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Officers Praise German Crowds

Rocky Mount police officers, Edgecombe county officers and Police Chief O. P. Hedgepeth today and only praise and gratitude for the manner in which the huge June German crowd conducted itself at the fifty-sixth annual dance.

Officers, both city and county, and Chief Hedgepeth expressed satisfaction of the group, numbering up in the thousands, did behave in such seemingly manner.

No wrecks were known to have occurred here, despite the size of the crowd of dancers and friends.

Local and county officers as well as members of the state highway patrol were busy throughout the night handling the traffic situation and the crowd.

State patrolmen, out of the office when a reporter tried to contact them, were not asked about their opinion of the crowd's behavior, but it was understood they were in accord with the sentiment expressed by the other officers.

Reports No Fire Damage For May

Fire Chief Reveals No Damage Done Although Buildings, Contents Valued At \$51,000

With more than \$50,000 worth of building and contents values involved in fires occurring last month, fire damage to buildings and contents was chalked up as not a single cent, according to the monthly report Chief J. R. Sorsby drew up for the fire department last month.

The report, turned in for the edification of the Rocky Mount aldermanic board, was released last night, and further showed building permits issued were for a total amount of \$10,650 in May.

Answering five bell and four silent alarms last month, the firemen utilized six small lines (850 feet) and 26 engines. The losses were classified as two dwellings, two stores, two autos, one tobacco plant, one garage (outside city limit) and one field fire. One hundred twelve blocks were run, and on an average of 32.4 men attended.

Building values involved totaled \$32,200, contents values, \$18,800; insurance was \$26,500 on buildings, and \$14,500 on contents the report shows. Damage was nothing.

Permits were two dwellings \$4,150; dwelling alteration, \$1,500; and tobacco storage place \$500 for total of \$10,650.

Insurance Agency Opened Here Now

Cronenberg - Matthews Insurance Agency Has Sunset Avenue Office

Rocky Mount today had a new insurance agency on Sunset avenue, and it is in a block where several offices and establishments have opened or will open shortly.

The Cronenberg-Matthews Insurance agency, located at No. 110 Sunset avenue, was opened today ready to serve its patrons desiring life, casualty and fire insurance or wishing for rent places. F. A. Cronenberg ("Bert") for 12 years in the insurance business here, and James W. Matthews, Jr., well-known locally, have the agency.

Also in with them will be Mark H. Thomas, in charge of the life insurance department. Mr. Cronenberg will have charge of the insurance department, and Mr. Matthews, the rentals. Also included in the office staff is Ruth Arrington, who holds a secretarial post.

Cronenberg was formerly connected with the late Louis Ashby as assistant manager of the old Rocky Mount insurance and realty company, later with Simmons and Harris, and still more recently with his own insurance agency. Matthews was for several years with Wimberly and Gregory, Inc.

Prominent Farmer Taken Suddenly

Tarboro, June 25.—Funeral services for Henry Rose, 60, well known Edgecombe farmer found dead in a front porch chair, were held from his home near Whitakers at four o'clock Thursday afternoon with burial following in the family cemetery. Rev. A. E. Simerly, pastor of the First Christian church of Rocky Mount, officiated.

Mr. Rose was discovered dead in a porch chair early Thursday morning by his brother, Matthew Rose, with whom he made his home. Dr. J. G. Raby, county coroner, of this city, investigated the death and pronounced it due to a heart attack. It was believed Mr. Rose went out on the porch during the night without awakening other occupants of the house and suffered the attack while there.

A bachelor, he is survived by the brother with whom he lived and one other brother, Robert Rose of Whitakers.

40 Percent Trucks And Commercial Cars Are Fords

A total of 1,424,760 Ford truck and commercial car units were licensed for operation in the United States as of January 1, 1936, a report to the Ford Motor Company disclosed today.

The total of all trucks and commercial cars licensed to operate at the outset of the year was 3,535,661, a gain of 7.9 per cent over 1934. More than 40 per cent of the total were Ford units.

