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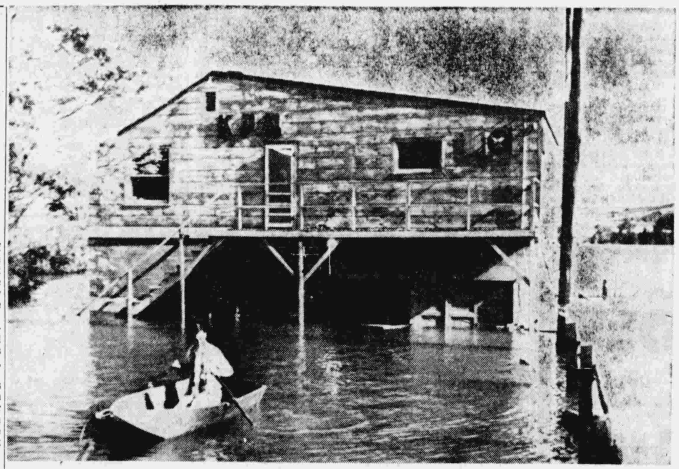
Flood Waters And Tornado Damage Plains, Northwest

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)

"G-G-EE-EE- but it's c-c-o-old," say these two youngsters as they sit by Revolution Park swimming pool. They joined other children in waiting out the sun today, after a cool snap had robbed them of a good day to go swimming. The Weather Bureau promises tomorrow will be warmer.



A Wenatchee, Wash., man uses a boat to reach his work as the Columbia River rises (AP)

Presbyterian Meeting Erupts Over Women

Divorce Report Passes Quietly

By HELEN PARKS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

MONTREAT — The issue of woman's position in the church erupted again today as a report on divorce and remarriage passed quietly and unanimously in General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The issue, on which heavy debate was expected, was passed without discussion after it was presented by Dr. D. G. Miller, chairman of the committee.

Before Dr. Miller's report was presented, a surprise motion came from the floor calling for another study to be made on the position of women in the church to accompany the report which was approved Saturday.

STUDY NEEDED

During fuller discussion, it was pointed out that another study should be made to represent a divided assembly.

(The report allowing women to become elders or deacons was passed by a narrow margin of eight votes Saturday.)

But following several charges that another study would be a reflection against the ad interim committee's report, the whole matter was tabled.

Reporting to almost 500 commissioners from 18 states and the District of Columbia, Dr. Miller admitted that the committee on divorce and remarriage was faced with this dilemma. The church demands revision but no acceptable re-

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Columbia River On Rampage

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rain clouds threatened to send more water into the flooding Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest today.

Some 1,000 people have been evacuated and thousands of acres of land have been flooded as the Columbia and its tributaries carried runoffs from record mountain snowpacks.

A crest of 27 feet has been forecast at Vancouver, Wash., where the Columbia rose to nearly 12 feet above flood stage. Army engineers expected the major dikes to hold at a 28-foot level.

However, one major diking district went underwater yesterday when workers gave up efforts at closing a hole in a levee apparently burrowed by beavers. The water covered 1,600 acres of land and 12 families who lived in the area were evacuated.

A number of river communities on the Washington side of the river were flooding.

The Kootenai, a Columbia tributary in Idaho, rose to near record crests at Bonners Ferry. Some 18,000 acres of Idaho farmland have been flooded.

The upper Snake in eastern Idaho and Wyoming also was well above flood stage. A flood emergency has been called by Army engineers for several communities bordering the Snake.

Residents of the central Oklahoma farm community of Mustang waded through a shambles of tornado wreckage today, marveling at the miracle that had spared the town's 210 citizens.

Weather observers said that if the twin funnels that swirled over at tree-top level early yesterday had moved a few feet nearer the ground, untold damage and loss of life would have resulted.

Although property damage was estimated at $200,000 and nearly all the residents were caught without any warning, there was not a single injury.

The pair of clouds, one apparently close on the heels of the other, first touched down some two miles southwest of Mustang at the R. J. Merrill farm, then skidded to the edge of town.

