

WE COULD FEED HUGE CITY WITH THIS SPUD CROP

Enough Raised in Five Counties to Supply Population of Philadelphia Two Meals for 270 Days

COMMITTEES AT WORK

Final Preparations in Progress for Potato Day and Fourth of July Celebration Here Monday

Final preparations are under way now for the celebration of Potato Day and the Fourth of July here Monday. Committees who have been busy at work on it for the last two weeks are attending to final details, and are promising one of the most entertaining programs ever given here. There will be band concerts, horse races, a huge potato exhibition in which more than \$200 in prizes will be awarded, a demonstration in potato grading and packing, exhibitions of modern life saving methods, both on land and in the water, morning and afternoon baseball games, and other lesser events.

Thousands of paper bags of deliciously crisp potato chips will be distributed among those who visit the city that day, along with potato recipe books especially printed for the occasion. The latter will contain 17 recipes, and much interesting information about the potato, and about Elizabeth City and the Albemarle district. The potato chips and recipe books will be donated by the Merchants Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, which is actively in charge of preparations for the event.

As a means of guarding against that bugbear of all too many Fourth of July celebrations, thirst, the committees announce that four barrels of ice water will be placed at points of vantage on the courthouse green, where the main events of the day will be staged, and in the downtown business section. They will be kept filled all day, and the two local ice companies have agreed to see that their contents will be kept cold.

As indicating the importance of the potato to this section, and hence the appropriateness of the Potato Day celebration, Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, offers a group of interesting statistics. These show, for instance, that the crop this summer will approximate 1,200 car, or 240,000 barrels of potatoes, which brought an average price of \$4.50 a barrel, or a total of just about \$1,083,000 in gross receipts to the five North Carolina counties between the Albemarle Sound and the Virginia line.

Figuring the cost of growing the potatoes and delivering them at \$3 a barrel, a net profit of \$1.50 a barrel to the growers is shown, or about \$360,000 for the crop—better than a third of a million dollars from one truck product alone.

Carrying his statistics still further, Mr. Job has figured that this potato crop would feed the population of a city the size of Philadelphia in potatoes twice a day for 270 days. "And what is more, our potatoes are good enough to eat that often, and that long," he declares.

Potatoes from Elizabeth City this season have been shipped to more than 100 cities in the United States, and into Cuba and Canada, the markets for them having broadened astonishingly since Government inspection was instituted last year. From having been regarded as among the poorest graded and packed product offered on the metropolitan markets, the spud from the Albemarle district today is accepted as one of the best, according to representatives from outside firms buying for export.

Exhibitors in the potato contest to be held here Monday have been urged to have their displays on hand on the courthouse green Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

REPORT OF CONDITION ON 1926 COTTON CROP

Washington, July 2.—The cotton crop of 15,635,000 equivalent 500 pound bales this year is indicated by the condition of 754 per cent of normal June 25 on the 48,498,000 acres then in cultivation, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 17, 1926, October 16.35, December 16.27, January 16.07, March 16.29.

New York, July 2.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.25, a decline of 15 points. Futures, closing bid: July 17, 1926, October 16.35, December 16.15, January 16.11, March 16.30.

"I'll Be There Tonight Airmail"



She is beginning to use the airmail for passengers. Here is Miss Faud Campbell of Salt Lake City, the first woman passenger to make the trip over the new contract airmail route between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. At airmail postage rates, such travel is hardly recommended to the stout folks.

Seekers After Licenses For Flivvers Thronging Motor Club These Days

New Supply of \$12.50 Tags Expected in Time for Saturday Demand; Harrison & McCoy Kept on the Jump as Grand Rush Begins

There are busy days in the offices of Harrison & McCoy, at McMorris street and Colonial avenue, a branch of the Carolina Motor Club. It is there that North Carolina's dignified-looking, black and white automobile license tags are being distributed, and Everett Harrison, who is in charge of distribution, is having a time of it. The demand, especially for the \$12.50 tags required on Pords, Chevrolets and other cars in that classification, has persistently overrun the supply.

