

BILL BRINGS TO LIGHT THE MAIL ORDER MENACE

Doesn't Hesitate to Say That Elizabeth City Folks Who Do Not Buy at Home Are Disloyal

MERCHANTS PATIENT

If They Weren't a Good Natured Lot They'd Get a Bit Irritated About the Matter

"The people of Elizabeth City who patronize mail order houses in distant cities in preference to our own stores are not very consistent. The inconsistency of the mail order buyer is brought out by the Bridgeport (Conn.) News in an editorial on trading at home as follows:

"If merchants and their helpers were not a pretty good natured class of people, whose rough edges have been worn away by much contact with their home folks, they would have reasons to get irritated at times.

"There are some people who will send off or go to distant cities and make important purchases of clothing and house furnishings. Then when they find that they want some little trifling article in a hurry, they will rush down to the home store and demand that it be supplied them instantly, and blame the store if it does not have precisely what they want. They expect these stores to keep stocked up all the time on a wide variety of goods, yet they will not help supply the all around patronage which is the only basis for keeping such a general stock.

"It is a tremendous convenience and advantage to have a fine group of retail stores in a town. Such establishments furnish a community with sources of supply that deal all over the world. A good store supplies the comforts and essentials of civilization, and it is a wonderful benefit to have it close by where you can call on its service at any moment, and get its supplies and its advice.

"But people do not expect to have the kind of stores their community is entitled to on the basis of its population and wealth. If they are constantly running off to other places to buy goods. Unless they give their patronage to their home stores, the home stores cannot serve them efficiently.

"It is well to remember that the home stores and the men who own and operate them are a tremendous force working all the time to provide this community with all forms of modern equipment, to improve its civic advantages and to advance its prosperity. When you support them you back up and help your community."

"Carrying out the same thought to the people of Northern Alabama the Anniston (Ala.) Star comments editorially on the out of town buyer as follows.

"Unfortunately many people who are in other respects loyal to their home town and appear eager to promote its growth will do most of their buying away from the home town. When they have considerable buying to do they will go to some nearby larger city and spend hundreds of dollars for goods that could have been bought in the home stores for no higher price than they have paid to the city merchant, and they make their living add their home.

"The mail order houses and the lure of the larger city stores are working a hardship upon the merchants in the smaller cities of the land and are making it increasingly more difficult for the home town stores to keep going. Yet the home stores are the ones that are expected to extend credit to those who need it despite the fact that very frequently in very people who ask for the most credit are those who have bought the most out of town. It is unfair to the home town merchant and it is unfair to the home town, for unless a town's business thrives and its merchants prosper the town cannot grow as it should."

CURTAIN RISES AT 8:15 ON DELIGHTFUL OPERETTA

Tonight at 8:15 the curtain will rise on the delectable and prettiest of operettas, "The Gypsy Queen," presented at the Grammar School auditorium by the Seventh Grades. This entertainment is really a part of the 1926 commencement exercises, though the remainder of the program does not follow until more than a week later.

LAWRENCE AYDLETT IS MAKING ENVIABLE RECORD

Lawrence Aydlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Aydlett of Elizabeth City, is among the Elizabeth City students distinguishing themselves at college during their first year away.

Lawrence, who by the way, always did good work in the High School, is at State College, and besides getting on the honor roll all the year, he has gone in for sports and has been on the staff of the "Trentonian," the Watagan, and the "Tromack." He has recently been elected assistant editor of the "Trentonian," having previously served as reporter.

Camden Resident Nearly Dives Off State Bridge

Thomas Gregory, of Belcross, Camden County, narrowly escaped running overboard this morning about 7:30 when his car struck the Camden Bridge railing, stopping about 20 feet up the bridge with the two right wheels careened over the edge.

Mr. Gregory was driving toward town on his way to work. As he neared the State bridge, a Ford roadster, said to have been driven by Venezuela Brown, of Belcross, passed him and struck the front end of his car. The top of Mr. Gregory's car when hit the tree in front of W. W. Benbury's store at the edge of the bridge. The impact against the tree threw the rear end of Gregory's car to the center of the road, with the front end headed practically straight for the river. As Mr. Gregory attempted to straighten his car out he smashed into the bridge railing. One front and one back fender of the car was smashed, the radiator was crushed, and the top and curtains were badly torn. The damage to the car is estimated at \$50 to \$75.

The Ford roadster hit Mr. Gregory's car as its driver steered out of the way of another Ford touring car which was parked near the State Highway on the left side of the road coming into town. The right rear wheel of the parked car was on the cement.

