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Hertford Is Ready For One Thousand Visitors

Buildings Draped in Bunting, Parking Space for Hundreds of Automobiles Provided and 500 Pounds of Pork for Barbecue to Feed Multitude Spoken For

Preparations are being made for at least 1,000 visitors in Hertford Thursday for the May Day Get-Together program. Buildings are draped in bunting; parking space for a thousand automobiles has been provided on streets and vacant lots; committees are ready to welcome visitors and provide for their needs; 500 pounds of meat for the barbecue, 150 pounds of ham, bread, pickles, and slaw is on hand; and everything else is in readiness for one of the biggest gatherings of Eastern North Carolina folk ever held.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Charles Whedbee, chairman of the executive committee, is to promote the common good of the section. The scope of the meeting has been widened and no special local interests will be favored except the Coastal Highway. All addresses will be confined to the common good of the section and no hint of argument in favor of a specific location for the proposed Chowan River bridge or other project sponsored by a single community or section is desired.

A large number of Elizabeth City people will attend, including representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, City Council, and other organizations. The Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club quartet has been urged to be present and sing several selections and it is probable that they will respond to the invitation.

Hertford also expects an especially large delegation from Martin County and it is understood that two special Pullman cars have been chartered for those who will attend from Washington, N. C.

Every visitor will be registered. Books for the purpose have been provided and will be in charge of a committee of ladies.

The formation of a permanent organization to be known as the Albemarle Association and the election of officers for the association is included in the program.

Following the invocation by Rev. G. V. Tilley, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, and the singing of "Carolina," J. S. McNider of Hertford will deliver the address of welcome. The response from the north side of the sound will be delivered by W. I. Halstead of South Mills and from the south side of the sound by Harry Jacobs of New Bern.

The chairman of the meeting, P. H. Williams of Elizabeth City, will then be introduced and will deliver an address on the object of the meeting. He will then take the chair.

A short talk on "Natural Resources and How a Trunk Highway Forwards Their Development" will be given by Brent Drane, director of the State Geographic and Economic Survey. Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, will next deliver an address.

The barbecue dinner will follow Mr. Page's address.

In the afternoon there will be an address by Clayton Moore, chairman of the roads committee of the house, and short talks by representatives from New Hanover, Onslow, Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, Martin, Bertie, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Gates and Currituck counties.

W. A. Hart, State Highway Commissioner for the First District, and Judge Francis D. Winston of Windsor are expected to be present and may make talks.

The executive committee in charge of preparations is composed of Charles Whedbee, chairman, T. S. White, R. L. Knowles, C. B. Williford, and R. T. Brinn.

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association, and the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs will all send delegates to the Hertford meeting and those taking the trip are requested to be at the Community Building Thursday morning by 10 o'clock.

GOVERNOR McCRAY GIVEN TEN YEARS

(By The Associated Press)
Indianapolis, April 30.—Warren McCray who retired today as Governor of Indiana was sentenced in Federal Court today to serve ten years in Atlanta prison and fined \$10,000 on the charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 30.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon. Middling 29.80. Futures closed at the following levels: May 29.47; July 27.85; October 24.30; December 23.70; January 23.35.

At two o'clock this afternoon futures closed at the following levels: May 29.25; July 27.72; October 24.23; December 23.67; January 23.36.

New York, April 30.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: May 29.75; July 28.07; Oct. 24.40; Dec. 23.80; Jan. 23.53.

MAY BE DECREASE IN TOBACCO CROP

So Many Virginia Planters are Reducing Acreage in Weed to Try Cotton Serious Shortage May Result.

By J. C. ROYLE
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New York, April 30.—The army of tobacco users is being steadily recruited in America, and other countries. But there is a possibility that the ammunition which will load their pipes, cigar and cigarette holders will not be so plentiful in 1924. The reason for this is that some of the Virginia planters have not been entirely faithful to their first love and are flirting with cotton.

Tobacco experts estimate that Virginia farmers are setting aside ten per cent less acreage to be cultivated to tobacco this year than in 1923, in spite of the fact that factory demand is strong, prices good and fertilizer cheaper than last year. Last year many farmers planted cotton on their tobacco lands and since the plants were not infested with boll weevil, they made money. Many have come to the conclusion they can do the same this year with additional old tobacco land and increase their profits.

