

Celebration Put Across Without Incident to Mar Enjoyment of Thousands

Committees in Charge of Acorn Hill Festivities Congratulated on Way They Did Their Job

'MORNING AFTER' HERE
Estimates Based on Number of Automobiles Tagged in City Place Visitors at 7,500 Strong

Today is "the morning after" in Elizabeth City. The courthouse grounds, scene of the major part of yesterday's festivities, presented a desolate appearance early this morning. Where crowds had surged hither and yon there remained only scattered rubbish and partly torn away stands and tables to remind the observer of the big road celebration—and event that will stand as a milestone marking this city's first real effort in recent years to entertain in adequate fashion the people of its hinterland.

Everywhere this morning were heard praises for the smooth fashion in which the celebration went through, and everywhere there were words of congratulation for the efficient manner in which the committees in charge of the event carried out their part of the work.

A check-up of the crowd was possible today in something approaching accurate fashion thru a report of the automobile committee, which was to the effect that there were more than 1,200 visiting cars in the city yesterday. Members of the committee tagged substantially more than 1,000 cars, and estimated that they missed at least 200—possibly 500. This was through the fact that when the tagging was begun, the visitors already had begun to leave about the city, and an accurate check was impossible.

On this basis, an estimate of 7,500 persons as the size of the crowd is regarded as not excessive, though conservative ones placed the number as low as 6,000, and the more optimistic put it at close to 10,000, remembering that hundreds came here by boat from various sound and river points.

Estimates placing the crowd at approximately 7,500 apparently are borne out also by the quantity of barbecue and other eatables dispensed during the afternoon. In all, a few more than 9,000 plates were served to the crowd. Making allowance for instances in which two plates were given to one person, for some wastage, and for the plates served to Elizabeth City people after the visitors had been fed, it is estimated that 6,000 to 7,000 visitors were fed.

As in the case of every celebration of the kind, there were a good many guests who did not partake of the barbecue, through no fault of those serving it. A lot of folks never eat at an occasion like that. Hence, the figures from this source go far toward indicating that there were about 7,500 visitors in the city.

Josh Bullock, of Rocky Mount, who supervised preparation of the barbecue, stated before he left Thursday night that he never before taken part in one of such proportions. He was worn out to a frazzle when he departed for home, having driven half the night to reach here Wednesday morning in time to start preparations, and having worked steadily through, without sleep or rest, until Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Bullock and his assistants cooked 83 hogs, which made 5,000 pounds of dressed meat. They had four hogs left over, and a small quantity of barbecue. The hogs were sent to local meat dealers and the proceeds turned back into the entertainment fund.

Chief of Police Holmes, in commenting on the celebration Friday morning, stated that while the police and their special deputies worked hard to maintain order in the matter of traffic all day long, they were called upon to act in no particular violations of the law.

Despite the fact that the crowd here surpassed in proportions any other in the history of the city, and that there were consequently more automobiles on the streets, not a single accident was reported during the day. Nobody was drunk, and nobody got mad—two pleasing features of the day well worth commenting upon.

Only \$1 In Bank



Leonard Wood, Jr., son of the governor-general of the Philippines, filed a petition in bankruptcy at Brooklyn, stating his bank account had dwindled to \$1. His liabilities exceed \$14,000, due to losses in theatrical productions. He is a brother of Osborne Wood, who made a "killing" in Wall Street and then squandered his fortune in Paris.

CHICAGO HAVING MILK WAR NOW

Milk Trust Discovered When Parent-Teachers Attempt Change Supply

By O. L. SCOTT
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Chicago, Sept. 18.—A milk war—the latest of Chicago's troubles—is declared. Explosion of a big black powder bomb, labor's customary challenge to a fight, has just wrecked a portion of an independent milk company's plant and the Employers' Association of the city asserts that the battle is on.

The unusual charge is made that labor leaders have created a "milk trust" in restraint of trade. His activities were brought to light by the Parent Teachers' Association of a local school who sought to change milk companies. The company from which they obtained supplies for their school furnished milk which had a peculiar taste, and on investigation was found to come from an impure dairy. Another company was asked to supply the milk. Then came the curt order telling the Parent Teachers' Association to go back to their original dairy or receive no milk.

The charge is that union officials have tied up the milk distributing industry in the city. This brought a reply from the Employers' Association that it would fight any such combine. As a result they got behind the independent company, whose plant has now been bombed.

When trucks left the independent company today to deliver milk to customers brave enough to do business with it, they were accompanied by a guard with a sawed off shot gun, by a detective bureau rifle squad on one side and a load of deputy sheriffs on the other.

