

PROHIBITION WILL BE BIG ISSUE AT HOUSTON

Smith's Friends Hold They Can Nominate Him On Any Ballot Want To

Indications Smith Manager Willing Accept Dry Law Enforcement Plank
EVEN ANTIS CONCEDE HE HAS BIG MAJORITY
Convention Will Be Called To Order Tuesday By Senator Robinson

HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 24.—(AP)—Seeking new leadership after eight years of turmoil and two overwhelming defeats the Democrats are mustering here far from the beaten track of national politics to sign and seal a party bid for a return to power in 1928.

As the delegates came together in increasing numbers today and tonight to talk it over before Tuesday's opening convention session, the name of Smith of New York was more than ever the magic word about which revolved every conference on candidates and prohibition was the issue that overshadowed all discussions of a party platform.

Even the opponents of the New York governor conceded that a big majority of the convention is pledged to him for the presidency. His friends, said with a great appearance of quiet confidence that they could give him the two-thirds needed to nominate on any ballot these chances and that they expected to have it over with early in the voting. The group of candidates against him, with Reed of Missouri standing definitely in their midst, refused to accept this estimate, insisting that they still might stop the New Yorker and almost forgetting their own rivalries in an industrious attempt to organize a block of delegates large enough to exercise a veto.

Much of the talk about prohibition also revolves around the candidacy of Governor Smith. There is every indication that the Smith managers are quite willing to accept a plank specifically declaring for Federal enforcement of prohibition now that it is a law and will make no serious attempt to include it in the platform any expression of Governor Smith's recently repeated opinion that the law should be modified.

MR. AND MRS. BYRD BEREAVED

Kenneth Byrd, 4 Year Old Son A. W. Byrd Died Yesterday Morning

(Special to The News)
MT. OLIVE, June 23.—(AP)—Kathleen Carlisle Byrd, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Byrd, died at the home of his parents this morning following an illness of three days. Death resulted from chronic indigestion which specialists and physicians here and at large hospitals had been unable to cure.
Mr. Byrd, father of the deceased lad, is away from home, having gone as representative of the Mt. Olive Rotary club to the International Convention at Minneapolis. Upon the adjournment of the convention he left with a party for a tour across the Great Lakes and into Canada and had not been located at the time this was written.
Plans called for delaying the funeral until the father can arrive home. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Lowden's Campaign Cost Him \$78,932

CHICAGO, June 23.—(AP)—The unsuccessful campaign of Frank O. Lowden for the Republican presidential nomination cost \$78,932.12, Clarence F. Buck, Lowden's campaign manager testified here today at a brief meeting of the Senate campaign expenditures committee.

ANTIS MOVE ON HOUSTON

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia And Florida Will Go Together

ATLANTA, GA., June 24.—(AP)—Militantly determined to fight to the last ditch for the principles they espouse, the delegations from Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina tonight were speeding to Houston on a special train.

The party will be joined by the Florida delegation at Flomston, Ala. tomorrow morning and will become perhaps the largest group of avowedly anti-Smith delegates to travel together to Houston.

G. Ed Maddox, chairman of the Georgia state executive committee and the state's member for the convention platform committee predicted before the departure that the four states represented on the train would arrive at Houston in "a solid phalanx there to be joined by comrades in their cause from Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, Mississippi and Texas.

"When the battle of principles here begins, when the convention comes to choose whom, the Democratic party shall serve, whether the destructive or creative forces of our national life, then it will be realized that the Southern States have conviction and unity to be swept aside," Mr. Maddox said.

United States Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina declared that the Democratic party now is at the "cross roads" and said "the party will face a serious crisis at Houston." Senator Smith was with the South Carolina delegates who arrived here this afternoon in company with the North Carolinians.

Among the delegates from North Carolina was Joseph Daniels of the Raleigh News and Observer and secretary of the navy under Wilson. Mr. Daniels is attending the convention as a delegate at large and as a working newspaperman.

North Carolina delegates said that Mrs. Palmer Jermon of Raleigh probably would be named national committeewoman from that state. They said that it was through her efforts largely that the anti-Smith forces controlled the North Carolina convention.

PRESBYTERIANS CHOOSE PRINSETON, KY.

JACKSON, TENN., June 24.—(AP)—The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Saturday selected Princeton, Ky., for the 1929 meeting.