For instance, Mr. Harrison received 500 of these popular tags late Wednesday. Before nightfall Thursday, they were all gone. He expected an additional thousand and Friday afternoon and promised that, after that arrived, he would not "run shy" again. Providing, of course, that it could possibly be helped. About 3,500 tags had been distributed up to Friday morning, he announced.

The entire local distribution of automobile license tags in the section north of the Albemarle Sound is centered at the offices of the Carolina Motor Club here, although of course those who wish may deal direct with the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State Department of Revenue, in Raleigh. All day long, there is a crowd at license headquarters here. In keeping with an entirely human trait, most folks waited until the last minute to procure their licenses, knowing full well that there would be the usual rush.

Although no official notification to that effect has been received by Harrison & McCoy, word from Raleigh is in effect that automobile owners will be given until Saturday, July 10, to get their licenses, but after that date, those who are still lacking will be haled into court. Possible the reason for the lack of official notice of the extension is that, if such a notification was given, a large majority of folks would wait until July 9, anyway, and the grand rush would begin then, instead of on June 30.

UNITED STATES SAYS WILL NEVER AGREE

Geneva, July 2.—United States today gave notice to the military committee of the preparatory disarmament commission that it would never agree to placing the supervision of its armaments in the hands of any international body.

RAISE PAYMENTS ON SOLDIERS' PENSIONS

Washington, July 2.—The Senate completed congressional action today on the General Pension bill raising the minimum monthly payments to all veterans of the civil and Mexican wars to \$65 by agreeing to the House amendments.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Dewey and little daughter, Catherine, left Friday for Nags Head. They expect to return home Tuesday. Mr. Dewey is superintendent of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company.

HEALTH OFFICER WOULD PROTECT MILK USER HERE

Dr. Zenas Fearing Points to Danger Arising From Present Lack of Proper Inspection Methods

MUCH TUBERCULOSIS

Many Cows Found to be Infected; Check-Up to be Made Soon on Dogs Not Treated Against Rabies

Elizabeth City has been atting these many years atop a smoldering volcano, in serene indifference to its presence, according to Dr. Zenas Fearing, city health officer, in that the city's milk supply goes directly into the homes without adequate inspection of the dairies from which it comes, and without tests of the milk itself. This is a situation that should be corrected at once, Dr. Fearing declares.

Recent investigations by Dr. V. E. Pink, local veterinarian, have disclosed an alarming percentage of dairy cows infected with tuberculosis, and therefore menace to the health of users of milk. Dr. Fearing says: "In one large herd in Pasquotank County alone, 51 cows were found to be tuberculous. Dr. Fearing advocates rigid inspection of dairies at regular intervals, and is inclined to recommend the installation of a municipal pasteurizing plant hold that it would serve a two-fold purpose, in that it would protect the public from disease, and would serve to create a central market for milk and milk products, and thereby would help to build up the dairying industry in this section.

Several years ago, the city of Tarboro, in the Eastern Piedmont section of the State, installed a municipal pasteurizing plant and the city took over its milk business entirely, paying the dairymen a reasonable market price for their product, and handling the distribution. This plan is said to have worked to excellent advantage, both for producer and consumer.

Dr. Fearing reminds also that a check-up will be made soon to determine whether all owners of dogs have complied with an ordinance passed by the City Council at its June meeting, directing that all dogs permitted to run at large be inoculated against rabies. Those who have failed to comply with the ordinance will be prosecuted, he declares.

General health conditions in this city are fairly good at present, according to the health officer, although there is considerable illness from various "summer complaints." The recent smallpox epidemic in the wane, he says, though there are still a number of cases in the outlying districts of the city. This epidemic is in an unusually virulent form, he declares, though fortunately no deaths occurred.

With 1,500 or more open toilets in the city, it is little short of miraculous that there have been no recent serious epidemics of typhoid fever. Dr. Fearing says, adding that compulsory sewerage is a vitally important health move, and should be carried into effect at the earliest possible date. This has been delayed on account of the muddle over the utilities, and now is awaiting completion of the broad sewer and water installation program now under way.

