

More Than Hundred On Hand For The Chamber Of Commerce Banquet

Clarence Keuster, of Charlotte, Delivered Principal Address at Banquet Held at Hotel Concord.

MANY NOTABLES AMONG GUESTS

Dr. Wade Harris and James Hurley, "Native Sons," Given Rousing Welcome During the Banquet.

The annual dinner of the Concord Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 100 members of the Chamber and guests present, was held Friday evening at Hotel Concord.

The table was placed in the beautiful ball room of the hotel in the shape of a "C." During the meal, which was served by several young men and young women of the High School of the city, music was furnished by the Carolina Melody Makers, an orchestra composed of local men.

There were also three sections by the quartette of the First Baptist Church with Mrs. C. H. Truesood at the piano. The quartette was composed of A. F. Agee, S. W. Preeley, E. J. Joyner and E. C. Morris.

Frank Niblock, second vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, was toastmaster of the evening and introduced the speakers.

Clarence O. Keuster, business manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker of the evening and told the men present to get a new grip on your town tonight.

Major C. H. Barrier welcomed delegations from the Chambers of Commerce of Salisbury, Greensboro and Charlotte. Major Barrier said that Concord is proud of her Chamber of Commerce and proud of the progress it is making.

He made a few suggestions of what a chamber could do for a community, and said that the word chamber applies to an assembly hall and also to those in the hall, and commerce means trade, traffic and exchange of commodities.

James F. Hurley, of Salisbury, extended greetings to the Concord Chamber and said that the Chamber of Commerce is hard to maintain but that it is needed and is worth it.

Dr. Wade Harris, a native of Concord, and now editor of the Charlotte Observer, said that he congratulated Concord on having a Chamber of Commerce. You ought to back up the organization so it can tell to the world what Concord and this community have to offer.

IN THE LEGISLATURE TODAY

More Than the Usual Number of Senators and Representatives in Their Seats.—Oy 13 Days Left.

BY J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Instead of the usual "meet, pray and adjourn" session customary on Saturday, there were more than the usual number of senators and representatives in their seats this morning when the Houses convened, and business was being disposed of with more speed and dispatch, as well as attention, than has been noticed so far this session.

According to experienced observers, with but 12 days remaining for the transaction of business, the members have suddenly realized that from now on they will have to work on Saturdays and Mondays, instead of four days a week, which has prevailed for the last six weeks.

As in the tendency has been especially in the house, to postpone discussion as well as action on all bills of public interest whenever any members has suggested that it go over until a later date for consideration. And while a few have feebly remonstrated, bill after bill has been set forward on the calendar, with the result that no action has been taken yet on the majority of the more important public bills.

The realization that by postponing action this way the general assembly was facing the stark reality of remaining in Raleigh far from one to two weeks after the 60 days had expired, was brought home to the members of the house, however, Friday when it came time to take up the substitute for the Smith-Hargett Highway bill, which several days before had been made special order for that time.

It had its effect. Pate Murphy had again evidenced his ability as a "whip" on the floor. Next Representative Nat Townsend of Harnett, asked whether the house would take up its regular calendar on Saturday, or whether it would adjourn as usual until Monday night.

He said that he had regular business at home, that he would like to go home and ought to go, but that he thought it was his duty to stay in Raleigh and help clear the jam that was threatening, and that he was going to do that. Several other agreed with him.

A motion was put that the regular calendar be taken up Saturday morning. But then the "week enders" began to get into action, and Representative Grant of Davie amended the motion that only the public calendar be taken up Saturday, the public calendar going over until Monday. The vote showed that the "week enders" predominated, and the amendment carried. However, as an evidence that it was not entirely the \$4 a day that brought them there, a subsequent motion by Representative Clem Wright of Guilford, that the house reconvene Monday morning at 11 o'clock instead of at 8 o'clock that night carried by a big vote. Thus the next Monday morning session will be held next week.

These who tanned the leather, made shoes, buggies, cabinets, coffins, and furniture; and then spoke of the brick masons and builders of the town when it was younger. "That was a town of Colonial days, and though it was only 50 years ago it has all changed and now it is a modern city."

Dr. Harris said "The Chamber of Commerce is an organization to promote commerce, to maintain trade, to settle disputes concerning trade, to secure legislation that is of advantage to the merchants, and to work for the interest of the town and community. The newspaper is one of the most important factors in the growth of a city and you should support your papers for they help build the town. You have good newspapers, which are really ahead of the town."

