

Last Preparations Made For Visit of Thousands On Gala Occasion Here

Undeterred by Threat of Stormy Weather, Committees Redouble Efforts to Make Day Success

WARD TO BE SPEAKER

Honored Native Son of Gates County to Deliver Principal Address at Big Road Celebration

In the face of a threat of stormy weather, the committees in charge of preparations for the Acorn Hill road celebration Thursday went about the task of completing final details Wednesday with redoubled energy. D. Walter Harris, chairman of the program committee, was busy supervising the construction of grandstand, tables, seats and booths on the courthouse grounds, and other committees were busy with a variety of jobs.

N. Howard Smith and Robert Cotter announced that they had formed a committee of 50 (twenty-five young girls to assist in the work of distributing badges to the visitors from Gates and the other counties of the Albemarle. Delegations of girls, with grown-ups assisting them, will be stationed at points on the roads leading into this city to issue badges to all guests. Other badges will be given out at a booth on the courthouse grounds, in order that every visitor may have opportunity to supply himself with one, and thereby become eligible for all the major events of the day.

Other booths on the grounds will be devoted to registration and to the distribution of free copies of The Daily Advance, Northeastern North Carolina's leading daily newspaper. A special edition of The Advance will tell the visiting thousands something of Elizabeth City, its advantages, and its possibilities, and will invite them to make merry to their hearts' content. Mrs. R. B. Cotter will have general supervision of the booths.

Special Parking Rules
No automobiles will be permitted Thursday on East Main street, between Elliott and Martin, and parking will be allowed on Matthews only on the south side, in order that there may be no interference with fire apparatus. Main street will be roped off at Fearing, in order to provide ample space for the crowd to move about uninterrupted by traffic.

All the merchants are expected to turn out and do their part toward entertaining the crowd. Sufficient badges will be issued to each merchant who contributed to the celebration for himself and all his salesfolks, and all are expected to wear them.

A committee of 40 girls, directed by the managers of all the soft drink bottling plants of the city, will have charge of the task of supplying the crowd with carbonated beverages, of which an abundant supply will be on hand, largely contributed gratis by the bottlers.

The program will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning with a concert by the Elizabeth City Boy's Band. This will be followed with a program by the Southland Jubilee Singers, a group of eight colored entertainers, and that in turn by selections by the Naval Band. Hallet S. Ward, a native of Gates County and a former member of Congress, will speak at 1 o'clock after a invocation by Rev. G. F. Hill, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church. C. R. Pugh, of this city, will be master of ceremonies.

Plenty of Barbecue
The serving of the barbecue and other eatables will begin at noon and will continue until 1:30 o'clock or later. Six thousand pounds of pork have been ordered for this phase of the day's entertainment, and the barbecue will begin slimmering over bricked pits in the rear of fire headquarters some 16 hours before serving time. Cooking it is an all night job, and is in charge of a veteran in the art, imported for the occasion by S. B. Parker from the barbecue country further west.

From 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock there will be band concerts and other musical features, along with a fire exhibition by a dirigible from the Naval Operating base at Norfolk. These were used for the occasion by Navy authorities. Dozens of city officials and other prominent folks in Norfolk and Portsmouth are expected to attend the celebration. At 3 o'clock, the closing events of the program will begin. One baseball game on the grounds in the rear of the old high school, North Road street, between Norfolk and Western and the Norfolk Police nine—two crack baseball aggregations, that returned here Wednesday that Robertson, always popular baseball fans in this section, will play with the police team, this could not be verified.

Free Movies Also
beginning at 3 o'clock, a

Corn Husk Suit



The high cost of clothing doesn't bother John Melton, bachelor farmer of Carrollton. He takes corn husks, colors and weaves them into a fabric, which he says makes an extremely cool suit for summer.

NO ARRESTS TODAY

Monroe, Sept. 16.—No arrests have yet been made here in connection with the mutilation of Turner Blanchard here Sunday and Sheriff Fowler said that none was expected today.