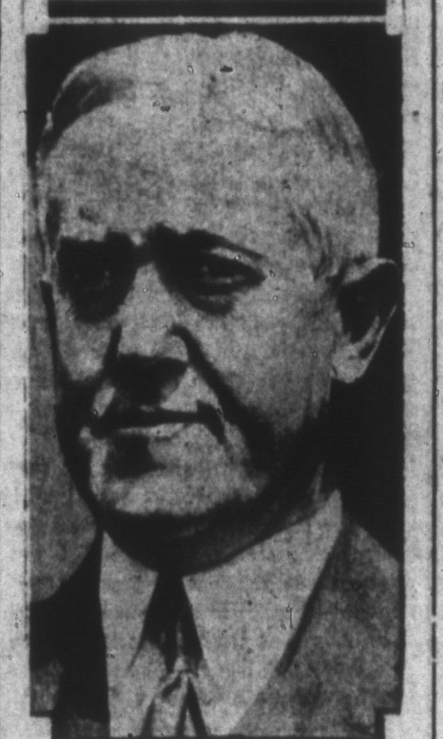
2,868 of City's Children Used Playgrounds in Week

With a swimming pool operated free of charge for the children of the city as a feature of the playground system, the best weekly attendance figure yet recorded was turned in Saturday noon by the directors of the different centers. The total for the week was 2,868.

The swimming pool accounted for a thousand alone. Those hot days during the middle of the week brought out hundreds of children the largest number of them coming from Webb Town and Edmondson Hill. Five daily periods have been established and groups organized for each period. Every child is given at least 3 free swims a week.

The colored playground opened in Little Washington Monday and drew five hundred and sixty eight children during the week. It is under the direction of Thelma Darden and Susie Guest, both of whom have been doing exceptional work as play directors. Friday afternoon they staged their

May Be Drafted



John W. Davis, former ambassador to Great Britain and a candidate for the nomination in 1924, is a member of the New York delegation en route to Houston. Many experts believe that in event of a deadlock in the balloting Davis may be a compromise nominee. (International Newsreel)

HUNKIE FIRST TO SIGN ROLL

Son of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Henderson Registered For Tuscarora Camp

Everything is all ready for the opening of Camp Tuscarora on July 2. By next Thursday night, all tents and equipment will be all ready for the bunch, and the first weekers will get a world of information on putting a real camp in shape. Registrations are still coming in, and the committee on camping is elated over the fact that most of the Scouts will stay at least three weeks this summer.

"Hunkie" Henderson, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Henderson has the distinction of being the first camper to register this year and goes to camp for a period of 2 weeks.

Scouts from Wake Forest and South Carolina will attend camp the second and third weeks and a number of Scouts from another state will also be here for the larger part of the period. The Boy Rangers from Goldsboro will register Monday morning. This little group of live wires will attend the second period.

The camping committee will be glad to have any suggestions that any parent wants to make in reference to the training of their boy while attending this well organized camp, and all visitors will be welcomed when they find it convenient to attend.

DROWNED IN TRANTER'S CREEK

WASHINGTON, June 23.—(AP)—Joseph Buttery, 24, of the Clarke Neck section, was drowned in Tranter's Creek late yesterday. The creek was being dragged for the body today.

AMERICANS KIDNAPED

Rebels in San Rafael Demand Ransom For Two Captives

MEXICO CITY, June 23.—(AP)—Two American mining men, W. M. Mitchell and John F. Hooper, are being held for ransom by kidnapers near the town San Rafael in the state of Jalisco.

The United States embassy has sent a note to the Mexican foreign office making formal representation for their safe release.

News of the kidnaping was first received in Mexico City newspaper dispatches, but the American embassy Saturday morning received a telegram from the consulate at Guadalajara confirming the report. The embassy is seeking further details.

A dispatch to Excelsior from Guadalajara says that the bandits have threatened to kill the two Americans unless a ransom of 3,000 pesos (approximately \$1,500) is paid. The Americans were enroute to mines in Zarateca when captured. One of them was described as the manager of the Maxaquital Del Oro Mining Company with holdings in that state.

The insurgents numbered about fifty men and were being rubbed by a Federal detachment when they entered the town of San Rafael. The Federals were reinforced and today a battle seemed imminent.

