

Standard Oil Men Close Convention

Standard Oil representatives from 12 states—North Carolina and South Carolina—closed a three-day convention here Wednesday, which was held at the Kirkwood Hotel, Camden's best tourist hotel.

A great many of the delegates arrived Sunday night and the convention opened Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with the business sessions being held in the spacious grill room of the hotel. E. H. Collins, representing the South Carolina branch, presided over the meeting to order and introduced Mayor R. M. Kennedy, Jr., along with other representative delegates, called to welcome the Standard Oil men to Camden. The mayor delivered a short welcome address and outlined an entertainment program for the visitors.

Some of the high officials and directors of the company were in attendance, including vice-president and director C. G. Sheffield, and many other men of the greatest oil industry in the nation.

The day sessions of the convention were confined strictly to business problems which had to be thrashed out and lasted from 10 in the morning until late into the night.

Monday evening all of the representatives were invited guests at a banquet staged at the Kershaw Arms armory, which they thoroughly enjoyed along with the townspeople.

Monday evening they turned out en masse at a combination dance at the Pines, the pretty and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Badale, located five miles north of Camden on the Camden-Liberty Hill road. This home has been the scene of numerous delightful entertainments, but this dance climaxed all.

Guests began arriving early in the evening and, as at the boxing bout, the session cards, furnished by the Standard Oil men, were given the oil men. The gayly danced with attractive Camdens and matrons until early Tuesday morning hours.

The business session of the convention ended about five o'clock Wednesday afternoon when many left for their homes. An airplane at the Howard Airport was waiting to carry vice-president Sheffield and party to New York Thursday morning.

At the conclusion of the business session Wednesday afternoon a picnic man was listening in and impromptu speeches were made to delegates as to the hospitality shown by Camden people and the emphasis was placed on the service, accommodations and food offered by Karl P. Abbott and the Kirkwood Hotel.

It is said they forget to pay a debt to Henry E. Beard, local representative of the Standard Oil Company, for the part he played in making a success of the picnic feature, as well as after the details of the convention.

They expressed themselves as favoring the 1932 convention at Kirkwood in Camden, and it is likely that Camden will have the pleasure of entertaining this important body of oil men another year.

Five Men Hurt When Car Hits Pole

A collision between an auto and telephone pole Monday evening, resulted in five men being cut and bruised, but seriously. The car was owned by Walter Dedman and occupants were Mack Dedman and Albert Fisher.

The auto was headed south on the street near the Confederate monument when in attempting to make another car it struck a pole, and the pole off and the car was damaged. All three were carried to the hospital for surgical treatment.

Mr. Dedman suffered the loss of a front tooth. Young Dedman received a cut on the head and a wrenched arm. Mr. Fisher received a cut on the head and a wrenched arm. Mr. Dedman and his son are being treated at the hospital.

While Mr. Fisher is an employee of Mr. Robert W. Pomeroy, he was enroute to the boxing gymnasium at the Army building when the accident occurred.

George Bradley and sister Margaret, after spending some time at Mrs. Lou DuBois, returned to their home in Old Lane.

Fifteen Years Since Wilson Asked War

Washington, Apr. 2.—Tense and drawn beneath the burden of great responsibility, America's leaders stood in a deep silence while the President lifted his arm and began to speak solemnly:

"I have called the congress into extraordinary session because there are serious, very serious choices of policy to be made, and made immediately."

Woodrow Wilson faced a joint session of the house and senate and with these words 15 years ago tonight, preceded his recommendation that war be declared upon the Imperial German government.

The congress, whose members had greeted him with a prolonged ovation inside the great house chamber, sounded the same fell in mighty applause that interrupted him often during the speech.

Steel sabers shone in the hands of cavalymen on guard about the building. None could enter or leave. Excited spectators packed the galleries. A few diplomats representing America's soon-to-be allies weighed his words.

During the day, hundreds of peace-seekers had thronged the capital and office buildings, buttonholing congressmen called by the President on March 21 to meet April 2. Thousands of messages, opposing war; pledging support; urging war, had poured into the city.

One of the nation's most momentous half-hours passed in Mr. Wilson's visit to the capitol. He entered the house chamber and cheers at 8:37 p. m.; and at 9:11 left the clerk's desk by which he had stood to advocate war because of Germany's unrestricted submarine campaign.

Response came before either house adjourned, in the introduction of resolutions declaring hostility. Two Virginians—Senator Martin and Representative Flood—sponsored the 15th words that pledged the nation's manpower and wealth to settling:

"The state of war between the United States and Imperial German government which has been thrust upon us." To quote from the declaration.

Oratory was loosed in house and senate. Grim-visaged, weighing the stern consequences members debated. Gallery admission was by card. Demonstrations were forbidden and guards instructed to eject demonstrators, but to little avail.

Applause interrupted those speaking for war; opponents, the scant handful in either branch who piled up the 56 votes against it, either met silence or an immediate, stinging reply when they concluded.