"War has started," declared G. L. Hostetter, executive secretary of the Employers' Association. "We are in to see that this combine is broken. The distributing companies are no longer the master of their own business. Under the combine controlled by the union of officials, the barn stewards are put in their jobs by the union bosses and are the masters of the business."

NEW YORKERS ARE EXPECTING AN OPEN TOWN

With Tammany Tiger Completely Triumphant Certain Elements Hoping to See City Much Enlivened

SUNDAY THEATERS
New Mayor Has Liberal Views and Interpretation of "Open Town" May Mean Lid Off on Sunday

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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New York, Sept. 18.—With the Tammany tiger completely triumphant in the primaries and expected to "put over" its candidate for mayor at the November elections, there is no denying the fact that certain elements of New York life are looking for "better things" in the future, and better things to these citizens mean an "open town." It has been whispered along the Bowery recently that if the "lid" is kept on just a little while longer, everything will be all right when "Jimmy" Walker gets to the City Hall.

Poor old New York has been looking for an "open town" for so long it is not surprising to find it grabbing at straws. With the sale of liquor restricted if not stopped it is difficult to know nowadays just what an "open town" means. Certainly there is no chance for a return to the days so freely predicted by Mayor Hylan in his fight against Walker, Governor Smith and Tammany. One interpretation of the "open town" freely heard along Broadway today would be the right to give Sunday performances in the theatre. New York has been "liberal" in many ways but it has been behind many sections of the country, particularly the Middle West, in the matter of Sunday theaters. Even Washington, the national capital, is more of an open town in that respect than the metropolis of the nation.

New York's Sunday show going is confined to the "movies," and to occasional "concerts in the vaudeville theaters, the law stating that no performance shall be given in costume. As a state senator, the Democratic nominee for mayor has been known as the advocate of liberal legislation at Albany.

He is called the "father" of Sunday baseball, while the law under which championship prize fights to a decision are permitted in the stage bears his name. This liberality in the views of the man Broadway expects to be the next mayor has led many of the easy living residents of the city to believe New York is bound to go back to the "good old days." The "old sports" die hard.

The truth of the matter is that there is not a chance in the world for New York to be any more open than it has been the last 15 years or so, or since the famous tenderloin district was wiped away never to return. New York is no better and no worse than the average big American municipality. Perhaps it is a little better than good many of them. But New York is a playground, there are hundreds of thousands of "strangers" in the city every day, and 99 per cent of them are looking for pleasure and amusement by night if not by day. They find the city clean in nearly all its aspects and safe, despite the capital which was made of the crime records in the recent political unpleasantness.

However, to the minds of many of the old timers, reformers and sports alike, there is an association of ideas between the Tammany tiger and the red light. In the good old days, "when men were men," the tiger never was pictured in cartoon without a red lantern tied to his tail. But conditions have changed. Public opinion has been changed. It has been found there can be plenty of liberal pleasures left to the world without a return to the period of open vice, living by police regulation and graft. New Yorkers laughed only at the Hylan charges that the red lights were coming back to this fair city, that gambling hell would spring up at every corner and that the underworld would flourish from one end of the city to the other. Some of the ever-hopeful sports prayed that the mayor might be right; all sane citizens knew he was wrong. Governor Al Smith was not only the center figure but the handman in this primary election. The people know what he stands for and they rather like the Al Smith brand of "wickedness."

Nevertheless the cry of the "open town" still may be heard in the coming campaign. The Republican committee in charge of the campaign to be waged against Walker is headed by Charles D. Hillis, vice chairman to President Taft. The presence of Mr. Hillis at the helm insures a clean campaign so far as the republicans are concerned, with an appeal to the people to put a business man at the head of their affairs at a time when business acumen, rather than political popularity, may be needed.

But the remnants of the Hearst-Hylan personal machine will continue to fight Tammy and Al Smith in the old orthodox way and from such sources the red light, open town charges will be broadcast in ever increasing fury.

Father of America's Playgrounds to Preside at National Recreation Congress



JOSEPH LEE OF BOSTON, President of the Playground and Recreation Association of America.

Mr. Lee has never practiced law, but has devoted all his time to an unpaid social service. His inherited property he has regarded as a public trust. He has been responsible for much social and educational progress in Boston and Massachusetts, but his writings on play and his leadership in the recreation movement have been his greatest contribution. Since 1910 he has been President of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, the organization formed in 1906 by President Roosevelt and others to help cities provide play spaces and play leaders for the safety and welfare of their people.

The National Recreation Congress takes place in Asheville, N. C., "the Land of the Sky." Recreation superintendents, educators, manufacturers, clubwomen, writers and city officials are among the types of leaders who will attend. The topics to be discussed include rural recreation, the national park study, community music and drama, recreation life for girls and home recreation.

