

EDWARDS COLLECTED \$1950 FOR ALFRED SMITH

George Godon Battle Contributed Most Of This Sum, It Is Shown

Local Man Testified Before Sub-Committee in Raleigh During Investigation

NO LARGE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN SPENT, IT IS SAID

Mr. Edwards Has Been Friend Of Governor Smith For Many Years

RALEIGH, May 21—(AP)—Trailing reports of a slush fund for Alfred E. Smith, in North Carolina a Senate Campaign fund sub-committee was able to uncover today only \$3,500 expenditures in this state on behalf of the presidential candidacy of the New York Governor.

George Gordon Battle, a New York lawyer and native of North Carolina, contributed \$2,500 of this sum, the Senate investigators—Stetson, Republican, Oregon, and Stratton, Democrat, New Mexico—were told. The remainder was raised locally.

From Zeb Turlington, of Mooreville the sub-committee learned that \$546 had been contributed on behalf of Representative Cordell Hull of Tennessee who is contesting with Smith for the North Carolina delegation to the Democratic national convention which is to be chosen at the State convention on June 12.

RALEIGH, May 21—Robert H. Edwards, Goldsboro, superintendent of public welfare for Wayne county told the committee that he had received \$1,950 for his work in traveling around the state in behalf of Governor Smith.

"I've spent the most of it, but I've got a little of it yet," Edwards said.

Explaining that he had been a friend of the New York governor for fifteen years, Edwards said he had been "working for Smith in season and out."

"I was creating all the Smith sentiment I could," he said.

"Have you kept an account of your expenditures," asked Chairman Stetson.

"I did not think I would be asked about it, so I didn't keep any account."

"Where did you get the money?" "I received that money in three lots. I didn't get it in a batch. I got \$400 on one time, \$50 at another, then \$1,500 on March 15."

Battle Sent \$1,500

"Where did you get the \$1,500?" George Gordon Battle sent it to me. He wrote me and said he understood I was being put to some expense and he wanted to contribute. I had no communication with the Smith organization or Tammany. I never talked with any of them. I got the money from Mr. Battle. I wrote him as nice a letter as I knew how and told him I was much obliged."

\$400 Raised in Raleigh

Edwards said he got \$50 from a fellow townsman, Mr. Thompson, and received \$400 that had been raised in Raleigh.

"Was it a surprise to you that you got \$400?" asked Senator Bratton.

"The news that I was to get \$400 was a pleasant surprise, yes sir," Edwards replied.

"Who interested you first in Governor Smith's campaign?" "Nobody in the world," Edwards replied. "I was a self appointed advocate of Smith and went out to work for him."

Senator Bratton was curious to know why Edwards traveled over the State, since all the districts were organized. The witness said he just went around.

"Comforting the Saints"

"One of my main jobs was going around comforting the saints," he explained.

"What does that mean?" Bratton inquired.

"Everybody down here knows what that means," Edwards said. "It's an

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Authorize Payment of Sou. R. R. Judgment

The judgment of \$3,500 against the city of Goldsboro in favor of the Southern railway, granted by Wayne Superior court in a compromise settlement of the Center street track removal matter, was ordered paid by the aldermen of the city meeting in regular mid-month session last night. Payment of the judgment will end the case and remove the last obstacle which prevented going forward with plans for the improvement of Center street. A committee from the aldermanic board has been named to recommend improvements for the street. Last night's session was a short one and the authorization of payment of the Southern judgment was the outstanding item of business transacted.

LIGHT SESSION COUNTY COURT

Drunken Drivers Continue To Feature Monday Morning Sessions

The following cases were disposed of in a light session of county recorder's court yesterday:

J. B. Reep assault, 4 months in jail; James Carr, driving drunk, \$50 fine and 90 days in jail, capias not to issue during good behavior and if defendant does not drive car for three months. Bob Braswell, larceny, \$25 fine and costs and 8 months in jail, sentence to begin in case defendant is again in court within next two years.

James McNair and Elbert McNair, manufacturing whiskey. James McNair, not guilty. Elbert McNair, a lad of 14 years, remanded to juvenile court.

Calvin Aycock, having whiskey for sale, 3 months in jail, appeal taken and \$200 bond required.

Goldie Smith, dring drunk, not guilty; Jesse B. Bass, no automobile license, transferred to Superior court. Fred Hilliard disturbing worship, 60 days in jail; Peleg Thompson, disturbing worship, \$10 and costs; George Hart and Lonnie Hillard, disturbing worship, case dismissed.

Richard Ferrell, driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs, including \$5 for Johnny Lee, and 90 days on roads to begin if fine and costs not paid or if defendant drives car within next three months.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY DIVORCE SUBJECT

ATLANTA, May 21—(AP)—An ad interim committee to study the whole subject of divorce was appointed today by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

Finals Are Under Way In Wayne Co. Schools Now

The commencement period is in full swing in Wayne county. Belfast finals got started this evening with the presentation of an operetta "Mother Goose Land" by the grammar grades.