First to act, the senate adopted resolution No. 1—the declaration—around 11 o'clock on the night of April 4, after a tumultuous 13-hour session. Only six voted against the 82 "ayes."

An attempt to bring it up April 3 failed on objections of the fiery Robert M. LaFollette, founder of the Wisconsin dynasty, one of the six who answered "nay." The others were: Gronna, Lane, Stone, Vardaman and George W. Norris, of Nebraska, the last the only one now in congress.

"Unborn millions will bend their backs in toil in order to pay for the terrible step we are now about to take," Norris shouted that day. "I feel we are about to put the dollar sign upon the American flag..."

Flashing John Sharpe Williams, of Mississippi, asserted of the Nebraska speech: "If it be not treason, it grazes the edge of treason."

Cooper, of Wisconsin, led the fight against war in the house, where the declaration was approved about 3 a. m. Good Friday, April 6, by a vote of 373 to 50 amid disorder on the floor and in the galleries.

Speaker Champ Clark signed the resolution before the brain-weary and body-exhausted house adjourned at 3:14 a. m., ending a 17-hour session. Vice President Marshall signed later that day and America soon was at war, carrying to a fulfillment the shouts of congressional proponents:

"The time for heroic action has arrived; the time for discussion has passed."

The Club Market
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Pay For Teachers Soon Will Arrive

"The time is not long now before we will be able to pay our public school teachers, and this is not an April fool either," said James H. Hope, state superintendent of education, in his address to the noon session of the Palmetto Teachers' association gathered in the chapel of Allen university for the expressed purpose of hearing an address by Mr. Hope. This assembly coming at the close of the several group meetings held in Allen and Benedict and to which addresses were made by J. McT. Daniel and others.

"Teachers are improving. The records in the office of Mr. Dominick show much preparation made by teachers for their work and we feel certain that our teachers are better qualified now than ever for work they are doing," said Mr. Hope as he urged Negro teachers to stress the things that suit the fundamental needs of the children in the public schools. He also urged that teachers do their work with thoroughness and go beyond the textbooks in getting up subject matter to use in teaching.

"Under the law you are expected to keep correct and accurate records. The department of education must demand this or ask those who cannot keep these records to give up their places as teachers," Mr. Hope said.

Mr. Hope said that he had been in school work for 30 years and had never seen times like these. However, he has been made to feel encouraged in the way teachers have continued to work and keep up a good morale without having had any remuneration for the service they are rendering. "White and Negro teachers are to be congratulated for the very fine spirit shown during this period of distress."

The high school inspector, J. McT. Daniel, discussed with the teachers in the high school group methods by which high schools are or may become accredited, and the meaning of the term "accredited."

J. P. Coats, secretary of the State Teachers' association, followed Mr. Hope, emphasizing the importance of teachers doing a good job and placing the stress upon thoroughness.

The last speaker introduced by President Johnson at the first assembly was F. Miller Whitaker, acting president of the State A. and M. College at Orangeburg. Whitaker compared briefly education in America with some systems studied by him in France when he was overseas in the World war.

Boy Is Injured When Thrown From Truck

Otto Faulkenberry, of Kershaw, suffered a serious head injury on Sunday afternoon when he was thrown from a truck as the car was rounding the corner at the Lancaster hospital. When his head struck the curb he was rendered unconscious and on Monday morning he had only partially recovered consciousness. An x-ray examination failed to disclose any fractures but it was said at the hospital that he suffered a severe concussion.

Two other boys, Haskell Adams and Dewey Roberts, were thrown from the truck but they did not receive serious injuries. Melvin Adams of this city was driving the truck at the time of the accident.

It was said this morning that the full extent of the injuries of young Faulkenberry would not be known until a day or two.—Lancaster News.

Dr. Schillman To Speak
At the April meeting of the James Leroy Belk Post, American Legion, to be held at legion hall Monday night, April 11th, Dr. Samuel Schillman, of Sumter, will deliver an address. The meeting is to be held at 8 o'clock and all ex-service men of Kershaw county are especially urged to attend this meeting, as well as legion members.

Meets With Wateree Church
The Lee County Singing Convention meets with Wateree Baptist church on Sunday, April 10th, at 2:30 p. m. All choirs and singers of Camden and Kershaw county are especially invited to attend and take part in the exercises. The Arnold choir will be present and sing that universal favorite, "Have You Invited Him Back." A quartette from Calvary Baptist church of Lancaster, and singers from various other places, will be present. A warm welcome to all.

To Hold Meet In Sumter

The tenth annual convention of the South Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will convene in Sumter today and last through Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John Wilson, of Sumter, is state president and the convention will be held at the Claremont Hotel in that city beginning at 10 o'clock Friday morning. Many prominent speakers will be on the program including Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, secretary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers; Miss Marian Telford, field secretary National Safety Council; Miss Martha McAlpin, of the University of Georgia; Dr. S. H. Edmonds, of Sumter, and many others.

