

Opening Session Today Of Building And Loan Men's Convention Here

Annual Convention of the North Carolina League Opened This Afternoon at Hotel Concord.

MANY DELEGATES ALREADY PRESENT Report of President and Secretary and Treasurer Made During the Afternoon Session.

A flag-bedecked city greeted the 100 or more delegates to the annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League when they reached Concord this morning. Throughout the business district "Old Glory" and "Welcome" flags joined in extending greetings to the visitors who began arriving last night and continued to pour into the city by all means of transportation this morning. In addition to the decorations put up by the city and down Union street many business houses erected their flags and other decorative bunting to give the city a holiday appearance.

O. E. Todd, of Wilmington, secretary and treasurer of the league, was the first delegate to reach Concord. Mr. Todd registered at the Hotel Concord, convention headquarters, last night and spent some time in conference with G. H. Hendrix, second vice president of the league.

J. F. Stevens, of Greensboro, president of the league, reached Concord early this morning. He and Mr. Todd conferred during the morning relative to the program to be offered. At noon more than 100 delegates had registered and it was predicted that the total would be increased to 125 during the afternoon. Fully 200 are expected to attend the sessions tomorrow, with the peak of the attendance reached at the banquet to-morrow night.

The first formal session of the convention, held in the handsome assembly hall of the hotel, was called to order this afternoon at 2 o'clock by President Stevens. Ben Goodwin, of Elizabeth City, first vice president; G. H. Hendrix, of Concord, second vice president; and Mr. Todd, secretary and treasurer, were present for the opening session.

The meeting hall was given a gala appearance by the use of flags and bunting which harmonized tastefully with the original color scheme. Many of the delegates, in conversation prior to the opening of the meeting, expressing admiration for the beauty of the hall.

Delegates arriving during the morning were registered at the hotel in the foyer of the assembly hall, headquarters having been established there during the morning by Mr. Todd.

The convention opened with prayer offered by Dr. J. C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The delegates were formally welcomed to Concord this afternoon by L. T. Hartsell and Mayor C. H. Harrier. The response was made by Charles A. Hines, of Greensboro, following this President Stevens and Secretary Todd submitted their reports.

In his talk Mr. Hartsell graciously offered every facility of Concord to the service of the building and loan men, expressed the keen pleasure Concord citizens are experiencing in entertaining the visitors and added the hope that the convention here would prove the most interesting and beneficial in the history of the league.

Mayor Harrier in welcoming the delegates as the chief executive of Concord, turned over to them the key to the city, offering every courtesy that might aid to their pleasure while there.

Mr. Hines laid special emphasis in his response to the emphatic manner in which Concord planned the convention after a change in the original plans had been made. He praised the people for their whole-hearted cooperation with local building and loan men in perfecting the program and expressed peculiar pleasure in that of himself and the league for the friendly manner in which the delegates have been received.

Mr. Hines pointed out that there are in the United States approximately 13,000 associations, with 10,000,000 share holders and assets of \$5,000,000,000. Since the close of the World War they have financed the purchase of construction of more than 2,000,000 homes, housing about 10,000,000 persons. Total loans made during the period approximate \$7,000,000, or an average loan of \$3,500.

BROOKHART SPEAKS TO A GATHERING OF FARMERS IN IOWA

He Says Agriculture Will Have No Chance in Congress Until It Elects Majority in Both Houses.

THE HAUGEN BILL FACES DEFEAT Defeat Has Been Brought About by Gigantic Conspiracy of Special Interests Opposed to Farmers

Storm Lake, Ia., June 22.—(AP)—Smith W. Brookhart, Republican senatorial nominee, told a gathering of farmers here today that agriculture will have no chance in Congress until it elects a majority in both houses that will fight to a finish what he described as "a conspiracy of special interests."

"Agriculture," Mr. Brookhart said, "has perhaps passed its most critical stage in American history. The Haugen bill faces imminent defeat. This defeat has been brought about by a gigantic conspiracy of special interests against the basic industry of our country."

