

BEST CITIAN IS MAKING SUCCESS DOWN IN FLORIDA

Ed H. Hammond, Boyhood Playmate of Walter L. Cohoon, Responsible for Great Development

BEAT PONCE DE LEON

By Wonderful Spring He Helped Create Residential Quarter and Unique Agricultural Community.

Brooksville, Florida, Oct. 2.—A dozen miles to the south and west of this beautiful old town in the high hills of Hernando County is a marvelous spring which yields 14,000,000 gallons of pure water and forms a navigable stream through 12 miles of scenic wonder as it winds its way to the Gulf of Mexico, and around this spring and along the river banks there is being created one of the most gorgeous and exclusive residential quarters of Florida.

Half the distance to the north and east is the highest hill of all Florida, and upon and about it there is being created one of the most unique agricultural communities of the country. The exclusive residential quarter and the unique agricultural community are the result of a North Carolinian's genius. The fellow who is responsible for both is Ed H. Hammond, native of Elizabeth City, a childhood playmate of Walter Cohoon and a large number of other youngsters who since have found a place in the industrial and political history of North Carolina.

Mr. Hammond left North Carolina many years ago. He has operated lumber mills in Michigan and Alabama, developed real estate projects in many states and found the hills of the gulf ridge, recognized the value of this wondrous country of lakes and forests and springs and streams and hills, and established headquarters here.

He heard of Weekiwachee Springs, a wonderful fountain which captured the attention of Senator Ponce de Leon who quested so long for the waters of the spring of eternal youth. He visited it, and was impressed by its possibilities. With Charles Monroe Price, local banker, and some others, he formed a syndicate for the purchase of the spring and about 4,000 acres of land around it and along the river it forms. Immediately afterwards the city of St. Petersburg offered the company a million and a half dollars for the spring and 40 acres. The offer was refused. W. R. Martin, international banker; E. J. H. Levett, New York capitalist; Rex Beach, the novelist; J. E. R. Carpenter, sold to America's greatest architect, and other men of large wealth became interested. A new company was formed.

Now the Weekiwachee country, owned almost entirely by Mr. Hammond's company, Glenard, is incorporated in the company and a gigantic project whose total expenditures will reach approximately \$50,000,000 before the development has reached that degree of perfection Mr. Hammond has visualized.

FAIR EDITION

The annual fair edition of The Daily Advance will appear on Tuesday, October 6, the opening day of the Albemarle District Fair, as its editors should be on the alert for this edition which will bring them the final and authoritative word in way of announcements as to the fair program.

Advertisers should have their ads in The Advance office by 6 o'clock Saturday night and not later than noon on Monday. Those desiring space will avoid disappointment by making reservation for it on Saturday.

"AL" IS POPULAR IN MIDDLE WEST

He Praised Chicago and Attacked the Administration of Coolidge

By OWEN L. SCOTT
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Chicago, Oct. 2.—"Al Smith for President," received a noticeable boost on his Middle-Western debut here recently—and without so much as mention of beer.

The throngs seemed to take for granted that part of the New York governor's attitude and acted accordingly. They formed an impressive and enthusiastic audience of nearly 100,000 at the Beverly Hills Forest Preserve, as "Al" gave them a five or ten minute talk, attacking the Coolidge economy program which he called a myth, and praising the Democratic administration of Chicago affairs.

Piercing cheers and wild yells, characteristic of a political rally were common. Governor Smith seemed to get away with his stuff as well in the corn belt as on the sidewalk of New York.

There was no mention in the governor's brief speech that he had come West to launch a Presidential boom. That part of it was left to the inauguration, to the attack on the Coolidge administration, and to the thousands of bedecked cars whose banners heralded "Al Smith for President."

It was a day of political booms for Illinois Democrats. Besides wanting to start Governor Smith out in the corn belt as the Democratic nomination, they were launching a whole ticket for Illinois state offices and Chicago city offices. Mayor Dever was getting under way his campaign for a second term as Chicago's chief executive. He discreetly failed to mention the fight he has made against beer. Prohibition proved a taboo subject.