Messrs. Brown and Gregory are neighbors at Belcross. Mr. Gregory is employed by W. F. Williams, of this city. In the car with Mr. Gregory was Robert Williams, of Belcross, a student of the city schools.

Rotary Will Have Chance to Practice Its Own Preaching

"I was reading the other day some figures on how much it takes to bring a boy up to manhood. I do not remember the sum, but it represents quite an investment. You men are putting money into your business and you are putting money into your boys. I think that you put more money into your boys for what you get out of it than you do into anything else. But you put yourselves into your business, and I see little evidence that you are putting yourselves into your boys."

MERCHANTS ARE FOR GOVERNOR McLEAN

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 21.—Commendation of the businesslike manner in which the affairs of the State as a whole and of the various departments are being conducted is voiced in a resolution adopted by the North Carolina Merchants Association assembled in annual convention in Goldsboro, which mentioned Gov. A. W. McLean as a "real friend" of the merchants of the State. The fullest cooperation in the proposed survey of Women in Industry was promised. The resolution follows:

"Whereas we feel that in the person of Governor A. W. McLean the merchants of the State have a real friend, therefore be it resolved that this convention commend the thoroughly businesslike basis upon which our State is now being operated; that we believe that our Chief Executive is a man of such broad vision that he will look with disfavor upon any attempt at discriminatory legislation and that it is our belief that we have in the executive mansion at Raleigh a broad-gauged business man of the highest caliber who will safeguard the interests of all the people of this great State. Be it further,

SCOTT NOW SANE

Chicago, May 21.—Russell Scott, convicted of murder and then sent to a prison for the insane, has been found sane and must face the jury again with the gallows in the background. Scott was convicted of the murder of Joseph Maurer, 19 years old drug clerk in a hold-up four years ago. Attorney General Oscar Carrington disclosed today that the commission of state attorneys headed by Doctor Herman Adler, state criminologist, have found that Scott is now sane.

Foil Plan to Abduct Heiress



Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, widow of the late Reginald Vanderbilt, is to sail for Europe at once with her infant daughter, Gloria, shown above with her, because of numerous threats to kidnap the child. Little Gloria is heiress to \$2,500,000. Pending the sailing, the Vanderbilt mansion in New York is guarded by a number of armed detectives.

COUNTY PAVING BEING FINISHED

Grading on Salem Road Finished; Simonds Creek Job Progressing

Pasquotank's program of hard-surfacing the county's feeder roads is progressing merrily these days, with favoring weather and the best of working conditions, and probably will be completed by the time the winter rains set in. The grading of the Salem Road, running southeastwardly two miles from New Weeksville to Salem Baptist Church, was being completed Friday. County Engineer J. R. Ford, announces, The Simonds Creek Road, running westwardly three miles from Old Weeksville, will be finished during the month, with favorable conditions, and construction will be begun at once on the Eslip Road, a stretch of some three miles southwardly from Weeksville Postoffice. Mr. Ford says.

Grading of the River Road, in Newland Township, will be begun in the next two weeks, according to Mr. Ford. All these roads are to be of concrete, eight inches thick at the center, and six inches at the sides, with a width of nine feet.

The Pasquotank Highway Commission, which is directing the county feeder road program, is undertaking to feel out public sentiment on a proposal to issue an additional \$250,000 in bonds to continue the present program. Members of the commission report a generally favorable response to the suggestion, which may be embodied in a bill to be presented to the General Assembly next winter.

PLAY TONIGHT AT FORKS

The Senior boys and girls of Berea Sunday School will give the play, "All a Mistake" Friday night at Forks School, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. It is a farce comedy in three acts, and the public is cordially invited to come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 21.—Cotton futures opened today at the following in cents: Jan. 18.27, Oct. 17.53, Dec. 17.47, Jan. 17.38, March 17.47.

REGISTRATION TO CLOSE TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 22, is the last day on which Democratic voters may enroll for the party primaries to be held on Saturday, June 5. Those who fail to do so will be denied participation in the choice of County and State nominees on the Democratic ticket. C. A. Cooke, chairman of the County Board of Elections, urges that all eligibles register and vote, thereby carrying into effect the choice of the party as a whole.

WRANGLE OVER FARM RELIEF BILL TODAY

Washington, May 21.—The test vote in the House on the Haugen Farm Relief bill was asked for today by the bill's opponent, who moved to send it back to the agriculture committee. The motion was made by Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee. The point was reached against it, however, and instead of the House proceeding at once on the so long awaited test of strength, a parliamentarian wrangle developed.