Dr. T. N. Spencer, secretary of the Concord Chamber, told briefly of the growth of the city during the past few years and said that the local Chamber had considerable to do with the growth that the city has experienced.

SEARCHING DEBRIS TO LEARN EFFECTS OF SEVERE STORMS

Rescue Workers in Louisiana and Mississippi Now Know 32 Were Killed by Tornado Thursday.

OTHER BODIES MAY BE FOUND IN AREA

More Than 100 Were Injured and 200 Are Homeless in Two States as Result of the Storms.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Louisiana and Mississippi today were near an authentic approximation of the damage done by the tornado which struck sections of both states Thursday night. While the death list stood at 32, rescue parties were still searching debris left by the wind, and the surrounding territory in the hope of finding other bodies.

Difficulties in the way of the search were emphasized when it was pointed out that the body of one negro girl in Texas Parish was found a quarter of mile from the place where she was when the storm hit.

The storm dead were divided as follows: 12 dead in Sabine Parish, La., near Pleasant Hill. 11 dead in Texas Parish, Louisiana. 8 dead at Rose Hill, Mississippi. More than 100 were injured and 200 are homeless in the various sections. Property damage is estimated at well over \$200,000, which is regarded as comparatively low, because the storm struck hardest in isolated farming sections. Pleasant Hill, La., laid aside all work today and paid tributes to its 12 victims, 7 of whom were from one family, and were buried in one grave.

Souvenir hunters today were tearing down what was left by the wind. State traffic police were hurried to the scene to keep traffic moving along the Jefferson Highway.

V. A. Davis, manager of the Lela Mack plantation on Lake St. Joseph, stated that when the wind hit the plantation house he and his wife and their 14 year old son took refuge on a porch which was spared. "The wind was blowing so hard," Mr. Davis said, "that it lifted me up above my head and it was by seeing his foot and struggling desperately that I kept him from being blown into the lake."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 4 to 8 Points With Market Remaining Steady. New York, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 4 to 8 points under liquidation by recent buyers and Southern and local selling, the latter being attributed partly to a growing impression that the farm bill would be vetoed.

Covering and trade buying on the decline, however, helped to steady the market around 14.02 for May and 14.45 for October, or about 7 to 10 points below yesterday's closing quotations. Liquidation of March contracts in preparation for probable no-today week continued, but was absorbed at about the recent discount, compared with the price of May.

Liverpool cables reported hedge selling had been absorbed by trade calling and a well sustained demand for cotton goods in Manchester. Cotton futures opened steady. March 13.84; May 14.08; July 14.27; Oct. 14.48; Dec. 14.65.

Closed Steady. New York, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady, 9 to 11 points lower. Spot quiet. Middling 14.10. March 13.78, May 14.02; July 14.22; October 14.45; December 14.65.

The Revenue Bill Was Finally Introduced in the Lower House Today

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—The revenue bill was finally introduced in the house today. Following an all afternoon session yesterday, and another session last night, the bill was whipped into shape and launched upon a career in the house that promises to be more or stormy before it puts in the port of enacted bills.

The bill was merely placed on the calendar with a favorable report, and it promises to be several days before it will come up for consideration. And since it must be considered section by section, it is expected that at least a week or two days will be consumed before consideration of it is completed.

Foreboding of the storm that undoubtedly will break during the discussion of the revenue bill and the appropriations bill was seen in the statement of Representative Walter Murphy, of Rowan, when he told the house yesterday that it would probably require ten days to dispose of it. It is understood that Mr. Murphy and other "liberals" in the house, not so wedded to the administration economy program as others, expect to open fire when these measures get to the floor of the house.

And despite the fact that Murphy does not have a large personal following and that he is regarded as something of an "irreconcilable" as far as the administration is concerned, there is no discounting the fact that he is a useful debater, and that his cold logic and ability to cut the heart of things, stamps him as a power in the house, even though he has no perceptible following.

Thus with the revenue bill on the calendar, and the appropriations bill ready to follow in its wake, things should begin to happen shortly.