KIWANIS MEMORIAL HARDING UNVEILED

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 16.—Belief that "Harding's dying wish for the entrance of the United States in the World Court will be gratified," was expressed by Senator Frank Willis of Ohio at the unveiling of the Harding International good will memorial here today.

The monument was erected by Kiwanis International in Stanley Park where the late President spoke while en route to Alaska.

HELD FOR ROBBERY ROCKY MOUNT P. O.

Wilmington, Sept. 16.—Four men, two Italians, one American and the fourth a negro, were held here today suspected of implication in the postoffice robbery last night at Rocky Mount.

The men were arrested when leaving the city on the ferry. They denied all connection with the robbery.

HERESY CHARGES ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED

Flint, Mich., Sept. 16.—Heresy charges brought against Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, prominent Detroit Methodist pastor and former president of Northwest University, were found unsubstantiated by the ministerial investigating board today.

BORAH OPPOSES ANY MORE LIBERAL TERMS

Washington, Sept. 16.—Coincident with the departure from Paris of the French debt mission, Chairman Borah of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, at a conference with President Coolidge today opposed for France more liberal terms than those given Great Britain.

COURT OF INQUIRY WILL MEET MONDAY

Washington, Sept. 16.—The court of inquiry appointed by Secretary Wilbur to investigate the Shenandoah disaster will convene in Lakehurst next Monday.

A program of free movies will be given at the Alkrama Theater, with Constance Talmadge appearing in "The Gold Fish," and a special comedy. The show is declared to be one of the best given here in many weeks.

Parking space for the visitors' automobiles will be provided on the school grounds on both sides of North Road street, with committees and special deputies on hand to assist and obviate confusion.

Mayor McCabe announces that he will not deliver an address at the celebration, and wishes to correct a popular impression to the contrary.

STORES TO CLOSE FOR CELEBRATION

All merchants in this city have been urged to close their stores between 11 and 2 o'clock on Thursday, in order that they may mingle with the crowd and assist in entertaining the visitors. The request comes from the committee in charge of arrangements for the celebration, and a majority of the downtown merchants already have agreed to comply with it, according to J. C. Sawyer, general chairman.

The celebration is too big a thing for a committee to handle, it is pointed out, and its success depends heavily upon the extent to which the individual merchants give of their time and energy. A unanimous response to the request for the closing is declared to be essential to the full success of the event.

The merchants as a whole are expected to decorate their stores in appropriate fashion for the celebration, in response to a suggestion from the committee some time ago. The effectiveness of the decorations will depend upon all the merchants co-operating. It is explained.

RADIO EXPERTS STUDY FADING

Believed That Experiments Will Throw Light on the Subject

By ROBERT MACK
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Washington, Sept. 16.—In the belief that accurate knowledge of the sunset fading phenomena of broadcast signals will throw considerable light on the general causes and nature of fading, the bureau of standards has undertaken to make a series of graphic records of the fading of several of the higher powered stations of the East.

Such records, while giving a comparative study on the variations of the field intensity heretofore have not indicated real values. New methods are being developed, however, by which the bureau hopes to determine not only the variations in intensities but the values of the intensities as well.

In pursuing these experiments, the bureau today invited any person interested in such a cooperative program to communicate with its engineers. Approximately 40 laboratories throughout the country are lined up to participate in the study.

The recent tests of super-power, or power of fifty kilowatts, for broadcasting was found by the bureau to prove definitely that increased power will in no way decrease fading. For that reason, the bureau has renewed its endeavors to learn something more of the nature and causes of fading and, if possible, to devise some method of successfully eliminating it as one of the most objectionable features of broadcast reception.

A special portable apparatus is being developed for the radio supervisors throughout the country, so that they may make further measurements of the field intensities of the stations in their districts to be used in the general study of fading.

Increases in power of prominent class B broadcasting stations were announced today as follows, WTAM, Cleveland, increased to 3,500 watts; WEA, New York, increased to 5,000 watts; and KFAB, Lincoln, Neb., increased to 1,000 watts.

