

MOLEY DENOUNCES COURT CHANGE PLANS

Legislature Adjourns Sine Die Late In Afternoon

CLOSING DELAYED BY ANOTHER FLOCK OF NEW MEASURES

House Concurs in Senate Maximum Hours Bill and Orders It Rati-fied into Law

IT EXCLUDES MANY KINDS BUSINESSES

Clocks in Halls of Both Senate and House Are Stopped Before Noon So Records Will Show Adjournment at That Hour Unless Later Changed

Raleigh, March 23.—(AP)—The 1937 General Assembly snowed under its enrolling office with another batch of new laws today and forced postponement of sine die adjournment until 4 o'clock or later this afternoon.

After the Senate and House had sent close to 40 more measures to the enrolling office, the House recessed until 4 o'clock as the Senate worked on.

Clocks in the halls were stopped before noon, and the officials records will record that adjournment is taken at noon unless a new resolution is adopted to set a later time.

Early in the afternoon the Senate adopted the conference report on the bond bill and then recessed until 3:45 p. m.

The House concurred in the Senate maximum hours bill today and ordered it ratified into law as one of its last acts of the session.

The measure excludes many types of business and all firms employing less than eight persons, and limits work hours for men to 55 a week and women to 48 a week in general. It is the first State law limiting hours of men and cuts those for women by seven a week.

Representatives also accepted Senate changes in a bill to give the commissioner of labor \$5,200 a year and the commissioner of agriculture and adjutant general \$5,000 each. Now each gets \$4,500.

Ratified was an act to permit the State to participate in the New York World's Fair of 1939.

NEW BERN MAN HELD ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Capt. David Lancaster, 70, Waives Examination at Hearing Before Magistrate

New Bern, March 23 (AP)—Accused of an attempted criminal attack on a ten-year-old girl, Captain David Lancaster, 70, of this city, was given a private hearing last night before Justice of the Peace J. H. Smith and was ordered held for superior court under \$1,000 bond. This had not been posted early this afternoon.

Ernestine McCotter, daughter of Ernest McCotter, the victim, told of the alleged attack on the witness stand. Lancaster entered a plea of not guilty, but waived examination.

Duce Denies Furnishing Of Soldiers

Mussolini, Back From Libya, Defends Italy's Empire Building Program

(By The Associated Press). Fascist Italy, accused by Spain's government of waging an "undeclared international war on the side of the Spanish insurgents," told Great Britain today the only Italians to land in Spain since an international neutrality accord went into effect were volunteer doctors and nurses.

The answer came as Il Duce, back from his Libyan tour, gave Fascist celebrants a strident defense of Italy's empire building in the face of Anglican pulp criticism.

Italy's flat denial of reports thousands of Italian troops had landed at Cadiz March 5, thirteen days after Italy and 26 other nations agreed to stop sending men to Spain, was in reply to urgent British inquiries. The diplomatic exchange, however, did not

SEVEN INJURED IN SOUTH CAROLINA TORNADO



Seven persons were injured and damage estimated at \$50,000 was done by an early spring tornado that struck Gaffney, S. C. Spectators are shown around one of the wrecked houses in which several were trapped and hurt.

Chrysler And Lewis To Meet As Sitdowners' Critics Grow

Detroit, Mich., March 23.—(AP)—Governor Frank Murphy today pinned hopes for settling the Chrysler automobile strike on a meeting tomorrow at Lansing between Walter P. Chrysler and John L. Lewis.

Murphy indicated he had assurances both would attend the 11 a. m. conference, which he said would seek to avert extreme and costly measures with possible unfortunate consequences in the strikes. Six thousand union sit-downers are holding eight automobile plants at Detroit.

Lewis accepted the invitation today, at the same time informing the governor his message "suggests that I confer under duress."

A formal reply from Chrysler was awaited.

Governor Frank Murphy announced today a conference would be held

here Wednesday between Walter Chrysler, chairman of the Chrysler corporation, and John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O.

Although formal replies to his invitation to the conference have not been received, it was understood the governor had assurance both Chrysler and Lewis would attend the meeting.

