

AL'S PRESENCE STIRS UP IDEAS ABOUT POLITICS

Governor of New York Merely at Festive Board of President Casually and Socially, of Course

CONTRAST IS KEEN

No Two Men in Politics Could Have Won Success by Paths More Dissimilar Than Smith and Coolidge

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright 1926 By The Advance) Paul Smith's New York, July 17. Casual, social meeting to be sure and nothing political, of course, but nevertheless the presence of Governor Al Smith of New York at the festive board of President Coolidge stirs up thoughts mostly of politics.

The New York governor has severe things to say about the economy programs of the Coolidge administration and he knows something about the argument from an administrative basis in the Empire State, but Mr. Coolidge harbors no resentment. He had really looked forward to the meeting with New York's popular governor.

For no two men in politics can be so different in success by paths more dissimilar.

Governor Smith has a rare personal magnetism, a fettering way that draws the crowds to him, and keeps them there in camp after camp. Mr. Coolidge has succeeded by having the opportunity to perform outstanding tasks in governmental administration at the psychological moment. The contrast, leaving to witly aside somewhat akin to that which existed in the case of Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt. The latter was of the popular type who developed among his followers an enthusiasm that bordered on the fanatical. It was genuine and whole-souled. The people who followed Woodrow Wilson were, on the other hand, bound to him because of the potency and force of his utterances and his pronouncements of policy.

Al Smith is of the Roosevelt type. President Coolidge while aggressive or controversial prefers to await the calm verdict of the voters on large achievements of public policy. The New York Governor has a record of performance in wily, rarely equaled but as a vote-getter he depends on the personal equation. Mr. Coolidge, on the other hand, does not make votes on the stump. Campaign managers have always urged few speeches for Mr. Coolidge.

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As for Mr. Coolidge, he is as shrewd a politician as ever sat in the White House. He omits nothing to show the people of New York that he too has a personal fondness for Al Smith. And that's true. As for Al Smith's party or his candidacy that's another question on which Mr. Coolidge's opinion is not forthcoming now because he has not been asked for word or deed entered the 1928 race.

Two outstanding citizens, both of humble parentage and in every sense self-made, have reached in America the high points of political careers. To be elected Governor of the most populous state in the Union three times when that states is normally Republican and to carry it against President Coolidge when the latter had as big a plurality as had been rolled up in many generations in the electoral college is no small accomplishment in American politics.

Rivals, yes, in politics, but friends, too—this characteristic of American public life was never better exemplified than by the events of today.

SONNER TO BE TRIED BY THE GREAT JUDGE

Tryon, N. C., July 17.—Q. C. Kohler, Jr., companion of Miss Jean Braswell, Tryon society girl, on the night of July 7 when she was shot to death died here today at 11 o'clock. He was developed while he was being treated for gunshot wounds inflicted at the same time Miss Braswell was fatally injured.

If Sonner had lived he would have faced charges of murder.

LANDSLIDE BURIES A RAILROAD TRAIN

Vienna, July 17.—Reports from Glogau say that between 50 and 100 persons were killed when a landslide buried a railroad train near Bejarova, Bosnia.

McLEAN TALKS OF COUNTY AND CITY FINANCES

Explains How Credit of County and City Are Hurt in the Financial World By Slow Pay

GIVEN BAD RATING

Often a Few Days' Delay Due to Carelessness May Take Years to Live Down, Says Governor

Raleigh, July 17.—When an individual signs a note and procures loan at a bank, payable on a certain date, and fails to pay it on that date, and he tries later to get another loan, he often finds that he has been given a bad rating, and is unable to get the credit to which he would have been entitled had he paid his previous obligation promptly.

Exactly the same principle applies in state and county financing, and cities and counties which issue bonds or secure loans, should be as careful in meeting these obligations as if they were personal, says Governor A. W. McLean, in an interesting discussion on what is hurting municipal and county credit, in which he calls attention to the fact that there are a few communities in the State which in the past have been careless in meeting their bonded obligations, with the result that not only has the credit standing of these communities been hurt in the financial centers, but the credit of the State as a whole has suffered as well.

Often this failure to meet obligations results only from forgetfulness on the part of a city or county treasurer, but such a failure, even if for only a day or two, constitutes a "default" as far as the financial world is concerned, and is so recorded, the Governor says. And such a default bars savings banks and trustees from further investments in the bonds of the defaulting district, city or county, under nearly all the laws governing investments. The result is a bad rating for that particular district that requires years to live down.