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CURRITUCK FOLK WILL ENTERTAIN AT POINT HARBOR

Get Together Day Will Be Observed Next Friday at Pleasure Park, Near End of Neighbor County

PLENTY OF Eatables
Prominent Speaker Promised, and Entertaining Musical Program Assured—Guests to Help Selves

Heartened by the success of the Acorn Hill celebration here Thursday, and as a means of making Elizabeth City folks and others in the Albemarle district acquainted with the altogether delightful County of Currituck and its people, this neighbor county will observe Get Together Day next Friday, September 25, in the pleasure park near the site of the old Indian fort on Currituck Sound, at Point Harbor.

There will be a program of special music and an address by a speaker described as one who ranks among the best in the State, but whose name has not been announced yet. Dinner and supper will be served at a nominal cost—and an abundance of fried chicken, barbecue, ham, pickles and other tasty products of Currituck will be served.

Guests will be permitted to help themselves to the eatables, which nobody will be limited to a single helping. The serving of dinner will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and will continue until 9 o'clock that night, until everybody has been provided for. The park will be electrically lighted.

The song service which will conclude the entertainment program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Those in charge of the event invite everybody to come at 1 o'clock, and remain until the celebration is over.

Point Harbor is readily accessible from Elizabeth City and nearby points by reason of the State highway running all the way to the Point. It is declared to be in excellent condition, and the distance from Elizabeth City can be covered in a little over an hour and a half, at a reasonable speed, according to local motorists who have driven over it in the last few days.

NEW SPEED RECORD BY NAVY AVIATOR
Mitchell Field, Sept. 18.—A unofficial world's speed record was established today when Lieut. Alfred J. Williams, Navy aviator, flew at a rate of 302.3 miles an hour.

FRENCH MAKE GAINS WITH SMALL LOSSES
Fez, French Morocco, Sept. 18.—The French are now said to hold most of the important strategic positions on the northern battle front. It was said in military circles today that, thanks to Marshal Petain's carefully nurtured plans, this result has been achieved minimum losses.

HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DENYING VISA
London, Sept. 18.—It was officially denied today that the British government had any connection whatever with the exclusion from the United States of Shapurji Saklatvala, Communist member of the House of Commons, whose passport visa as member of the British delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Washington was revoked by the Secretary Kellogg.

TONG WAR SEEMS ABOUT BEGIN AGAIN
New York, Sept. 18.—Possibility of the resumption of the recent Tong war less than four days after the signing of a formal truce was seen by local police in the killing today of Yung See Gunn, Tong member in New York's Chinatown.

SATURDAY IS LAST DAY OF FREE COAL OFFER
The free coal offer featured this week in the advertisements of the M. G. Morrisette & Company will close on Saturday. While many have taken advantage of the offer there are still a few heatrolas left. The offer will close Saturday night and those who do not sign up for heatrolas before that time will not be entitled to the free coal.

DIET BUILDING IS DESTROYED BY FIRE
Tokyo, Sept. 18.—The imperial diet building was destroyed by fire today. The diet was not in session.

SHERIFF DECLARES IT WAS FAMILY AFFAIR
Monroe, Sept. 18.—No arrests yet have been made in connection with the mutilation of Turner Blanchard. The sheriff said today that it was a "family affair."

COTTON SKEED REPORT
Washington, Sept. 18.—Cotton seed crushed in August totalled 115,381 tons as compared with 62,140 last August, the Census Bureau today announced. Stock on hand at the mills August 31 amounted to 189,543 tons.

Poisons Snakes



Julius Jerry of San Antonio, Tex., a deadly poison to the most poisonous snakes. He has been bitten by 52 poisonous snakes in the last 20 years and every one of them as died in agony as a result. Jerry believes that his blood has become so poisoned from 20 years work with snakes that it now quickly poisons any reptile that bites him. Despite this, he always has been in perfect health.

IZZY AND MOE MAKE AN EXIT

By ROWLAND WOOD
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New York, Sept. 18.—Izzy Einstein and Moe Smith, the Siamese twin rum sleuths, to whom prohibition brought almost as much notoriety as it did to Mr. Volstead himself today got their pictures in the New York papers for probably the last time.

The pictures accompanied an announcement that John A. Foster, New York's new prohibition enforcement chief, has issued an order forbidding that henceforth all agents operating under him are to remain incognito. Izzy's and Moe's names were not mentioned in the order, but it was obvious that the ruling was aimed at them, inasmuch as they are virtually the only agents in these parts who ever make a "top head" in the papers.

