

LABOR TO PICK NEW OFFICERS

GREENSBORO, Aug. 15. —(AP)—Election and installation of officers, committee reports and other matters of business are scheduled for the 38th annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor here tomorrow, starting at 9:30 a.m. as the conclusion of the three-day meeting.

Speakers at today's session included Dr. Ralph McDonald, honorary member of the state federation; C. E. Haurly, Washington, international representative of operating engineers; Mrs. Bess Proctor, Little Rock, Ark., regional representative of the Brewing Industry Foundation and formerly director of women's and children's division of the Arkansas Department of Labor; A. F. Valente, president of United Textile Workers of America; Joseph V. Tobin, representing the Teamsters Union; and C. E. Earnhardt, international vice president of the United Textile Workers of America.

Other speakers were C. T. Joyner, Atlanta, international representative of Journeymen Barbers International Union, Paul Askeu, representing operating engineers, and T. A. Wilson, Raleigh, chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

During the morning several resolutions were adopted, including one for appointment of a committee to go to Washington to talk up with proper officials and authorities, including the building and construction trades department of the American Federation of Labor and with the American Federation of Labor itself, the question of rank of discrimination against workers of North Carolina in the matter of pre-determined wage rates.

Members appointed to serve on this committee include C. A. Frank, Spencer, president of the state Federation; R. D. Apple, president of the Greensboro Central Labor union; P. M. Taylor, Durham, president of the state building trades council; L. N. Hutchins, Durham, and J. L. Dew, Wilmington, representing building trades committee.

Other resolutions included one for participation of unions and union officials in the work of "each and every government board, bureau or agency whose activity as bearing on welfare of the working people of the state."

The various speakers mainly emphasized the need for organizing labor and for promoting cooperation among elements of the organization.

BALLOT RULING GIVEN BY BOARD

RALEIGH, Aug. 15. —(AP)—The state board of elections has announced regulations whereby North Carolinians serving in the armed forces may apply at any time prior to November 7, 1944, for absentee ballots for the general election. Here are the regulations:

- 1. On a written form signed by the applicant and addressed to the chairman of the board of elections of the applicant's home county.
2. By an informal letter, card, or other writing signed by the applicant and addressed to the chairman of the board of elections of the county in which the applicant resides.
3. By an application for a ballot made pursuant to the federal absentee ballot act through the office of the secretary of state, or by application for a ballot made to the chairman of the county board of elections of the applicant's home county.

Advertisement for Jean Deays invented Human Blood Transfusion and PAL Hollow Ground Razor Blades. Includes an image of a razor and a bottle of blood.

Advertisement for Kentucky Tavern Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Includes an image of a whiskey bottle and the text 'BOTTLED IN BOND 100 PROOF'.

Palisades Park Razed In N. Y. Area's Third Disaster



Following closely after disastrous fires at the Hoboken, N. J., pier and the Luna Park, Coney Island, blaze, Palisades Park, N. J., was all but wiped out as a Sunday crowd made its escape with some 100 injured, according to early reports. The above photo, showing firemen, futilely fighting the conflagration from the middle of a swimming pool, was taken at the peak of the fire. (International)

ATTORNEY IRKED AT TAXI STAND

Describing alleged noise and disorder at the Yellow Cab taxi stand, Thira and Grace streets, as constituting "an intolerable situation," Attorney Aaron Goldberg, appearing for the state in the case against Luke Mohn, Yellow Cab driver charged with shooting firearms in the city, told Recorder's court yesterday that he intended to pursue a course that would result in eliminating the menace.

Meanwhile, Mohn, found guilty of violating Section 217 of the city ordinances, and ordered to pay \$10 in fines and the cost of court, declared his intention of seeking a 10 days' stay in the matter.

"I admit to shooting," Mohn said. "But I contend that I had to shoot in self defense."

Policeman N. J. Wolfe told the court that he answered a call at 12:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 2, to proceed to the taxi company. He said Mohn reportedly had been attempting to rob his passenger.

The passenger, according to Wolfe, denied when confronted with Mohn's story that robbery had been attempted. He said the two had hit him in an affray at Charlie Hattem's place in Brunswick county. The Brunswick county men were picked up for questioning by police, but all parties involved were released.

A warrant against Mohn for shooting arms unnecessarily was sworn out four days later. As the case unfolded in court this morning, three residents of the area explained that cursing, loud talking, crying and screaming on the part of women attended the affair in front of the cab office. The complainants were Mrs. H. L. Gano, Mrs. E. P. Walker and Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs.