There are no cases of typhoid here now, according to Dr. Fearing. He is inclined to attribute this largely to the recent anti-typhoid inoculation campaigns, and urges that another campaign of the kind be carried on in the city and County this summer, although a large number of people already have been inoculated.

LIFE SAVING EXHIBITION

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

In addition to his program for Potato Day, in which he will give morning and afternoon demonstrations in salvaging humanity, both on land and in the water, Captain John Lewis Reese, of the American Red Cross, will demonstrate also on the courthouse green Tuesday morning from 9 to 11 o'clock, and at Dawson's Bathing Beach, near the Elizabeth City Hospital, Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Captain Reese will conclude his demonstrations here Wednesday, the program for that day to be announced later. He will also give free instruction in swimming, especially for the youngsters. His programs here are being arranged under the direction of C. E. Bailey, Red Cross chairman in Pasquotank County.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McPhillamy, who have been living at 529 Riverside Drive for the past year, left Thursday to make their home in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania. Mrs. McPhillamy is a daughter of Police Captain George W. Twiddy.

SPOTLIGHT WILL FOLLOW REED IN SENATE INQUIRY

Congress Will Quit for Summer But Reed's Committee Will Enjoy Lurid Mission on the Lakes

TO PROBE INDIANA

Pennsylvania and Illinois May Not Get All the Publicity in Regard to Primary Expenditures

By ROBERT T. SMALL, Washington, July 2.—Congress is about to quit for the summer and autumn, but the spotlight of public attention will continue to be focused on a Senator who is known far and wide as "Jim" Reed. It is the rarest time in the world to hear any one speak of "Senator Reed," he may be well known as Senator Reed, but by word of mouth, he is never anything but "Jim" Reed, and he likes it. Occasionally you will hear some one speak of "Bill" Borah, but more often it is "Senator Borah." It is quite a compliment in the Senate to have people call you by your first name, "Pat" Harrison is one who attains to this class, and justly so.

However, it is "Jim" Reed who is under discussion and is likely to be under discussion for some time to come. "Jim" is conducting the Senate's inquiry into certain Senatorial primaries. It is a wide and some times lurid mission. The people have got the idea that only Pennsylvania and Illinois are to be investigated. In this they may be very much mistaken. "Jim" Reed has a big and lucrative law practice back at his home in Kansas City, but he is not a dollar chaser and he may let the law go hand this summer if business keeps good in the investigating line.

Already there is talk that when Senator Reed takes his committee of five to the Great Lakes country later this month, he may delve a bit into the Indiana primaries of recent date. Indiana hasn't attracted a great deal of attention in the country at large, but hints have come to Washington that expenditures in the Hoosier state, while not ranking with those of Pennsylvania and Illinois, might bear a bit of scrutiny.

"Jim" Reed dominates his special committee. In Senate parlance it is a "select" committee. Senator Reed dominates almost any situation into which he comes. He has a dominant personality. When Jim Reed speaks in the Senate the galleries fill and so do the seats on the floor. It means a treat. For not only is the senator senator from Missouri vitriolic, he is vital and interesting and one of the very best lawyers ever in the upper house of Congress.

It is told of Jim Reed that when he was county prosecutor back in Missouri he prosecuted something like 287 cases and secured convictions in 285 of them. If there were more Jim Reeds in prosecuting jobs, the crime wave would be stifled for all time. This high record of convictions shows, among other things, what a witless goss up against when he faces Jim Reed as cross examiner. It also shows how much chance the Republicans may have in the states where Jim Reed is to continue his investigations this summer while other senators are resting at home or gathering in the shelds from the Chautauqu platforms.

"Jim" Reed, although written down as a Democrat, ought to be called an independent, for he is truly that. He likes the Democrat, ought to be called an independent, for he is truly that. He likes the Democratic side of an argument, because most of the Republican doctrines do not appeal to him. There are more chances for ructions when you are a Democrat.