John J. Owens, assistant commissioner of agriculture of Virginia, who has just completed a survey of the tobacco growing states, declares that the Virginia acreage might drop from 190,000 the amount cultivated last year, to 170,000 acres. In North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, however, the acreage is expected to be slightly larger, according to Henry M. Taylor, Federal statistician stationed with the Virginia department of agriculture. This tendency is especially noticeable in the two latter states. North Carolina is going to have one final fling at cotton in spite of the boll weevil and hence will not go in so strenuously for tobacco cultivation.

Fertilizers are costing the farmer about \$5 a ton less than last year but this has been an influence for planting cotton as well as tobacco. Planting has been somewhat delayed by wet weather, but tobacco men now will begin shortly to put in their crops.

There is no reason to foresee any decrease in the manufacture of tobacco according to T. M. Carrington, president of the Tobacco Association of the United States. He estimates that \$1,600,000,000 worth of tobacco products was manufactured and sold at retail last year. He expects no general reduction in prices, although the American Tobacco Company has recently cut the prices of some brands slightly.

"Even if there were to be a serious depression in business," he added, "tobacco would not suffer materially, for people buy it whether they are rich or poor, working or idle."

The tobacco grown by Virginia farmers last year returned them about \$30,000,000, although prices were not quite so high as in 1923, as the quality was not so good. Bright tobacco brought an average of \$20 a hundred pounds as compared with \$27 the previous year, while dark tobacco averaged \$15, or \$3 a hundred less than the previous year. Practically all the 1923 crop now has left the farms.

The Pennsylvania crop, much of which went into cigars manufactured in that state, brought growers about \$10,000,000. Indications are the Pennsylvania acreage will be about the same as last year, as a shortage of seed is operating against an increase in planting. The 40,800 acres cultivated last year, yielded 53,084,490 pounds. The value of the crop can be estimated from the fact that the average yield from tobacco lands in Lancaster County last year was \$247 an acre.

The Government benefitted to the extent of \$350,000,000 last year from the taxes on tobacco. Cigar consumption has fallen off materially since 1913 and amounted in 1923 to \$6,722,354,000. Another increase in cigarette production is predicted for this year in view of the sales of the first quarter, although this is not expected to be so marked as in 1923.

MELLON'S PROPOSAL ACCEPTED BY SENATE

Washington, April 30.—Secretary Mellon's proposal for a 25 per cent reduction in a tax on earned incomes was agreed upon by the Senate today with modifications.

The maximum amount of income on which the reduction could be applied was cut to \$10,000 from the \$25,000 allowed by the House. All incomes of \$5,000 or less would be considered earned for purposes of reduction.

Travels From Europe in Suit Case



When you're taking the "prince of wails" on a long continental voyage there's nothing like convenience. Hence the "suitcase crib," utilized by Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lewis, who thus brought their four-months-old baby boy from Vienna. Customs officials at New York were amazed upon opening the suitcase and finding its contents. Dr. Lewis is an obstetrician of Los Angeles.

EXAMINATION MAY OPEN QUICK WAY TO POSITION

"I wish," said Postmaster Hooper to a reporter for this newspaper the other day, "that you would call the attention of the young men of the city to the opportunity offered them in the clerk-carrier examination to be held at the postoffice here on May 10."

"There is never any knowing when a vacancy may develop at the Elizabeth City postoffice. When I became postmaster I was not sure that there would be a single addition to the force or even any change in the personnel. And yet we have added both a clerk and a city carrier to the force within recent months, to say nothing of changes due to resignations or other causes."

"By taking these examinations young men may put themselves in line for the next opening that may occur."

CONFEREES AGREE ON SOLDIER BONUS BILL

Washington, April 30.—An agreement was reached today by the House and Senate conferences on differences over the soldier bonus bill. Most of the provisions in the dispute were of a minor nature and early ratification of the conference report by the Senate and House was predicted by the conferences.

NEW VIRGINIA TREASURER

Richmond, May 1.—Charles Johnson, Virginia State treasurer, resigned today and Governor Trinkle appointed John Purcell as his successor.

Returned Missionary Will Speak at Salem

Mrs. M. L. Brown, returned missionary of Kaifeng College, Honan, China, is expected to arrive on the morning train Thursday from Chapel Hill and is to be present to address the Pasquotank County Missionary Union meeting that will be held at Salem Baptist Church Thursday beginning at 10 a. m. Mrs. Brown will be the guest of Miss Inez Reid while in the city.

