

Primary Election Campaign Grows Lively



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Two-Day Typographical Meeting Opens Saturday

Honored Guest



HAROLD H. CLARK, Vice-President
INTERNATIONAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION
Indianapolis, Indiana

Convention Headquarters To Be At Hotel Charlotte

The 1952 Virginia-Carolinas, District of Columbia, Maryland and Tennessee Typographical Conference will open its two-day sessions here Saturday, May 24, at Hotel Charlotte. Delegates and visitors from the several States will begin arriving Friday.

The May 24-25 meeting will be the 32nd session of the conference since it was first organized in January, 1926, in Charlotte. This 1952 meeting is to be celebrated as the Silver Anniversary of the Conference and local Typographical Union officers and committees have been busy for several months making plans for entertaining the visiting delegates and other visitors at this Silver Jubilee get-together.

A number of prominent speakers will be on hand to address the sessions, among whom will be Vice President Harold H. Clark of the International Typographical Union. Woodruff Randolph, ITU president, and Don Hurd, ITU secretary, were invited but previous engagements made it impossible for them to accept. Vice President Clark is expected to arrive Friday afternoon. He will be at the Hotel Charlotte.

The conference will officially open at 10:00 a. m. Saturday with registration of delegates and visitors.

At 2:00 p. m. the conference will be called to order in the Kuester room by J. T. Primm, president of Charlotte Typographical Union. Invocation will be said by Rev. Robt. H. Stamey, pastor of Commonwealth Methodist church, followed by a brief welcome from John P. White, 53-year member of the International Typographical Union.

Mayor Victor Shaw will make the address of welcome to the conference, followed by Chief of Police Littlejohn of the Charlotte Police department. Following the addresses of welcome the convention will then be officially called to order by President E. M. Hathaway of Richmond.

At 4:00 p. m. tea for the delegates and guests will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Virginia-Carolinas Typographical Conference in Parlors E & F on the Mezzanine floor. This will

be sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Charlotte. Mrs. Radford B. Alexander, conference auxiliary president, will preside. Mrs. Sam F. Blackwelder, secretary of local 375, Post Office Clerks, will be a guest speaker for this occasion.

At 9:00 p. m. a dance will begin in the ball room, the music to be furnished by Gibb Todd's orchestra.

Sunday Events

9:00 A. M.—Business session in the Kuester Room.

9:30 A. M.—Business session of Ladies Auxiliary in Tryon Room. During this session judging of various posters and articles will take place, the awards to be made by five judges picked at random from the conference membership.

Banquet and Speakers

At 1:30 p. m. the banquet will begin in the ball room, presided over by John P. White as toastmaster. Mr. White is a 53-year member, retired mechanical superintendent of The Observer and former city councilman.

At the banquet session the invocation will be given by Dr. Charles G. McClure, pastor of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian church and speakers will be Vice-President Harold H. Clark of the International Typographical Union; Ralph Nicholson, publisher of The Charlotte Observer and by Thomas L. Robinson, publisher of The Charlotte News.

The honor guests, besides Mr. Clark, will be J. Ed Dowd, general manager of The Charlotte News; H. A. Allen, business manager of The Charlotte Observer; C. A. Fink, president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor; Hubert E. Olive, candidate for Governor of North Carolina; May Victor H. Shaw; Jord H. Jordan of the Herald Press; and Giles C. Courtney, first secretary-treasurer and one of the original founders of the conference 25 years ago.

County Candidates Move Fast As The May 31st Primary Date Draws Nigh

The unusually large list of candidates seeking public office in Mecklenburg County are moving about at lively gaits during the remaining days before the Democratic Primary election in efforts to contact as many voters as possible before the polls open on Saturday morning, May 31, at sunrise.

In the races for members of the Board of County Commissioners the campaigning has been going on for several weeks, with the issue regarding last year's revaluation of Mecklenburg property taking topmost place. The "ins" believe they have done the right thing in bringing about this revaluation. They say that it will result in a lower tax rate on the \$100 valuation of county property and also place the county in a more favorable position in disposing of its bonds, etc. The "outs" say they are representing a thought almost universal throughout the county which has opposed both the manner in which the revaluation was obtained and the necessity for it. So the various candidates go forth to do battle for the ballots.

Three candidates are running for Chairman of the Board of County Commissions, while 13 seek membership on the Board, four to be elected.

The Senate race finds four candidates seeking this highly important office, one to be elected, and seven candidates are running for membership in the State House of Representatives, four to be elected.

Two seek the office of Register of Deeds, and six are running for the County School Board, two to be elected.

For Constable in Charlotte Township, two are running, and likewise, two are seeking the offices of constable in the Crab Orchard and Morning Star Townships.

The last week of the campaign-

ing is expected to grow hotter and only the voters themselves know whom they will support and vote for.

In the race for Governor, one Charlotte man, Manley R. Dunaway, seeks this top office, while William B. Umstead of Durham and Hubert E. Olive of Lexington, are the other candidates.

For Lieutenant Governor: Four seek this office, they being Luther H. Hodges, Ben J. McDonald, Marshall C. Kurfees and Roye Rowe.

For Commissioner of Insurance John N. Frederick of Charlotte has cast his hat into the ring against the incumbent, Waldo C. Cheek.

R. Hunt Parker, William H. Bobbitt, Itimous T. Valentine and Oscar O. Eford are running for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, short term, one to be elected.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, regular term, the

Smith Bill Is Branded Usurper Of Rights

"Totalitarianism at its worst could do no more to usurp individual rights, both civil and property. In all my years of service as president of the American Federation of Labor I have seldom seen a more shocking proposal than that contained in the Smith bill."

With such statements William Green, AFL president, denounced H. R. 7647, a measure introduced by Rep. Howard W. Smith (D., Va.) to amend the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

The AFL president pointed out to the House Committee on Armed Services, in testimony presented by Herbert Thatcher, as-

sociate counsel for the AFL, that the means suggested by Smith for handling an industrial dispute "which would in any way imperil the national defense and to assure continuous production" would act drastically against the rights of workers, and in no way affect rights, profits or operation of employers.

Injunction Settles Nothing

The Smith bill would direct the Attorney General to ask the courts for an injunction. The injunction process, Green declared, could be used indiscriminately against the labor organization involved.

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