But in their major issues of the last few years the Democrats have not been able to count Jim Reed as one of them. In fact while he was in the dominating business, he dominated the fight against the League of Nations and against the world court. He was particularly bitter in both. Woodrow Wilson may not have thought very much of Henry Cabot Lodge, and it is of record that Mr. Lodge didn't think very much of W. W., but probably the feeling between those two statesmen was as nothing compared to the sentiments Jim Reed and the war-time president held toward each other.

"Jim" Reed was a hard rider in the "battalion of death," Lodge and Borah and Johnson and Brandegee and some of the others may have given greater credit for defeating the League of Nations, among those who wanted it defeated, but that was only because they were Republicans. Jim Reed was always at their side. Party lines mean nothing to him. Senator Reed was a good friend of the late President Harding. He visited him several days at Marlon, prior to his inauguration when Mr. Harding was holding his "best

Three Generations at West Point



These three men held their own family reunion at the annual class day exercises at West Point. They represent three generations of cadets, all of the same family. At left is General W. Ennis, class of 1884, center, his son, Colonel William Ennis, class of 1907; right, the son of Colonel Ennis, William Ennis, Jr., of the class of 1926.

Tells Of Search Of Footprints Of Evangelist

Tucson, Arizona, July 2.—Ernest Boulton, mayor of Agua Prieta, in a statement printed by the Arizona Daily Star here today tells of his investigation of Mrs. Alvinne Temple McPherson's story of her kidnapping after she appeared at his town on the morning of June 23 in a state of exhaustion.

Boulton was one of the first to talk to the evangelist and says he offered her food and asked her to reach Douglas, Arizona, where her identity was established. He said tracks in the desert indicated that Mrs. McPherson had alighted from an automobile, a short distance from Agua Prieta and walked into town. Boulton said he instructed his chief of police to start an investigation the morning following the appearance of the evangelist. The inquiry showed that the woman alighted from an automobile and went to a shack about four miles from Agua Prieta. She then returned to the car. The same tracks re-appeared at the side of the road two miles from town and went to the slaughter house a mile from Agua Prieta where they were lost, the report stated.

The mayor said the tracks indicated that they had been made on the afternoon of June 22. He said that search covering a large desert area failed to reveal similar tracks. When Mrs. McPherson passed through here early this morning guards were stationed at the doors of her car.

CONGRESS WARMS UP AT THE LAST MINUTE

Washington, July 2.—With adjournment in prospect tomorrow after being in session for seven months both branches of Congress were tuned up today for a final fire of oratory and bill passing.

THREE MIAMI BANKS HAVE CLOSED DOORS

Miami, July 2.—Three Miami financial institutions, the Bank of Coconut Grove, the Bank of Buena Vista, and the Bank of Little River, suspended operations here today. The outstanding loans on which they could not deliver were given by directors as reasons for suspension of activities.

BELLAMY IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT LAWYERS

Wilmington, July 2.—John B. Bellamy of Wilmington was elected president of the North Carolina Bar Association in session at Wrightsville Beach by acclamation today. Three vice-presidents were chosen. E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest, R. L. Smith of Albemarle, and Mark W. Brown of Asheville.

COMPLETE STORY OF MATAMUSKET TO BE PUBLISHED

For some time this newspaper has wished to carry a full story of Lake Matamuskett from the time the first developments started, the present outlook and everything that would be of interest to newspaper readers.

The Advance has made arrangements to have this story appear on Saturday, barring accidents, and we feel that it will be of unusual interest to our readers. Don't fail to read Saturday's paper. Extra copies should be phone for not later than early Saturday morning.

DON'T KNOW HOW TELL REPUBLICAN

Raleigh, July 2.—The State Board of Elections has some unusual requests for information, and some unusual situations are being put up to it for rulings. The latest request for information—or rather an appeal for help—came from Moore County.

"Please tell us the best plan to keep Republicans from voting in a Democratic primary," reads a letter from a Moore County election official. Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, chairman of the State election body recently strongly indicated that the State Board's method would be the removal of county authorities who permitted Republicans to vote in Democratic primaries.

DR. KENDRICK RETURNS FROM MONTH'S STUDY

Dr. R. L. Kendrick of this city, returned home Thursday from Boston, where he has spent the past month in studying various children's ills under a number of the most eminent specialists in the country.

