

Concord Visited Hundreds During Formal Opening Today

The Hotel Concord is as nearly fireproof as it is possible to make a building nowadays. There is no wood in the structure other than the small amount in the furniture, the doors, window sash and the floor in the ball room.

All in all the plant is all that the owners and patrons can desire.

NUMBER OF GUESTS AT NEW HOTEL YESTERDAY

Visitors in City Entertained Although Building Not Formally Opened. The Hotel Concord has entertained its first guest.

K. D. McLean, of Philadelphia, is the first out-of-town guest to sign the register, and following his name are several others, all guests at the hotel during last night.

The list includes R. L. Heverle and Henry Colquett, of Fort Myers, Fla. M. L. Duchanne and T. L. Gowan, Florida. George W. Crump, Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Donnell and daughter, Richmond. Mrs. Johnston, Durham. A. L. McClelland and H. S. Tuck, Norfolk.

OPENING AT LAKE LURE NEXT TUESDAY

Unique Ceremonies Attendant Upon Laying Corner Stone of Administration Building.

(Special to The Tribune) Asheville, June 10.—More than five thousand people from various states have already signified their intentions of motoring to Lake Lure next Tuesday morning to witness the unique ceremonies attendant upon laying the corner stone of the administration building officially opening the new mountain lake resort to be known as Lake Lure.

Citizens of Rutherford county will serve the biggest free barbecue ever undertaken in western North Carolina.

General Bowley, of the United States army, will use a silver trowel furnished by Tiffany's, New York, to lay the corner stone. Inside will be placed many present-day mementos including current newspapers, photographs autographed by Governor McLean, Senators Simmons and Overman and other state and national dignitaries.

ELECTION CONTEST MAY BE ASKED BY WOMAN

Mrs. Owen May Contest Seat in Congress of William J. Sears, if He Wins.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 10.—(AP)—The possibility was seen today of an election contest in the Fourth Congressional district, where Congressman William J. Sears on incomplete returns led Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, for the Congressional nomination.

Charging irregularities in several counties, particularly in Monroe County, James M. Carson, member of the campaign committee for Mrs. Owen, declared last night at Miami that a contest would be made on the returns if they did not show Mrs. Owen's nomination. Mrs. Owen was about 300 precincts behind today with only 30 precincts missing.

With three small precincts missing, Monroe county gave Sears 1,584 votes, and Mrs. Owen 429.

Condition of Chief Justice Taft Improved.

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—Chief Justice Taft continued today his recovery from the illness which sent him to bed last week.

It was said at his residence that he was "feeling fine," but at the recommendation of the heart specialist attending him he decided to postpone until next week his departure for his summer home in Canada.

Stribling vs. Berlenbach.

New York, June 10.—Under favorable conditions a record crowd is expected to fill the Yankee stadium tonight to witness the contest for the world's light heavyweight championship between Paul Berlenbach, present holder of the title, and Young Stribling, the "Georgia whirlwind." Both fighters have been training faithfully for several weeks and today's reports from their respective camps are to the effect that both men are in the pink of condition for the bout.

C. W. Byrd and T. H. Webb have returned from a business trip to Wilmington.

Hotel Concord Towering Monument To Civic Pride Of Its Owners And To Genius Of Its Builders



HOTEL CONCORD

Manager Wenrick Has Fine Staff To Aid Him at Hotel Concord

The staff of workers which is assisting Manager C. Ross Wenrick at the Hotel Concord are for the most part experienced hotel workers. Mr. Wenrick, who has been successful manager of several hotels in the Four chain, has selected the following after careful consideration in each case: Ralph Isenhour, of Concord, clerk. Bertram Jones, Concord, clerk. C. R. McCurrey, night clerk and auditor. Mrs. Leslie Maynard, housekeeper. She has been with the hotel company for a number of years, serving at the Sheraton at High Point and the George Washington at Washington, Pa. F. E. Foot, steward. Mr. Foot comes to Concord from the Washington Duke hotel at Durham. He has been with the chain for a number of years, and has secured a capable corps of assistants. He will have charge of the coffee shop and all catering done at the hotel. Bill Spence will be assistant to Mr. Foot. Philip Escoffery, head waiter. He was with the United Hotels for a number of years and recently was at the Washington Duke. R. H. Broadnax, cuisine. He has served with a number of large hotels in the north and south for twenty years and has been with the Four chain for five years. Mrs. Bessie McConnell and Miss Dorothy Black, cashiers. Mrs. Alice Gilead will have charge of the waitresses in the coffee shop. Colored men will be used as waiters in the dining room, and those secured have had varied experience.