The day's principal political accomplishments were not made on the field. While the vast crowd waited for a chance to see and hear Al Smith, the governor and Democratic political leaders from several middle western states were holding a confab at their suite at the Blackstone Hotel. This famous hostelry has been the scene of the making and breaking of many Presidential ambitions.

George E. Brennan, Democratic boss in Illinois, and Governor Smith's manager in the last Democratic convention, led that meeting. Several states hereabouts, with a very large Democratic vote, but with worth-while representation in conventions, had representatives here.

Governor Smith met these Democratic leaders and general Presidential prospects were talked over, according to reports from those in attendance. Though the governor's visit was short and snappy all the way through, the impression he created in friends heralded the trip well worth while politically.

Revenue from the Pasquotank recorder's court rose to a new high level last month, with a total of \$114,000 in fines collected. The highest receipts for any previous month was \$108,400.

Only two cases came before the recorder for trial Friday morning and, with a plea of guilty in each case, these were quickly disposed of. Alexander Leigh and J. B. Holly, up for failure to list taxes, were required to pay taxes and costs.

County Judge Sawyer has requested the police department to keep a record of these tax delinquents this year, declaring that in cases where repeated delinquency in tax listing is brought to his attention, he will impose a more severe penalty.

MAIL AIRPLANE HAS NOT SHOWN UP YET
Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 2.—One of the United States mail planes westbound, due at Bellefonte at 11:30 last night, has not yet arrived and its whereabouts are unknown.

Preparing to Take Dead Ashore



Rear Admiral H. H. Christy and Commander Newton of the U. S. S. Camden stood by with bare heads as the bodies of William C. Teschemacher, of Banker, Pennsylvania, and John L. Gibson, of Portland, Oregon, were brought up from the sunken wreck of the submarine S-31 and laid on the deck of the Camden. After sailors had arranged the bodies neatly in blankets the dead men were taken to Newport, Rhode Island, by a destroyer.

THEY WALKED ON SILVER STREETS

Crushed Rock Had Queer Color and Proved Too Valuable for Paving

By HARRY C. ELLER
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Long Beach, Cal., Oct. 2.—The discovery that Long Beach has two blocks of paved street that should be with the "street of forgotten men," "one way street," and other thoroughfares came when the paving contractors complained to the Catalina Island Oil Company, furnishing the crushed rock, that the material was off color.

This is not a publicity yarn, not a "come on" for tourists. It is the truth, vouched for by the contractors who paved the streets and the company that furnished the precious metal that is trodden by even those without a claim to heavenly virtue.

The contractors didn't like the looks of the crushed stone, so the Catalina Company investigated the rock. They assayed samples and found that it ran \$10 to the ton in silver ore.

They were more than willing to change the rock and did so. They investigated further and found the entire mountain side from which the rock had been taken for street building material to be impregnated with silver, lead and zinc ore.

The two blocks in the city of Long Beach stand. The city won't pave with any more of the island rock for fear of a pick and shovel influx. Long Beach might wake up some morning and find its streets started away. But they will keep and take a chance on the two blocks of silver laced streets they have.

CHIMNEY FIRE
Firemen were called out last night at 6:35 o'clock for a chimney blaze at the home of Alfred Pallas, colored, on South Road street. Truck 2 responded. There was no damage.

FRANC DECLINES ON NEWS FROM AMERICA
Paris, Oct. 2.—The first tangible effect here of the frail formula of a tentative arrangement between France and America as to debt settlement which must be ratified by the French parliament before it may acquire authoritative standing, was to send the American dollar up from 21 1/2 francs at the opening of the bourse to 21.30 francs at 1 o'clock.

Franc Declines on News from America
This formula was thrust into the breach yesterday to save the Franco-American debt negotiations from utter collapse.

Youth In Tiny Sailboat To Dare Ocean's Perils

Bound from New London, Conn., to Miami, Fla., in a tiny Sponon canoe, A. J. Heller, examiner in the life saving service of the American Red Cross, arrived here today, accompanied only by his German police dog, Sonny, a pup of about two months. Heller, a 16-foot affair with a sail and paddles as its only motive power, was towed here from the vicinity of Norfolk by the Texas Oil Company's tanker Waterlily. Heller is 23 years old, and is a veteran of the World War. He is going from here across Albatross and Pamlico Sounds and out into the open sea at Beaufort. He says he has done life saving work all along the coast, and is not disturbed over the perils of open water, but is distrustful of the sounds through which he must pass before arriving in Beaufort.