German manufacturers of radio supplies are underselling all competitors in the market of Scotland, according to a report to the Department of Commerce.

The Bureau of Standards today issued a warning against claims made by some dealers that certain brands of batteries have been tested by the bureau in practical tests of practically all makes of batteries are made by the bureau, it was stated, but the results of the tests are not published or made known to any person other than the manufacturer.

FRENCH TAKE OVER A MOUNTAIN RANGE

Rabat, French Morocco, Sept. 16.—French troops have captured the mountain range of Elbibane, one of the Rifian's strongest positions.

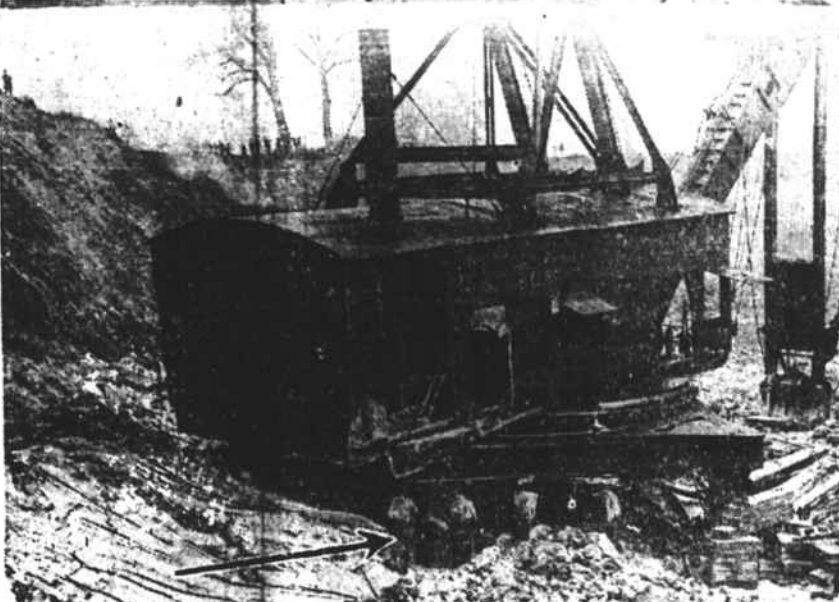
LONG DROUGHT IS BROKEN AT LAST

Charlotte, Sept. 16.—The long drought was broken in practically every section of the State with the heavy rains of last night and this morning.

ARREST WOMAN WHO OWNS WHISKEY SHIP

London, Sept. 16.—Mrs. Mabel Cress, part owner of the whiskey ship, General Garrett, was arrested today on a charge preferred by a large Oxford street firm of obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Digging for Boy Buried By Landslide



The steam shovel used to dig for the body of Thomas Zwick, 14 year old boy of Chicago, who was buried under tons of earth, when playing in a brick clay pit. The arrow points to the spot where the body is believed to be entombed under the sticky clay. A companion similarly buried was rescued by the fire department.

Former Elizabeth City Boy Passes Through Dry Lands

At the end of a 900-mile motor trip from Huntsville, Alabama, across Eastern Tennessee and through North Carolina from the western border of the coast, Lev C. Guirkin, former Elizabeth City boy, arrived Tuesday night with his wife and 19 months old daughter, Mae Elizabeth, to visit his mother, Mrs. Mae Guirkin Wilkey. They will spend about two weeks here.

Mr. Guirkin and his family came to Elizabeth City via Knoxville, Asheville and Raleigh, and completed the trip without mishap other than that to greater consideration from newly constructed roads on their car.

Huntsville thus far has escaped the drought, Mr. Guirkin says, through the fact that the city is supplied with water from a native spring which bubbles from the earth close to the downtown district, and pours forth a torrent of 25 million gallons each 24 hours—far more than the city can use.

