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Chief Executive Makes Statement

President Coolidge Says He "Does Not Choose To Run For President In 1928"

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 2.—(AP)—President Coolidge today issued the simple statement that "I do not choose to run for President in 1928," taking his close associates by complete surprise.

This typewritten announcement was handed to newspapermen by Mr. Coolidge in his executive office at noon today and a faint smile lighted his face as he replied to the astounded group that there was no comment.

LIGHT POLITICAL FIRES.

The fourth anniversary of his taking the oath of office upon the death of Warren G. Harding was selected by the President for making the announcement which tonight seemed to have lighted the fires of the 1928 political campaign.

Throughout the remainder of the day Mr. Coolidge retreated alone to the quietude of his favorite fishing hole near the state game lodge, where he is spending the summer.

The statement's wording seemed to have left some political leaders still speculating tonight whether Mr. Coolidge would be brought into the approaching campaign.

BUTLER NOT CONVINCED.

Significance was attached here to the comment of William M. Butler, personal political manager of Mr. Coolidge in the pre-convention campaign of 1924. He declared, "I am not convinced he will not as chairman of the Republican National committee, has retained his close personal contact with the President.

Mr. Coolidge will have served five years and seven months at the close of the four-year term to which he was elected in 1924. Having entered the White House in 1923 upon the death of President Harding, it was just four years ago that Mr. Coolidge was the central figure in an event of world-wide interest when he took the oath of office by light of an oil lamp in the Vermont home of his father.

Gospel to Wall Street



Uldine Utley, 14 year old Evangelist, not content with preaching the gospel to Broadwayites invaded Wall Street this week for a noonday meeting where thousands heard her.

Commissioners Work On Budget

Raises Salary of Judge of Recorder's Court From \$1,500 to \$2,000; Other Business Routine

The board of county commissioners was in session here Monday and Tuesday for the transaction of regular business. A number of bills were approved and ordered paid, and few other items were disposed of, but the most of the time was spent in conference with the auditor who has been at work on the county books for the past several weeks, preparatory to the setting up of a new financial system.

An order was passed that Mrs. C. A. Holt be refunded \$4.96 tax on account of property being listed in error 1925, and it was also ordered that S. M. Gordon of Cleveland township be released of \$2,000 tax value.

The salary of the Judge of Recorder's court was ordered increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 beginning July 1.

The board met again yesterday with the board of education for the consideration of the school budget. The committees of the six months schools were requested to meet with the boards and prepare their budgets. The board is in session again today considering the long term schools.

Pythian Grand Lodge IS MOVED TO CLAYTON

CHARLOTTE, Aug. 3.—The Grand Lodge of the North Carolina Knights of Pythias headquarters was moved from here today to Clayton, in accordance with action taken at the last convention of the grand lodge, held here.

George E. Lovell, of this city, the grand keeper of the records and seals, moved his residence at the same time to Clayton. J. W. Smith, assistant grand keeper of records and seals, preferred giving up his office to moving.

Tart and Lee Reunion.

There will be a reunion held at the home of A. D. Tart on Sunday, August 21. All friends and descendants of John Tart and Joel Lee are cordially invited to attend with a well-filled basket.

L. P. B. LEE.

Gives Barbecue.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson entertained his tenants and a few friends at a delightful barbecue on his farm at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Talton yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. Delicious barbecue with accessories and iced drinks were served. Quite a number were present to enjoy this feast. This is an annual event which Mr. Stephenson's friends look forward to each year.

ORPHANS GIVE CONCERT AT FREEWILL CHURCH

The orphans from the Freewill Baptist orphanage at Middlesex gave a most enjoyable concert at the Freewill Baptist church in this city Wednesday evening. The ten boys and girls taking part in the program showed excellent training, rendering their recitations and songs with ease and enthusiasm.

Miss Margaret Jackson directed the program while Miss Deenie Oglesby acted as pianist. The children taking part were: Virginia Rouse, Hazel Parker, Fred Parker, Sarah Fleming, Wilbert Fleming, Helen Whitley, Audrey Winstead, Hazel Howell and Horace Mixon.

A large crowd was present to enjoy the concert.

Freewill Baptist Church.

Sunday school Sunday morning 9:30 o'clock. C. J. Thomas, superintendent. Service Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Freewill Baptist League Thursday night at eight o'clock. All are invited to attend these meetings.