"These interests have devised a scheme of economy which denounces everything as economically unsound unless it promotes their special welfare. Because of their size and prestige they are able to control the views of the statesmen and dictate the actions of the United States government."

"To any one promising to do the same thing for agriculture that has been done for railroads, for the credit system, for the protected industries, for the industries based upon patents or for public utilities, he is denounced as a radical or dangerous man imbued with socialistic tendencies."

"In Iowa, so predominantly agricultural, there is no newspaper and no individual so powerful as to openly oppose the enactment of legislation for the equal economy rights of agriculture. But while it is true, there exists in the state on a small scale a secret conspiracy as sinister and as insidious as the non-partisan league of Wall Street itself. This crowd is made up of a few newspaper men and a few representatives of the great corporate interests that proceed by means of flank attack."

BREWSTER NOMINATED BY MAINE REPUBLICANS Won on Issue of Prohibiting the Public Funds for Private Schools.

Portland, Me., June 22.—(AP)—Ralph O. Brewster has been renominated by Maine republicans. He led his opponent, Major Arthur L. Thayer, of Bangor, from the first returns of yesterday's primary. Today his margin was 11,400, with the votes of the small towns missing.

Returns from 506 of the 633 precincts gave: Brewster 43,261; Thayer 28,821.

Major Thayer made the chief issue of his campaign against overnominating a constitutional amendment prohibiting the public funds for private schools and other institutions passed by the last legislature and to come before the voters at the state election in September. Brewster won on a platform favoring such an amendment and in that campaign was openly supported by the Ku Klux Klan.

To Seek Revision of License Tax Legislation. Charlotte, N. C., June 22.—(AP)—North Carolina automobile dealers will seek a revision of license tax legislation and a revision of the lien registration law, when the next General Assembly convenes.

That is the statement of C. W. Roberts, secretary of the Carolina Motor Club, in announcing a meeting of dealers at Wrightsville Beach August 8 to 10. The principal purpose of the meeting will be the adoption of a legislative program. Mr. Roberts said that the dealers are expected to formulate plans for influencing the legislature to revise the law as to provide for all liens on motor cars to be registered at a central office in Raleigh. They are now registered in the various counties.

YELLOW KID GETS FIVE YEARS AT LEAVENWORTH Convicted of Disposing of Bonds and Stamps Stolen in Mail Robbery.

Chicago, June 22.—(AP)—Jespey (Yellow Kid) Weil, dean of the confidence men, today was sentenced by Federal Judge Wilkerson to five years in Leavenworth penitentiary on conviction of disposing of bonds and stamps stolen in a mail robbery. Weil was convicted of helping to dispose of some of the loot in the noted Rondout mail robbery for which a postal inspector and several others are now serving terms. This is the first conviction of Weil by a Federal court jury, but he had previously been sentenced to a term in the Illinois penitentiary.

PROPOSED COTTON TEXTILE INSTITUTE URGED BY DR. HARRIS

President of Georgia Cotton Manufacturers' Association Speaks Before Atlanta Convention.

TO STANDARDIZE TEXTILE INDUSTRY Dr. Harris Said Cotton Manufacturing Industry Is Permeated With Destructive Competition.

Atlanta, June 22.—(AP)—The proposed cotton textile institute was urged as a means to end "destructive competition" in the cotton manufacturing business by George Harris, president of the Georgia Cotton Manufacturers' Association, speaking before the opening session of the annual convention here today.

Dr. Harris declared that the cotton manufacturing industry "has become permeated with destructive competition to a terrible degree. This has from year been practiced until we find ourselves in a death grip that promises to tear down the entire structure."

"I like to look on business as a game and my confidence in my fellow man leads to believe that at heart all men want to play fairly, but in our enthusiasm we are forgetting the rules. This is why I think we have reached a point where a check should be taken for the good of all, and hence the proposed cotton textile institute."