KIWANIS RECORDS SHOW 1545 CLUBS IN THE ORGANIZATION

Year's Growth Shows Increase of 5000; Elect New President and Decide 1927 Convention Today.

Montreal, June 10.—There are one hundred thousand Kiwanians and 1,545 Kiwanian clubs in the principal cities of the United States and Canada, according to the annual report by Fred C. W. Parker, of Chicago, International secretary of Kiwanis International, before the 6,000 delegates of the service organization attending their 10th annual convention here today.

"During the past year more than 146 new Kiwanian clubs were built, this increasing the membership about 5,000," reported Mr. Parker. "What American city will get the 1927 convention of Kiwanis International?"

Four strong contending cities will be in the running. They are: Memphis, Indianapolis, Tampa, and Seattle. "Dark horse" possibilities are eliminated as not strategic enough to swing today's voting. Indianapolis and Memphis are the ruling favorites today, for test votes in Kiwanian packed hotels and on the streets show both cities fighting a close race. Memphis Kiwanians, with a planned monster pageant demonstration as a last minute response to the delegates before they vote tomorrow, offer the Canadians and Americans a taste of old southern hospitality if they come below the Mason-Dixon line in 1927. Indianapolis members offer the Hoosier city's geographical location, which is an inducement to Kiwanians traveling from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the far northwest.

Kiwanis Accomplishments.

"The progress in bettering the relationship between the farmer and the city man and the inducing of the town and country groups for mutual cooperation in meeting their economic and social problems has been greatly helped by Kiwanis," Nat T. Frame, of the College of Agriculture, Morgantown, West Virginia, told the convention delegates today. "In the past year Kiwanis has successfully financed hundreds of expositions and fairs, formed Boys and Girls' cattle, grain, sewing and cooking clubs, improved city marketing conditions, and personally worked with the farmers in overcoming the obstacles which confronted both the farmer and city man," said Mr. Frame. "All this was accomplished by creating a community

With Our Advertisers.

The Southern Railway will run an excursion to Norfolk and Virginia Beach on Saturday, June 19. Round trip fare from Concord to Norfolk, \$7.50. To Virginia Beach 50 cents higher. Tickets good until June 22. See ad.

Says Brazil Has Quit League.

Paris, June 10.—(AP)—A Havas Agency dispatch from Geneva says Dr. Mello Franco today presented Brazil's resignation as a member of the League of Nations.

Would Not Improve Louisiana Deltas.

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—Army engineers delivered to Congress today an adverse report on the request for improvement of the Mississippi River delta in Louisiana.

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Washington, June 10.—(AP)—Representative Tydings, of Maryland, a member of the wet group in the house, today formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic senatorial nomination in that state. He said within the next few days he would issue a statement setting forth his position on various issues, including prohibition.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Further Slight Decline in the Early Trading.—July Off to 18.24.

New York, June 10.—(AP)—The cotton market showed further slight declines in today's early trading, owing to continued reports of improving conditions in the South, relatively heavy Liverpool cables, and unfavorable reports from the cotton goods trade.

The opening was steady at a decline of 1 to 5 points, and more active positions soon sold off about 4 to 6 points. July declined to 18.24 and December to 17.17. There was further evening up of the July interests, but demand seemed to be readily supplied at a premium of 100 points over October and 106 points over December. The maintenance of this near month premium helped to steady the undertone of the market, but prices were within a point or two of the lowest at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 18.31; October 17.28; December 17.19; January 17.12; March 17.26.

LONG TERMER DROWNS HIMSELF IN ROANOKE

Elijah Larimore Plunges Into River to Escape Shots of Guards After Break for Freedom.

Raleigh, June 9.—Plunging into the Roanoke River in an effort to escape the shots of guards after he had made a break for freedom, Elijah Larimore, white prisoner with 27 years to serve for murder, paralyzed yesterday, it was learned this afternoon at the office of George Ross Poe, superintendent of the State prison. Larimore was one of the three prisoners who attempted escape from Calogonia. The other two, Vernon Solebee and Harry Sprinkle, returned to their squad when guards fired upon them but the man who was drowned threw himself into the river. He was found by a trusty.

MRS. HIGHSMITH ACCEPTED

Will Be in Charge of Conducting Survey of Women in Industry in the State.

