

DEMOCRATS GO ON WARPATH TO GET FARM VOTE

Smith Studies Farm Issue, Steadily Rising to First Importance.

BY PERCY B. SCOTT, United Press Staff Correspondent  
NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The drive to bring the disgruntled farmer into the Democratic fold and swell the presidential vote for Gov. Alfred E. Smith is on in earnest today.  
With George N. Peek, one of the agrarian leaders speeding westward to attempt to induce other leaders to meet and confer with Smith, the Governor himself is to give several hours of his time today to a further study of farm relief.  
Smith has been informed that there are at least half a dozen ways in which the agricultural assistance can be held out to farmers without using the equalization fee of the McNary-Haugen bill, which Smith emphatically has rejected.

**Conferences Manned**  
It is likely that he will not close his mind on the subject for another two weeks as he is confident that Peek's trip to the West will result in further conferences with other westerners week after next, just before his speech of acceptance. Out of those talks may come additions to or deletions from his present plan.

From the attention that now is being given to the topic, the opinion is growing that Smith may attempt to make farm relief one of the biggest issues in his campaign, and may make a much more extensive tour of the middle western and other agricultural States than he originally had intended.

It is pointed out that the Governor must make inroads into the normally Republican States in the West and Middle West if he hopes to win the election, and for this reason the corn belt may become one of the chief battle grounds for votes.

**Farm Issue Grows**  
There is no question in the minds of those who have been close to Smith since his nomination but that the value of farm relief as a campaign issue has been steadily growing, and today it seems to have become one of the paramount ideas under discussion.

The Governor is about ready to return to completion of his acceptance speech, work on which was abandoned a week ago.  
He will start his return to Albany Sunday, stopping off at Peek's kill, if it is a fair day, to review National Guard troops at the encampment there.

PRESENTS AWARDS TO LOCAL PENNSY DIVISION

Three Safety Cups Given in Formal Ceremony.

Formal presentation of three safety cups won by the Indianapolis division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was made by C. E. Whitlock, general superintendent of the southwestern general division of the road, at Union Station today.

The cups were presented by President W. W. Atterbury. There are five, one for each branch of work on the road, and this is the first time that a single division has won three.

Superintendent R. R. Nace of the Indianapolis division received the trophy offered by Vice President T. B. Hamilton for bettering the division safety record during the year.

Shelby Lewis received the Atterbury cup for the maintenance of way; C. B. Miller, J. C. Stewart and A. D. Connor for freight; J. I. Williams, M. L. Henderson, H. W. Chambers, A. C. Thomas and J. W. Haas, representing the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and U. B. Pittenger, W. R. Esrey and Chalmers Fisher, yardmen, the train service trophy.

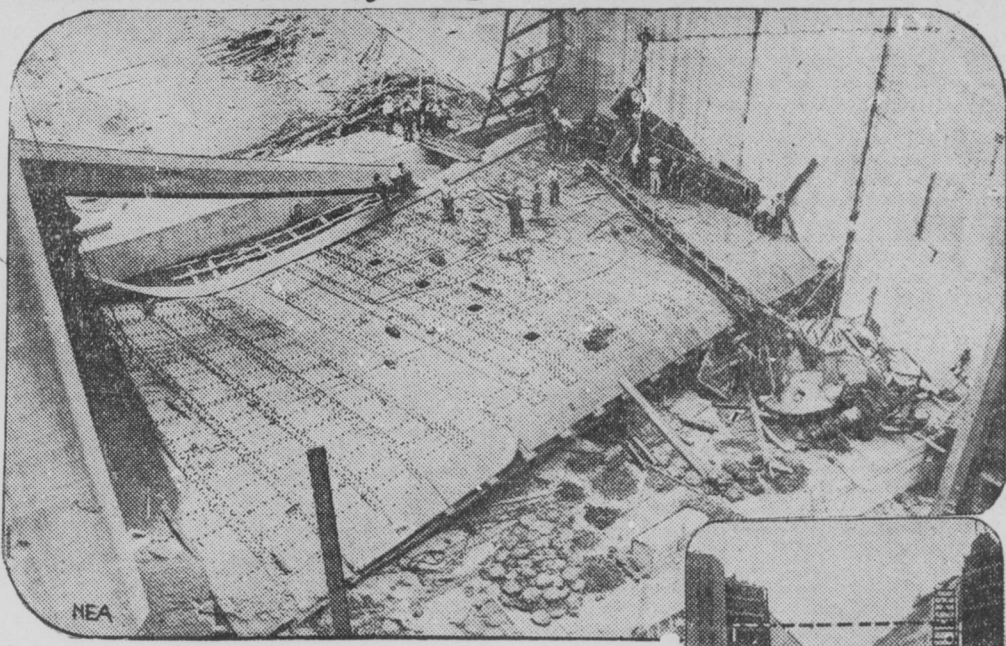
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First Photos of Big Canal Gate Crash



Crushed under a falling 500-ton steel gate in the locks of the Welland canal near Thorold, Ontario, eight men were killed and numerous others injured. A crane collapsed while workers were setting the eighty-five-foot structure in place. Above, rescuers are seen trying to raise the wreckage under which the men were buried. At the right is a picture of the lock, the dotted lines showing how the big gate appeared when in position.