Wednesday morning will come the regular graduating exercises and there will be an address by Henry Belk, editor of The News. Seventh grade certificates will be presented to thirteen pupils and there will follow a picnic on the school grounds. The public is invited to attend the picnic and too bring well filled baskets. The Wednesday morning program will start at 10:30 o'clock.

In the afternoon there will be a baseball game between the mar men and the single men of the community and this is being planned to

HULL AND SMITH FORCES WILL BATTLE

DEADLY WAR GAS KILLS 11 PEOPLE

200 Sent to Hospital in Hamburg Germany By Terrible Happening

HAMBURG, Germany, May 21—(AP)—A wisp of fog like cloud of phosgene, one of the most deadly of war gases, which crept through the streets of Hamburg last night and today was dispersed by rain and wind after it had killed eleven persons and caused more than 200 others to be sent to hospitals. Physicians were confident of saving these patients but their fate will be uncertain for more than a week.

The gas drove 350 families from their homes, but tonight all danger was regarded as ended and the authorities permitted them to return. As fitful breezes which preceded the rain wafted the gas aimlessly to and fro, human animal and plant life succumbed. Men, women, and children fell unconscious; cattle dropped in the field; chickens, ducks, cats and dogs died gaspingly and trees, grass and growing crops shriveled.

The exact cause of the tragedy has not been established. Experts think, however, that unduly warm atmosphere was responsible.

ASKS SUPPORT OF POPPY DAY

Mrs. L. W. Corbett, County Chairman For Legion Auxiliary, Issues Statements

In a statement issued yesterday Mrs. L. W. Corbett, chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day committee, asked the cooperation of the citizens of the community in making the Auxiliary Poppy Day program here on Saturday, May 26th, a success.

"To begin with the Auxiliary feels that the wearing of the Poppy in memory of the deeds of those who have fallen in defense of their country is an expression of worth while sentiment which they should not forget," Mrs. Corbett said. "Then too the sale this work all who buy a flower become year makes it financially possible for the American Legion Auxiliary to carry on its work for the disabled ex-service man, his family and the orphans of the deceased veterans. In this work all who buy a flower become a partner."

"We want those who buy the Poppies which bear the American Legion Auxiliary label to know that these flowers were made by disabled soldiers in hospitals, for some of whom this is their only source of income; and that every penny paid for Auxiliary Poppies is spent for the benefit of the disabled ex-service man and his dependants. We believe every citizen of the community will want to support that kind of a program."

MANY PLANES ARE ASSURED

13 Commercial Fliers and 5 Government Planes Already Promised for Opening

A complete draft of the program for the airport opening on May 31 is to be presented to a full meeting of the Goldsboro Airport Commission at the Chamber of Commerce office at 8 o'clock this evening.

Through yesterday thirteen commercial fliers had accepted invitations to be present and take part in the opening program, and assurance has been received that at least five government planes—from both the Army and Navy contingents of the Federal government—would be sent here, together with a representative of the department of aeronautics of the Department of Commerce.

Congressman Charles L. Abernethy yesterday wired The News as follows:

"Am pleased to inform you that the War Department will send two airplanes from Langley Field and one or more airplanes from the Fourth Corps Area and the secretary of the Navy will send two planes from Hampton Roads and the Commerce Department will send a representative to take part in the Celebration of the opening of the Airport on May 31st. Am mailing you copy of letter from the secretary of the Navy and will send you name of representative of the Commerce Department later as the secretary of Commerce desires to send one of his best men for this occasion. Am glad to have been of service to Goldsboro in this matter and wish for you a successful celebration."

WARNS AGAINST BACK SLIDING

Bishop Darlington Urges All To Probe Into Real Conditions Of Lives

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington was heard at three services at St. Paul Methodist church yesterday in continuation of the revival which he began last Thursday, preaching in the morning, in the afternoon to the Women's Missionary Society and in the evening again. Every service, saw large-sized congregations waiting up on every word from the Bishop of the Southern Methodist church.

The services gained much headway Sunday and yesterday and will be continued at 10 o'clock this morning and at 8 o'clock this evening.

Back Sliding was the topic which Bishop Darlington used last evening, and he urged every one to search into his life to determine if he has not backslidden from that position of grace and peace with God through Christ, which he occupied in the beginning. One does well to be eternally alert, said Bishop Darlington, for the world and the flesh are so much with us that we go backward if we do not occasionally draw up sharply and look into our lives as to their real conditions.

It is entirely possible to be saved and then fall from grace in moments of weakness, embracing the Christian religion does not guarantee one against back sliding, it was declared. The Christian religion in the world today would be much more won devoutly potent if all men who had started out to follow in His footsteps had continued along that way, said Bishop Darlington.

At the service in the afternoon Bishop Darlington spoke of the work of the Southern Methodist church in Belgium, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. The movement toward the success of the Protestant religion among the Slavonic peoples dates from the time of the World War, it was stated, for it was at this time that a free church was organized, and which has today grown to over a million members. Still, however, there are countless thousands in Poland who do not have the Bible to read.