The cotton textile institute was proposed and the idea launched at the last annual convention here of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. The purpose of the institute was announced to standardize the industry.

MAIMED VETERANS OF WORLD WAR MARCH TODAY Footsteps Guided by Fifty Little Girls Who Set the Pace.

Atlanta, June 22.—(AP)—Along Peachtree Street where more than sixty-two years ago the armies of a divided nation moved in battle, representatives of the entire country's maimed and broken veterans of the World War marched today. It was the sixth annual parade of the convention of the Disabled Veterans of the World War.

Forty blind veterans led the procession. Their footsteps were guided by fifty little girls who set the pace for the slow moving line. Next came those who lost an arm or leg in the service. The slow steps of the blind were merciful to some of those who sobbed along crutches or limped with the aid of canes.

Then marched veterans who suffered disabling wounds of various kinds. With these marched the gassed, the machine gun riddled, the shrapnel torn and those whose health was broken without wounds.

With Our Advertisers. Efrid's Chain took the entire output of several large manufacturers of dresses and the portion of the store here is on sale at about half price. Many other things are now on sale in the Big Chain Sale.

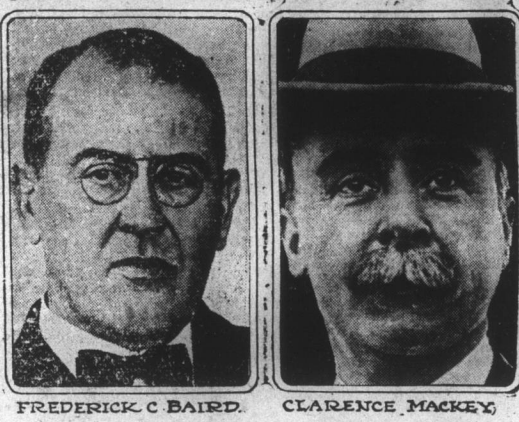
J. C. Penney Co. wants to serve you while in the city, whether it is wearing apparel for yourself or a present to take home to the family. In a page ad, today the Chamber of Commerce, the Concord Rotary Club and the Concord Kiwanis Club extend hearty greetings to delegates to the North Carolina Building and Loan League.

Concord's three fine building and loan associations in a full page ad, today welcome to the city the delegates to the State convention of the Building and Loan League. They are Cabarrus County Building, Loan and Savings Association, Concord Perpetual Building and Loan Association and the Citizens Building and Loan Association.

The Willie Laurel Olive evangelistic party is now conducting a revival meeting on North Church street and St. Mary's Streets in Concord, under a tent. Meetings each evening at 7:45. Everybody is invited. Whatever you need in the electrical line W. J. Hethcox can give it to you.

Big doings will be going on at the Brown-Cannon Co.'s Fridaq. See this paper Thursday. A reduction in the prices of Fords of from \$40 to \$50 a car is now in effect. This week only, Yorke & Wadsworth Co. will sell you a 30x3 1-2 Goodyear all-weather tread cord tire for only \$11.95. See ad.

Actors on the Public Stage



Secretary of the Navy Wilbur warned America against diminishing national defenses. Edouard Herriot, radical leader, took a leading part in the latest French Cabinet crisis because of the strength of his following. Frederick C. Baird, former Prohibition Administrator in Pittsburgh authorized perjury to convict bootleggers, a former agent told Congressional investigators. Clarence Mackay, of New York, was made a Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy, by the Italian King.

THE CHAPPELL TRIAL Absolved From Charge of Immorality Preferred by Memphis Police.

By International News Service. Asheville, June 22.—Absolved of charges of immorality preferred by Memphis, Tenn., police, Dr. Asdeley Chappell, one of North Carolina's leading religious leaders, today awaits trial by a committee of thirteen churchmen at Statesville.