On his trip from Norfolk here, Heller passed through the Dismal Swamp Canal. "Say, please don't forget to say that I went through the Great Dismal Swamp," he reminded a newspaperman, "and tell 'em I found it very melancholy."

Heller carries a limited supply of provisions for himself and his dog, and this was running low when he reached Elizabeth City. "One of us has been overeating," he declared. "Our grub has cost us \$54 already. I guess it must have been Sonny, because he has been seasick the last day or two. He is not a good sailor."

Heller and his pup left at noon today, hoping to arrive in Beaufort tomorrow or Sunday. He says he expects to reach Miami by October 21.

GOOD ROADS MADE THIS TRIP POSSIBLE
Isaac Hall, of Hall's Creek, Pasquotank County, has returned from an automobile tour carrying him across North Carolina and into Kentucky and Tennessee, covering a total of 1,168 miles and reaching home within two hours of the estimated time for his return.

Mr. Hall was accompanied by Mrs. Hall, their son, Leland Hall, and Mrs. Hall's father, Jephtha Smith. Their itinerary was made out by Rev. Frank Sedtgerood, pastor of Cann Memorial Presbyterian church.

AUTO CARAVAN MAY VISIT THIS SECTION
A strong intimation that North-eastern Carolina will be included in the itinerary of the motor caravan to leave Asheville this month on a tour to "advertise North Carolina to North Carolinians," is contained in a letter just received by Secretary Deb, of the Chamber of Commerce, from F. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, who is directing the tour.

Mr. Miller asks for a tentative schedule through this part of the State, and inquires as to the possibility of a side trip to Roanoke Island. The caravan will start from Asheville, and will pick up motor delegations from Charlotte, Raleigh and other cities on the way across the State. Wilmington originally was selected as the eastern terminus of the trip, but Secretary Deb reminded the sponsors that the Albemarle district was in North Carolina, and they are considering extension of the tour to include this part of the State.

STILL IS DESTROYED
BY CAMDEN OFFICER
A 50 gallon still, improvised from a metal gasoline barrel, was destroyed by Deputy Sheriff Horatio Seymour yesterday on the Lake tract in Camden County, about five miles from Camden. Court House. Deputy Sheriff Seymour brought a copper wire from the mill to the courthouse as mute testimony of the raid.

GREAT BRITAIN HAS NINE SHIPS TO AMERICA ONE

This, Say Shipping Men, Will be Point Brought Out in Survey of Situation Ordered by Coolidge

SHIPS RULE SEA

It Doesn't Matter Whether It's in Trade or in Battle the Victory Is to the Best Equipped

By J. C. ROYLE
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New York, Oct. 2.—Great Britain has nine merchant ships for America's one and nine food ships to one poor one. That is what shipping men said today would be the important point brought out through the determination of President Coolidge to get to the bottom of United States Shipping board hickeries through an investigation and survey made by H. G. Dalton of Cleveland, which has just been announced.

They are confident that the survey will place the position of this country in world trade on a firm foundation and many believe that it will justify the plan of Admiral Benson, now under consideration by the President, for the building of at least two monitors the general type of the Leviathan and the Malolo, which is now under construction.

Whether this country believes in preparedness for peace or preparedness for war, according to William F. Gibbs, head of the Leviathan which reconducted the League, numbers rule the sea. "It does not matter whether we go back to the time of dug-out canoes or talk in terms of the steam turbines," he said, "in trade or battle, the nation with the most ships rules the sea."

"Fighting ships are only as strong as the auxiliary vessels which supply them. A fleet is absolutely dependent on merchant vessels for support. If, out of the recommendations before the League of Nations, or as a result of calling another disarmament conference, which President Coolidge is understood to be considering, a proposal should come to scrap every fighting vessel in the world, Great Britain would fall on the neck of the proposer and kill him. For Britain, with the nine ships to our one, would still rule the sea not only in time of war but in time of trade."