"At many places," he declares, "we weren't even able to get water for the baby. Everything was dry. Aged mountaineers told me that spring had gone dry in their neighborhoods for the first time in 50 years. At many points they have dug wells, and are dependent upon sulphur water. This is very disagreeable in taste and smell, but is better than no water at all."

DEPUTY SHERIFF SEYMOUR DESTROYS ANOTHER STILL

South Mills, Sept. 16.—A 75 gallon still and 400 gallons of mash were destroyed by Deputy Sheriff H. S. Seymour, accompanied by Deputies J. D. Barnard and Vance Berry, yesterday 300 yards from the west bank of the Dismal Swamp Canal near the locks at South Mills. The water was boiling, the still was yet warm, and all evidence indicated a hasty departure of the party that had been operating the still. A run had just been completed in the opinion of Deputy Seymour.

But for the delay due to the almost imperceptible swamp in which the still was located and to the necessity of crossing a wide ditch, Mr. Seymour says, he would have caught the operators red-handed.

CAILLAUX LEAVES ON MISSION TO AMERICA

Paris, Sept. 16.—Finance Minister Caillaux left for the United States on the debt funding mission this afternoon. He left on the train for Havre at 2:35 o'clock.

CATHOLIC LEADERS OF AMERICA IN MEETING

Washington, Sept. 16.—Leaders in the Catholic Church from all parts of the country met here today in annual conference to take up pressing questions concerning the general welfare of the church in the United States. Cardinal O'Connell of Boston presided.

FARMS EQUIPPED WITH RADIO NOW

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—More than 559,000 farms in the United States are now equipped with radio, the Department of Agricultural estimates, following a nation-wide survey through county agricultural agents.

A similar survey last year showed 345,000 farms on which there were radio sets, and in 1923 only 145,000 farms. This rapid increase in the use of radio by farmers is due, department officials declare, to the need for prompt market information in merchandising farm products, and to its entertainment features. Many county agents reported that farmers have installed radio sets primarily to receive weather and market reports.

Southern farmers have been slow to put in radio sets, the survey shows. This is accounted for by the department by "natural conditions" which hamper clear broadcasting and reception.

DIES FROM INJURIES

New York, Sept. 16.—Seymour L. Cromwell, former president of the New York Stock Exchange and widely known banker and broker, died today at his home at Barnardville, New Jersey, of injuries suffered when he fell from his horse more than a week ago.

MOREHEAD SEEKING TO BAN MOSQUITOES

New Bern, Sept. 16.—A health expert is being sent to Morehead City to investigate the mosquito situation there.

The expert is being sent to Morehead City at the request of Senator P. M. Simmons, who acted in response to a message from the Morehead City chamber of commerce. The expert will attempt to eliminate the mosquito evil, it is understood.

KINSTON PREPARES FOR BIG CONVENTION

Kinston, Sept. 16.—Several hundred delegates are expected to attend the annual State convention of the North Carolina Disciples of Christ, for which plans are now being made.

The convention is to be held in Wilson, where the denominational college of the church in this State is located, early in November. Denominational speakers of national reputation are expected to be present and address the gathering, and substantial gains are expected to be reported.

HELPED PUT OVER ACORN HILL ROAD

On the eve of the celebration of the construction of the Acorn Hill road I cannot resist the impulse of gratitude and ascribe much credit to a man who was a zealous pioneer in the movement. This man was A. B. Hontz who gave unsparingly of his time and lent of his means at a time when the way was dark and fraught with obstinate discouragement. He was an invaluable cranksaft in the moving stages of this undertaking, and it is but proper that due recognition be given him in this hour when celebration is made to an achievement in which he played a prominent and important part.

W. L. COHOON.

DISCUSS CRIME AND PROHIBITION

Churches Depose Law Violators and Fact Bootlegger Getting Rich

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 16.—An exhaustive discussion of the effect of prohibition on crime, conditions in settlement neighborhoods, drug addiction, the morals of the young, and respect for law in general was made public last night by the Research and Educational Department of the Federal Council of Churches as a third section of its special report on the social consequences of prohibition laws.