Tige Is President's Pal And A Court Favorite

By WILLIAM C. LYON
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Washington, April 30.—When the White House recently broadcast a radio appeal for aid in finding "Tige," one of the executive mansion cats, the nation smiled, little realizing how important was the plea. "Tige," it develops, is the President's real pal.

An intimate of Mr. Coolidge today gave the writer a vivid word picture that emphasized the hold of this plain gray-striped tom cat on the affections of the President. He pictured the executive sitting at his desk, reading or looking over state papers—with "Tige" climbing to his lap and crawling, unmolested up the Presidential arm and around the Presidential neck in real "old home style."

Further, it was disclosed, "Tige" has even partaken of White House meals in the great state dining room. They were not the formal affairs that publicity-seeking society matrons arrange periodically for their pets. They were "old home style" meals, collected morsel by morsel, as "Tige" stalked from member to member of the Coolidge household—not omitting a visit to the head of the table.

Of course "Tige" dines thus only when the Coolidges are en famille. But he isn't hidden from sight at any time. On all occasions, state or otherwise, he roams freely among the guests. Tige is a studious and

LOVE LOT FOUND TO BE NOT AN EXACT SQUARE

Work on the new building of the Auto Supply & Vulcanizing Company, corner of Matthews and Poindecker streets and opposite the Culpepper Hardware Company, has been temporarily held up this week by delay in the arrival of material, but the firm is still confident that it will be in its new quarters by July 1.

The new building will have a diagonal front and driveway on the northeast corner similar to that of the Bulck's quarters in the new Grandy building at the State river bridge, and will thus be equipped for instantaneous service of various sorts to the passing motorist.

An interesting development in the construction of the new building was the discovery of the fact that the Love lot on which it stands is not exactly square. Laying off his lines at right angles when he began construction of the walls, Mr. Perry, contractor, was informed, when he had pillars on Matthews street built up to a height of about five feet, by City Manager Bray that he had encroached on the sidewalk line at the Poindecker street corner by about six tenths of a foot, although at the northwest corner of the building the wall was one tenth of a foot back from the sidewalk line.

The pillars and wall accordingly were torn down all the way back to the rear entrance on Matthews street, the foundation extended back the necessary distance, and the pillars and wall then were re-erected on the proper location. As a result the Matthews street wall of the new building lacks a fraction of being exactly parallel with the wall next to Mitchells.

MRS. BAKER DEAD

Winfall, April 30.—Mrs. Jim Baker of Hertford, Route Three, died Sunday morning after a long illness. She leaves a husband and one daughter and several grandchildren.

Dawes Won't Be Lionized By Old Home Town Friends

Planned Trip to Europe as Vacation and Accepted Work on Inquiry Into German Capacity to Pay as Incidental to That Vacation but Now Ready for Work

Burns on Stand



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William J. Burns, head of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation, as he appeared on the witness stand before the Senate committee. He made sensational declarations regarding interference with his department in drug and liquor cases.

MUCH DAMAGE IN WAKE OF TORNADO

Storm Sweeps South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama Early Today, Killing Several and Injuring Many.

Atlanta, April 30.—As the news trickled in today over the damaged wires and by messenger the death list was gradually increased until at one o'clock it stood at thirty.

Later reports also increased the area of the tornado to include Louisiana and other states.

Atlanta, April 30.—Ten persons are known to have been killed and two score injured by the tornado which swept South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama early today causing property damage estimated at upwards of a million dollars. Several are reported missing. Only meager reports over crippled telephone and telegraph wires are available.

Anderson, S. C., April 30.—Riverside, a mill village was virtually wiped out by a tornado which struck it at eight o'clock this morning. Relief workers and all physicians of Anderson have gone to the scene.

Anderson, S. C., April 30.—Three persons are known to have been killed and five were injured by the tornado on the outskirts of the town today. Twelve houses were demolished.

Later reports placed the death toll at nine in and around Anderson.

Autaugaville, Alabama, April 30.—Twenty houses and barns were destroyed and several head of livestock were killed by the tornado here today. No one was injured.

Opelika, Ala., April 30.—Four negroes were killed and five were injured by the tornado on the outskirts of the town today. Twelve houses were demolished.

Lawrenceville, Ga., April 30.—Six persons were injured, a number of residences blown down and part of a mill village demolished by the tornado here today. The damage is estimated at \$200,000. The Baptist church was wrecked.