HIGHWAY BILL DEFERRED UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT

Will Face More Determined Opposition in the House Than It Will in the Senate. The Tribune Bureau. Raleigh, Feb. 19.—That the consideration of the substitute for the Smith-Hargett bill, giving the highway commission greater powers in the location of roads, was deferred until Monday night more for the purpose of giving additional time for those lobbying for and against it rather than to permit certain members of the house to become more familiar with it.

For although those who asked that consideration of the measure be postponed from yesterday until Monday night, when it comes up as special order, professed the reason to be unfamiliarity of its contents and purpose, there is no doubt that there were other motives as well.

Despite the fact that the bill as re-written by the joint committee on roads, passed the senate by a 3 to 1 vote, there is no doubt that it is to face much more determined opposition in the house where this year as never before the "states rights" theory as applied to counties, is held most sacred and inviolate. And further, since it is readily admitted that no one can tell which way the house is going to jump on any measure, both sides have been using every available moment to explain their respective positions on the measure.

The bill as it now stands, according to the majority of those who have examined it carefully, and according to the majority in the senate who voted for it, is essential if the highway commission is to be allowed to continue to direct the building of the roads in the state without being hampered at every turn by injunctions and court actions. And many feel that whether or not the people of the state will get full value received out of the \$30,000,000 bond issue to be authorized for highways this session, depends upon the enactment of this bill into law.

While the highway commission is given full authority to locate, change, alter, abandon, add to or substitute new roads for old roads, provided the roads so affected do not disconnect any county seats or provincial towns, it is further provided that no roads can be so changed, altered, abandoned or combined without the full consent of the county road governing body, or in the case of combining roads that enter a city, without the full consent of the city council.

The arc welder is supplanting the noisy riveter in the erection of modern steel buildings.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF HOUSE RECONGESTED BY NEW MEASURES

Handful of Solons Left in Capitol Over Week-End Seek to Somewhat Clear Calendar.

BIG ISSUES WILL COME NEXT WEEK

Seventeen New Bills Were Presented and 16 Local Bills Ground Out During Session.

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—The House local calendar was recongested today by heavy reports of bills out of committees and the handful of representatives left in the capitol over the week end applied themselves to clearing the way for heavy statewide business next week.

Favorable reports accompanied the Beaufort-Cape Fear inland waterway bill, but adverse recommendations came in over the woman's federation bill designed to obtain an appropriation for establishing an industrial farm for women.

The bill passed by the Senate to repay former state treasurer W. H. Worth \$12,000, alleged to have been lost through a dishonest clerk, was reported unfavorably, but it carried a minority report.

Seventeen new bills were introduced, several of them of more than local significance. Representative Jones of Lincoln county presented a measure to repeal the state absentee voters law. A similar bill with reference to absentee voting in primaries was tabled in the House yesterday.

Representative Nicholson of Jackson sent forward a bill designed to secure better prohibition law enforcement in North Carolina. Appearing in the bill as co-introducers were the names of three other far-western legislators.

Representative Graham of Orange sent in the revenue act promised yesterday. The bill took the form of a committee substitute. Mr. Graham told the House that the original printed bill had been so amended that it would be necessary to have new copies printed in order for it to be read and understood, and House voted to have the printing done.

Mr. Graham also introduced a bill seeking to create a commission to study taxes. Sixteen local bills were ground out and the House adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday.

Substitute for Budget Bill. State Capitol, Raleigh.—(AP)—Committee substitute for the Budget Revenue bill, product of six weeks work, was reported in the House today by Representative Graham, of Orange, House finance committee chairman.

The substitute measure embodied numerous changes from the original budget bill, but the total revenue it is designed to raise approximately \$14,000,000, is said to be but slightly less.

OWN COOK



Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., recently publisher of a string of tabloid newspapers, cooked his own meals in a two-room apartment opposite the Vanderbilt mansion in New York. He did this, he said, to save time and cut expenses while he wrote to earn money to pay off the millions he owed.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—(AP)—"Precautionary mobilization" of the Shanghai volunteer corps, a defense body composed of residents of the international settlement, was ordered this evening because of the strike of Chinese workmen, which continued to grow as nationalist sympathizers celebrated the victory of the Cantonese at Hangchow.

The order means that all members totaling more than 1,000 men must be ready to respond at a moment's notice. An attempt to continue tramway service in the international settlement resulted in the stoning of several cars by strikers and foreign passengers were endangered. Service finally was entirely stopped.

