

STATE DEMOCRATS WILL MEET TODAY

Victor S. Bryant Expected To Be Elected Permanent Chairman

RALEIGH, N. C., May 21.—(AP)—North Carolina democrats who can overcome war-restricted transportation obstacles will come here tomorrow for the party's biennial off-year convention.

Lack of interest in politics, gasoline rationing, tire restrictions and other inconveniences brought about by Adolf, Hirohito and Benito will probably reduce attendance to one of the lowest figures in the convention history.

State chairman Monroe Redden of Hendersonville, however, said he was expecting fair attendance, even from delegations in the western part of the state.

Delegates will assemble at noon in Memorial auditorium to hear the keynote address by Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro. Arrangements to act upon the recommendations of the committees on platform and resolutions.

Before the convention is called to order, however, the delegates will have met in Congressional district caucuses to elect the democratic executive committees for the State Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional districts and to name 12 members from each Congressional district to the State Democratic executive committee.

The pre-convention caucuses also will name one member each to the committee on credentials and appeals, and on permanent organization, rules and order of business. The latter committee will nominate the permanent convention president and secretary.

Governor Broughton, who will attend the meeting as a delegate from Wake county, has recommended Victor S. Bryant of Durham as permanent president of the convention, and that suggestion likely will prevail. If custom is followed, the secretary will be the State party secretary, Arch T. Allen of Raleigh.

The districts also will name one vice-president and one assistant secretary each along with one member to the committee on resolutions and platforms.

The district meetings will be held at 10 a. m. in various parts of the city and chairman Redden will gavel the delegates to order at noon.

Local Group To Attend Red Cross Institute

Arrangements are being made for Wilmington to be represented at the four-day Red Cross Institute for North Carolina May 27-30 at High Point college.

The tentative program is as follows:

May 27, Wednesday, 9:30-10:00—definition institute objectives; 10:00-12:00—relationship of Red Cross to the war effort, plans for combined roll call and war drive and general financing; 1:30-4:00—disaster preparedness, civilian defense; 7:30-8:00—foreign operations; 8:00-9:30—public information.

May 28, Thursday, 9:00-12:00—services to the armed forces, military and naval welfare, home service; 1:30-4:00—first aid, water safety and accident prevention.

May 29, Friday, 9:00-10:30—nursing services; 10:30-12:00—junior Red Cross; 1:30-4:00—volunteer special services.

May 30, Saturday, 9:00-12:00—general chapter operations for chapter executives.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO WRECK TRAIN

Clear Case Of Sabotage, Say Police; Accident Narrowly Averted

PENNSAUKEN, N. J., May 21.—(AP)—Police Chief Thomas Thorpe revealed today that a "deliberate attempt" had been made to wreck a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train on the only line serving Fort Dix, N. J., from the west near here on Tuesday.

Thorpe said it was a clear case of sabotage.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents promptly entered the inquiry, he added.

The chief said the train, carrying 124 passengers, struck several rail splice bars and two ties which had been placed on the tracks at Horning Grove near a bridge which spans a small creek.

"Only a miracle" kept the train from plunging into the stream, Thorpe asserted.

The three-car local carries commuters between Camden and Point Pleasant, N. J.

Thorpe related that seven spliced bars, each weighing 65 pounds, had been found along the tracks. They had been fitted at set intervals on both sides of the bridge so as to catch traffic in either direction.

While the train was not derailed, the force of the impact ripped loose the iron steps to the engine and one coach.

Military authorities declined to comment on the case.

Wax is not only produced by bees, but by birds, animals, and many plants.

FORD WILL BUILD TANKS FOR U.S.

Huge River Rouge Plant Converted Into War Factory

DETROIT, May 21.—(AP)—Henry Ford has converted his Great River Rouge plant to the production of military tanks.

The government, it was announced today, gave the order eight months ago and the plant is now in production.

The tanks will be of a thirty-ton type and will be powered by a variation of the familiar Ford V-8 motor.

The tanks will be manufactured by the assembly-line methods which Ford pioneered.