BALL SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

A schedule of games for the coming week, with the understanding that the winner of the second half of the Carolina League baseball season is to play it off with Hertford, winner of the first half, in the following week was adopted by the board of directors of the league at a meeting in Edenton last night, it was learned here today.

The schedule follows: Monday—Hertford at Elizabeth City; Colerain at Edenton.

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Saturday—Elizabeth City at Edenton; Hertford at Colerain.

The championship series is to consist of five games, the proceeds to be divided on a basis whereby all teams in the league will share in the proceeds in varying amounts, according to their standing.

The Thursday game in Colerain was arranged largely by reason of a large picnic to be given there by the Modern Woodmen of America. This is an annual event, and an attendance of 3,000 to 5,000 persons is forecast.

As a means of raising additional funds for the Elizabeth City baseball club, a lawn party will be given on the courthouse lawn here Monday night, with a concert by the Boys' Band. Refreshments will be served, and a gala occasion is promised.

Members of the local board of directors entrusted with the thankless task of collecting funds pledged for the support of the team remind that there is still a scattering of signers who have not paid up. They declare that the ball club is more in need of the money than those who haven't yet come across, and urge that prompt payment be made.

ARTICLE SEVEN IS NOT TO BE ENFORCED

Washington, July 17.—France has been given assurance that America has no intention of enforcing article seven of the debt funding agreement providing for commercialization of French wartime obligations.

REV. W. T. PHIPPS' MOTHER CONTINUOUSLY CRITICALLY ILL

Rev. W. T. Phipps who was called to the bedside of his mother at Sykeville, Maryland, early this week was unable to leave her to fill his appointments this week, as she continues critically ill. The Men's Christian Federation will conduct services Sunday at Mr. Phipps' church.



Whenever a picture of George Washington is hung in a Government office hereafter, at home or abroad it will be this one. It has just been acknowledged by the Government. Standing proudly beside the etching is Henri Lefort, who made it.

BOARD TAKES UP TENTATIVE PLAN FOR COURTHOUSE

Drawings of Handsome Structure, to Cost Close to \$250,000 Submitted by Norfolk Architects

NO ACTION TAKEN

Plans for a handsome new courthouse, to cost in the vicinity of a quarter of a million dollars, were considered at length by the Board of County Commissioners, in special session here Saturday. The plans were submitted by Rudolph, Cooke & Van Leeuwen, Norfolk architect recently tentatively employed by the board to design the proposed new building. Action on them was deferred to the August meeting of the commissioners.

As submitted, the plans involve erection of a building 127 feet wide by 74 feet deep, with a beautiful colonaded portico on the Main street front, and a second less pretentious entrance on the Matthews street, or Colonial avenue side. At the front, the building would be two stories, with a spacious jail on the top floor.

The building would be of white limestone in front, and of faced brick on the less conspicuous frontages, with stone corneles. The plans embody several large vaults, to be installed under the jail, thus permitting the builders to use the thicker vault walls as a support for the third, or wall story. Two of the architects, W. B. Rudolph and George Van Leeuwen, were present at the session.

The two visiting architects were somewhat insistent that the commissioners let them know definitely whether they were going to build a new courthouse. Commissioner J. C. Thompson explained to them that the sentiment of the board never had favored the project for the immediate future, but that they were being driven to it, and didn't care to risk being indicted.

A resolution was passed later by the board prohibiting bloodhounds being brought here at the County's expense except in capital cases, the commissioners agreeing that a limit had to put on the hounds somewhere.

Sheriff Carmine was directed to collect \$250 in tax plus a 20 per cent penalty amounting to \$50, from Carpenter & Petrie, Norfolk contractors who are building the dam over Knobbs Creek near the Newland Highway crossing. The penalty was attached for alleged delinquency in meeting the tax.

The commissioners made tentative plans to send a delegation to a meeting of members of similar boards throughout the Eastern part of the State in Washington, N. C., next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, for discussion of a proposal to go before the next General Assembly and ask that the State funds apportioned the counties for educational purposes be increased. Similar meetings will be held in other parts of the State, it was announced.

ATTEMPT TO SHOW ALIENIST IGNORANT

Charlotte, July 17.—The State continued its effort today to show that Doctor J. E. S. Davidson, defense alienist, was not competent as a mental expert to testify in the case of Mrs. Nellie Freeman on trial for husband slaying.