Not a single home escaped damage entirely.

The Charles Griggs family was trapped in a storm cellar by piled-up debris for an hour.

Griggs, 39, his wife, 34, and a son and daughter scrambled into their shelter about 20 minutes before the twin twister struck.

The 11-year-old boy managed to squeeze through a small opening by the cellar door and brought rescuers.

Final Touches

Opponents Predict California Victory

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver went into the final day of the crucial California campaign today — both predicting victory in tomorrow's winner-take-all contest for the big prize of 68 Democratic National Convention votes.

The two presidential aspirants traded punches and victory claims yesterday. Kefauver continued his attack on the civil rights angle; Stevenson deplored what he called the "political sideshow" aspects of the rivalry.

The California primary is their last direct clash, with the outcome assuming added importance in view of Stevenson's close popular vote victory over Kefauver in th Florida primary last week.

A 70-vote presidential nomination slate for President Eisenhower is unopposed.

New York, Montana and South Dakota also hold primaries tomorrow. Kefauver stands to pick up by default 16 delegate votes in Montana and 8 in South Dakota. He has no opposition in the two states except write-ins in Montana.

MOST VOTES

In New York a Republican slate of national convention delegates for President Eisenhower is unopposed. Gov. Averell Harriman had some opposition but was expected to get most of the 86 district Democratic delegates votes. Harriman describes himself as "not an active candidate" for the presidential nomination.

The importance of California's 68-vote bloc of Democratic convention votes was underscored in the latest Associated Press tabulation of pledged and publicly preferred delegates.

With 686½ needed for nomination, latest totals were Stevenson 186½, Kefauver 140½, others 226, Uncommitted 347—totaling 900 or nearly two-thirds of the convention total of 1,372.

Both Stevenson and Kefauver wound up their northern California

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Responsibility Of Labor Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower told organized labor today its growing strength carries with it a vast new responsibility, like that of government, to serve the people without seeking to dominate them.

"Dedicated to the service of people—that is what labor and government must always be," Eisenhower said.

The President, speaking from a sun-drenched platform, dedicated the new national headquarters building of the AFL-CIO.

Some 8,000 spectators looked on as Eisenhower said he was delighted to "pay this neighborly call from my place across the square." The headquarters building is just a short distance across Lafayette Park from the White House.

Eisenhower assured leaders of the recently merged labor organization he will always be willing to "discuss anything of mutual interest."

The President spoke of the merger as bringing great new strength to organized labor and its leaders, vast new opportunities, and also "a vast increase in responsibilities."

The greatest responsibility, he said, is to maintain free democratic institutions within labor in keeping with those of the nation.

Zoning Skirmish Halts Until 18th

Brown's Hearing Lies A'Molderin'

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Hearing on the restraining order in the A. G. Brown zoning case was postponed today until June 18 at 10 a.m.

Judge J. C. Rudisill in Mecklenburg Superior Court ordered continuance of the case until the hearing scheduled before Judge Hugh B. Campbell two weeks hence.

Judge Rudisill continued in "full force and effect" the restraining order signed May 29 by Judge Campbell.

The restraining order, obtained May 29 by City Attorney John D. Shaw, enjoins Mr. Brown from further construction of a building at 402 S. Hoskins Ave. in the perimeter area.

APPEAR TODAY

The May 29 order directed Mr. Brown to appear before Judge Rudisill this morning to show cause why the temporary restraining order should not be made permanent.

While Mr. Brown had previously declined to disclose the identity of his attorneys, they became known today when W. C. Davis and S. M. Millette appeared in open court as his counsel.

Mr. Davis asked for continuance of the hearing with the statement that "there's much law involved" and the zoning case is relatively new in North Carolina.

He asked for the additional time in order to complete legal research of cases applicable to the current case.

Mr. Davis expressed the opinion that he and Mr. Shaw undoubtedly would be able to agree on the facts of the case, leaving only legal questions to be argued and settled.