**SITDOWN STRIKES DRAW INCREASING OPPOSITION** (By The Associated Press.)

Widespread manifestation of the sitdown strike technique incurred the censure of a growing number of city and state officials today.

At Chicago law enforcement officials invoked a 75-year-old law to dislodge more than 1,000 sitdown strikers from three establishments.

Governor A. B. Chandler, of Kentucky, joined Mayor Neville Miller, of Louisville, in a statement terming sitdown strikes unlawful and warning sitdowners will be evicted. Previously governors of Illinois, New Jersey and Connecticut had condemned the sitdown strategy.

At Detroit United Automobile Workers Union leaders coupled a call for a huge mass meeting near the county building with a warning they were not "bluffing" about a projected city-wide automotive strike. The walk-out was planned as a protest against police eviction of sitdown strikers.

More than 5,000 sitdowners continue to defy a court order to evacuate Chrysler Motor Corporation plants while union and companion representatives sought to settle the strike involving 60,000 Chrysler employees.

ADMINISTRATION IN SADDLE ALL WHILE

Was Victor on Every Fiscal Issue Decided by General Assembly

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, March 23.—No administration in the memory of veteran observers has exercised as complete control over the fiscal measures enacted by a legislature as has the governmental group headed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

The revenue bill as passed contained practically everything the Hoey administration stood for and virtually nothing it opposed.

It was a complete, smashing victory and perhaps the strangest feature is the fact that in only one or two instances was the administration's strangle-hold in danger of being broken. On two issues—diversion of highway funds and levy of a tax upon building materials—the opposition was so strong that so-called "compromises" were made, but in both cases the "compromises" gave the governor and his friends all the fruits of complete victory and hardly contained even "face-savers" for the opposition.

The administration started out with

Five Persons Die When Home Burns In Jersey Hamlet

Baldwin Harbor, N. J., March 23.—(AP)—Five persons died early today in the blazing interior of a two-story frame house which was swept by fire apparently starting from an old-fashioned coal stove converted to burn kerosene.

The volunteer fire department from nearby Baldwin responded, but was able to rescue only one of the five victims, Barbara Morse, 4.

She had been burned so badly she lived only a few minutes. The other dead were children of Mrs. Rose Van Orden Morse, 45.

Prisoner Suicide In Forsyth's Jail

Winston-Salem, March 23.—(AP)—Using a crude noose fashioned from his underwear Lonnie Wright 25, of Allegheny county hanged himself in the city jail here between one and three o'clock this morning.

Cleared of complicity in the Elva Brannock murder only a few hours before, Wright was last seen alive at one o'clock by officers who noticed nothing unusual in his conduct then.

Wright, who escaped from Forsyth prison farm Friday was recaptured Sunday, and was under sentence to serve 30 days on nuisance charges.

LAWRENCE TAKES POLITICAL TURNS

State Labor Head Ditches Labor Bill to Force His "Black Book"

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Raleigh, March 23.—If Roy Lawrence, president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, had spent more time working for labor measures and less in playing politics in an effort to put certain legislators "on the spot," the workers of North Carolina might have secured more favorable consideration at this session of the General Assembly, many Raleigh observers believe.

For example, on Monday afternoon with the Senate vote on the 55-hour bill only an hour or two off, Mr. Lawrence was still running around with the notorious "Black Book" under his arm trying to get legislators to sign their names to endorsements of President Roosevelt's court proposals.

Asked by a representative of this bureau what he thought of the 55-hour bill's chances he said:

"I'm not interested in that. I don't care whether they kill it or pass it."

While many weakening amend-

Texas Rural Schools Are Given Tests

New London, Texas, March 23 (AP)—Rigid inspection of every rural school in the east Texas oil field was the expected aftermath today of the disastrous London school explosion, caused, experts agree, by accumulated gas.

School doors were shut as safety experts began a search for possible similar conditions that killed 455 here.

Extreme caution pervaded the area, especially after Gordon Hawley, chief engineer of the State fire insurance department, told a military inquiry court yesterday he had located another school in the vicinity endangered by escaping gas.