Prosecution counsel led Doctor Davidson into a lengthy discussion of boundary lines between imbecillism and the mental state of a moron. The witness discussed these freely. Admissibility of a night session tonight was also before the court.

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Morgan Explains Stand On Gravel

Additional light on the stand of Councilmen Morgan and Davis in voting against the letting of contract for 25,000 to 40,000 tons of Powell's Creek gravel, at \$2.25 per ton, as ratified by the City Council in special session Thursday night, was shed by Mr. Morgan Saturday.

Mr. Morgan explained that the Council had been offered Powell's Creek gravel at \$1.60 per ton, delivered at Elizabeth City, and declared local haulers would be glad to contract to deliver it anywhere in the city at 50 cents per ton, making the total cost \$2.10 per ton, as against the contract price of \$2.25.

In voting against acceptance of the Ritter & Booker offer—the one eventually taken by the Council—Mr. Morgan stated he wished to reject both that company's bid and the offer of the Standard Clay & Gravel Company, of Lillington, regarding both as too high. He reminded that the Council had reserved the right to reject all bids.

Admitting that Mr. Morgan's figures are correct, as far as they go, City Manager Ferebee explains that the cost of removing the gravel from the bay barges in which it is not taken into account. This would amount to at least 35 cents per ton, he declares, quoting the gravel salesman who offered the material at \$1.60 per ton, as having given that figure.

When one adds 35 cents to the \$2.10 which the gravel would cost on the basis of this offer, it is apparent that the Council didn't drive such a bad bargain, after all, in contracting for gravel delivered on the streets at \$2.25 per ton, Mr. Ferebee holds.

ADDITIONAL STORIES OF CRUELTY RELATED

Albemarle, July 17.—Additional stories of cruelty were unfolded today in Stanley Superior Court as the trial of Nevin C. Cranford, alleged "murdering convict foreman" proceeded.

Only a small crowd, however, was in the courtroom and adjournment was to be taken at noon for the week end.

Testimony was offered this morning to show that Cranford many years ago had beaten prisoners on the streets of Albemarle with sticks and a former guard said that he had seen five men severely punished.

GOES TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR LOAN CONVENTION

W. Ben Goodwin, of this city, president of the North Carolina League of Building and Loan Associations, left Saturday to attend the annual convention of the National League of Building and Loan Associations, in Minneapolis, Minn., next week. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Eunice Goodwin, and they expected to stop over in Chicago en route.

The North Carolina delegation to the convention will go instructed to ask the National League to meet in Asheville next year. Mr. Goodwin stated, before leaving, that he has been secretary-treasurer of the Albemarle Building & Loan Association here since its organization some 15 years ago.

FARM WOMEN AND FARMERS TO GO TO CONVENTION

Instructive Lectures and Lessons, and Also Plenty of Fun and Recreation Are Promised

HOG-CALLING CONTEST

This Is One of the Lively Features; Fiddlers and Other Musicians Urged to Take Along Fiddles

"Fifty one farmers and their families attended the Farmers and Farm Women's Convention at Raleigh last year from Pasquotank County," says County Agent G. W. Falls, "and I hope that a larger number will take the few days off from work necessary to attend this convention July 27, 28, 29."

"The convention is held at State College and in a profitable outing as well as a delightful one. Rooms are provided free and meals cost only 25 cents apiece.

"A number have signified their intention of attending. Others who expect to go should notify the County agents at once. Bed linen, pillows, toilet articles, and so on are to be furnished by each person going.

"The auto trip is very pleasant, for the roads are good all the way. The management at State College desires a large number of old time fiddlers, banjo, guitar, and mandolin players.

"A number of contests will be held, including hog-calling. Following is the score card in this contest: "Volume, 50 points; variety, 25 points; enticement, 10 points; musical quality, 10 points; facial expression, 5 points."

An instructive program is now being prepared by Secretary J. M. Gray. It is estimated that between 3,000 and 5,000 folks were present at the college on the second day of the convention last year. Over 1,100 took luncheon at the college dininghall that day, and the authorities are preparing now for a still greater gathering this year.

Mr. Gray states that Dr. A. M. Soule, President of the State College of Georgia, will deliver an address on community building. Dr. A. J. Glover, editor of Hoards Dairyman, will give an address on "The Importance of Dairying as a Supplement to a Cash Crop." In addition to these nationally known farm leaders, others will be secured. Exhibits are now being prepared by the various departments of the School of Agriculture to show the scope of the work being done by this part of the college.