Raleigh, June 10.—(AP)—Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith today announced her acceptance of the tender of the task of conducting the survey of women in industry in North Carolina, under the Child Welfare Commission. The survey was ordered some time ago, and is expected to get underway early in July. The task was offered to Miss Elizabeth Kelly, but was declined by her.

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Judge Eugene O'Dunne Could Have Given Him Life Imprisonment But Chose Death Penalty.

GOVERNOR TO SET THE DATE

Counsel For Condemned Man Has Filed Notice of Appeal So He Will Not Die Soon.

Baltimore, June 10.—(AP)—Richard Reese Whittemore, "million dollar crime trust" leader, and slayer of a Maryland penitentiary guard, today was sentenced to die on the gallows. He killed Robert H. Holeman in escaping from the penitentiary in February, 1925.

Sentence was pronounced by Criminal Judge Eugene O'Dunne behind locked court room doors. Under the Maryland jury's unqualified first degree murder verdict there were only two possible sentences the judge could impose, death or life imprisonment. The date of execution will be set by Governor Albert C. Ritchie, but will automatically be deferred by an appeal which Whittemore and his counsel, Edgar Allen Poe, have announced will be taken.

The sentence is the culmination of a career of crime that began when Whittemore was a lad. Whittemore was arrested in New York as the leader of the "crime trust" and taken to Buffalo for trial for the murder of a bank messenger in a \$93,000 bank holdup. The jury disagreed. Whittemore was taken back to New York and turned over to the Baltimore authorities.

Leon and Jacob Kremer, Willie Unkelbach and Anthony Paladino, members of Whittemore's gang, have been convicted in New York for jewel robberies.

Whittemore apparently was not at all surprised by the death sentence, and received it calmly. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Whittemore, who had stood steadfastly by him since his arrest in New York last March, lapsed into unconsciousness twice. She had started to enter the court room prior to the imposition of the sentence, but while a detective was hunting a seat for her, her courage deserted her and she fled to an office on the floor below. There she heard that the bandit was to hang from the lips of spectators after the locked court room doors were again thrown open. When she was revived from her first fainting spell reporters attempted to speak to her.

EQUALIZATION FEE PLAN OPPOSED BY MELLON

Proponents of Haugen Bill Principles Fail to Get His Support.

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—The attempt to enlist Secretary Mellon in the campaign for a farm relief program based on the equalization fee apparently failed.

Appealed to by house supporters of the rejected Haugen bill, the treasury head has found what he regards as fallacies in the economic principle of the equalization fee.

The secretary does not relish being brought into the controversy about this question at the capitol, and he has still under consideration what he ought to do about the request of house farm leaders to render an opinion. He fears he will not be able to outline any constructive program at the present time.

Mr. Mellon has discussed the equalization fee with Sir Josiah Stamp, the English economist, who with Vice President Daves, has endorsed the proposition. He indicated, however, he could not agree with Sir Josiah and General Daves.

ROBERT E. RIDENHOUR, JR. SIGNALLY HONORED

Elected Secretary-Treasurer of Laundry Owners Association of the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida.

Robert E. Ridenhour, Jr., manager of Bob's Dry Cleaning Plant and secretary of the Concord Steam Laundry, was yesterday elected secretary-treasurer of the Laundry Owners Association of the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida at its annual meeting held this year at Kenilworth Inn, Asheville, N. C.

The honor accorded Mr. Ridenhour comes as no surprise to his friends and associates in Concord who have watched his progress during the past few years. Through use of modern methods and untiring effort in his business he has made a reputation for himself that is more than statewide in its scope.

Foor Officials Here For Hotel Concord Opening.

Among the prominent people here for the opening of Hotel Concord this evening are the officials of the Wilmington Food Hotel Operating Company: William Foor, president; George M. Crump, vice president, and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Donnell and daughter, Miss Vernice Donnell, Mr. Donnell, secretary and treasurer of the chain, as well as general manager.

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American Charged With Abandoning Post Before Rebels Will Not Be Summarily Executed.

TRIAL IS SET FOR JUNE 16TH

Doty Hopes to Escape With Light Punishment and to Finish Term of Service Later.

Damascus, Syria, June 10.—Benet Doty's father, Lennel Doty, of Biloxi, Miss., should have no fear whatever that his son will be summarily executed for his desertion from the French Foreign Legion, high ranking officers told the staff correspondent of the Associated Press today. The officers connected with the French general staff, said they were surprised at the publicity given the case abroad.

Doty's trial has been definitely fixed for June 16th and the charge against him remains "abandoning his post before armed rebels."