The total of Ford truck and commercial car units in service was more than 51 per cent greater than the units of any other manufacturer which were licensed to operate on that date and the only make to total more than a million units. This Ford fleet was increased by almost 90,000 units in 1935 as a result of the licensing of 172,544 new Ford V-8 units and the retirement of only 82,709 old Ford models during the year.

Nearly 1,000,000 of the Ford truck and commercial car units in operation were V-8 and other models manufactured since 1928, the report disclosed. A total of 468,156 units, however, were of the Model T and TT type, a remarkable tribute to the endurance of this famous model.

Barnhill Attacks Slot Machines

Following an interchange of letters involving Superior Court Judge M. V. Barnhill, City Manager L. B. Aycock, City Tax Collector John Innes, and Chief of Police O. P. Hedgepeth, it apparently looked like today the slot machines in the city of Rocky Mount will have a hard time remaining here.

Judge Barnhill, a local citizen, wrote a letter to Mr. Aycock indicating he considers slot machines of the type used here as illegal. Further, he says that it is a misdemeanor for an officer with authority to issue license for the operation of an illegal machine.

He plans to be in the district this fall, exchanging with Superior Court Judge Henry A. Grady, he says, and then will find it impossible to show consideration to any officer because of friendship or personal esteem.

Mr. Aycock, writing to City Tax Collector Innes, told him of Judge Barnhill's letter and contents, and says he takes the position no licenses must be issued to the operators of the machines by the city tax office. Mr. Innes, questioned today, said he is issuing no more licenses to slot machine operators.

The city manager, writing to Chief Hedgepeth and informing him of the episode from Mr. Barnhill, states "He (Judge Barnhill) further places the responsibility of allowing these machines to operate in this city upon the officers of the city."

"In consequence of the above, it is your duty to require the discontinuance of the use of these machines in this city and you are, as chief of police, familiar with your duty in the event of any disobedience to your orders in the matter."

Chief Hedgepeth, asked whether he is going to get rid of the slot machines, replied, "More than apt."

In more detail, Judge Barnhill wrote Mr. Aycock, "I noticed the newspaper report of the action of the board of aldermen in respect to issuing renewal license for the operation of slot machines in the city of Rocky Mount. In my opinion the operation of the type of machine in use is clearly illegal."

"I wish to call your attention to the fact that the statute makes it a misdemeanor for an officer having authority to issue license to issue a license for the operation for an illegal slot machine. I wish further to advise you that I will be in this district this fall by exchange with Judge (Henry A.) Grady. At that time I will find it impossible to show any consideration to any officer by reason of friendship or personal esteem. Your department may act accordingly."

He sent copies to Sheriffs W. E. Bardin, of Tarboro and C. L. Johnston, of near Whitakers, head officers of Nash and Edgecombe county groups.

J. T. Travathan Buried In Edge.

Tarboro, June 20.—Final rites for John T. Travathan, 61, prominent farmer of near Pinetops, Edgecombe county, were held from his home three o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Travathan died at his residence at 6 A. M. Friday. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Peggy Pittman Travathan; three sons, J. P., Tilgham and Robert W. Travathan; three daughters, daughters, Mrs. J. E. Moore, Mrs. William Burgess and Miss Minnie Lou Travathan and one brother, R. D. Travathan. Several grand children also survive.

Automobile men expected to profit most from bonus spending.

Organize For Nomination FDR

In 1932 Nominee Franklin D. Roosevelt broke a precedent by going before the Democratic National Convention at Chicago to receive the notification of his nomination for President the day it was made, and to respond from the convention platform with his speech of acceptance.

In 1936 President Franklin D. Roosevelt will break another precedent when, on receiving notification of his renomination by the Democratic National Convention at Philadelphia, he will deliver his address of acceptance in the open air at Franklin Field before the Convention itself and a gigantic rally of Democrats. He would appear before 15,000 delegates and spectators if he spoke in Convention Hall. At Franklin Field he will be looking into the faces of 100,000 people when he lifts his voice for them and the listening millions everywhere in the land to hear him open the Democratic National campaign.