Loves makes a man think almost as much of a girl as he does himself.

The barbers charge a cut rate.

Johnston Farmer Diversifies Crops

George Rufus Johnson Does Not Depend Upon Cotton and Tobacco Alone—Made \$2,000 On Cream and Pigs Last Year

By ERNEST G. MOORE.

Those who claim that diversified farming is not feasible in Eastern Carolina should pay a visit to the farm of George Rufus Johnson, ten miles east of Benson. Here they will find cotton and tobacco, but they will also find cows, hogs, and chickens. Furthermore, one will also find something growing on this farm to feed the livestock.

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Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:30. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. topic in the morning being "The Power of Non-Resistance," text, "Whosoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at 7:15. Senior B. Y. P. U. Monday at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m., the speaker being Mr. Marshall Buck, of Burlington.

Chicken Fry.

Messrs. Herman Jones, Edmund Ward and Zo LeMay gave a chicken fry at Laurel Park on Swift Creek near the home of Mr. C. L. Sanders Tuesday evening at six o'clock in honor of the Misses Sutton, house guests of Misses Ellen Patterson and Della Ellington. About thirty-five guests were invited. Mrs. T. W. LeMay chaperoned the party.

Entertains Club.

Selma, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Junius Peed in delightfully entertained the junior bridge club at her home on Massey street Saturday afternoon from four to six o'clock. The high score prize was won by Mrs. Geo. Norwood. A delicious ice course was served. Those present were: Mesdames B. A. Henry, Claiborne Massey, Paul Worley, Luther O'Neal, Charles Fulghum, C.

McCullers Family Reunion.

A reunion was held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Beaty Wednesday when the family of the late Henry McCullers met for a day of feasting and fellowship. Members of the family from several states gathered for this delightful occasion. At the noon hour a bountiful picnic dinner was served from two tables. Those present were: Mrs. Charles Durant and children, of Plant City, Fla.; Miss Mary McCullers, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. R. H. Livermore and children, of Pates; Mrs. M. C. Terrell and children, of Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Harrison and child, of Danville, Va.; Mr. Raymond McCullers, of this city; Miss Hattie Leigh McCullers, of Hickory; Miss Lula Nowell, of Raleigh; and Mrs. J. Dal Smith, of Four Oaks.

OLD SOLDIERS FORGET WEIGHT OF THE YEARS

RALEIGH, Aug. 3.—Every silver haired soldier had his lady partner tonight at a party in his honor alone. Pageant and ball, verse, song and music, from night-fall to midnight wound up the second day of the 20th reunion of North Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans.

The day began with a late reveille following the welcome doing of the first night before, breakfast on State campus, indoors to the business session in Pullen hall, and out again for recreations and parade and individual trips to the postoffice, to the state buildings, to the Capitol square where the Stars and Bars flew over the capitol dome where it had flown first—and been taken down last, when Sherman's army came.

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Tobacco Market Opened Tuesday

Georgia Weed Averaged From Twenty to Thirty-five Cents Per Pound

Tifton, Ga., Aug. 2.—(AP)—The Tifton tobacco market opened today with one-third of a million pounds on sale, with the price estimated to average 20 cents per pound. Offerings included primings, sand lugs and poorer qualities but the color was excellent.

The quality of the leaf for quality price was about the same as last year.

Quality and Price Fair.

Way cross, Ga., Aug. 2.—(AP)—It is estimated that a hundred thousand pounds of tobacco was sold today on the floors of the two warehouses which were heavy with a fair quality of leaf. Prices opened at from 20 to 35 cents.

Excellent Grades at Metter.

Metter, Ga., Aug. 2.—(AP)—With over 2,000 visitors in Metter and both warehouses overflowing with excellent grades of tobacco, the tobacco market opened here today with prospects of it being the brightest year in the history of this industry in its fourth year.

At noon today, the highest price paid for tobacco was one dollar per pound.

Seventeen tobacco companies are represented here, including big Virginia and North Carolina concerns.

By noon today half a million pounds had been sold.

Large Quantity of Weed.

Blackshear, Ga., Aug. 2.—Hundreds of truck loads of tobacco arrived here today for the opening of the tobacco market. "First cuttings" and "lugs," brought fair prices.