In his original pleading Mr. Shaw on behalf of the city alleged that Mr. Brown has violated the city's perimeter zoning ordinance by failure to obtain a zoning permit and by violation of the yard space requirement in a Residence 2 zoning district.

By terms of Judge Rudisill's order all building operations are to remain suspended until court settlement.

The June 18 hearing before Judge Campbell will be on the question of whether the temporary restraining order shall be made permanent.

In addressing the court today Mr. Shaw indicated his desire to regard the June 18 appearance before Judge Campbell as a "final hearing."

But the order as submitted by Mr. Brown's attorneys, which Judge Rudisill signed, provides that the upcoming hearing will be on the question of whether the temporary restraining order shall be made permanent.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Martin)

Mr. Brown and Counsel Davis Leave Courtroom

Court Upholds Picketing Ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court decided 6-3 today the Taft-Hartley labor law does not prevent state labor boards from banning mass picketing, use of force and threats of violence by strikers.

Justice Reed delivered the decision for the majority composed of himself and Justices Frankfurter, Burton, Clark, Minton and Harlan. Justice Douglas wrote a dissent, in which Chief Justice Warren and Justice Black joined.

The ruling was given on an appeal by the United Automobile Workers from a decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The state court upheld an injunction which restricted picketing and other union activities during an April, 1954 strike at the plant of the Kohler Co., in Kohler, Wis.

Coin Mutilator Seized By Secret Service Men

A South Carolina man who allegedly filed pennies to dime size so he could use them in cigarette vending machines has been arrested by Secret Service agents.

Vernon Spicer, special agent in charge of the Secret Service Carolina headquarters here, said Jack Larry Hammond, 22, was charged with mutilation of U. S. coins, a federal offense.

He said Hammond was arrested by agents Saturday morning. The man has admitted the offense, Agent Spicer said.

The Secret Service agents were called on the case by the operator of a store in which a cigarette machine was located. The store owner said he had taken 157 pennies from the machine in one week's time.

The agents arrested Hammond after they observed him putting pennies in the machine.

Hammond, who waived hearing, was arraigned before a U. S. Commissioner Saturday morning and released on $200 bond. He will be tried in U. S. Court in South Carolina.

Caudle Trial Defense Opens

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The defense calls its first witnesses today in the lengthy trial of two former Truman administration officials accused of attempting to sidetrack prosecution of a tax dodger.

Matthew J. Connelly, who was Truman's appointments secretary, and T. Lamar Caudle, former head of the Justice Department's Tax Division, are charged with conspiring to defraud the government by fixing the tax case of Irving Sachs, St. Louis shoe manufacturer.

The government completed its case Friday after presenting testimony by 47 witnesses in 18 days at the Federal District Court trial.

The defense has indicated it will require a week or 10 days to complete its case.

A journal entry by Harry I. Schwimmer, attorney for Sachs, which said $5,800 was to be held in escrow to be paid out if the case against his client was dropped was presented in evidence Friday.

Sachs was fined $40,000 for tax evasion on a guilty plea in 1951 but escaped a prison term on a plea of poor health.

The government contends that Schwimmer, acting for Sachs, bought oil royalties for Connelly and Caudle for their influence in the case.

New York's Senator Lehman Calls For Cleanup In Harlem's 'Ghetto'

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-NY) says the civil rights problem has "sharpened into a national crisis."

He said New York City's Harlem, a predominantly Negro and Puerto Rican area, is "illustration and proof" that the civil rights problem "is a Northern as well as a Southern one."

The senator spoke in a Harlem church yesterday at the annual meeting of the Urban League of Greater New York. The league, whose members are both Negro and white, is dedicated to improving the lot of American Negroes.

The league cited Lehman as "the conscience of the Senate and the nation in the fight for full equality of opportunity for all Americans."