ROTARY WILL HOLD LADIES' NIGHT ON PASQUOTANK RIVER

Elizabeth City Rotary will stage its annual Ladies' Night on the Pasquotank River Monday, July 26, with a barge and two yachts provided by past Rotarian President Rosecoe Foreman, affording ample room for the entertainment of the Rotarians and their guests on this festive occasion.

Ladies' Night for the Elizabeth City Rotary Club has always been featured by the most elaborate program of the year, but turning the occasion into a river excursion is a departure as distinct as it will be happy should the night be hot.

The club voted at its weekly luncheon Friday to make the night Monday of next week, but at a subsequent meeting of the club's directors this date was moved forward one week.

CLOUDS DISAPPEAR GEORGIA FINANCES

Atlanta, July 17.—Clouds which have hovered over the Georgia financial horizon since bankruptcy proceedings of the Bankers' Trust Company this week were disappearing today, the state banking department announced, with the statement that no further closings had been reported to the department.

More than 80 banks in Georgia and Florida have closed their doors since Monday. The department announced that auditors from the department now are working at every closed bank in Georgia with instructions to rush their audit to completion in order to speed reopening and reorganization of the institutions.

Summer Storm Takes Three Lives

Asheband, Wisconsin, July 17.—A sudden summer storm starting on the Iron Range of Minnesota swept 90 miles between Chisholme and Asheband last night and the toll today stood at three deaths, injury to probably two score others, and considerable property damage.

Vacation Bible School Comes to Fitting Climax In Program and Exhibit

Passed Through Heat and Toil of Four Weeks, Gaining Momentum Instead of Losing Enthusiasm; Vote of Appreciation Tendered Dr. J. H. Thayer

Commencement exercises Friday night in the annex of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church brought to a fitting climax the four weeks Daily Vacation Bible School, conducted by the pastor, Dr. J. H. Thayer, assisted by Mrs. Thayer and a score of helpers.

The exercises opened with the singing of the "Quiet Song," written for the school by Dr. Thayer. This song was followed by prayer, and then came the salute to the American flag and the singing of "America"; the salute to the Christian flag and the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers"; the salute to the Bible; and the singing of "The Bible."

Then separating the school into the three departments, as the children have worked through the four weeks, the Beginners' Department gave its program, followed by the Primary Department, and then by the Juniors.

The little folks, all under school age, recited "The Lord is My Shepherd," and sang "God Loves the Little Children," "Jesus is Our Best Friend," "Jesus Loves Me," and similar songs. They also gave the salute to the American and Christian flags.

The Primary Department began with the Twenty Third Psalm, but also recited the One Hundredth Psalm, named the books of the Bible, and answered promptly the many questions asked them by their teacher about the Bible.

The Juniors recited the Twenty-Third and the First Psalms, and sang a number of songs, including "Call on Me in My Distress," "Fortress is our Lord." It was particularly interesting to hear boys and girls sing this stately and serious old hymn, and apparently enjoy singing it. They did not drag it, but neither did they try to jazz it.—and this in a day when practically everything is alleged to be jazzed by the time young Americans get through with it.

The Juniors also sang a song which they made up by themselves and for themselves while on one of their Friday afternoon outings. The tune was "Tipperary" and the song began "It's a Short Way to D. V. B. S." Closing their part of the program, they gave several enthusiastic yells for the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Although the audience was not accustomed to applaud at church affairs, outbursts were frequent and spontaneous as from time to time some part of the program was particularly well rendered. At the close of the program, as suggested by one member of the audience that everybody stand and give Dr. Thayer a rising vote of thanks for his excellent work in the Daily Vacation Bible School, and the response was instant and enthusiastic.

The program ended, the way was led to the class rooms where the arts and crafts were on exhibit. This, after all, was one of the best parts of the evening, it was generally declared. There were most attractive and tables, upon which reposed the tents and palm trees of the Eastern countries, or the odd Eastern houses with stairways running up on the outside of the house, and with flat roofs that provided another story to the house for various purposes, all of these made from paper, and some of them colored with crayons.

The beginners had made caps for themselves, baskets, and many other things from vari-colored paper.