ATLANTA, Aug. 3.—With the opening day yesterday at seven o'clock of Georgia's twenty-two bright leaf tobacco markets showing a total sale of 4,580,302 pounds at an average price well above 20 cents, the eleventh season was ushered in under most promising auspices.

Indications today were that Georgia this year would see the farmers getting best returns on their crops since the week first was introduced in the state.

Surprisingly good in spite of unfavorable weather conditions, the tobacco at all markets, reports showed has found ready takers and livel ybidding.

REV. EARNHARDT'S FATHER AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. L. Earnhardt, of Durham, will preach at the Methodist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Earnhardt is the father of the pastor of this church, who is away conducting a revival at Louisville, Rev. E. L. Earnhardt who is 71 years of age, is a retired Methodist minister. He preached for 45 years before retiring. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

There will be no service at the evening hour.

It is to be noticed that the fellow who has a good opinion of himself is a poor judge of human nature.

Full Docket In Recorder's Court

Many Criminal Cases Tried Tuesday and Wednesday of This Week

Recorder's court was in session Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and the following criminal cases were disposed of:

Robert Wilson was given 90 days on the roads and taxed with the cost for eavesdropping.

C. L. W. Smith was in court for giving worthless checks. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of cost.

Tony Williams was charged with abandonment and non-support. He was found guilty and sentenced to the county roads for 12 months, the road sentence to be suspended upon the condition that he furnishes adequate support and a home for his wife and children. He was taxed with the cost of the action and required to give bond in the amount of \$200 to abide the judgment of the court.

Roy Merritt was sent to the county roads for six months for larceny.

Rufus Lee was in court for operating a motor vehicle without the proper license tag and for altering old license tag to look like a new one. He was convicted on both counts and sent to the roads in each count for thirty days. He was also required to pay the cost.

Allen B. Raynor and Willie McLamb were convicted of larceny.

John W. Hughes was sent to the roads for 60 days, fined \$50 and taxed with the cost of the case for violating the prohibition laws.

The state took a nol-pros with leave in the case against Tim Butler, charged with assault with deadly weapon. Three state witnesses, Oscar Nox, W. A. Hewitt and W. A. Jones were called and failed. They were fined \$40 each.

Herman Daughtry was convicted of manufacturing of whiskey, possession of whiskey and possession of still. He was given a six months road sentence and taxed with the cost. He gave notice of appeal.

Preston Lee was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, but judgment was suspended upon condition that the defendant is of good behavior for a term of six months and pay the cost.

Will Smith was sent to the roads for sixty days and taxed with the cost for carrying concealed weapon.

Billy Rich, J. L. Robertson and J. H. Stringfield were in court for being publicly drunk. Rich and Robertson entered pleas of guilty. Each defendant was fined \$10 and taxed with one-third of the cost.

Andrew Sanders was convicted of operating a car in a careless and reckless manner. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Malgram Barefoot was convicted on three counts—possession of still, possession of whiskey and the manufacture of whiskey. He was sent to the roads for six months and required to pay the cost.

For aiding and abetting in the manufacture of whiskey, Carl Young was sent to the roads for 60 days and required to pay the cost.

Holiday Tart was found guilty of aiding and abetting in the manufacture of whiskey. A six months road sentence was suspended upon the condition that the defendant lives with his father for the next two years and that he is of good behavior during that time.

Carr Thompson was convicted of assault. A six months road sentence was suspended upon condition that the defendant pay all the expenses to Dr. J. J. Young's car and doctor's bill of Miss Barnes. He was also taxed with the cost.

Handy McLamb was given a road sentence and taxed with the cost for possession of beer.

Father of Mrs. W. E. Barbour Ill.

Clipping from Knoxville, Tenn., paper: "Friends of Prof. Jno. J. Burke, 701 W. Main Avenue, will regret to learn that he continues very ill at his residence."

Mr. Burke is the father of Mrs. W. E. Barbour of this city. Mrs. Barbour and children are at his bedside.

Presbyterian Services.

Smithfield at 11 o'clock. Sermon by pastor, Oakland Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Sermon and installation of officers. Public cordially invited.

Weevil Damage In Cotton Belt

Department of Agriculture Reports Percentage of Infestation Up to July 15

The following, which is the ninth of the series of reports being issued semi-monthly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the season of 1927, includes such reports as are available on cotton insects in the field.

REPORTS ON BOLL WEEVIL.