While pointing out that a lack of complete data makes definite conclusions impossible, the report made these assertions:

The tendency of young people of the present day to depart from conventional rules of behavior cannot be laid entirely at the door of prohibition but "the fact that prohibition has made no more decisive effect in heightening their moral tone gives food for earnest thought."

Crime statistics indicate a rapid increase in violations of law chiefly of the misdemeanor class, but it is "gratuitous" to blame prohibition, and "all that can be asserted is that prohibition has thus far not prevented an increase in such offenses."

Available information indicates that in settlement neighborhoods there is less drinking and family life has improved under prohibition but that the law nevertheless is widely violated and "the bootlegger is getting rich."

Assertions that prohibition has tended to increase the use of drugs lack definite proof and would appear to be untrue.

"The general impression that respect for law is declining leads many ardent supporters of prohibition to believe that its foes are undermining all citizenship, while the latter assert very positively that prohibition has destroyed respect for all law. Fortunately, neither contention is fully supported by facts. The best authorities in psychology and education agree that a person's attitude toward law and government is not determined with reference to a single statute, and that hostility toward one law does not carry over into the whole field of the citizen's responsibility. The attitude of peopletoward their government, although it often gives cause for concern, rests upon a broader basis than the popularity of a single law. Every one takes some laws more seriously than others, and necessarily so. All laws have not the same importance and some have greater social sanction than others. For this reason it would seem to be a mistake to rest the appeal for observance of prohibition laws merely upon the general duty to 'obey the law.' Rather, an attitude of intelligent sympathy toward the law itself must be built up if it is to be generally observed."

Reports of school administration officials and of teachers who have made extensive studies of moral problems in the schools give little support to the theory that prohibition is in itself a cause of moral breakdown," it continued. "It may perhaps just as truly be said that it does not appear to be a great asset. Certainly, the non-observance of the law by parents has a rather tragic effect on boys and girls."

"In the colleges, undoubtedly, some alarming conditions have developed. Even in a conservative denominational college a student has been known to earn his way through school by bootlegging. The evidence, however, seems to indicate a favorable trend at the present time; at least this is the opinion of nearly all the college deans consulted, and it receives some measure of support from other sources."

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 16.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 24.70, an advance of 40 points. Futures closing bid: October 24.44, December 24.77, January 24.03, March 24.33, May 24.65.

New York, Sept. 16.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 24.15, Dec. 24.48, Jan. 23.78, March 24.18, May 24.40.

GRADED SCHOOLS LAUNCHING TERM WITH FAIR SKIES

Opening Enrollment Exceeds That for Entire First Month Last Year; Many More Expected

FOOTBALL UNDER WAY

Superintendent Sheep Urges Parents to See That Their Children Study Regularly at Home

Teachers and pupils in the Elizabeth City Graded Schools are getting down to business now. Preliminary organization of the 1,500 and odd boys and girls in the three departments of the schools is virtually complete, and class work is being carried on under regular schedules. The schools opened Monday.

Opening enrollment figures give a total of 1,530 pupils for the high, grammar and primary departments as compared with 1,510 at the close of the first month last year. There are 370 in the high school, as against 357 in the grammar grades, as against 671, and 475 in the primary school, as compared with 482. The enrollment in the colored schools is about 800.

Superintendent Sheep explains that many additional pupils will be enrolled in the first three months of school, due to various causes. For instance, many first grade pupils are out this week on account of sore arms occasioned by recent vaccination. These will enter mainly on Monday, he says.

Half Holiday Given

The schools will close for an afternoon half holiday Thursday, in connection with the Acorn Hill celebration, after the morning classes. Members of the Boys' Band will be excused from classes all day, as well as a number of schoolgirls who will help in various phases of the festivities.

Superintendent Sheep requests the earnest co-operation of the patrons of the school in order that the best possible results may be obtained.