The minister's trial is scheduled to be held sometime next month. Chappell, pastor of the Asheville Central Methodist Church, was suspended from his charge a few days ago. Chappell's friends declare he is a victim of a series of sinister coincidences. Here is one version of the affair:

While attending the Methodist conference at Memphis last month, the minister went out for a walk one night, following a long session of the conference. The occasional victim of a serious physical affliction, Chappell was stricken and, crazed with pain, sought refuge in a negro woman's home to rest for a few minutes and recover his strength.

The house which he entered was being watched by police, it was said, and it was immediately raided. When he was able to communicate with friends and his identity established, he was released by Memphis police and acquitted of all charges.

Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Shelby, has been appointed by the North Carolina Methodist conference to defend the Asheville minister at the church trial.

Miss Myrtle C. Dickson is the first woman to be appointed headmaster of a high school in Boston. The position carries with it a maximum salary of over five thousand dollars a year.

Rowing at Washington and Lee University dates from 1874, and is the oldest organized athletic sport at that institution.

Of the sixteen British admirals who took part in the battle of Jutland, fought just ten years ago, only two remain in active service. They are Lord Beatty, who is now in his seventh year as First Sea Lord, and Sir Osmond Brock, now commander-in-chief at Portsmouth.

BLAKENEY HEARD IN COURT HERE IS HEARD BY SCORES

Former Cashier of Bank of Midland Is Charged With Burning Bank Building on April 8th.

MANY WITNESSES HAVE BEEN SWORN Only Two Had Been Examined When Court Recessed for Dinner—New Facts Are Developed.

Carl T. Blakeney, former cashier of the Bank of Midland, was given a preliminary hearing at the court house this morning before Squire G. M. Lorie on a charge of burning the bank building on the morning of April 8th.

The hearing was 30 minutes late in starting, the defendant with his counsel, Frank Armfield and M. B. Sherwin, reaching the court room about 10:30.

At noon only two witnesses had been heard with indications that the hearing would continue most of the afternoon. The State called more than a dozen witnesses and it is understood that a number of others will be called by the defense.

Blakeney entered the court room with his wife, father and uncle. The latter two are his bondsmen.

Dr. J. C. Sossamon was the first witness called. He testified that he was a director of the Bank of Midland that notes amounting to \$2,400 made payable to Blakeney had never been approved by the bank's loan committee and that when an audit of the bank's books was made in March 1926 there was a discrepancy of about \$4,000.

Later on cross examination Dr. Sossamon said the auditors who examined the books in March had called this discrepancy a shortage of funds. Dr. Sossamon also told of the physical examination he gave the defendant on the morning of the fire, declaring that he could find no evidence of Blakeney having been struck on the head. He was questioned at length on the examination on the cross-examination by Mr. Armfield, saying the patient seemed to be in such great pain.

The witness said Blakeney told him he had been struck on the head and that he examined his head carefully. There was no sign of a blow, he said. The patient's pulse was rapid, Dr. Sossamon said.

On cross-examination the witness said the bank had never made any money but had had the largest number of depositors in its history during the time Blakeney had been its cashier. There was a deficit of about \$1800 before Blakeney was secured as cashier, he said.

Dr. Sossamon said he heard a pistol shot on the morning of the fire and that he stepped in the porch of his home, about 30 minutes after he had left the bank. He rushed to the building and saw three men carrying Blakeney. Later, he said, Blakeney told him two versions—one that he heard a noise and left the bank to look about and was struck down while picking up a niece of wood. The other that he was working in the bank when struck and that the fire must have started from a lamp he probably knocked off when he fell to the floor.

The witness said he rushed to the rear of the bank and threw a bucket of water on the vault door so he could shut it. It was then he saw a gallon oil can, he said, in flames. The fire at that time was burning between the counter and vault which contained no furniture. He described it as a space filled with "floor and fire."

The day after the fire, the witness said, when he was aiding in clearing the building, he saw a metal box filled with paper. In this box was a jug which he said some other workers told him had a little liquor in it. He said he did not examine the jug. He said never before the morning of the fire had he seen Blakeney in the bank before daylight.