Like Admiral Benson and other American shipbuilders, Mr. Gibbs is a strong advocate of the so-called "three ships" method of transportation. This system simply means that through operation of three liners of approximately the same type, weekly sailings can be maintained across the Atlantic. The Leviathan, operated alone, can only be counted on for three weekly sailings so that the line is unable to serve round trip traffic even from the passengers sailing on her one way. Tourists, who wish to sail on American boats are usually unable to make their plans conform with such a schedule and other lines obtain the profit of at least part of the trip.

Part of the Shipping Board fleet now riding in American estuaries can be used, according to Mr. Gibbs, "Some of these vessels can be Dieselized," he added. "Installation of Diesel engines is expensive but it is eminently worth while if vessels can be kept at sea. The value of Diesel engines lies in saving of fuel. If a vessel is tied up in a dock and burning no fuel, obviously the Diesel engines cannot save any money."

"Some of the vessels owned by the Board are obsolete and there should be no more hesitancy in scrapping them and replacing them with up-to-date craft than in discarding any other piece of obsolete equipment in any other industry."

A 20-day test of the first two Diesel engines to be completed for installation in Shipping Board vessels at the order of the Government, is expected to start this week at the Buffalo plant of the Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation. This test will be equivalent to a non-stop run around the world and should serve to indicate the reliability of the two cycle acting type developed by American engineers.

"They outweigh to an extent which opens entirely new possibilities of use on the high seas," Dr. C. E. Locke, head of the mechanical engineering department of Columbia University said today. "The first time forged steel has been used in construction of the cylinders. Worthington engineers claim this affords greater simplicity in strength and resistance to heat stresses than castings."

Overton Case Dismissed In Dramatically Sudden Fashion at Camden Court

CHARACTER GOOD SAYS WITNESSES

TESTIFIES AT LENGTH

Defendant Astonishes Court and Spectators by Recital Manifesting Clear Memory of Details

Camden, Oct. 2.—(Special)—Dismissed by Judge Thomas H. Calvert today a few minutes before noon of the action against Charles Overton, aged farmer of the South Mills section, in which his granddaughter was seeking to have a guardian appointed to administer his affairs, brought the case to an unexpectedly sudden end just as attorneys for the granddaughter were about to cross-examine the defendant.

"I have formed a pretty definite opinion about this case," Judge Calvert said, in announcing his decision to dismiss the action. "All through the examination of the defendant, I have had in mind his age, and he has given about as remarkable an exhibition of intelligence, considering that factor, as I have ever witnessed. His memory of details is astonishing. Indeed, I am willing to admit that it probably is as good as mine—possibly better."

"No proper sense of justice would permit this defendant to be subjected to cross-examination," Judge Calvert continued. "It ought not to be. I might say further that I have been impressed with the fine looking and bright granddaughter, and with the faithfulness to her foster father shown by the adopted daughter. I don't see why all three cannot live together in peace and good faith. Hence, I'm going to dismiss this action on my own responsibility."

Defendant Takes Stand
The Overton case opened in Camden County Superior Court Wednesday afternoon with selection of the jury. Yesterday morning the examination of witnesses began, and continued through the day. This morning Mr. Overton took the stand. On direct examination, he testified in detail 23 business transactions extending over a number of years, displaying an astonishing memory for details. He admitted that he could not read and write, but said he could figure after a fashion, and could count money.

In response to a question, he confessed that he liked a "little toddy" occasionally, but denied emphatically that he kept a jug of liquor on hand in the house, explaining he "couldn't hardly" afford a pint at the time. It was brought out in the course of the examination that he, himself, despite his fourscore-and-odd years, had cultivated a 20-acre crop this year.

In discussing his farming, he told with many chuckles of a little experience that befell him recently. He was plowing in a cornfield, he said, and accidentally overturned a beehive. "You should have seen me and that mule cutting across the field, with those bees after us," he laughed, "but it wasn't very funny to me at the time."