"Have your children enter school on time, if they haven't already," he urges, "and see that they are present every day possible through the year."

"Children attending irregularly cannot keep up with the work and thus often lose promotion. See that your children study some of their lessons at home. We do not ask you to teach them their lessons, but see that they have a quiet place to study and that they really apply themselves during the time set apart for home study. Teachers are instructed to explain each lesson in making the assignment so that the children can study intelligently at home."

Home Study Vital

"First grade pupils should study from 20 to 30 minutes. Second grade pupils should study from 20 to 30 minutes. Third grade pupils should study one hour. Grammar grade pupils should study from one to one and a half hours. High school students should study from two to three hours."

"When pupils tell you that they have prepared all lessons in school hours, you can really see that two or three study periods do not afford sufficient time to prepare their lessons. Please examine the monthly reports carefully and if not satisfactory, consult the teacher about it and co-operate in getting better results. The superintendent and principals are always ready to hear any complaints and patronage is requested to consult freely with these about any subject pertaining to the best interests of the pupils."

"Do not expect satisfactory results if your children spend their nights on the streets or at moving pictures or social functions. The school will not assume any responsibility for the progress of pupils who do so."

"Parents are most earnestly requested to visit the school at any time. To do so will help your children and teachers."

Preparations for the organization of a fast football team were launched Tuesday afternoon at a meeting at the high school, at which about 25 prospective grid stars were present. The material this year is largely new, but by beginning practice at once, Prof. F. S. Isenhour, in charge of athletics, hopes to have the eleven in shape for a game by October 2. No schedule has been arranged yet.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE TO MEET EARLY THURSDAY

The Hospitality Committee for the Gates County celebration to be held here Thursday will meet Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of Miss Mary Bright, 400 East Matthews street.

The members of this committee are: Miss Mary Bright, chairman, Mrs. Victor Plinck, Mrs. G. F. Hill, F. H. Scattergood, Mrs. Dan Williams, Mrs. Ben Goodwin, Mrs. Brandon Davis, Mrs. Anna Lewis, Mrs. R. T. Venters, Miss Inez Reid and Miss Marcia Albertson.

HYLAN LOSES TO JAMES WALKER

Stormy Petrel of New York Politics Is Defeated by Tammany

New York, Sept. 16.—Mayor John E. Hylan, stormy petrel of New York politics for the last seven years, was defeated for re-nomination in Tuesday's primaries by State Senator James J. Walker, Tammany designee, by a majority of more than 60,000, with about two-thirds of the vote uncounted. He gained steadily all night and the metropolitan newspapers, with the exception of the American, which supported Mayor Hylan, predicted that Walker's plurality would reach 100,000.

Walker's lead, at 9 o'clock this morning, was 38,734, with 125 out of 2,948 districts still to be heard from.

New York, Sept. 16.—Mayor Hylan was cheerful when he arrived at City Hall this morning. The mayor declined to discuss the prediction that he would head a third ticket.

TO MOVE SEABOARD OFFICES TO SAVANNAH

Norfolk, Sept. 16.—Arrangements are being made to move the offices of the operating department of the Seaboard Air Line Railway from Norfolk to Savannah, Georgia, it became known today.

Visiting Daughter Here

Rev. Charles Reeve Hunt, whose daughter, Miss Genevieve Hunt is teacher of English and History on the Elizabeth City high school faculty, is spending some time in the city visiting his daughter and viewing the spots of historic interest in this section. Rev. Mr. Hunt hopes to visit Edenton, the old brick house, traditional home of the Pirate Teach, the Dismal Swamp, and possibly Old Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island.

To Hear Magee



Here is Justice Melcio Archibeque, before whom Carl C. Magee, editor of the New Mexico State Tribune, is to be arraigned on a charge of murder. Archibeque presides in precinct two miles from Las Vegas, where Magee accidentally shot J. B. Lasher when attacked by his old political enemy, Judge D. J. Leahy.