REBUKE TO NORTH

"Harlem," said Lehman, "is a community rich in tradition and culture. . .But Harlem is also a rebuke to us of the North, and a challenge to clean up our own backyard, even as we press forward with our efforts to bring justice and equality of the Negroes and other oppressed minorities in the South.

"Harlem is a ghetto. Harlem is an area of poverty, congestion, substandard housing, and substandard schooling. These conditions, rather than the race or national origin of the people who reside in Harlem, are primarily responsible for the high incidence of crime and juvenile delinquency in the area."

"We need residential integration in New York City. Housing segregation is responsible for the high incidence of school segregation in our metropolis."

NOT BRIGHT

Lehman said prospects for passage of civil rights legislation at this session of Congress "are not bright."

"And if we are frustrated in Congress," he said, "I am prepared to carry the fight to the Democratic convention in Chicago in August, and to the people, in the elections in the fall, regardless of whether I am a candidate for re-election or not."

Lehman was critical of the "policies of our New York City planners" in public housing.

"We have built too many housing projects. . .on congested land," he said. "We have cleared some slums only to create new and worse ones. We have constructed housing projects which were, by their location, forced into a pattern of segregation."

He praised the Urban League and Charles Abrams, chairman of the New York State Commission against Discrimination, for working toward a solution of the problem.

Atlantan Heads Party Meeting

CHICAGO (AP) — J. Leonard Reinsch, 47-year-old Atlanta radio-television executive, today was named manager of the 1956 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Chairman Paul Butler of the Democratic National Committee appointed Reinsch assistant chairman in charge of the convention to succeed William Neale Roach who resigned May 18.

The convention to name the party's candidates for President and Vice President and to draft a campaign platform will meet in the International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Aug. 13.

Seven Died Of Deadly Brew

Red-Haired Arsenic Killer On Trial

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Plump, red-haired Mrs. Rhonda Belle Martin goes on trial today for the arsenic poisoning deaths of two husbands, her mother and her three children.

The state is expected to seek the death penalty.

Mrs. Martin pleaded insanity at her arraignment last month.

Circuit solicitor William F. Thetford said she was vague about a motive for her actions but that she had some insurance on each victim.

The 49-year-old waitress detailed in a signed statement for police how she accomplished each death. Thetford said she also took responsibility for the attempted murder of her present husband—28-year-old Ronald C. Martin, who is paralyzed. He is the son of her fourth husband.

The death started with three-year-old Emogene Garrett, the statement said, who died in 1937 of ant poison in her milk. This was followed in 1939 when George Garrett, her second husband and father of her children, died of whisky laced with arsenic. In 1940, Carolyn Garrett, 6, died of the fatal milk potion. The third class, Ellyn Elizabeth Garrett, 11, died the same way in 1943.

The bespectacled woman said her mother, Mrs. Mary Frances Gibbon, died in 1944 of coffee spiked with arsenic.

After an interlude for a third husband, her fourth husband, Claude Martin, died of poisoned coffee in 1951. Then she married Martin's son, Ronald, who is paralyzed because of the poison.

All six bodies were exhumed and traces of arsenic were found in each.

Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy somewhat warmer today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning 51
Low tomorrow morning ...54
High today 79
High yesterday 74
High tomorrow 86
Sunrise today, 5:09 a.m.; sunset today, 7:34 p.m.

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What's Inside

"THE LUCKY SEVEN" could save your life. Dr. H. L. Herschensohn explains how in his "Medical Memos" column, which starts today in the News on Page 2-B, the Feature Page.

A TIME FOR MEMORIES . . . That's Commencement Time — and nobody's memories go back farther than those of Enoch Donaldson of Davidson. Charles Kuralt tells about him in today's People, on page 5-A.

COMMISSIONER JIM WEAVER of the Atlantic Coast Conference visited Charlotte yesterday and offered a suggestion toward making athletes at all NCAA schools take identical entrance tests. The story is on Page 6-B.

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Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, help us to realize that each one of us has a part in the building up of the body of Christ. May we follow the pattern so that we may attain "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Amen.