College Station, Texas, F. L. Thomas, July 21.—Boll weevil dusting by airplane is still going on in the Brazos Bottom, some plantations just beginning to receive the first application. Infestation at 50 points averaged 16 per cent.

K. P. Ewing, July 13.—In the vicinity of Tyler, Texas, a total of 1,000 squares were examined in five fields. The weevil infestation ranged from five to 27 per cent, and the average was 15 per cent. At Wills Point, Texas, a total of 1,200 squares were examined in five fields. The infestation ranged from two to 9.5 per cent, the average being 4.1 per cent. At Dallas, Texas, a total of 1,400 squares were examined in five fields. The range of infestation was from one to 7.6 per cent, the average being 3.8 per cent.

Baton Rouge, La. W. E. Hines, July 14.—Boll weevil occurrence in the central and southern parts of the state seems to be decidedly "spotted" as we anticipated that it would be on account of cotton leaf worm stripping conditions last fall. At Baton Rouge the infestation is generally low but is high in certain small areas close to favorable weevil hibernation shelter. Three applications of dust have already been given on the station cut and dusting seems to be increasing generally among the planters in the southern part of the state.

Tallahulaha, La.—From July 11 to 16th square examinations were made in seven fields of old cotton, an average infestation of 19.5 per cent being found. The range was from 2.0 to 51.0 per cent.

A. and M. College, Miss., Mississippi Plant Board, July 18.—Boll weevils in Mississippi are nearly four times as numerous now as at this time last year, and poisoning is needed in nearly every hill country from the Tennessee line to the Gulf, declares the State Plant Board in reporting investigations by its inspectors on 95 farms in 22 counties during the past week. Weevils were present in every county with an average infestation of over 11 per cent on all the farms examined, as compared with an average of only three per cent on this date last year.

Auburn, Ala., J. M. Robinson.—During the first half of July the boll weevil multiplied in large numbers. Out of 23,735 squares examined on all the experiment plots, 4,093 were punctured. The infestation in all plots averaged 17.2 per cent. Of the 7,450 squares examined during the week of July 11 to 16, 1,438 were punctured. This gives an infestation of 19.3 per cent. The infestation of boll weevils is increasing gradually on the test plots here at Auburn.

Florence, S. C., E. W. Duncan, July 16.—From July 11 to 15th infestation records were made on 12 plantations in the vicinity of Florence, S. C. The average was found to be 15.47 per cent.

Clemson College, S. C., C. O. Eddy, July 19.—Boll weevil infestation in the piedmont section of South Carolina is light and scattered.

Raleigh, N. C., R. W. Leiby, July 15.—The weevil is quite active in the southern counties of the state. In many fields from four to ten squares are punctured on many stalks. First-generation weevils began emerging July 8. It now appears that fields will be generally infested by July 25 to the point where control by poisoning will be advisable. In the upper coastal plain and lower piedmont sections infestation is not so severe at present.

EVANGELIST M. F. HAM IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Danville, Va., Aug. 3.—Telegrams privately received here this evening told of the very serious injury in automobile accident this afternoon of Rev. M. F. Ham, evangelist, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Danville friends were asked to pray definitely for his recovery. Details of the accident were not learned.

It was reported tonight that a mass prayer meeting will be called tomorrow.

Rev. Mr. Ham conducted a revival meeting here several years ago. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Old Folks Day Decided Success

Old and Young Gather At Massey's Chapel To Enjoy Annual Event

By MRS. JOHN K. SANDERS

Although greatly handicapped by the principal director's absence, Mr. P. A. Holland, Old Folks Day was largely attended and greatly enjoyed last Friday. The number present was around four of five hundred. The crowd began to arrive about ten o'clock but as the program director did not show up, the forenoon was spent in meeting old friends, renewing acquaintances and meeting new ones as well, and if there had been nothing going on all day but this, the day would have been well spent. Those in attendance also had the privilege of attending services at Bizzell's Grove, a Free Will church that stands in the edge of Massey's school grove. A series of meetings were being held there and a perfectly splendid sermon was preached on "The Test of Faith" by Rev. Mr. Murray.