All the witnesses declared that the noise woke them up, and that shooting had occurred several other times near the cab office, where, they showed, disturbance is frequently in progress at night.

Said Mrs. Walker: "We had been asleep. We were awakened by two people quarreling. There was whooping, cavoring and cursing. Then there was this pistol shot."

Judge Winfield Smith declared that he had previously declared the case against Mohn a mistrial and not proessed it, but that motion was entered to reopen it because "I found a greater offense had been committed, and that the matter deserved investigation."

TRENTON MAN CAPTURED TRENTON, Aug. 15.—Lt. Walter Wade Mallard, Jr., of the Army Air Forces, is a prisoner of war in Germany, the Red Cross has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mallard of Trenton. Lieutenant Mallard was reported missing in action May 19 following a bomber mission over enemy-held territory in Europe.

Cary Grant Separated From Barbara Hutton

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 15. —(AP)—Cary Grant packed his luggage and departed today from the big Brentwood mansion where he has lived with Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton since their marriage two years ago.

Incompatibility, nothing more or less, their mutual friends agreed, was responsible for the breaching of their marital relations.

The slim, blonde Barbara said they had decided to try a "friendly separation," and although she added that there was no thought of a divorce immediately, a reconciliation seemed unlikely.

"Yes, I regret to say that all this is true," Grant admitted. "You can quite understand why I have no inclination to make an extended statement."

Barbara, the "poor little rich girl," who inherited a rigidly excluded existence and \$25,000,000 with the death of her mother, Mrs. Franklyn Laws Hutton, in 1917, has been married three times.

Grant, wealthy in his own right, and one of the most successful actors in Hollywood, separated from Barbara a few weeks ago but recently returned home. The couple's marital differences apparently have been progressing for several months.

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NEW BEACHHEAD GREATLY WIDENED

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more than 14,000 pilots and air crews participated in the day's operations. This was exclusive of airborne troops and parachutists who landed in France and whose numbers were not disclosed but were described as great.

One Allied pilot, acting as a naval artillery observer, said he had flown 60 miles inland without seeing any big concentration of German troops.

The Germans apparently already had been forced to pull a large part of their troops northward to meet the threat of General Eisenhower, even though they themselves had been predicting the Mediterranean landings for more than a week.

(The German-controlled Paris radio early Wednesday said there was heavy fighting between Cannes and Nice and between St. Raphael and Cap Camarat, with General Wilson personally directing the latter operation. An NBC reporter, however, said American Liberty ships already were being unloaded in Cannes Harbor.)

Allied headquarters said only that the landings had been made successfully "along a considerable part of the coast between Nice and Marseille." The German radio reported that the focal point of the invasion was around St. Raphael, 16 miles by air west of Cannes, famous peacetime pleasure resort, and told of another landing at Bormes, 25 miles east of Toulon.

American Liberators this morning bombed the road leading from the beach to Frejus, near the mouth of the Argens river, two miles from St. Raphael. Marauder medium bombers struck heavily during the morning at beach and gun installations in a 30-mile sector from west of Cannes to east of Toulon, the great naval base where much of the scuttled French fleet lies rusting.

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Six Lumber Operators Fined Total Of \$39,000

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company, a corporation, of Hallsboro, N. C.; and the B. H. Oates Lumber company of Montgomery.

Shepard said the companies invoiced lumber from one to another "for the purpose of including and adding to the maximum price the direct-mill distributor's commission in violation of the ceiling price. Invoiced lumber as kiln dried, when the lumber was air dried, resulting in over charges; and sold lumber above the ceiling price."

Shepard directed the investigation of the Mammoth overcharge case, assisted by Charles F. Rouse, U. S. Attorney of Kingston, N. C. Other investigations of lumber sales activities are underway in eastern North Carolina, Shepard said. As a result of the investigation, Shepard said, L. L. Shertzer, of Montgomery, recently named a member of the national OPA yellow cypress advisory committee, had been asked to resign his post.

WEATHER

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

Temperature: 1:30 am, 78; 7:30 am, 77; 1:30 pm, 84; 7:30 pm, 80.

Humidity: 1:30 am, 96; 7:30 am, 95; 1:30 pm, 70; 7:30 pm, 87.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.09 inches.

Total since the first of the month, 6.32 inches.

Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington: High 7:51a, 2:43a; Low 8:21p, 2:52p

Masonboro Inlet: High 5:52a, 11:51a; Low 5:17p

Sunrise, 5:34 a.m.; Sunset, 7:58 p.m.; Moonrise, 3:24 a.m.; Moonset, 5:48 pm

Chamber Postpones Membership Drive

The membership drive of the Chamber of Commerce has been postponed until early in September to avoid conflict with other activities, Walter Cartire, executive secretary of the chamber, said yesterday.

No one yet has been appointed to fill the position of executive secretary of the merchants' division of the chamber, a vacancy left by the recent resignation of John Sheehan, he said.

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MILLINDER BAND COMING TO DAVIS

Playing for the first enlisted man's dance to be held at Farnsworth Hall in the past three years, the nationally famous "Lucky" Millinder and his band—Blue Network and Decca recording—is scheduled to entertain for the Antiaircraft Artillery school enlisted regiment and their guests Friday night.

Featuring sultry vocals by curvaceous Judy Carol, and the skat singing of Wynnonie "Mr. Blues" Harris, the Millinder crew is the answer to GI pleas for a truly hot, nationally known band.

The Millinder appearance, at Camp Davis was made possible through the interest of Lt. James McPherson, AA School athletic and recreation officer.

Billed as the "Dynamastore," "Lucky," whose given name is Lucios, more than lives up to his notices in Down Beat and other jazz publications, according to reports received from North Carolina and South Carolina, where he is now on tour.

The Millinder band is to date the best known orchestra to make an appearance at Camp Davis, and according to AATC and AAAS Special Service Officers, is the foremost of other nationally known "names" who will play Camp Davis in the near future.

Meanwhile, other dances, featuring the 142nd and 143rd Bands, were being scheduled for AATC and AAAS Battalions at Farnsworth

Hall. Approximately three-fourths of the 200,000 square feet gymnasium has been set aside for all battalions on the post desiring to make re-entrance for future dance. All Special Service Officers were requested by Major Henry M. Johnson to put in their dance date requests either "in person" or by calling the Farnsworth Hall athletic office, phone 351.

EX-JUDGE SYKES NEW SOLICITOR

RALEIGH, Aug. 15. —(AP)—Governor Broughton today granted a leave of absence to William Murdock of Durham as solicitor of the 10th Judicial district and appointed former Judge Robert H. Sykes of Durham to succeed him.

Murdock has accepted a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve and is awaiting call. The leave of absence and start of Sykes' tenure in office begin when Murdock enters service, the governor said.

The leave of absence was granted under a constitutional clause allowing the governor to grant leaves to office holders entering the armed forces.

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YOU may smile too. Use doctors' formula for distress of piles. Same as used adjunctively by specialists at noted clinic. Be amazed as pain, itch, soreness get such QUICK relief! Get \$1.00 tube Thornton & Minor's Rectal Ointment today. Or get the easy-to-apply Thornton & Minor Rectal Suppositories, only a few cents more. Try DOCTORS' way TODAY! At all good drug stores everywhere.

Advertisement for Canada Dry Water. Includes an image of a bottle and a person drinking. Text: 'Tune up your drinks. Drinks sparkle out loud when they're mixed with Canada Dry Water. Its "PIN-POINT CARBONATION" insures liveliness to the last sip. CANADA DRY WATER. BIG BOTTLE 15¢ Plus deposit.'

Advertisement for Andrews Mortuary. Includes a star border and text: 'PRESERVING OUR IDEALS. Americans take pride in their funeral services. They are quiet, reverent and unpretentious. Now that our country is struggling for survival these ideals have become priceless. We are cooperating in every way with the churches of this community in order to maintain the religious customs which govern our lives. Andrews Mortuary. Established 1880.'

Large advertisement for Sinclair Opaline Motor Oil. Includes an image of a Stegosaurus dinosaur and text: 'SECRET WEAPON (Prehistoric Model). THIS dinosaur, Stegosaurus, had long spikes at the end of his tail, which he used as a "secret weapon" millions of years ago. While dinosaurs lived, Nature was mellowing and filtering the crude oils used today in refining Sinclair Opaline Motor Oil. Because it is expertly refined from these mellowed, filtered crudes, then de-waxed and de-jellied by modern methods, Sinclair Opaline will lubricate your motor better, help it last longer. Ask your nearby Sinclair Dealer for Sinclair Opaline Motor Oil.'