Hoosiers Duel in Music to Lure Flatrock Fish

By Times Special  
GENEVA, Ind., Aug. 3.—A duel of music is being waged among fishermen in Flatrock Creek near here. So far the music of a cabinet organ has proved a stronger lure for fish than that produced by a victrola.

James Turner was unintentionally the challenger for the duel. Desiring to reduce weight, he took up rowing on the creek waters. To make a hard task more endurable, he took a portable phonograph on his boat. When it was played, fish followed him around like pet dogs.

Success of Turner aroused envy of Oscar Williams, Raymond Spiegel, Fred Borden and Harry Aumann. They mounted a cabinet organ on a large raft, took to the waters of the creek and the fish left the phonograph music of Turner for the organ's notes. A brass band of several pieces has been suggested to Turner to meet the organ competition.

CAMPBELL VOTE CONTEST LOST

Ballot Suit Dismissed by County Commissioners.

County Surveyor Henry Campbell today lost his contest of the nomination of Paul Roscoe Brown when the county commissioners dismissed his contest suit on the grounds that they had lost jurisdiction.

Removal of the cloud on the nomination of Brown removes the last doubt as to the overwhelming victory of the Coffin-Hawkins faction of Republican politics in the primary election of May 8.

Campbell can appeal from the board of commissioners to Circuit Court. He was out of the city when the ruling today was made. The commissioners held that their jurisdiction was lost when they failed to dispose of the contest within twenty-one days from June 4 as provided by law.

They passed today on a motion presented Tuesday by Frank Symmes for Brown for dismissal. The action was based on recommendation of County Attorney Clinton Givan, none of the three commissioners being lawyers.

The vote was unanimous, all three voting for it. President C. O. Sutton, Cassius L. Hogle and George Snider.

Another continuance until Aug. 30 had been granted Tuesday on motion of Campbell to allow him to gather additional evidence of alleged irregularities in the election.

MAILS AIR REPORT

U. S. Expert Makes Proposals for Local Field.

Information that recommendations of A. P. Tallafiero, Department of Commerce airport expert, on the most logical site for a municipal airport has been mailed here, was received today by C. L. Harrod, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce industrial commissioner.

Harrod said the recommendations, mailed Wednesday, would be held without opening until a meeting of Mayor L. Ert Slack's airport committee could be called.

Tallafiero inspected a number of proposed sites here recently. The committee is awaiting arrival of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who also is to advise on the best site. Lindbergh is being sent here by the Transcontinental Air Transport 48-Hour Coast-to-Coast Air-Rail Company, of which he is technical advisor.

INQUIRY ENDS DOUBT, C. E. PARLEY TOLD

New York Minister Speaks at Endeavor Convention.

"Because this is an age of inquiry, it is no more an age of doubt," the Rev. R. Henkemann, New York City, said during a discussion on "Is This an Age of Faith?" at the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Moravian Christian Endeavor Union at the First Moravian Church today.

"But the chief drawback of our faith is our apparent lack of ability to explain the foundation on which it is built," he said. "So few know just why they believe what they believe. Blind faith is useless so far as forwarding the Christian religion is concerned."

A luncheon was held at the church following the discussion and the delegates were taken on a tour of the city.

The City in Brief

Damages of \$40,000 are sought by Mrs. Minnie A. Sharp, 64, in a suit filed Thursday in Superior Court, as a result of a fall through a trap door in a store at 2418 Southeastern ave. Ruth A. Frank A. and Robert H. Woods and Harry H. Gunkle are defendants. The accident occurred June 13.

Approximately 800 agents, executives and employees of the State Automobile Insurance Association of Indianapolis and their families attended the annual outing today at Broad Ripple Park. An auto parade over downtown streets preceded the picnic. Harry A. Fenton, general counsel for the company, addressed the gathering.

Brotherhood of American Yeomen will meet tonight at the Modern Woodmen of America hall, 322 E. New York St., according to C. O. Bittner, foreman. This is the first meeting held under the revised schedule of time and place sessions.

A delegation of employees of the W. J. H. Block Company gathered at the home of C. P. Schimsher, 4031 College ave., Thursday night and presented him with a pin. He is retiring after twelve years as credit manager of the store.

Alfred H. Moore, city engineer, Thursday joined Russell B. Moore and Bernard H. Jeup in filing incorporation papers with the Secretary of State for the engineering firm of Jeup & Moore. Capital stock was placed at \$10,000.

Municipal Judge Thomas Garvin will speak at a luncheon of the Young Lawyers' Association of Indianapolis at the Lincoln Aug. 8.

