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**STATE FEDERATION CONVENTION AT SALISBURY
JULY 26, 27, 28**

Get set for the State Federation of Labor convention at Salisbury, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26, 27, 28. The convention will be one of the best attended and one of the most important meetings, as far as the labor movement is concerned ever held in North Carolina. Convention headquarters will be at the Yarkin Hotel and the delegates may rest assured of courteous treatment by the management, which has been very friendly to the cause of labor. The boys are getting all set for a real meeting, one of much hard work, and with many problems to work out, but the union men of Salisbury-Spencer have realized the fact that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," have provided for relaxation in the way of entertainment—so, get your house in order and be on hand at Salisbury, July 26-27-28, prepared to help make the Labor movement in North Carolina stronger and better than ever before.

**Hotel Workers
Get \$500,000.00
Wage Increase**

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Agreements providing annual wage increases of around \$500,000 for more than 1,500 employees of fifteen of Milwaukee's largest hotels were negotiated here by locals of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance, Laundry Workers Union, Operating Engineers, and the Milwaukee Building Trades Council.
Wage increases range from 25 to 60 per cent, according to classification. Hours for women are limited to 48 per week and to 54 for men.

Laundry workers are put on a 44-hour week and the skilled crafts on a 40-hour basis.
The agreement provides for an arbitration committee to adjust grievances, and includes provisions against strikes and lockouts.
The unions reserve the right to refuse to go through picket lines in strikes properly authorized but beyond their control.

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IN WASHINGTON
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY
Pit R. Rynby
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Although there has been no let-up in committee consideration of new farm legislation, labor standards, Federal reorganization and numerous other matters, in preparation for Congressional action once the proposal to reorganize the judiciary is out of the way, the latter measure is now the highlight of widespread interest. As this is being written, opponents of court changes are presenting their case. By the time this is published a vote in the Senate may be near.

However, developments are coming so rapid that the subject must be left to the daily press and the radio which are keeping the public informed on the more significant trends. This opens the way for timely mention of a subject of unusual interest to those unfamiliar with the daily movements of their members of Congress. In other words, the Senatorial Day.

The senator's day begins at varying hours. I have seen members of the senate headed for their offices as early as six in the morning. I have had visitors knocking on my door as early as seven. But by nine o'clock from ten to twenty people are usually awaiting interviews, and the number increases up to noon. Some have appointments and others await their turn. The majority are hopeful of assistance in securing jobs and all feel that their demands can be met. To these daily interviews is added anywhere from one to several hundred letters, post cards, and circulars, the majority requiring immediate attention. As attention is given to visitors and mail, telephone calls add to time required.

Many people believe that the purpose of congress convening at noon is to allow members to have the morning free. Such is not the case. The average member of congress is on several committees. These committees meet during the morning hours. It is the time when hearings are held on important legislation and

when committee members confer on reports to be made to their respective bodies, senate or house, as the case may be. And the congress functions by committees, the prestige of an individual member being largely based on his rank on committees. The new member begins, always, at the bottom on a committee list and moves upward over a period of years to the coveted chairmanships.

Senators, and representatives as well, unless they have some important or pressing appointment in their offices, go direct from committee rooms to the floor of the senate or house. All endeavor to be present for the roll call.

Shortly after twelve, congressional pages begin the daily trek from reception rooms to the halls of the senate and house, with calls for members. Constituents and even strangers want time for interviews. Unless the business on the floor is of extreme importance, the interviews are granted. They result in every conceivable request. Some are merely friendly calls.

When free from duties in the committee room or on the floor or office, the member must make departmental calls. Advice is sought on pending federal appointments, contracts of interest to the Congressional member's state, and perhaps some particular phase of government activity in which the member is interested. And while attending to these missions, the member must be in constant communication with his office with regard to telegrams and telephone calls. Not the least of the time-taking demands, is the necessity for short chats with numerous persons encountered by a member of congress when away from his office.

Upon completion of the daily session, then comes the time for reading and signing mail, answering telegrams, dictation to stenographers—always interrupted by telephone calls and visits—sometimes running into darkness.