The National Convention will be exactly presented in its out-of-doors session in Franklin Field the evening of June 27th. The diagram and appearance of the floor will be the same as if the Convention were meeting in its Hall. The state delegations will have their relative places around the placard standards which marked their positions at the indoor sessions. The presiding officers, awaiting the President, will direct the assembly from their usual rostrum. The bands which were in the galleries of Convention Hall, augmented by many more, will flank the rostrum and be strategically scattered around the grounds. Sergeants-at-arms will do their best to keep the Convention aisles open for the delegates, and will see that the Convention has an island to itself. The public will throng around that island and pack the field to its limits. Bright lights will shine on the vivid scene and bring out the colors of countless flags and banners.

This great central rally in Franklin Field will be reproduced without the convention in over 20 of the greatest cities in the country.

Arrangements have already been made for great meetings in baseball fields, stadiums and convention halls. The Roosevelt Nominators hope to have similar smaller rallies in practically every city and town in the country. In smaller cities these rallies may take the form of outdoor meetings, or assemblies in hotel ballrooms or town halls, and some cities are even planning evening outdoor barbecues and picnics. All of these rallies, large and small, will have their own program of entertainment. The universal feature of these National Rallies will be the reception of the President's address by radio.

For the purpose of conducting these National Rallies simultaneously with the one at Franklin Field, there is being created a great nationwide organization known as the Roosevelt Nominators. Its slogan is "I WANT ROOSEVELT AGAIN." Membership in the Roosevelt Nominators which includes admission to the local Rally will be acquired by the payment of \$1.00 or more to the local organization. The member's name, together with his contribution, will be registered on the Roosevelt Nominators Enrollment Roster which, after the Convention, will be presented to President Roosevelt. The ticket will be issued in two parts. One half will be a certificate of membership as an original Roosevelt Nominator to be paid for signed and retained by the member.

The Roosevelt Nominators will accomplish two purposes. First, they will have raised by the very day of the President's nomination, a substantial part of the national campaign fund, and second, they will launch that campaign with victory rallies in cities and towns throughout the country by giving assemblages of local Democrats, and all those who want to have a part in President Roosevelt's re-election, the opportunity of hearing and receiving inspiration from the President's address of acceptance.

All of these meetings will be held simultaneously on the evening of Saturday, June 27th. The President will begin speaking over the radio from Philadelphia at approximately 10:00 P. M. Eastern Daylight Time, and all local Chairmen should check with their nearest broadcasting station as to the exact time the speech will be received in their area.

Manning Rites At Tarboro

Tarboro, June 23.—Final rites for William H. Manning, 77, of this city, were held from the home of Mrs. Lucy McCabe at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in charge. Burial followed in the family burying ground near here.

Mr. Manning died at a local hospital Monday following a short illness.

No close relatives survive. Mrs. McCabe, at whose residence he made his home, and Mrs. J. G. Ruffin, of the city, were his cousins.

Regulation of all forms of transportation seen by Eastman.

They Still Spin This Way in Quebec



The rest of the world may wear its modern fabrics textured in Twentieth century plants of industry, but in the ancient French-Canadian city of Quebec, the fireside industry still prevails. Women in thousands of homes throughout Quebec province spin the thread that is later woven into the family habiliments on spinning wheels like this at which Mue. Celeste D'Arville is manufacturing a new dress, as did her French forbears in Normandy centuries ago.

Necessities Mean NECESSITIES (Not Fat Back)

The recent campaign for Governor has already done some good.

The Democratic Convention last week wrote into its platform that the gross sales tax on the necessities of life must be removed. This plank was unanimously passed.

The Charlotte Observer, which is recognized as being the spokesman for the super-interest, undertakes to interpret this plank to mean meat, meal, flour, fat back, sugar and coffee. In other words just what was exempt in the first Sales Tax Bill.

The Winston-Salem Journal, News and Observer, Kinston Free Press and many other leading newspapers of the State take the position that when the Democratic platform says the Sales Tax must be removed from the necessities of life, it means all reasonable necessities; food and raiment as well as necessary household using things and the necessary implements by which these necessities are produced. The position that necessities means all necessities is absolutely correct.