Call For Ransom

LOS ANGELES, June 23.—(AP)—A dispatch printed today by the Times from Mexico City reported that two Americans, W. M. Mitchell and a Mr. Hooper has been kidnaped by a band of rebels near Guadalajara and are being held for 15,000 pesos (about \$7,500) ransom.

The dispatch said the rebel chief has threatened further action unless the money is paid.

RUM RUNNERS MAKE ESCAPE

Were Reported to Have Shot Two Negroes Who Hailed Them For Ride

That the Buick containing three alleged rum runners reported to have shot and killed one negro near Havelock and seriously wounded another Friday night, left highway number 10 at Kinston and took route 11 toward Kenanville was the report circulated here yesterday.

The rum runners, said to have been led by John Cagle of Durham, opened fire on the negroes when the latter hailed their car for a ride near Havelock, reports were.

Motorcycle officers in New Bern gave chase but the rum runners in a Buick standard six out distanced them. They likewise eluded officers in Kinston.

Expense Statement Was Filed On Time

"I see by this morning's papers," smiled Col. John D. Langston yesterday "that I am liable for indictment for failing to file my statement of expenses in the race for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor. That's an error.

"What happened is this. A week ago or more I mailed my expense statement to the secretary of the State board of elections. It should have gone to the secretary of State. When I saw my name in the papers today, I called up the elections Secretary and asked him what the matter was. He it was who told me the statement should have gone to the Secretary of State and that he had personally carried it to the proper hands and that it had reached them before the expiration of the date for filing."

Dr. W. W. Barnes At First Baptist Today

Dr. W. W. Barnes, of the faculty of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, will fill the pulpit of First Baptist Church this morning and evening. Dr. Barnes is in North Carolina to conduct courses at the Preacher's Summer School recently closed at Meredith college, and at this school he made a vivid impression on the Baptist ministers assembled from over the State. The lay committee of the First Baptist church determined then to ask him to preach here during the absence of Rev. A. J. Smith, who is attending the Baptist World Alliance in Canada.

State Champion



Henry Grantham, Vocational Student of Rosewood High School in Wayne County, won first prize in North Carolina over all Vocational Students in the state writing essay on the subject "Cooperative Marketing as it affects the Cotton Farmers."

Henry is a student of A. H. Veasey who was recently declared the Master Vocational Teacher of the South.

Young Grantham was so well pleased with winning first Vocational prize in Wayne County and North Carolina that he began to talk to his father about the advantages of marketing his cotton through the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association and secured his father's signature of the contract.

Henry will go to Raleigh at an early date in July and compete with the State's 4-H Club winner for a free educational trip to Memphis, Tenn., in October given by the American Cotton Growers Exchange.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE CHANGES

GREENSBORO, June 23.—(AP)—Five major changes are being made in the Greensboro College faculty, in preparation for the 1927-28 school year, according to President S. B. Turcotte.

TO ADDRESS POSTMASTERS

ASHEVILLE, June 23.—(AP)—Postmaster General Harry S. New of Washington, will speak to the National Association of Postmasters in an annual session at Asheville on the evening of September 19. He will speak of the history of the American mails.

Tobacco Market Committee Will Outline Plans Tuesday

Thirty of Goldsboro's leading citizens are called to meet in the Chamber of Commerce assembly room on Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the morning to go forward with plans for getting Goldsboro so entirely behind the tobacco market that two sets of buyers will be provided.

The committee is called to meet following a public gathering in the courthouse at which time it was decided to block the city off into districts and to make a store to store and office to office canvass, requesting signatures to a paper agreeing to spend time soliciting tobacco for the market this year.

A. T. Griffin is chairman of the committee. At the meeting Tuesday morning, consideration is expected also to be given to the matter of sending Goldsboro delegates to the meeting of the United States Tobacco Association, which meets Wednesday morning at Old Point Comfort, Virginia. This

Faint Wireless SOS May Come From Plane Of Amundsen And Crew

BIRTHS EXCEED NUMBER DEATHS

In Goldsboro Last Year There Were 414 Births and 240 Deaths

There were 174 more births than deaths in Goldsboro last year, statistics issued by the Department of Commerce of the Federal Government show. The number of birth was 414 for the city and the number of deaths 240.