Ambitious



L. W. Horner is an ice man in Ochs Horna City, Okla. But he has filed his candidacy for nomination to the U. S. Senate. Perhaps he heard that Red Grange started in as an ice man.

DIFFICULT TO SEE WHERE ISSUE BE ON FARM RELIEF

Most Senators Up for Re-election Voted for McNary-Haugen Bill; Some Also Voted for Fess

TO BE ON RECORD

Legislators Figured That It Would be Best to Show Willing Spirit to Help the Farmer

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance) Washington, July 2.—Just where the issue on farm relief will be made against the administration in the West is beginning to be a difficult question to answer. For an analysis of the vote on the McNary-Haugen bill which the administration opposed and the Fess bill which it favored shows that most of those Republican Senators who are up for re-election this fall voted for the McNary-Haugen bill when it was up for consideration. Some even voted for the Fess bill in order to be on record as favoring some legislation instead of none.

The record of the Senators from states where a contest may be expected this fall runs as follows:

Senator	McNary, Fess	Fess
Nye, N. D.	Yes	No
Curtis, Kansas	Yes	Yes
Williams, Missouri	Yes	Yes
Harrell, Oklahoma	Yes	Yes
Shortridge, Cal.	No	Yes
Jones, Wash.	No	Yes
Gooding, Idaho	Yes	No
Norbeck, S. Dak.	Yes	No
Oddie, Nevada	Yes	No
Camerson, Arizona	Yes	No
Means, Colorado	Yes	Yes

The foregoing shows the vote of the Republican Senators, west of the Mississippi River. As for the votes of the Republican Senators east of the Mississippi, they, of course, do not have the same preponderance of farm strength. Their record runs as follows:

Senator	McNary, Fess	Fess
Willis, Ohio	No	Yes
Wadsworth, N. Y.	No	Yes
Bingham, Conn.	No	No
Robinson, Indiana	Yes	No
Watson, Indiana	Yes	No
Ernst, Kentucky	No	Yes
Mason, N. H.	No	Yes
Lentner, Wisconsin	No	Yes
Hull, Mass.	No	Yes
Weller, Maryland	No	Yes
Dale, Vermont	No	Yes

Thus it will be seen that the Republican Senators of the East who might have antagonized the city vote and particularly the support of many business men by voting for what so many Easterners considered an economic measure, really followed a course in line with Eastern thought and there is not sufficient strength to oust them from their seats because of their votes against the McNary bill. The only two Senators east of the Mississippi who voted for the McNary bill were the two Indiana Senators and that situation complicated by the Presidential bid of Mr. Watson.

The votes in favor of the Fess bill which was inserted as a last minute alternative have no general significance though here and there they will aid an individual Senator in demonstrating that he did all he could to aid the farmer. Most of the primary contests in the West have been held and in the eight that remain the Republican Senators can hardly have an issue made against them on farm relief for with the exception of Mr. Shortridge of California, they all voted for the McNary bill.

The political situation with respect to members of the House of Representatives is not far different. Most of the Western Republican votes against the McNary bill so as to keep their records straight.

It still is a puzzle just where the cleavage against the administration will develop in the autumn elections. The Democrats, of course, will contend that the eastern wing of the Republican party blocked farm relief and that the Democratic party would be a better instrumentality for legislative accomplishment. But running through the record of the Democrats are several who voted against the McNary-Haugen bill, especially of those whose present terms expire next March. Among these were Underwood of Alabama, Fletcher of Florida; Smith of South Carolina, George, of Georgia, and Broussard of Louisiana, while Caraway of Arkansas and Overman of North Carolina voted for the McNary bill.

LEAGUE SPENT NONE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Washington, July 2.—The campaign funds committee was told today by Wayne B. Wheeler that the anti-league league spent no money in the celebrated Senatorial primary contest in Pennsylvania this year although it already had sent money into Oregon, Wisconsin, and Minnesota for use in the primary campaign. Nothing was spent in Pennsylvania, the witness said, because league officials were unable to agree what candidate to support in the three-cornered race.