"A test a few hours ago," Hawley told the investigators, "at the Carlisle school, near here, showed gas was escaping underneath the place at the rate of 720 cubic feet a day, all of which makes this occasion all the more ominous."

SERIOUS BLAZE AT HARBOR IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., March 23.—(AP)—Four alarms sent sea and land fire-fighting apparatus to Boston docks today as an electric crane operating in a drydock between the United States Fruit Company's boats San Gil and San Bruno burst into flames, threatening both vessels.

The San Gil caught fire soon after the first burst of flame.

Firemen, enveloped in a dense cloud of black smoke, poured water not only on this vessel but on the San Bruno as well in an effort to keep the sparks from spreading the fire.



Increasing cloudiness tonight, followed by showers Wednesday.

Holt Says Patronage Whip Being Used In Court Fight

West Virginia Democratic Senator Tells Chapel Hill Audience There Was No Mandate in Election Relating to Court; Accuses Roosevelt, Farley

Chapel Hill, March 23 (AP)—Senator Rush Holt, Democrat, West Virginia, said today President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Farley are "cracking the party whip" for the President's court reorganization plan.

He said in a prepared address "the report has gone abroad throughout the land that recognition and patronage will be taken from members of the House and Senate of the Congress simply because they dare to differ with the President and Mr. Farley on this great question."

Holt spoke under the auspices of the North Carolina Political Union, non-partisan student organization at the University of North Carolina, in answer to an address by Postmaster

General Farley before the union two weeks ago.

The young senator said Farley in his Chapel Hill speech and the President in his Victory Dinner address appealed for support of the court plan on partisan grounds.

If the Democratic National Convention had proposed reorganization of the Supreme Court, Holt said, the verdict might be accepted by a party verdict.

"But this was not attempted, and it is too late now to speak of the mandate when the matter was not discussed," he said. "When the opposition tried to charge that the court would be tampered with, members of the Democratic campaign staff were quick to deny such a move."

BAILEY'S FRIENDS ARE STILL PEEVED

But Second Victory Dinner Seen As Face-Saver for Senator

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 23.—Friends of Senator Josiah W. Bailey here are still peeved at those who decided to hold the second Victory Dinner to correct the "Sad Tydings" affair and are insisting that the second dinner was more or less an insult to Senator Bailey as well as to Senator Tydings, who had been selected by Senator Bailey to be the principal speaker at the first Victory Dinner fiasco, at which Senator Tydings did not once mention President Roosevelt by name, but instead made a thinly-veiled attack upon him, and his Supreme Court reorganization proposal.

Those who attended the second Victory Dinner are convinced that both Senator Bailey and his friends should be extremely grateful to National Committeeman A. D. (Lon) Folger, Chairman R. L. McMillan of the second Victory Dinner committee, S. Brown Shepherd, Jr., president of the Wake County Young Democrats Club, and others who decided to hold the second dinner, instead of criticizing them. Fort he point out that this dinner acted as a blow-off valve for the indignation stirred up against Senator Bailey by the first dinner.

One of Senator Bailey's closest political advisors here is reported to have admitted that if the second Victory Dinner had not been held, scores of smaller dinners would have been held over the State, also that most of these would probably have been out-and-out anti-Bailey meetings.

In fact, those who know the inside background of the second dinner here agree that if Chairman Folger and his assistants had not handled this dinner with the greatest of skill and allowed no opportunity for any one not on the program to speak, that the slightest slip might have turned it into a rip, roaring anti-Bailey demonstration. Consequently, they maintain that this dinner was so handled that it actually eased the tension of feeling against Senator Bailey and that those who backed it really did Bailey a favor by holding it.

Bryant Is Leading As '39 Speaker

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 23.—As the current General Assembly session comes to an end, Victor S. Bryant, representative from Durham, has a clear edge in speculation over speakership of the 1939 House of Representatives.

Of course, that's two years off, and anything can happen between now and then, but there seems to be a general agreement among members of the present House that the chairman of this year's finance committee will step right up the ladder to the topmost post in the lower branch.

The present speaker, Gregg Cherry, advanced to the position via chairman-ship of the finance committee and many think that Mr. Bryant will follow in the footsteps of the Gastonia "Iron Major."