Greenville, Alabama, April 30.—Four members of one family were injured by the tornado today which did property damage estimated at \$150,000. Two negroes are reported missing and are believed to have been killed.

Macon, Ga., April 30.—Three were killed and more than a dozen injured, several seriously, by the tornado which swept this section today.

ELIZABETH CITY TO PLAY W. C. T. U. HERE THURSDAY

Elizabeth City High School and Washington Collegiate Institute will cross bats on the Main street diamond Thursday afternoon, the game to be called at 4 o'clock.

Elizabeth City High defeated Hertford's high school team at Hertford Tuesday by the score of 20 to 6. Ballard, pitching for Elizabeth City, struck out 10 men and allowed 10 hits. Elizabeth City got 22 hits.

R. Dolmah Raper, son of Mrs. R. H. Raper of Burgess street, has accepted a position on the S. S. Republic and left Tuesday for England, France and Germany.

By O. L. SCOTT
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Chicago, April 30.—After successfully tackling Germany's reparations tangle, Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes, chairman of the expert committee on reparations will be back home from his "European vacation" this week to unravel his own business affairs accumulated during the months of his absence. He landed in New York late Monday.

The old home town would like to turn out its brass bands, stage some bang-up meetings and show its appreciation of the accomplishments of its most distinguished son—and in turn hear what he has to say about the rest of the world. But that's not to be—according to the general's plans.

"General Dawes is a business man, returning from a business man's job. He's coming back to his bank and wade directly into his business without any side ostentation. The general planned a European vacation this year. He has had that and is now ready for the work ahead." So his bank associates explain the situation.

And Chairman Dawes, of the board of the Central Trust Company of Chicago, bears out their statements. He already has turned down invitations to a number of meetings in his honor.

"My associates and I have agreed that we should not speak or write regarding the reparations committee report," he advised one group, "since statements from us might invite controversy or be considered as interpretation. This it is desirable to avoid. I must therefore be excused."

Political bids are meeting the same reception. They're not welcome now, the general's friends say. Suggestion that he is being mentioned frequently as a Vice Presidential running mate for President Coolidge bring a smile and a response in humor.

"Charlie Dawes as Vice President!" said one of his bank associates. "They don't know him. Whatever political ambitions he may have had do not run along that line. He couldn't be imagined or imagined himself sitting around for four years interpreting Senate rules."

"Once he had a desire to be a Senator. It was after serving three years under President McKinley as Comptroller of the Currency. But he was defeated, due to double crossing, and has not sought political office since. Of course, he served President Harding as the first director of the budget and served the Government during the war as purchasing agent for the American Expeditionary Forces, but those were not political jobs."

So it looks as though the man who led the way to a possible solution of Europe's economic problems that is receiving the favorable consideration of most allied governments and of Germany, would come back to Chicago and quietly dive again into his private business, leaving public questions to take care of themselves so far as he is concerned—at least for the present.

His office at the Central Trust Company is waiting for him. He organized the institution in 1902, after his defeat for the United States Senate. Now it is one of the city's leading financial institutions. General Dawes is known in own bank for the same qualities that has marked his forceful activities in whatever public service he has engaged in—including the attachment for vivid language that brought him wide attention during a Congressional hearing shortly after the war.

Mr. Dawes now is 59 years of age. He has had political ambitions—some that haven't been asserted publicly. While out of politics at present, there are many influential persons in Chicago who expect that in another four years his name may bob up again—at that time in some connection other than as a Vice Presidential candidate.

Whether Mr. Dawes himself shares that expectation isn't known. Just now he has his own business to tend to.

JORDAN WITHDRAWS WARRANT WHEN HE IS REIMBURSED

Johnny Wood, in police court Wednesday, was let off with the costs on a charge of operating a motor car with defective lights.

Jordan Warren, prosecuting witness, well known Elizabeth City negro, paid the costs and withdrew the warrant sworn out by himself against "General" Jacobs, colored, charging the defendant with damage to personal property. Jordan said that General had reimbursed him and that he did not care to prosecute the case.

EXPLOSIVES WRECK TWO TOLL BRIDGES

Staunton, April 30.—Two toll gates on the Middlebrook road near here were blown up with dynamite about midnight. Authorities believe persons opposed to the collection of tolls over which a controversy has waged for two months set the explosives.