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WOOD THINKS EVERYBODY ENTITLED TO VACATION Offered This Suggestion in Cincinnati While Waiting for Train. Cincinnati, O., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Every man is entitled to a little vacation, Otto Wood, 30, escaped convict from North Carolina penitentiary, remarked facetiously last night when he was brought to Cincinnati police headquarters by a prison guard, to be held awaiting a train for the South.

Sentenced 3 years ago to serve 30 years for killing Max Kaplan, a Jew-broker, during an argument, Wood has broken three times. Twice his freedom lasted only ten days, but his last "vacation" ran over a period of three months, terminating at Terre Haute, Ind., where he was shot by a drugist whom he attempted to rob.

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WOMAN LOSES SUIT AGAINST VICK CO She Sought \$550,000 Damages, Claiming Medicinal Preparation Scared Her Face. New York, Feb. 18.—Miss Eleanor Carley, Brooklyn seamstress, who brought action for \$500,000 damages against Vick Chemical company for marred beauty, lost her case today. A jury in Brooklyn Supreme court returned a verdict exonerating the chemical company.

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VOLUNTEERS READY TO DEFENSE CITY IN SHANGHAI CITY

Volunteer Corps Mobilized Because of Strike of Chinese Workmen—Actions Will Be Followed.

FOREIGNERS IN VOLUNTEER BODY

Corps Made Up of Residents of an International Settlement—Explain the Movement is Precaution

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Man Slays His Family And Himself To Avoid Starvation

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Rather than see his wife and five children starve to death, Guy M. Taylor, a teamster without work, killed his entire family and then ended his own life with a razor.

The tragedy was enacted probably a week ago, but did not become known until today, when the representations of a neighbor, the police forced an entrance into the squalid tenement occupied by the Taylors and found seven bodies.

The dead: Guy M. Taylor, 36; his wife, 35; Elizabeth, 10, Owen, 14; Albert, 12; Goldie, 8; an infant whose name is not known.

Mrs. Taylor's throat was cut with a razor, and Taylor committed suicide with the same weapon. The children were killed with a razor and a bowie knife.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Tuesday, February 22, 1927 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY Being a Legal Holiday in the State of North Carolina, the Banks of Concord will not be open for business.

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Faculty of Harrisburg High School Entertained. Harrisburg, Feb. 18.—The faculty of Harrisburg High School was entertained at a Valentine dinner and party at the home of Mrs. Jay W. Stallings Jr., on Tuesday evening.

Those present were: Miss Rachel Pollard, Miss Avis Sherrill, Miss Lela Morrison, Miss Mary Elizabeth Eldenhauer, Miss Juanita Morris, D. A. Albeauder, and Barten Weller.

ROBBED AND JUMPS FROM TRAIN

Had Secured But \$7 From Passengers When He Signaled Train to Stop. San Francisco, Feb. 19.—(AP)—After securing \$7 from two passengers on the Ocean Shore Express last night, a masked robber apparently lost his nerve and leaped from the train as it approached the Bay Shore station en route to San Francisco.

The man rose from his seat in the tourist car as the train left San Francisco, and with revolver in hand ordered a negro porter to walk before him and search passengers. When \$7 had been obtained from two passengers, the outlaw suddenly ordered the brakeman to signal the engineer to stop. He escaped as the train slowed down.

Woman Attacked and Robbed. Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—With her skull fractured, Mrs. Daisy Wellen, 35-year old telephone operator, was found in a dying condition last night on the grounds in front of the capitol. She had been attacked and robbed.

Japanese Cruiser to Shanghai. Tokio, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A Japanese cruiser and four destroyers were ordered tonight to proceed to Shanghai. They will depart from the Sasebo navy base probably tomorrow.

REVIVAL SERVICES

11 A. M. "HEAVEN" 3:00 P. M.—WOMEN ONLY "THE GLORY OF WOMANHOOD" 7:00 P. M. "THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST" GOOD MUSIC HEARTY WELCOME FIRST M. P. CHURCH Ann and Moore Streets

Two Firemen Hurt. Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Two firemen were injured and many toys were driven from a nearby rooming house by fire early today that destroyed the Academy of Music Richmond's oldest theatre. The loss was estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

WEATHER FORECAST. Rain and colder tonight, Sunday partly cloudy; colder in the course of next morning. Strong westerly winds this afternoon, shifting to north and northwest tonight.