon today and setting forth the tremendous physical and human resources of the section, Odum declared that the problem is how to get the most resources to the maximum possible.

Will Hold Services at the County Home Sunday 3:30

Rev. E. P. West, pastor of the Hamilton Baptist Church, will conduct a short preaching service at the county home, near here, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. While it could not be learned definitely, it is thought that Dr. Thurston B. Price, noted evangelist, will take part in the services. Mr. Price is conducting a revival in Hamilton at the present time, and will continue there until August 12.

Services are conducted for the inmates at the home during regular intervals, and large numbers usually attend. The public is invited to attend and take part in the service Sunday afternoon.

Clothes Caught in Washing Machine, Woman Is Killed

Greensboro, Aug. 2.—Mrs. E. E. Knight was strangled to death when her clothes became entangled in a washing machine at her home near Stokesdale, in the northern part of Guilford County, according to information received here.

She was found dead by her husband who with their two children had been working in a tobacco field some distance from the house. Her clothes had been twisted tightly about her as they were drawn into the wringer of the machine, and death was thought to have been almost instantaneous.

Local People in Auto Accident in Washington

The trip to Pamlico Beach planned by Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. J. W. Manning and several others last Wednesday was brought to an abrupt halt when a man from Bath ran his car into the Dunning Chevrolet in Washington. The car was repaired, but not until a late hour, when the party returned here.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Robersonville, was here a short while this morning.

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EAST CAROLINA WATER CARNIVAL

At Tuscarora Beach August 16. Local Girl in Beauty Contest

Miss Ruth Whitfield, of Robersonville, and Miss Lucile Hassell, of this place, will represent Martin County at Eastern Carolina's one-day and one-night water carnival to be held at Tuscarora Beach, near Winton, on August 16th. Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, announced last Wednesday.

The finishing touches are being put to plans for the carnival. Mr. Bartlett said. Beach Manager H. O. Carlton is leaving nothing undone to make this the real big event of the season. A program of Speed Boat Races, swimming contests, diving contests, bathing beauty show and fireworks has been worked out and perfected for the occasion. The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the management to make the occasion a success to further advertise the beach possibilities of northeastern North Carolina. Tuscarora Beach is on the Chowan River and has proved to be a very popular resort.

Towns, other than the two in this county, that have entered candidates in the bathing beauty show up to now are: Windsor, Ahsokie, Winton, Greenville, Kinston, Tarboro, and Kelford. The winner will be selected by judges that will come from towns that do not have candidates in the contest.

The big program of the carnival will begin at 2 p. m. The winner of the bathing beauty show will be given \$50 in money and made queen of the day. \$150 is being offered to winners in the boat races, Mr. Bartlett stated.

A record attendance is expected, and many people from this section are planning to attend.

WEEVIL DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Infestation in Edgecombe County Is Estimated As High As 20 Per Cent

While there has been no loud outcry about the boll weevil and its work in the cotton patches of farmers in this county, reports from adjoining counties state that the weevil, or flea, is taking a heavy toll. Infestation said to be as high as 20 per cent in certain fields has been reported in Edgecombe County, where the crop is from two to three weeks late. On top of this percentage of loss, an increased damage is expected unless weather conditions are exceptionally favorable.

The work of the cotton flea hopper was also found in Edgecombe County, but the damage from that insect is said to be considerably less than that expected to be done by the weevil.

10 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Is Only Two More Than Issued in June, Which Was Year's Smallest Month

Reaching a low point in June, the so-called month of brides, the number of marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger this month climbed two points when ten couples applied for certificates. Last month there were only eight, the smallest number issued in any one month this year and eleven less the number issued in May. The licenses this month are equally divided, five going to the white and five to the coloreds.

With the exception of one or two, the contracting parties belong to the younger set, very few being over 21 years of age.

In July of last year there were thirteen licenses issued by the registrar's office.

The list for this month follows: White John F. Beacham, 19-Essie Bullock, 16; Melvin Green, 23-Effie Manning, 18; Joe H. Lilley, 18-Annie G. Wynn, 18; Kennie Lee Lewis, 19-Irene Wynn, 19; James Bowen, 18-Nora Swain, 16.

Colored Lee Sprull, 22-Sadie Slade, 18; Walter G. Griffin, 49-Mary Freeman, 47; Arthur Ellison, 23-Rosie Morris, 18; Norline Yarbelle, 31-Willie Nichols, 30; George Bond, 21-Lenora Dullock, 18.

FIRE COMPANY HAS TWO CALLS

Equipment Not Needed, However, and Little Damage Done

The local fire company answered two calls this week, but in each case the fire equipment was not needed, as the fires were small. Tuesday, one of Mr. Marshall Wilson's tenant houses in Leggett's Lane, caught fire when a spark fell from a chimney and started a blaze. The company members knocked off a few burning shingles and held the loss to a minimum.

Thursday Mrs. Nancy Cherry's home caught in a similar way, but neighbors succeeded in extinguishing the flames by the time the fire apparatus reached the home near the cemetery.

The calls were the first received by the company in several weeks, and the origin of the fires points to the need of inflammable material in the construction of buildings.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

"What message has the church for a time like this?" will be the theme of Sunday morning's discourse at the Memorial Baptist Church.

Sunday school will meet at the usual hour.

The Wednesday evening topic will be, "The Rich Fool," and is found in the twelfth chapter of Luke.

The pastor will be at the Tarboro church Sunday night, where he will deliver "the charge," in the ordination to the Gospel ministry of Roy D. Clarke.

The Sunday night union service will be held in the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. It is understood that Dr. Fitzgerald will preach the sermon.

This church regrets that Dr. Sylvester Hassell has recently not been in his accustomed good health and wishes for him a speedy return to his normal condition.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

REX BELL

in

"WILD WEST ROAMNCE"

Added

COMEDY AND SERIAL

"The Golden Stallion"