ARCHITECTS GIVE TENTATIVE IDEAS ON CITY'S HOTEL

Cost of Modern Fireproof Structure Estimated by Executive Committee Roughly at \$131,500

MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Stockholders to Elect Board of Directors and Adopt Charter and By-Laws During Session

Tentative consideration of plans for this city's new 100-room hotel marked a meeting of the general hotel executive committee at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night, which was attended also by two architects, W. L. Stoddard, of New York, and Fred A. Bishop, of Richmond, together with W. R. Flory, a representative of the Hockensbury System, which directed the campaign to finance the hotel.

Both engineers were busy Friday, modifying in many details the plans they submitted Thursday night in anticipation of their adoption after the organization of the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation. It is expected that this will be accomplished at a meeting of the stockholders in the hotel Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse here. The executive committee lacked authority to act in the matter.

The general type of hotel favored by the executive committee embodies an arcade entrance from Main street, flanked by store and offices with other entrances from McMorine, Fearing and Poindexter streets, and with a spacious coffee room in the corner of the building facing Fearing and McMorine. An entranceway a single story high, running from Poindexter street to the main building, would embody parking quarters for automobiles of guests stopping at the hotel.

The cost of the hotel on this basis is estimated roughly at \$131,500. Erection of the building would cost \$250,000; an allowance of \$30,000 is made for the arcade from Main street and the entrance from Poindexter; the lots will cost \$64,500; an additional 50,000 is set aside for furnishings; and \$25,000 for general expenses, the latter including \$18,000 paid out already in meeting the cost of the campaign and other expenditures.

At the stockholders' meeting next Monday night, the hotel charter and by-laws are to be adopted and other essential business transacted. The executive committee is bending every effort toward assuring sufficient attendance, either in person or by proxy, to provide the quorum necessary, and thus prevent additional delay in beginning erection of the new hotel.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HAM BETTER'N HORNED BABY

"I've seen nothing of your horned infant," said D. T. Singleton, returning Friday from a trip to Washington County, "but I can show what I did find in that section."

With that the speaker threw back the covering from a mysterious-looking bundle in the back of his automobile, disclosing a huge ham, weighing, he had just found by actual test, no less than 35-12 pounds.

MAY PEA QUOTATIONS COVERING WIDE RANGE

With actual sales running all the way from \$2.50 to \$3.25 on the New York market, and with quotations ranging from \$2 to \$4, produce brokers dealing in May peas were hopeful Friday that the market would strengthen measurably by Tuesday of next week. Philadelphia was off Friday, with actual sales ranging from \$1.75 to \$2, but Pittsburgh, one of the leading Middle Western markets, was quoted at \$3.50, with the outlook bright.

Close observers of the May pea situation here at shipping room for much encouragement in the rapid dropping-off in shipments from across the sound. This was evidenced by the fact that only eight refrigerator-carloads of peas from that section were re-iced here Friday, as compared with about 25 Wednesday, and nearly as many Thursday.

Thirteen cars of peas were shipped from here Thursday, exactly the same number as the day before, and orders had been placed for 19 cars Friday. It was thought that the slightly bad weather might result in a decrease in shipments Friday, however.

FOUGHT OVER HUSBAND

Bertha Banks, colored, was fined \$5 and costs in recorder's court Friday morning in connection with an affray with Florence Darden, also colored, over Bertha's husband, John Davis Banks. The Darden woman was found not guilty.

A Bookworm Who Can't Read



Thomas Pentress is only four and he can't read yet. But he spends more time in the Richmond (Va.) public library than anyone else. He prefers books that have lots of pictures but isn't adverse to poring over those that have none. He comes to the library every day, pulls out a book—any book—and sits down with it.

Allen Denies That Planned Sales Tax

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 21.—"Although I have in the past and shall continue in the future to all I can to bring the matter of an eight months school term before the people of North Carolina, at no time have I advocated any method of raising the revenue required, nor shall I do so," said A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as he vehemently denied that a sales tax or any other form of tax had ever been suggested by his department as a means of financing the longer school term, as had been stated by J. Paul Leonard before the annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants' Association meeting in Goldsboro the first part of this week.

Attention was called to the fact that whether or not North Carolina has an eight months school term or a six months school term, as is now provided by the state constitution, in entirety in the hands of the people of the State, and that it is impossible to have more than six months school at present in either a district, county or the state at large without the consent of the people themselves. If the eight months term is desired, the plan must be first submitted to the legislature for approval, after which it must be submitted to a vote of the people in the state as a whole and be approved by them before it can become mandatory as law.

CHARLOTTE ENJOYS YOUNG OPERA STAR

Charlotte, May 21.—Music lovers today were comparing the ovation of Marion Talley here last night with other artists of recent years and the opinion prevailed that the youthful prima donna's was the greatest. Two thousand people jammed the auditorium for the concert while hundreds were turned away at the box office.