North Carolina has never limited itself, to fat back, cornbread and molasses for its diet. It has been a State of culture and refinement and has been able except during the Hoover Administration, to have a well balanced diet.

The re-blooded North Carolinian's are unwilling to let Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer interpret for them what shall be called necessities. Mr. Miller would not think of limiting his family to any such diet and say that he had met the requirement for what is necessary for his family. We should not ask any more for ourselves than we are willing to give others.

We heard a gentleman expressing himself the other day, that if he heard a preacher say that he was in favor of the Gross Sales Tax on necessities of life he would have serious doubts as to whether that preacher had true religion and would seek some other pew to hear preaching from then on.

The man who works and produces is the one who pays the tax regardless of whose name the great body of our great wealth may be in.

ROOSEVELT NOMINATORS

Millard F. Jones is chairman of the Rocky Mount Roosevelt Nominators and the money collected from the sale of tickets will be turned over to Jack Cummings who is Treasurer.

This money will be collected and sent direct to the National Headquarters and it is definitely certain that Herbert Gulley will have nothing to do with these funds as they will be sent direct.

Elsewhere in this paper is a full explanation of the purpose of the rally.

SUPREME COURT HOLDS PLAYGROUNDS, NECESSITY

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of North Carolina has held, a playground for children a necessity, which makes it the duty of cities to provide these necessities.

Rocky Mount has not provided playgrounds and parks commensurate with the needs of our population. In fact, none have been provided on the Edgecombe side save about one acre which has been taken up largely with the water tank.

The Supreme Court never has held an airport to be a necessity, notwithstanding \$50,000 of the city's money which has been spent by our board of aldermen on an airport outside of the city.

The court has never held a, "baseball stadium," to be a necessity.

It has held needed playgrounds for the development of our children to be a necessity which has been woefully overlooked in Rocky Mount.

Funeral Rites For Oscar Valentine

Funeral services for Oscar Ray Valentine, 32, were held at his home in Franklin county. Burial took place in the family burying grounds. He died at a local hospital where he had been admitted Friday suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage and paralysis. He had been in poor health for several years. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ida May Valentine, and four brothers and two sisters.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Auditor Releases Nash Tax Figure

Indicates General Rate To Be Reduced To 76 Cents

With a tentative budget for 1936-1937 for Nash county calling for total expenditures of about \$350,000, Nash Auditor J. L. Cornwell had indicated the general tax levy for the county will be reduced from 85 cents to 75 cents on the hundred dollars for 1936-37.

Auditor Cornwell released figures only Thursday indicating the proposed change.

The board of commissioners met earlier this week, and drafted a tentative budget calling for expenditures of \$355,728.05 in 1936-1937. The commissioners had a special session.

Major items in the proposed Nash budget include debt service, \$162,025.77; county general, \$116,611.00; school, \$64,884.47; and district road service, \$12,107.81. An extensive school building and repair program during the coming year is increasing the school budget \$19,000 above the present year, and changed the school levy from 14 to 20 cents.

Charges Against Election Officers

County Elections Officials Investigating Charge in Hamilton

Complaints growing out of the June 4 primary were directed to the chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections last week-end, when a petition was filed asking the removal of John A. Davenport as registrar in Hamilton precinct. The petition, carrying the names of 20 citizens in the precinct, has not been made public, but it is understood the paper attacks the character of the registrar and charges him with misconduct in handling the primary election early this month. Rumors, heard here from indirect sources, indicated counter charges were likely to be considered, action in the case pending a hearing by the county board of elections in Hamilton today.

It was said the Board had advised Mr. Davenport to resign, but no request for such action, if any, could be considered by the authorities until after the hearing.

While the matter may be amicably settled at the hearing today, it is possible that the petition will be given a complete airing before a called meeting of the county board of elections later, according to Mr. Peel, chairman.

Action was said to have been started when the registrar allegedly delegated the task of marking tickets to himself, and cleared the polling place of others who might have participated, it was said.