Additional telephone calls and telegrams come well into the night, and start again early the following morning. It is all a part of the senatorial day. It requires patience, energy, and an understanding of people. And the real friend of a congressional member is the person who understands the press of the daily routine and realizes the strain it imposes on an individual.

The time required for writing and making speeches, as well as weighing the importance of various invitations to speak, is another chapter.

**State Federation Convention
Dates:**

July 26, 27, 28—at Salisbury.
Be sure and have your delegates present on time.

**Faithful Pilgrims Trek
to Black Virgin Shrine**

Montserrat, Spain, is the name of a fantastic mountain pass that rises abruptly to a height of 3,000 feet from the rolling foothills of Catalonia. It is also the name of a famous monastery, which clings like a swallow's nest halfway up the steep slopes of the mountain, about 35 miles northwest of Barcelona. For centuries, states a correspondent in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, this medieval Benedictine monastery has been the nation's most famous shrine, to which thousands of the Spanish faithful make pilgrimage each year to pay homage to what is called the Black Virgin. This wooden image, darkened by age, is not, however, the only source of Montserrat's fame. Montserrat, in Catalan tradition, is the Montsalvatah or Monsalvat of the Middle Ages, site of the castle of the Holy Grail. Here Ignatius of Loyola, a wounded soldier, knelt in prayer, and went away to found the Society of Jesus.

According to legend, the Black Virgin was carved by St. Luke and brought to Barcelona A. D. 50 by St. Peter. During the Moorish invasion and occupation it was hidden by Christian monks in one of the caves of Montserrat near the site of the present monastery. An effort was made to bring it down from the mountains, but, although the statue is not quite life-size, the shepherds reported that it could not be moved beyond the ledge where the monastery stands. The Basilica, accordingly, was erected to protect it, and the monastery built to care for the pilgrims who climbed the mountain to worship at the virgin's shrine.

**Beans Once Considered
Unclean Food; Forbidden**

Although the bean is a very desirable food it has not always enjoyed such a favorable position. More than 2,000 years ago, in fact, some of the Egyptian high priests considered this vegetable unclean and their subjects were forbidden to eat it. The intervening centuries, however, displaced this "boogey" idea and dietitians show that beans deserve an important place in your diet, declares a writer in the Los Angeles Times.

The history of the bean is probably as lengthy as that of any other vegetable and experts who make a practice of delving into the past inform you that it was known during prehistoric times. It was also favored in Switzerland and Northern Italy during the Bronze age. Slightly later, according to the ancient chronicles, the people of Egypt and certain parts of Europe cultivated the bean.

Prior to this time certain varieties are believed to have grown in the wild state along the southern shore of the Caspian as well as in Northern Africa.

From the botanical viewpoint the bean of Great Britain and the continent is identified as Vicia faba, sometimes being classified as the broad bean. This variety contains more than 20 per cent pure nitrogenous matter and, as a foodstuff, the bean is considered to be far more nutritive than wheat. The kidney bean is known as Phaseolus vulgaris, the scarlet runner and the lima also being members of this group.

The Guelph Treasure

The Guelph Treasure is a collection of ecclesiastical objects including portable altars, crosses, tablets, monstrances and a number of reliquaries. Its origin and history are closely bound up with the Brunswick royal lineage of the Guelphs and their predecessors, the Brunons, according to an authority in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "It is a unique and final witness to the wonderful mentality of the Middle Ages, in which we find expressed both the religion and the understanding of art of a mighty German lineage," states a catalog on the Guelph Treasure, edited by Otto Van Falke, Robert Schmidt and George Swarzenski.

**"Muskingum," Old Indian
Name for River, County**

The name "Muskingum," for a county by that name in Ohio, also for a river well known in Ohio, came from the Delaware Indian word meaning Moose-eye river, so called because of the vast number of moose and elk which inhabited the valley. Some authorities claim they have traced the word back to the Indian Mooskingom or Elk's Eye, according to a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In early times the Muskingum and Tuscarawas rivers and their valleys were known only as the Muskingum. When the pioneers came the name Tuscarawas was given to all that portion between the dividing ridges in Summit county and the town of Coshocton, where the Walhonding river joins the Tuscarawas to form the Muskingum.