FIND MOTOR BOAT IS HEAVILY ARMED

New York, May 21.—Marine police who overtook a motor boat off Morton's Point, Long Island, today found a machine gun and 500 rounds of ammunition aboard the craft. Five men, all of whom gave New Jersey addresses, were arrested.

TEXAS COMPANY HAS PUT NEW GASOLINE ON MARKET

The Texas Company announces that it is now manufacturing and selling, through local filling stations, a new and better gasoline. This new gasoline is made possible through the Holmes-Manley process, a patented method owned and controlled by the Texas Company.

GREENVILLE WHALEY DEAD

Greenville Whaley, aged about 55, died this morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home on South Road street after an illness of three weeks. He was born and reared in Camden County, and had lived here for the last 20 years, having been employed as a mechanic for a number of years by the Elizabeth City Buggy Company.

Besides his wife, Mr. Whaley is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Lillie Winslow, of Pasquotank County, and Misses Kate, Minnie, Thelma, Ruth and Ethel, all of this city; a son, Grandy Whaley, also of Elizabeth City; his mother, Mrs. William Whaley, of Camden County; four brothers, Charles Whaley, of this city, and Dennis, Oscar and W. F. Whaley, all of Camden; and two sisters, Mrs. C. S. Sawyer of this city, and Mrs. Luther Jarvis, of Camden, and by two grandchildren, Lewis and Carlton Winslow.

NOT A CLEAR CUT LESSON SEEN IN VARE'S VICTORY

Dry Vote Divided and Open Question Whether Nominee Could have Won Over Others Alone

MELLON HAS NO KICK

And as for Coolidge His Attitude Already Expressed by Invitation to White House Sent Vare

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Washington, May 21.—The wish is often the father to the thought in politics and that's why every conceivable inference is being drawn from the Republican primary election in Pennsylvania. While the "wet" and dry issues placed a part, there is likely to be a search beyond the prohibition issue to find out why Representative Vare won the race.

For if prohibition was a factor the question is asked how was it that the combined vote of Messrs. Pepper and Pinchot—both of them drys—was much greater than the vote for Vare. There is no doubt that considerable wet sentiment exists in Pennsylvania, particularly Philadelphia, and that Mr. Vare's political organization used it to the utmost. But if Governor Pinchot had withdrawn from the race and the fight were between Senator Pepper and Mr. Vare, would the result have been the same? In other words would the rural districts and those precincts outside of Philadelphia which supported Governor Pinchot have given their vote to a pronounced wet from Philadelphia? The fact that there are questions like these is the primary of a clear-cut national significance.

As for reputation of the administration, especially since Secretary Mellon pleaded for Senator Pepper, the result of the election has overnight emphasized how flexible are National administrations. For instance, Mr. Vare will be as regular and staunch a supporter of President Coolidge as a Republican Senator from Pennsylvania. Mr. Coolidge will take him into his political bosom, the same as he has already Frank Smith of Illinois, victor in the Republican primary against Senator McKinley. To remove any doubts, Mr. Smith has been invited to the White House as the guest of the President. A similar invitation is in prospect for Mr. Vare.

Looking deeper than the surface for a meaning in the Pennsylvania election the fundamental current which turned the tide can be found in the attitude of the big business interests of Eastern Pennsylvania. When Mr. Mellon appealed for support for Mr. Pepper he was really trying to line up those big business organizations which had decided to cast their lot with Mr. Vare.

There are various explanations for this. It is hinted, for example that big business in the Keystone State has keenly felt the lack of a "yes" and "no" man since the death of Senator Penrose. Although Senator Pepper had a powerful influence in Washington, he was not one-two-three with the state political forces in Harrisburg. The strength of Mr. Penrose was that he handled Washington and Harrisburg at the same time, in fact he spent most of his time in Philadelphia running the Republican machine's operations as they affected both the state and National capitals.

The big business interests have been somewhat baffled by the Pinchot administration at Harrisburg. The story brought here is that they saw in a triumph of Mr. Vare an opportunity to put into office a state ticket in harmony with the Senatorial ticket and rejuvenate the state organization.

GASOLINE GOES UP

New York, May 21.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey today advanced the tank wagon price of gasoline one cent a gallon. The new quotation is 19 1/2 cents in North Carolina.

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JAMES P. SLADE DEAD

James P. Slade, aged 84, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home near Shiloh, Camden County. He was a native of Berke County, and had lived in Camden for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie M. Slade, and by a son and daughter. The body was forwarded to Bertie today for funeral services and burial there tomorrow.