The number of tanks to be built daily in the huge plant is a closely-guarded military secret, as is the number of persons to be employed.

The Rouge plant already has turned out a stream of Pratt-Whitney airplane motors for heavy bombers and also has made jeeps, trucks, tires and automobiles for army use. These activities will be continued.

Manitas And Wilson Presented Honor Cups At School Exercises

Ann Manitas and Mc. B. Wilson were presented the Helen Bridges Memorial cup and the Joe Schreieder cup, respectively, Tuesday and Wednesday at Honor Day chapel programs.

Perfect attendance certificates were presented by James Lynch, who cited five special attendance records made by high school students, Floyd Blake, Jasper Needham, Norman Collins, Francis Applewhite and Virginia Kelly completed High school without being absent or tardy. One of the group, Floyd Blake, finished grammar school and High school without an absence.

Awards were given to students who made the first or second honor roll every six weeks period during the 1941-42 semesters. They were presented certificates for the achievement by Virginia Kelly.

Kathryn Goodman presented art awards to Melvin Kester, Al Eskridge, Ward Sanders and Vera Smith. Miss Emma Lossen, art instructor, praised the art class members stating that every big event at the school had been publicized beforehand by the art department's posters.

John Codrington, Kenneth Blakeslee, and Melvin Kester were given awards by the Chemistry club. Codrington was given recognition for the best poster exhibit; Blakeslee for the best exhibit; A copy of Shakespeare's comedy and Kester for the best poster. Kester and Melvin Kester were given awards by the Chemistry club.

NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON DIM-OUT

Council Members Say All They Know Is What They've Seen In Papers

"The New Hanover Defense Council has received no instructions of any kind on the 'dim-out' recently ordered by the commanding officer of the Fourth Corps area," revealed George Stearns, secretary of the council Thursday night.

"All we know about it so far is what we've heard on the radio and read in the papers," he continued.

Mr. Stearns pointed out that matters pertaining to an area of the size affected in the "dim-out" regulations would probably be governed by a proclamation from Governor Broughton.

It was also learned that no officials from Wilmington attended the conference held at Fort Bragg yesterday.

The conference was called after General Bryden of the Fourth Corps area issued instructions for the dim-out of all cities in the coastal area of more than 5,000 population and within 30 miles of the ocean.

"The New Hanover Defense Council did not receive any invitation or request to attend the meeting," Mr. Stearns declared.

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Major Engel also gave the following awards: Mr. Hamilton's award, James Lynch; Sons of Revolution award, Leon Todd; outstanding cadet officer, Fred Merritt; outstanding cadet N.C.O., Avery Loftin; and best drilled Company, Company C.

As a finale new members of the National Honor society were presented. To become a member of the society, the student must have been on the first or second honor roll each year of his High school career. The following candidates were presented for induction: Mary Elizabeth Alderman, Heyward Bellamy, Rupert Benson, Frances Berger, Dorothy Cameron, Sheila Mae Costin, Mary Cameron Dixon, Dewey Hobbs, Robert Hollis, Davis Howes, Geraldine Hubbard, Hooper Johnson, Frances Jordan, Sophie Mazur, Eloise Smith, Mary Elizabeth Toms, and Gibbs Holmes.

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NEGROES BEING TAKEN BY NAVY

Enlistments Started May 18; Quota Of 277 Is Set For Nation

The enlistment of negroes for service as apprentice seamen in the United States Navy, effective as of May 18, 1942, was announced yesterday by R. L. DeLoach, local Navy recruiting officer.

A total of 277 negro men have been set as a quota for the first group of enlistments over the entire nation, it was pointed out.

The quota of enlistments has been divided so that the sections of the nation with the largest negro population will contribute the greatest number.

The men are to be enlisted in class V-6, Naval Reserve, and may not apply for or receive duties in other than the apprentice seaman branch. Immediately upon enlistment, the men will be sent to the Great Lakes Naval training station for schooling.

Negro enlistments in the mess branch of the service are still in demand, Mr. DeLoach said.

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