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THIRTY MAY BE EXPLOSION TOLL

Twenty-Three Dead So Far in Oil Blast.

By Times Special  
LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill., Aug. 4.—Thirty men are expected to form the death toll of an oil still explosion at the Indian Refining Company plant here. Deaths in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, Ind., where thirty-seven injured were taken following the blast Wednesday, have reached twenty-three. Little hope is held for seven of the twelve injured still being treated.

After a preliminary investigation of the tragedy Friday, Coroner N. E. Beckes indicated no blame would be placed on the refinery company for the explosion.

Plans are being made today for a union service of churches here Sunday as a memorial to victims.

THREAT GIVEN BANKER

Second Letter Received by South Whitley Man.

By Times Special  
SOUTH WHITLEY, Ind., Aug. 4.—Harvey Kreider, president of the Farmers State Bank, has received a note threatening his life, the second missive of the kind addressed to him within the last two months.

The latest note was found by Kreider tied to the emergency brake lever of his auto. It threatens not only the bank president, but also George Archer, held under a charge of writing a letter recently to force payment of \$6,500.

Archer implicated Ben Smith, his cousin, at the time of his own arrest, and Smith is awaiting trial.

Sweet Crime

By Times Special  
MARION, Ind., Aug. 4.—Thieves who at night visited bee hives owned by William Ludwig, stole 300 pounds of honey, which had been boxed and was ready for shipment.

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CITY RESIDENTS TAKE EIGHT OF LITERARY PRIZES

Field Day Awards Made at Annual Culver Event.

By Times Special  
CULVER, Ind., Aug. 4.—Of the twenty-four prizes awarded at the fourth annual Indiana Literary field day being held today at Culver Military Academy here, eight were won by residents of Indianapolis. Other Hoosier cities with winners were Evansville, Richmond, Connersville, Delphi, Terre Haute, Sandborn, South Bend and Ft. Wayne.

The complete list of prize winners follows:

Drawing (the Albert R. Erskine prize)—First, \$75; F. L. Bond, 211 N. Eighth, Richmond; second, \$50, Vernon Christie, 1228 E. Minnesota St., Indianapolis; third, \$25, Cornell Wood, 3247 Graceland Ave., Indianapolis.

One-Act Play (the Edward F. Curry prize)—First, \$75; Miss Lewis Lee Shafter, 507 E. Main St., Delphi; second, \$50, Rola Farm, 323 S. Fifteenth St., Terre Haute; third, \$25, Richard C. Elpers, 707 Adams Ave., Evansville.

Short Story (college), the Maxwell Alexander prize—First, \$75; George C. Lloyd, 1122 Olive St., Indianapolis; second, \$50, Tom McCormick, 410 E. Franklin St., Delphi; third, \$25, Geneva E. Vernon, Pendleton, Ind.

Short Story (high school), the Culver Founders' Week prize—First, \$50, George Beaudry, 624 W. Wayne St., South Bend; second, \$35, Miss Mary Ellen Meyers, 705 Indiana Ave., Connersville; third, \$25, Miss Aethan Spald, 126 Pennsylvania Ave., South Bend.

Plan Composition (the Culver Founders' Week prize)—First, \$50; Roland J. Smith, Sandford, second, \$25, Robert O. Fink, 708 N. Gladstone Ave., Indianapolis; third, \$25, Esther Smith, 4046 Arlington, Ft. Wayne.

Descriptive Composition (the Jeanne-Chapin prize)—First, \$35, A. E. Sell Potter, 100 W. Maple Rd., Indianapolis; second, \$25, John B. Yeon, Portland, Ore.; third, \$15, Ruth Napier, 1967 Tacoma Ave., Indianapolis.

Theme (the Meredith Nicholson prize)—First, \$35, Miss Ruth McKillip, Omaha, Neb.; second, \$25, Miss Catherine Wollam, 220 Kings Ave., Indianapolis; third, \$15, Miss Ruth Fahnd, 3407 Boulevard Pl., Indianapolis.

GET BOOTLEG WHISKY IN EMPTY BOOZE KEGS

U. S. Dry Chiefs Says Distillers Must Rinse Barrels After Use.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The prohibition bureau today discovered bootleggers have a new source of supply—empty liquor kegs.

Bootleggers have been obtaining empty kegs, from which whisky had been withdrawn for bottling, and then rinsing them out to get the flavor and alcohol sediment.

Prohibition Commissioner Doran has issued an order that the liquor barrels when empty must be filled with water and let stand in the kegs for seven days.

When the kegs have been soaked clean "the water must be poured into the ground or sewer," Doran said.

DISCOVER ALBINO CROW

Bird Led to Reports of White Chicken Hobnobbing With Birds.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa., Aug. 4.—Reports that a white chicken was hobnobbing with black crows in neighboring hills were disproved today when investigation proved the white bird to be an Albino crow.

Many natives were convinced that the white bird was a Leghorn hen, which had become disoriented with her barnyard lot.

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