The American, who is held in confinement here, is in the best state of mind. He hopes to escape with light punishment, perhaps several months' imprisonment and then return to another company of the Legion, complete his term of service, and leave the French army with an honorable discharge.

Doty says he has been in the Legion more than a year and has never had a bad report chalked against him. He hopes that his future service will be such as to cause his momentary lapse to be forgotten.

The young legionnaire was awarded the Croix de Guerre only last month for bravery shown in fighting the Druse tribesmen.

SEEKING VENGEANCE WOMAN FIRES HOME OF NEGRO HERE

Mandy Ross Arrested at Home of Friend Here, Following Burning of Frank Phifer's Home.

Because he chased her with a shotgun on May 30th, Mandy Ross, colored, formerly a resident of this city and at present giving her address as Salisbury, last night set fire to the home of Frank Phifer, in Crockettown, the colored settlement just east of Concord. The house, which was the property of the Southern Loan and Trust Company, burned to the ground and the adjacent house, property of Q. E. Smith and owned by Carolina Moore, was damaged beyond repair. Both houses were covered by insurance.

With vengeance in her mind and a package containing kindling, oil, and matches in her hand, Mandy boarded a train in Salisbury late yesterday afternoon and came to Concord, ostensibly to visit a friend of hers on Georgia Avenue. Early this morning, about 2 o'clock to be exact, Mandy left the home of her friend and started her nocturnal expedition. Traveling in her stocking feet it was not long until she had reached her destination. There, to her dismay, she found that she had left her bundle of kindling and oil behind. Practically searching through her clothes she finally found a single match and used it to ignite a piece of wood sticking out from Phifer's house. Then she turned on her heels and fled.

The fire spread rapidly and before Monday had reached town the alarm had been given. Bob Faggart, leaving Howard's Filling Station on his way to the fire, met her on her way from it, still carrying her shoes, and asked her where it was. She told him that it was in Crockettown.

A number of large, unshod footprints all around Phifer's house led local officers to the belief that some one had been guilty of arson. Upon talking with Faggart, who told them of the negro woman he had passed on his way to the fire, their case became a hot one. They arrested Mandy, and upon searching the house of her friend, found the bundle of material she had brought with her from Salisbury for the purpose.

Confronted with this evidence of guilt, Mandy this morning in jail confessed to having fired the house in her desire to get revenge for the ill treatment on the part of Phifer.

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SUPPLEMENT TO BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO NORTH CAROLINA

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WILL CONSIST OF FIFTY PAGES

Will Contain Many Specially Written Articles Covering the State's Industries and Interests.

Gastonia, N. C., June 10.—(AP)—Editor and Publisher, leading trade publication for members of the fourth estate in the United States, will issue, at an early date, a special supplement devoted entirely to the State of North Carolina. It was announced here today by Jas. W. Atkins, president of the North Carolina Press Association.

The press organization in this state is fostering the edition. With a single exception, this will be the first time this publication has devoted an entire supplement to any southern state. The exception was in the case of Florida. Some months ago such a supplement was issued out that state.

The North Carolina supplement will consist of perhaps fifty pages, half or more of which will be devoted to specially written articles covering this state's industries and its agricultural, educational and civic development.

Arthur T. Robb, Jr., managing editor of Editor & Publisher, will arrive in North Carolina June 27th and will spend a fortnight or more assembling data for these articles. A representative of the advertising department of the publication will also visit the state in the interest of the supplement.

The exact date on which the supplement will come from the press has not been announced, but present plans call for its issuance on Saturday, July 17th, just prior to the convening of the press association in its annual session at Hickory July 21st.

This journal, said Mr. Atkins, goes into practically every newspaper office in America and many foreign countries, as well as into the offices of all the leading advertising agencies and schools of journalism. It will give North Carolina wide publicity, Mr. Atkins believes.

ANOTHER OBSTACLE TO EARLY ADJOURNMENT

Committee Wants Action on Rivers and Harbors Bill at Present Session.

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—Another obstacle to early adjournment of Congress was raised today when the Senate commerce committee voted by a large majority to start public hearings tomorrow on the House rivers and harbors bill with a view to action at this session.

Senator Willis, republican, Ohio, announced he was opposed to the upper Mississippi River and Cape Cod canal provisions, and warned that he would not tolerate any attempt to "railroad" the legislation through.

Chairman Jones denied any attempt at "railroading" but declared the committee expected to bring the bill to the floor without delay. He told the committee that the house leaders were planning to hold off adjournment until the Senate acted on the bill.

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THE WEATHER

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