After Mr. Overton's direct examination had been concluded, the court ordered a brief recess to allow the witness to rest. This was shortly before 11 o'clock. Then followed nearly an hour of whispered conferences between the defendant and attorneys and witnesses for both sides. When court reconvened, E. F. Ayldett, of counsel for the defendant, asked permission to ask him two or three questions. This was granted.

Tells of Requests
"Have you made your will?" Mr. Ayldett inquired. Mr. Overton answered in the affirmative, explaining that he had done so before the court proceedings had been begun.

"Have you any intention of changing it?" Mr. Ayldett asked then. "No," Mr. Overton replied. "How have you apportioned your property?" was the next question.

"I gave half to my granddaughter, and the other half to Rosa," the witness explained, adding hastily that he meant the disposal of his property after his death. He was assured that wills do not become operative before then. By "Rosa," he meant his adopted daughter, Mrs. Rosa Albertson.

The action for appointment of a guardian over Mr. Overton, whose age is given by himself as 84 years, but is variously set at 87 to 89 years by others, was brought by his only direct descendant, Mrs. Mary Lamb Rhodes, who is 17 years of age, and is decidedly attractive. The announced date for the trial was Oct. 23.00.

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ATTERBURY NOT WITHOUT RIVAL

Two Other Men Were Also Considered as Successors Samuel Rea

By J. C. ROYLE
New York, Oct. 2.—An General W. W. Atterbury settled himself in the chair vacated by Samuel Rea, as head of the great Pennsylvania railroad system Thursday. It became known in railroad and financial circles here that his occupancy of that seat had not been uncontested. Sir Henry Thornton, head of the government railroad lines of Canada and Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of the Northern Pacific railroad, also were considered for the job.

Before going to Canada and becoming a Knight of the British empire, Thornton was connected with the Long Island railroad, a Pennsylvania subsidiary. His present salary as head of the government owned Canadian lines is \$75,000 a year with \$25,000 additional as expenses. Elliott was for years connected with the New York, New Haven and Hartford road and is therefore thoroughly familiar with rail conditions in Long Island and Pennsylvania territory.

The first action of General Atterbury today was to issue a declaration that he was determined to maintain the traditions of the road, and aggressively protect the property of those who have invested in Pennsylvania stock.

WARNED THAT SYSTEM WAS NOT FOOL PROOF
Lakehurst, N. J., Oct. 2.—In approving the gas valve system change in the airship Shenandoah the Bureau of Aeronautics at Washington warned those on the ship that the new system was not as "fool proof" as the original installation and that extreme care should be taken in the operation of the ship.

COLONEL MITCHELL TO BE DISCIPLINED
Washington, Oct. 2.—Disciplinary action against Col. William Mitchell, Air Service storm center, will be renewed by the War Department as soon as Col. Mitchell completes his testimony before the President's air board which is expected within the next day or two.

Col. Mitchell will be directed to report to the inspector general of the army in connection with the investigation previously ordered as to whether language he employed in the statement made public in Texas and which precipitated the appointment of the special air board constitutes conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

STEAMERS SAILING SOUTH FROM ARCTIC
Curling, Newfoundland, Oct. 2.—The steamer Peary of the Millan Arctic expedition sailed from here early today for Sydney, Nova Scotia. The steamer Rowden with the rest of the expedition aboard is expected to leave Battle Harbor, Labrador, today and join the Peary at Sydney whence both vessels will proceed to Wiscasset, Maine.

COTTON MARKET
New York, Oct. 2.—Cotton futures closed today at the following levels: Oct. 23.93, Dec. 23.02, Jan. 22.22, March 22.50, May 22.71, July 22.35. Spots closed quiet, middling 23.15, a decline of 40 points.

New York, Oct. 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 23.17, Dec. 23.30, Jan. 22.55, March 22.77, May 23.00.



After being sold by alleged kidnapers for \$150, two inner tubes and a few gallons of gasoline, little Martha Emma Horton, 4, has been restored to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Horton at Memphis, Tenn. The Hortons say that former neighbors stole the child from a Birmingham, Ala., hospital. The child was sold in Arkansas, but later placed in a Memphis orphan's home. The arrest of the alleged kidnapers at Jasper, Ala., on other charges, led to the parents finding Martha.

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