The hearing attracted a large crowd, many of those in attendance having been depositors in the bank.

Workers' Council. The Workers' Council, composed of the officers and teachers of Central Methodist Sunday school, will hold its regular monthly meeting after prayer meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) night.

Cancer is a disease almost unknown among uncivilized peoples.

KILLED TODAY IN PLANE CRASH AT MITCHELL FIELD

Maj. Moore and Wm. Point Lose Lives When Plane Fell 3,300 Feet, Caught on Fire and Burned.

THE BODIES WERE HORRIBLY BURNED Were Beyond Recognition.—Their Identity Could Be Established Only After Careful Check Up.

Mitchell Field, N. Y., June 22.—(AP)—Major W. L. Moore Jr., and William Point, a West Point cadet, were killed today when an army observation plane, piloted by Major Moore, fell 3,300 feet and burned on the East Meadow Stream golf courses at East Meadow, L. I., today.

There were no eye witnesses to the actual crash, but those in the observation tower at the flying field here saw the big de Havilland go into a spiral and disappear behind a clump of trees. A bright flash immediately followed.

The bodies of the two fliers were burned beyond recognition and it was not until a checkup was made of all planes in use that identification could be established.

Cadet Point was a son of Lieut. Col. W. T. Point, of the Quartermaster Corps. His home was at 2227 Twentieth Street, Washington, D. C. He was taking a short course in aeronautics.

Major Moore was a graduate of West Point, having been appointed to the Academy from Arkansas in 1903. He was commander of Mitchell Field in 1920 and at the time of his death was in charge of the air service reserve of the second corps area. He was married and lived at Bayside Long Island.

THE INVESTIGATION GOES MERRILY ON Story of How W. C. T. U. Contributed to Enforcement of Prohibition Law in Pennsylvania.

Washington, June 22.—(AP)—The story of how the Women's Christian Temperance Union is contributing to enforcement of the prohibition law in Pennsylvania was added today to the diverse record of testimony before the senate campaign funds committee.

From Mrs. Ella M. George, the Women's Christian Temperance Union state president, and other witnesses the committee developed that the organization had raised more than \$100,000 as an enforcement fund and that out of this chest has been paid the salaries of two deputy attorney generals and the maintenance cost of a special bureau in the state capitol at Harrisburg. The expenditures included in some cases the cost of printing briefs in prohibition prosecutions.

The witnesses were called as a result of a suggestion that some of the money may have gone for political campaign purposes, but they submitted an audited account covering all payments and joined in denying that there had been any diversions for improper purposes.

Mrs. George said Governor Pinchot knew about the expenditures of the special fund which was raised after the State legislature had failed to appropriate as much as the organization thought necessary for enforcement work.

"He was in close touch with the work, as I was," she said. "I visited the offices of the men in charge frequently."

"What do you mean, the governor knew?" asked Senator Goff, Republican, of West Virginia. "Yes, sir,"

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Greatest Mass of Women Ever Gathered Within One Enclosure.

Chicago, June 22.—(AP)—The greatest assembly of women ever gathered within one enclosure in America banked the stands in Soldiers Field today at the second public session of the international eucharistic congress. It was woman's day and the vast arena harbored less than 5,000 men in the 180,000 worshippers.

CONCERT The Annual Concert Rendered by the Children of the Oxford Orphans Singing Class WILL BE GIVEN IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM Tuesday, June 22nd, at 8 O'clock Concord People are Already Familiar With the Kind of concerts rendered by these children. RESERVED SEATS 50c ADULTS 25c CHILDREN 15c Tickets at Pearl Drug Co., Gibson Drug Store, Porter Drug Store, Kidd-Frix Co., J. & H. Cash Store, Fisher's

City Tax Notice! All property on which Taxes for the year 1925, and also 1916 street assessments that expired December 1st, 1925, will be advertised and sold after July 1st, 1926. CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

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