The serious-minded, concise gentle-

There was never the slightest hesi-

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Legislature Just Ended Unusual One

Under Pressure from Washington, Its Social Legislation Was Extensive

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, March 23.—One of the most unusual and business-like legislative sessions ever held in North Carolina came to a close today. The General Assembly was in session 66 legislative days—only six more than the period during which members receive pay—while the members were here for 77 calendar days—making it the shortest session in more than a decade. During these 66 legislative days, the assembly has made appropriations totaling approximately \$79,000,000 for the first year and \$73,000,000 the second year—the largest appropriations any legislative session has ever authorized. It has also levied taxes which the finance committees and Department of Revenue regard as sufficient to produce the revenue to meet the appropriations.

The 1937 session of the General Assembly is not as noteworthy for what it has done as for the State of mind and attitude of its members and the manner in which it has done its work and the harmony and good feeling which prevailed. It has not only been the most business-like session which any one can recall—it has likewise been the most liberal and social-minded in the history of the State. For of the total appropriated, approximately \$35,000,000 a year has been appropriated for the poorer or underprivileged classes in the State.

Pressure From Washington

There are some who maintain that this would never have been done but for the pressure brought by Washington in favor of social security legislation and for the promises made by Governor Clyde R. Hoey as a result of the pressure brought to bear on him during the primary campaign by Dr. Ralph W. McDonald and his followers. There is no doubt, of course, but what these factors had some in-

Presiding Officers Are Due Credits For Speed

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Raleigh, March 23.—Instead of ending today this session of the North Carolina General Assembly might very well have gone meandering on far, far into April, had it not been for the firm hand with which Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton ruled the Senate and the diligence with which he held the members' noses to the legislative grindstone.

With none of the blustering, hellowing, wise-cracking qualities of Speaker Gregg Cherry, the serious-faced saturnine Chatham county product was just as dictatorial, just as peremptory and just as much a "slave driver" as the House's boss across the rotunda.

When members began to speak endlessly and aimlessly, the Senate's presiding officer frequently recalled them to the straight and narrow path of relevancy.

When it was proposed to take an unusually long recess, the lieutenant-governor was ever ready to call attention to the fact that there was business to be attended to.

When committees lagged in reporting bills referred to them, they were firmly reminded that they were given

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ONE-TIME INTIMATE OF ROOSEVELT SAYS COURT WOULD LOSE

One of Original "Brain-Trust" Gang Advises Senate Committee Against Plan

AUTHORITY, PRESTIGE WOULD BE WEAKENED

American Method and American Tradition of Government Would Be Upset; Bailey Objects to Wheeler Statement That Opponents Are In Accord

Washington, March 23.—(AP)—A one-time counselor of President Roosevelt advised Senate investigators of the administration's judiciary reorganization bill today that enactment of the measure would weaken the Supreme Court.

Both "the authority and prestige of the tribunal would be shaken," said Raymond Moley, whose counsels were an influential force in the early days of the Roosevelt administration. He finally resigned his position as assistant secretary of state after policy differences with Secretary Hull.

Meanwhile, another administration proposal ran afoul of difficulties in the House Agriculture Committee. There Democratic opposition had forced a delay in congressional action on the President's farm tenancy program. Responsible sources said a majority of the committee opposed the President's tenancy program, contending it would make the government too large a land owner and lender.

Raymond Moley, once one of President Roosevelt's closest advisors, opposed the chief executive's court bill

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Roosevelt Is Against New Taxes

Warm Springs, Ga., March 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he hoped there would be no new taxes at this session of Congress.

The chief executive made the statement at the second press conference of his vacation here as he sat in his motor car in front of a press cottage.

He did not expand the tax observation. It was made in response to a request for comment on the recent statement of Mariner Eccles, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, that the budget should be balanced, even if it were necessary to increase income and profits taxes.

Asked to comment on credit and control measures, if any were in the making, he said that he was evolutionary at present.

Asked if he would comment on the letter of Chief Justice Hughes, saying the administration's proposal Supreme Court revision would impair the efficiency of the highest tribunal, he refused to make any statement.

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