After these services were over we all huddled about and ate our dinner. Some ate with their family and others spread with a friend or more. Just as the most of us were finishing eating, Mr. John Barnes rode up. His very presence began to cheer the many who knew he was a good sport and probably had something of an entertaining nature up his sleeve. Sure enough, he got busy and an old time game of round-town was staged in which several men, both middle aged and old, took part. Messrs John Wiggs and Jim Pierce chose sides. They forgot all about the extremely hot weather and went at it as if they were being paid to do it. Such old time pitching and hitting the ball and running them in home with yells reminded one of old times. When the game was up their shirts looked like they had been dipped in the branch. The game stood 12 to 2 in favor of Mr. Wigg's side. It might have been because they had so many Johns on their side. Besides John Wiggs, there were John Barnes and John Sanders.

Jumping the rope was next in order and was engaged in by both old and young. A seventy-six-year-old lady carried off the honors—a Mrs. Sarah Williford, of near Princeton, and later in the afternoon the way she two-stepped and did the broad shuffle was a wonder. Her little granddaughter, Dolly Holland, won the distinction of doing the Charleston to perfection.

One of the most enthusiastic features of the afternoon was a peppy spelling match that was staged around 3:30. Twenty-two live wire contestants entered this game with winning color stamped on their features. They ranged in age from ten years to seventy-five. Mr. Bob Barden and Mr. S. L. Johnson were the choosers. There were eleven on each side and every one was entitled to two trials. The way they did spell was remarkable. The words were given out by Mr. Charlie Tilton, of Goldsboro, who won in spelling last year. The Harrington speller was used, the book used each year. "Pigeon" was the first word given out and was spelled by Mr. Johnston. On and on they spelled and occasionally one dropped out. After a while every one dropped out on Mr. Johnston's side but Mrs. James

Result Of Road Building Is Seen

Engineer J. B. Lodor Files July Report With Johnston County Highway Commission

Results of the road building program in Johnston county can be seen as one travels the roads in almost any direction. There is much yet to be done, however, and the citizens in the sections which have not been worked are patiently awaiting the arrival of the convicts to improve their roads. J. B. Lodor, engineer, filed the following report of road work done in July with the Johnston County Highway Commission in a meeting here Wednesday:

District No. 1.

W. N. Holt, Commissioner.

Roads dragged—754 miles. Machine ditched—75 miles. Shoulders pulled—70 miles. Clearing right of way—2 miles. Repairs to bridges—2 miles.

District No. 2.

L. Gilbert, Commissioner.

Put in culverts—120 feet. Repairs to bridges—1 foot. Roads built—12½ miles. Roads rebuilt—8½ miles. Roads dragged—206 miles. Machine ditched—21 miles. Shoulders pulled—25 miles. Hand ditched—255 yards.

District No. 3.

S. E. Barbour, Commissioner.

Scarified—14 miles. Repairs to bridges—2 miles. Roads built—14 miles. Road rebuilt—9 miles. Roads dragged—260 miles. Machine ditched—12 miles. Shoulders pulled—21 miles. Clearing right of way—14 miles.

District No. 4.

C. P. Harper, Commissioner.

Repairs to bridges—3. Roads dragged—763 miles. Machine ditched—101 miles. Hand ditched—90 yards. Shoulders pulled—103 miles. Clearing right of way—4 ½ miles. Fill—800 cubic yards.

District No. 5.

Dr. J. C. Grady, Commissioner.

Clayed—440 yards. Repairs to bridges—4. Culvert pipe placed—48 feet. Roads rebuilt—3 miles. Roads dragged—651 miles. Machine ditched—147 miles. Hand ditched—600 yards. Shoulders pulled—136 miles. Clearing right of way—½ mile.

Construction work done by convicts:

Camp No. 2 is located in Ingram township working an average of 18 prisoners, put in 100 feet culvert pipe, rebuilt one mile of road, hand ditched 2665 yards, cleared one-half mile of right of way, and put in 3215 cubic yards of fill.

Camp No. 3 located in Pleasant Grove township working an average of 14 prisoners clayed 200 yards road, built two miles of road, hand ditched 565 yards, cleared 4½ miles of right of way and put in 3618 cubic yards of fill.

Camp No. 4 located in Selma township working an average of 18 prisoners put in 200 feet of culvert pipe, built three miles of road, hand ditched 1890 yards, cleared 10½ miles of right of way and put in 2750 cubic yards of fill.

A forty-ton truck loaded with five thousand imported eggs recently overturned. Probably the truck was just throwing off the foreign yolk.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—

"Mennie a live wire haz a ded credick."

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Miss Nell Parris recognized her name last issue.

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