The Primary Department had done especially fine color work, illustrating Bible stories, making note books, posters, and so on. This was a large department and one that worked well.

The Juniors had distinguished themselves in their clay modelling. The same sort of houses which the younger children had cut from paper, these boys and girls had modeled from clay in a skillful manner. Their pottery, too, was exceptionally interesting. They had also made maps in asbestos, and had made drawings, posters, and so on.

The number enrolled during the Daily Vacation Bible School was 243, and the average attendance was 151. This was considered a high record for school where there is no compulsion and which passed through one week of particularly hot weather.

WAS IN STATESVILLE

Statesville, July 17.—A man, believed by authorities to have been Kenneth G. Ormiston wanted in connection with the abduction of Aimee Semple McPherson, last night stopped at a residence here and asked to be allowed the use of a telephone.

He put in a long distance call for the Campbell Hotel where a telegram has been waiting for Ormiston for more than a week but grew nervous before the call was completed and left the house. Announcement to this effect was made today.

GOOD AND EVIL FORCES UNITE AGAINST AIMEE

Unconscious But Nonetheless Effective Alliance Between Ultra-Good and Ultra-Evil Elements Evident

UNDERWORLD HAPPY

For Whatever Else Woman Evangelist May Have Done She Ruined Business for White Slavers

By JOHN K. EMGE (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance) Los Angeles, July 17.—The disappearance of the evangelist, Aimee Semple McPherson, her dramatic reappearance and sensational narrative of abduction form chapters in a gripping human-interest story, whose final chapter, when and if written, may contain many surprises. But paralleling this story is another, beneath the surface, that impresses the impartial observer, as having more elements of the bizarre than the woman pastor's story of her wanderings.

This underlying story involves an unconscious, but nevertheless effective alliance between the ultra-good and ultra-evil elements which may result in driving the noted four-square evangelist from her pulpit and wrecking the astonishingly successful church which she founded.

In between these two social extremes of good and evil are more neutral and perhaps in this day and age, more normal individuals displaying activity in the present investigation to secure publicity for themselves. It is a fact, too, that certain Mexican officials view Mrs. McPherson's story as a reflection on their own honor and they are perhaps more anxious to prove it false than to get at the facts.

The foregoing statements summarize what to persons outside this vicinity must seem to be an organized plot, or conspiracy, or some sort of concerted effort to prove Mrs. McPherson's kidnapping story untrue.

It is the most and most public demand for an inquiry into the case came from a group of ministers of the Christian religion, who issued a formal statement challenging authorities, to probe the matter of its debts. The sincerity of the clergymen cannot be questioned. They honestly believe the interests of religion would be truly served by exposure of impostor if the facts disclosed and they are perhaps more anxious to prove it false than to get at the facts.

But while these clergymen were making their public demand for an investigation, the underworld began to pull wires. Every power of possessed vice was exerted to "show up Aimee" as the movement was defined by a notorious white slayer. The phrase "show up Aimee" indicates what this stratum of society expected from the inquiry culminating in a grand jury investigation. The underworld frankly admits the woman evangelist ruined several very remunerative allied businesses and they would gloat over her downfall.

Thus, for the time being, there is unity of action among the "right good and the very bad elements of society.

There is, however, an odd atmosphere of futility surrounding the grand jury. Judge Keeth instructed the jury that unless it discovers somebody or something to indict, say finding as to the truth or falsity of the evangelist's story is positively prohibited. If these instructions are strictly adhered to the final chapter may never be written to the Aimee McPherson story.

MINOR CASES HEARD IN RECORDER'S COURT

Charged with assault on his wife, Mandy, John Sutton, colored, was fined \$5 and costs in recorder's court, Saturday morning in connection with a little family argument concerning which the principals were exceedingly violent.

C. A. Ferebee, also colored, charged with failure to pay his taxes, was ordered to pay them \$33 the court costs. Lonnie Alexander, Alfred Sylvester, L. S. Burfoot and Eli Gaskins, all colored, were in court Friday on like charges, and also were required to pay the taxes and costs.

A fine of \$10 and costs was imposed Friday on John Albertson, who submitted on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 17.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 17.25, Dec. 17.25, Jan. 17.25, Mar. 17.50, May 17.50. New York, July 17.—Spot cotton closed today steady, middling 18.55, points unchanged. Futures, closing bid: October 17.30, December 17.25, January 17.31, March 17.45, May 17.45.