The investigation of the charges brought against Mr. Davenport at Hamilton is likely to reach into other precincts, an official of the elections board explaining that informal complaints had been received from voters in at least one other precinct in the county. Facts in the latter case are being withheld, pending a preliminary investigation of the sources where the complaints are alleged to have been created.

Convention Is In Session In Phila.

Opened by a rousing old-time Democratic speech by Senator Barkley, the National Democratic Convention is in session at Philadelphia. It is a foregone conclusion that the convention will re-nominate President Roosevelt, and the only matter for controversy is the old question of abrogating the two thirds rule. It is understood that North Carolina's votes will go for the killing of this old rule.

FATHER SUCCUMBS, TOO

Carlisle, Pa.—While making arrangements for the funeral of his daughter, Marie, 18, who had died five hours before, Charles L. Boomers, 65, dropped dead from heart disease.

REPUBLICANS ENCOURAGED REACTION UNCERTAIN N PROPAGANDA AHEAD ISSUES NOT CLEAR CUT BATTLE OF PERSONALITIES THE G. O. P. PLATFORM ROOSEVELT'S SPEECHES BONUS SPURS TRADE A THIRD PARTY AGAIN ROOSEVELT'S PLANS

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

With Governor Landon and Col. Frank Knox busy completing the plans for their campaign, and the Democrats meeting this week at Philadelphia the voters of the nation are paying attention to things political. The Republicans, as a general thing, went to Cleveland without too much confidence but they left the convention imbued with new zeal and fired with the hope of success this fall. The Democrats, on their part, were apparently running the danger of becoming overconfident, many of their leaders being sure that the election was as good as won.

It is a bit too early to attempt to size up the situation and as the campaign develops, with its publicity and partisan tirades, the average reader will have a hard time separating the noise from the cause. On the surface it will be impossible to fathom what is going on underneath, in the minds of the voters. There may be a great shift to Landon or to Roosevelt but until the ballots are tabulated the so-called expert opinion will be largely guesswork.

A case in point is the Liberty League's furious propaganda that swept over the country for about a year, creating in the minds of many people the idea that is evidenced a great changing going on. The peak was just before Al Smith's "take a walk" speech. Afterward, when the dust had blown away nearly everybody agreed that the League got mighty little for its money and even its friends expressed the opinion that the organization was useless so far as influencing public opinion decisively was concerned.

There will, likewise, be a great propaganda for Roosevelt and for Landon, some of it representing honest opinion but most of it being purely synthetic stuff put out by the axe-to-grind crowd in both camps. The casual reader will wade through much of the denunciation and fulsome praise without any ability to appraise the pulse of the voter. Moreover, on some issues there will apparently be no line of demarcation between the general principles espoused by the parties although, possibly, the speeches of Governor Landon and President Roosevelt will draw the issue to a fine point. In fact, it is more than likely that most attention will be paid to the addresses of the two candidates than to the platform declarations of the parties themselves.

Commentators point out that the campaign will be largely a battle of personalities, a contest between the two men, alike in many respects and unlike in others. Gov. Landon, little known in the nation before the amazing success of his drive for the Republican nomination, may be able to continue the successful propagation of his fame and rise to new heights of popular acclaim and esteem. On the other hand, President Roosevelt is no baby in understanding the public mind, or in gauging the trend of popular thought, but is a master political strategist of the highest order. It is to be a real battle between two super-antagonists.

The Republican platform, adopted at Cleveland, is not a direct challenge to most of the New Deal principles. Rather, it is an adroit acceptance of many of the Roosevelt undertakings, coupled with condemnation of certain methods and the promise of better performance. There is emphasis upon State participation in the costs as well as the achieving of desired social goals. Mr. Hull's efforts to reduce trade barriers is condemned and the Peek policy of specific barter is adopted for the disposal of farm surpluses. The budget will be balanced, not by increasing taxes, but by cutting expenditures, drastically and immediately. Sound money is upheld, with the statement from Governor Landon that this includes two requisites, a balanced budget and...

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