

## NORTH CAROLINA BETA CLUB CONVENTION

SIR WALTER HOTEL, RALEIGH, March  
8-9

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The fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Beta Clubs was held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh, March 8-9. Eleven hundred delegates attended this convention the largest gathering of Beta Club members the world has ever known. These delegates filled the Sir Walter, Carolina, and Bland Hotels to capacity. All the way from Murphey to the coast came delegates to Raleigh for this Beta Club Convention. Some of these delegates live over six hundred miles apart.

Thelbert Boykin and Eunice Peele represented the Bailey Beta Club. They registered at 4:30 P. M. Friday, March 8, in the lobby of the Sir Walter Hotel after being pushed about by the crowd for an hour. The Bailey delegates stayed in the Sir Walter Hotel in room 632.

In the Virginia Dare Ballroom Friday evening at 8:00 P. M. the opening session of the Convention was called to order by the president, Monley Fuller, from Whiteville High School. A welcome to the city of Raleigh was extended by Mayor Graham Andrews. Glenn Tazenby of Statesville responded for the Beta Club Delegates. President Fuller gave his annual message, followed by greetings from Miss Hannah Teitner, National Corresponding Secretary, and Dr. John W. Harris, National Secretary. The address of the evening was by Mr. Arthur Cundy of Birmingham, Alabama, Secretary of Civitan International. Mr. Arthur Cundy was born in London, England, was a veteran of the World War, has been shipwrecked twice, has addressed several hundred high schools and colleges throughout the U. S., and traveled the world over.

On Saturday morning at 8:00 a breakfast meeting was held for the

principals and teachers with an address by Dr. Clydo A. Erwin.

Five hundred delegates took a tour of Raleigh at 10:30 A. M. At 11:00 A. M. the other six hundred delegates attended the picture, "Grapes of Wrath" at the Ambassador Theater. The second session was held at 2:00 P. M. in the Revenue Building. The vice-president, Miss Louise Taylor of Oxford High School, presided. The address of the afternoon was by John A. Long, administrator of the N. Y. A. for North Carolina.

One of the highlights of the convention was the Banquet at 6:30 P. M. in the Virginia Dare Ballroom of the Sir Walter. Prof. J. T. Memory of Wake Forest College served as toastmaster. This banquet was the largest ever held in a N. C. Hotel. All the Beta Club presidents, present at the banquet, were recognized. To lend a hand to the mirth of the occasion, the Wake Forest Male Octet was present. The address of the evening was by Hon. Robert Rice Reynolds, United States Senator from North Carolina. He was introduced by Carl Goerch, editor of the STATE MAGAZINE.

A very enjoyable, successful, and the largest State Beta Club Convention ever held was climaxed from 9:30 to 12:00 Saturday night by the Beta Club Ball in the Virginia Dare Ballroom with music by Roy McDowell and his orchestra.