Just why the incognito order was issued—whether it was to still the jealous pangs in the breasts of Izzy and Moe's co-workers, or whether it was inspired by some other motive—was not made clear. It could hardly have been inspired by fear that Izzy and Moe might become too well known to the bootlegging gentry through constant publication of their pictures, their names and their methods. For it is a curious fact that, despite the constant broadcasting of their pictures and descriptions, they never seem to be "spotted" as prohibition agents.

One of the best stories the pair have turned up for the papers recently was the story of how they had purchased drinks from and then arrested, saloon keepers who had their pictures pasted on the bar for identification.

The fame of Izzy and Moe, who now pass into history and eventually, perhaps into legend, was based partly on their skill at disguises, partly on their sense of what was a "good story" and partly on their willingness to "stand foot" almost anything the reporters thought up to write about them.

Their disguises ran the entire gamut, from gentlemen of the evening, out for a good time in "soup and fish," down through the tanks of coal heavers, long-shoremen and yogges. They have impersonated bar tenders out of a job and suffering from potent thirst. It is even rumored that they have impersonated beer barrels, which is not entirely incredible considering their general contour.

MATTAMUSKEET LAKE TO BLOOM IF PLAN WORKS

New Holland Corporation, Latest Purchasers of Large Tract in Hyde, Propose New Development

STILL IS IN COURTS
Litigation Over Bond Issue Is Subject of Hearing Before Federal Judge I. M. Meekins Here

Early resumption of work toward reclamation of Lake Mattamuskeet, in Hyde County, after the pumps in the lake bed have lain idle for several years and the project has been permitted largely to go to wreck and ruin, is in prospect through the recent purchase of the property by the New Holland Corporation, a concern incorporated under the laws of Delaware and financed with New York capital.

This latest transaction involving Lake Mattamuskeet, into which millions of dollars have been poured since the draining of some five years ago, was the subject of a hearing in Federal Court here this week before Judge I. M. Meekins, in which steps were taken to remove legal entanglements at present hindering development of the property.

Half a dozen of the best lawyers in this part of North Carolina were present at the proceedings, these including Furner, Congressman John H. Small, of Smith, McLean and Rodman, a Washington, D. C., firm of attorneys; Carroll T. Spencer, of Swan Quarter; Van B. Martin, of Plymouth; Major W. C. Rodman and W. D. Rodman, of Washington. The only Elizabeth City law firm appearing was Thompson & Wilson, of counsel for the new corporation.

Lake Mattamuskeet, which comprises a little less than 50,000 acres of the lake bed, originally belonged to the State, and was in the hands of the Department of Education. It was first sold to the Southern Land Reclamation Company, and a drainage district was formed which included the high land about the lake, together with the lake bed itself. Bonds in the amount of \$500,000 were issued to cover the cost of cutting canals from the lake to Pamlico Sound, and of putting in pumping machinery to remove the water. The lake bed was made responsible for \$400,000 of the bonds, and the adjacent highland for the remaining \$100,000. The present litigation is concerned largely with the last \$100,000 of these bonds.

After some vicissitudes, the lake property fell into the hands of the North Carolina Farms Company, a subsidiary of the R. J. Dollings Company, of Columbus, Ohio. The Dollings Company was a large concern engaged in financing a number of enterprises in the Middle West and in itself, at one time the Lake Mattamuskeet project flourished as never before. The lake was drained dry, farms were laid out, and the city of New Holland was built in the heart of the lake.

Then suddenly the Dollings company fell upon dark days. Unwarranted speculations resulted in the company going into receivership, and its subsidiaries followed accordingly. This was in 1922. The receivers sold the property to Van Lanningham & Nicholson, of Kansas City, and finally the latter company sold it to its present owners, the New Holland Corporation. The transfer included the New Holland, Edenton port and Mt. Vernon railroad, which runs from the lake northward, and connects with the city of New Holland and the Norfolk Southern running from Mankies to Belhaven.

A Contested Order
In ordering the sale, Judge W. M. Bond, in Superior Court, directed that the property be delivered free of encumbrance, to this end ordering that the receivers pay three-fourths of the \$100,000 in bonds still outstanding from the original issue. He took the stand that this would free the lake bed of further responsibility for the retirement of the bonds, inasmuch as that part of the drainage district originally had been made responsible for three-fourths of the \$500,000 issue.

The validity of this order is now attacked by the First National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, representing itself and other bondholders, in an action against the Mattamuskeet Drainage District asking that the district be required to pay off all the bonds, or that the land be sold in default of payment. The New Holland Corporation was made a party defendant to the suit this week in Federal Court here.

In making the corporation a party to the suit, Judge Meekins allowed its attorneys 60 days in which to file an answer. Without prejudice to the rights of the corporation, the court ordered further that in the event the bonds should not be paid and the assessments not collected before...

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