There were a total of 83,384 children born in North Carolina during 1927, while 55,784 persons died in the state, including 6,516 deaths among infants under one year of age.

The estimated rate per thousand population was given as: births, 23.9 for 1927 and the same for 1926; deaths, 11.3 for 1927 and 12.1 for 1926. Deaths among infants decreased in this state from 42.3 per thousand births in 1926 to 28.2 in 1927.

Winston Salem, the department announced, had 1,896 births in 1927, as compared with 1,007 deaths, including 222 deaths among children under one year old. The rate per thousand estimated population for the twin city was: 24.6 in 1927; 25.3 in 1926, against 13.1 death in 1927 and 13.2 in 1926.

Births totals for other North Carolina cities reporting Asheville 1,197; Charlotte 1,545; Durham 1,338; Greensboro 1,339; High Point 968; New Bern 564; Raleigh 774; Rocky Mount 577; Salisbury 425; Wilmington 924; Wilson 368.

Deaths all ages, 1927: Asheville 875; Charlotte 906; Durham 790; Gastonia 261; Goldsboro 240; Greensboro 682; High Point 360; New Bern 269; Raleigh 442; Rocky Mount 330; Salisbury 197; Wilmington 565; Wilson 252.

The birth rate per thousand estimated population for Charlotte increased from 27.3 in 1926 to 27.6 in 1927. For Wilmington a decrease was noted, from 25.3 in 1926 to 24.1 in 1927.

CROWD HOLDS TO SHECKELS

500 Drop Only \$3.15 in Hat As Ex-Air Ace Assays Human Fly Stunt

A crowd of 500 gathered at Center and Walnut streets at 7 o'clock last night contributed only \$3.15 when the hat was passed for Lt. Earl Seabrook ex-Canadian air ace, as he assayed the human fly stunt of climbing the Hotel Goldsboro building.

The fact that Lt. Seabrook had shot down nine German planes during the war, that he holds the world's record for continuous driving of an automobile, that he was for two years with the famous Hindall and learned much of his magic, the fact that he escapes from all manner of human bandaging—none of these facts bore weight with the 500 who watched as the airman started up the corner of the building. They held on to their necks.

There was a 15 mile wind buffeting the Lieutenant and occasionally a drop of rain emptied fourth from the clouds which gave promise of rain in Noah-like proportions. But the 500 thought nothing of this and held on to their sheckels.

Lt. Seabrook started up the corner, climbing like some creature with prehensile instincts. Half way up and he was signaled that the crowd would shell out only \$3.15. He looked at the clouds, the crowds, noted the rising wind and decided his life was worth more than \$3.15 and stepped into a window when about half way up.

The ex-Canadian flier will again offer to do his stuff to thrill Goldsboro this afternoon. From the city airport sometime after lunch and many times in succession, he will walk the wings of Al Stewart's Waco biplane, will bang by his hands from an inner tub-looped about a stay of the plane, will allow himself to be trussed up in many feet of rope and will escape from them as the plane goes along. These and many other feats he will perform.

Two planes are scheduled to be on the municipal field, one of Pilot Fisher and one of Pilot Stewart.

Coaling Steamer Reports Having Picked Up Distress Calls At 11 Friday Night

PERFECT PLANS FOR SEARCHING ICE COAST

Rescue of Noble and His Party On Ice Flows New Matter Of Time Only

KINGSBAY, SPITZBERGEN, June 24.—(AP)—Faint wireless signals may have come from the missing plane of Raold Amundsen and Otto Guldbrand, today alerted aviators and ship captains to further efforts to locate the veteran Norwegian explorers.

The signals were heard by the coaling steamer Marita which came into port today. She said she picked up a faint SOS at 11 o'clock last night. The plane was equipped with wireless but the apparatus could be heard only 60 miles if the machine were at rest on the water. The Marita saw nothing of the missing men.

Another gleam of hope arose from a report that the ice breaker Sigbee also heard indistinct signals. That vessel, however, was not at all sure that these came from the Amundsen plane. It requested further information on the subject.

Definite plans toward searching the coast of the Archipelago were put into operation today by Winston who turned their attention toward Amundsen and Otto Guldbrand's plane. The latter day is in a situation that requires only patient waiting.