The origin of the tricky name of Tuscarawas, which now represents a river, county, and village in the same county has long furnished historians a subject for research. According to some early writers, this often misspelled and mispronounced name was derived from the Tuscarora tribe of Indians, who originally inhabited North Carolina. They migrated to New York state to become part of the Six Nations Confederation. Afterwards some members of the tribe are said to have wandered west to the Ohio Valley, giving their name from Tuscarawa, the oldest. Then pioneers substituted the "a" for the "o" in the spelling of Tuscarawas, and gave the name to the river and the valley. Later the present spelling became most common.

Other chroniclers believe the word came from a Delaware Indian title which means "Old Town." They claim the river receives its name from Tuscarawa, the oldest Indian town in that section of the state and which was situated on the stream's bank.

**Plenty of Experience Is
Needed in Making Harps**

"To make a harp that will sound right a man must be a cabinet maker, wood carver, machinist, tool maker, mechanic and musician rolled into one." So asserts a harp manufacturer of long experience, according to a writer in the Washington Post.

This guided "instrument of angels" was the first stringed musical device. Its music has often been thought magic. Fourteenth century feudal lords declared harp music could cure sickness of mind and body. Troubadors playing harps were paid in gold and jewels.

Solomon ordered 4,000 harpists and as many trumpet players to play at his feasts.

In Germany and Switzerland small harps are sometimes attached to cottage doors. When the door swings, the harps tinkle softly. Tourists returning from these countries have often made their own "door harps" from cigar boxes and mandolin strings.

Peculiarity of Cactus Family

The cactus natural order, known to botanists as cactaceae, ranges in size and form of plants from globular bodies little larger than peas to candelabra-like arboreal growths fifty feet high. In the case of the giant cereus of Arizona, southeastern California and northern Mexico, shafts of this height are occasionally single or with very few branches, but, in southern Mexico and below, great umbrageous cactaceous giants are mistaken for trees at a distance, for they are of sufficient stature, states a writer in the Los Angeles Times. There is scarcely any form in plant life throughout the world, aside from lofty trees, that some member of the cactus family cannot match. No flower grows whose counterpart in color cannot be found in this interesting group of more than 5,000 named and published species.

Blarney Legend's Antiquity

When the legend of the Blarney Stone began is not historically dated, though the expression "blarney" is said to date to the Elizabethan days. It is supposed to define a peculiar form of wheedling Irish eloquence, originally ascribed to Lord Clancarty in his communications with the English queen, in which he showed a knack of making wordy excuses. Elizabeth received one of his communications with a sigh of resignation and the comment: "This is more than blarney." This exclamation has been regarded as the source of origin for the stone. The contact of the mouth and lips with the stone is supposed to communicate the "blarney," a form of infection.

St. Patrick's Well in Ireland

St. Patrick's well in Ireland is situated near the famous Cullen bridge, founded in 1608 on the Old Coach road, where King Niall Caille was drowned in 846, as a warning to invaders, famed in verse as the "Wad to Western Ireland," and is near the Royal college, which carries on the work of the original school founded by St. Patrick.

How the Tiger Got Its Name

The word tiger really means an arrow, and comes to us from the Old Persian. An arrow fired from a bow travels very swiftly through the air, and as the tiger also travels swiftly it was called by the Orientals an arrow, or tiger.

Combining Beauty With Talent



Maxine Marlowe

If pretty is as pretty does, Maxine Marlowe, star soloist on Phil Spitalny's "Hour of Charm", is a credit to the adage. Although assigned to the role of a radio songstress who is heard but seldom seen, Maxine, never neglects her make-up.

Being always perfectly groomed, whether alone with the mike, or in public, is the secret of being exuberant, the vivacious kind of a person people like to have around,

and admire. While Maxine never uses heavy make-up for the street, she believes little beauty accents which highlight the eyes and neatly applied lipstick are necessary to a sweet disposition. In fact, nothing makes a woman's disposition sweeter than to know she is perfectly groomed and well-turned-out. No body can be responsible for that except yourself, according to Maxine, who is heard Monday nights at 9:30 (E.D.S.T.) over the NBC network.

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