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She's 100 Per Cent Perfect



This is none other than Miss Marie Starling, herself in person, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Starling. This smiling young lady was rated as 100 per cent physically perfect by the six doctors who thumped, weighed, measured and put her through all their known paces in the beginners clinic at Virginia street school last week. There was a large number examined and Miss Starling was the only one rated at 100 per cent. And with that smile she ought to win any beauty prize she enters, too.

Winston-Salem Couple To Be Tried For Murder Of Children

WINSTON-SALEM, May 21—(AP)—E. Hall and his wife, Grace Hill were in jail here tonight charged with poisoning their two little girls, Jettie Marie, age 6 and Hazel A. A true bill charging them with first degree murder was returned against them by the grand jury here today. At the time of their death, Saturday May 9, the coroner reported that they had died of ptomaine poisoning caused from eat sardines. Several days later another investigation was started and the bodies were ordered exhumed. A chemical analysis was made and the report submitted to the grand jury.

Weak From Suicide Effort Lawrence Is Back in Court

PITTSBORO, May 21—(AP)—Attended by a physician and a nurse, W. Herbert Lawrence, Durham contractor, was wheeled into the Chatham county courtroom today for the resumption of his trial on the charge of murdering Mrs. Annie Terry, which was interrupted Saturday when he slashed his throat and wrist at his cell.

So great was the crowd of spectators who packed into the courtroom building that Judge Romulus A. Nunn, ordered the main aisle cleared after it had been reported to him that the floor was sagging and that bits of plaster had fallen underneath indicating the possibility of collapse. Lawrence appeared white and lacking in strength as he sat between his physician and nurse, but he followed the progress of the case against him with marked interest.

Solicitor Clawson Williams called W. R. McCauley, deputy sheriff of Lee county, as the next witness in the procession he has summoned with the

announced purpose of sending the wealthy Durham contractor to the electric chair for the death of the middle-aged dressmaker, whose body was found in the Cape Fear river nine days after two fishermen had reported hearing a woman's scream for mercy on the Avenit's Ferry bridge near midnight of March 24.

McCauley corroborated testimony given by Sheriff Walker Blair, of Chatham, and other officers that tire prints found at both ends of the Avenit's Ferry Bridge appeared to match the tires on Lawrence's automobile, a green coupe with wire wheels. The witness disclosed that the car had been taken to Raleigh twice for examination, once for a test to determine whether stains on the cushion and on a fender were made by blood, and once for finger print examination. So far, Solicitor Williams has not revealed the results of these tests. Cal T. Devern, a deputy sheriff of Chatham county, was the next witness.

Precinct Meet Will Be Scene

Goldsboro Precinct Meeting Friday Night and Others in County Saturday P. M.

Backers of Cordell Hull and backers of Alfred E. Smith will go to the mat in the Wayne county precinct meetings Friday and Saturday.

In Goldsboro, under orders of County Chairman Col. George E. Freeman, the local city precincts will hold their meetings at 8 o'clock Friday evening and other precincts will hold meetings at 2 o'clock Saturday.

Although friends of Governor Smith are reported to have been quietly at work for some time to gain control of the precinct meetings, Hull's supporters yesterday started an out and out campaign for the Tennessee man, I hoping so they were urged on by letters from Zeb V. Turlington, state manager for Hull.

A statement received from the Hull manager read:

"The all important thing is to get our people to be present at the Precinct meetings at 8 o'clock, May 25th, and be prepared to vote for delegates to the county convention that will favor Hon. Cordell Hull for president. If our friends all get busy and do their utmost that there is no doubt of the defeat of Al. Smith."

"This is a fight of the people against Tammany and Tammany Methods."

"The time is short and every minute counts."

It was indicated yesterday afternoon that a county manager for Hull might be announced shortly and it was learned that at least two men had been urged to accept the responsibility for directing the Hull campaign locally.

RAYMOND, May 21—(AP)—Zeb V. Turlington, state manager for Cordell Hull issued a statement tonight, condemning the Democratic executive committee for refusing his demand for a presidential preference primary and calling on the voters to call on the precinct meetings in the interest of Cordell Hull.

Laying the defeat to the Smith-Edwards, Mr. Turlington in his statement said, "I appeal to the Democratic men and women of North Carolina to rally and present themselves at the polling places in their respective precincts, let those favoring Hull and opposing Smith, propose in every precinct meeting and demand a vote on a resolution declaring for Judge Hull for prohibition and against foreign immigration. This is a fight that involves our most sacred principles."

TO REPRESENT ASSOCIATION

For Delegates Leave This Morning For Elizabeth City Convention

The Goldsboro Merchants' Association will be represented in the annual convention of the State Merchants' Association meeting today at Elizabeth City.

H. H. Jenkins, president of the Association, Ben R. Lawrie, past president; Royell Spence and Manager Matthews, of Belts, will leave by auto early this morning for the convention city.

Miss Mary Sherard, secretary of the association, is unable to attend the convention on account of illness with neuritis. She is steadily improving, however, and expects to be back at her office in a few days.

MONTECAT GETS PRESBYTERIAN

ATLANTA, Ga., May 21—(AP)—Montreat N. C. was selected today as the place for next year's meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States.