Musical numbers will add to the social features and a cordial welcome is extended all teachers and parents.

Liberty Hill Tower On Guard For Fires

Liberty Hill, April 1.—With the extension of the activities of the Kershaw County Forestry association in woods fire control into the Liberty Hill vicinity in Kershaw county, the state forest service, in co-operation with the United States forest service, is erecting an 80-foot steel tower for use in woods fire detection. The tower site is on the property of L. P. Thompson, along highway No. 97 and is located in the town of Liberty Hill. Building has been under the direction of W. C. Hammerle and D. Y. Lenhart, district foresters, and L. P. Thompson has recently been appointed ranger in charge of fire control on the Liberty Hill unit.

Chicago Resident Dies Here
William C. Miller, 84, a retired gent's furnishing goods dealer, of Chicago, Ill., died at the Hobkirk Inn here early Thursday morning. Mr. Miller had been coming to Camden for the past two winters. He was a native of Canada and his wife predeceased him about fifteen years ago. The body will be carried by the Evans motor hearse to Columbia where it will be placed aboard the Carolina Special for Chicago. The remains will be accompanied by Miss Mamie Holden, his nurse and secretary.

Cassatt Baptist Church
The Cassatt Baptist church announces the following services for Sunday, April 9: Song and prayer service at 10 o'clock; Sunday school at 10:15 with Carson Gordon, superintendent, in charge; preaching service at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. C. Robinson. The public is invited to take part in these services. There will be a special song by some members of the choir.

Officers Installed
At the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Bethesda Presbyterian church held in March, the following were regularly installed in their offices for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. B. Wallace; vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Dunn; secretary, Mrs. J. G. Richards, Jr.; treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Stevenson; circle chairmen, Mrs. Wylie Hogue, Mrs. H. D. Niles, Mrs. J. T. Mackey and Mrs. Dan Murchison.

Mt. Zion Club Supper
The Mt. Zion home demonstration club gave a chicken supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Elliott on last Friday evening. The home was attractively decorated with ferns and spring flowers for the occasion. Misses Willie Porter and Louise Hunicutt gave several selections on the piano. The day being April first, many games and pranks were played and much amusement afforded. A fee was charged for supper and all proceeds go towards a fund for the church.

Camden Man Expert Shot
Hilo, Hawaii, T. H., Feb. 23.—Albert Hugh Isbell, Coxswain, of Camden, South Carolina, now serving aboard the U. S. S. Colorado, recently received the Navy Expert Rifle Shot medal. He held, for a number of years, the old expert medal, but was one of the first to obtain the latest type. The Colorado is quite proud of the ability of Isbell, and of his record. This latter is something that would make any rifleman envious. He has shot two years with the Navy Team at Camp Perry, and became one of the President's Hundred while there. He was a member of the ship's team that won the Inter-Battleship Match in 1928 and again in 1931, and also shot in the Enlisted Men's winning team. At Seagirt, N. J., he shot on the Navy Team, winning the Dryden Trophy.

Kirkland To Receive Medal for Heroism

Washington, April 2.—Thomas J. Kirkland, formerly of Columbia, South Carolina, is to be presented a gold medal for the heroism when a seaplane which he was piloting crashed in the waters of Narragansett bay, near Newport, R. I., the treasury department announced this week.

The medal is one of those authorized by congress to be conferred, at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury, in cases of extreme merit. The crash occurred in July, 1928. Lieutenant Kirkland was instructing Ensign E. K. McGurk in the handling of the plane, and had as passenger a noncommissioned officer, O. M. Sloan.

Though injured and partially stunned by the crash, Kirkland managed to free Sloan, who was paralyzed by shock, and get him to temporary safety on a pontoon which had broken loose from the wreck. By this time, the fuselage of the plane was under water, and McGurk was wedged in the forward cockpit.

Throwing off his parachute, the Columbia man dived in an effort to free McGurk, but was caught in the wreckage himself and barely managed to work free in time to escape drowning. Despite this, he dived a second time, as soon as he had taken a breath of air, and continued his efforts to dislodge the ensign until the plane sank to the bottom.

Although McGurk drowned, the official citation which will accompany Kirkland's medal declares that he "showed unusual heroism in repeatedly diving for his comrade, at the imminent risk of his own life."

Car Collision Injures Five

In a collision between two light cars late Friday night five people were more or less injured, at a point about one mile from Camden on Federal highway number one.

Messrs. J. C. Gillis and Carroll DesChamps were returning from an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Elliott when the light delivery truck owned by Mr. DesChamps crashed into the side of a car belonging to Mrs. C. T. Trapp. It is said the Trapp car was backing into the highway, when it stalled in the roadway, the DesChamps car struck it from the right side.

Mrs. Trapp suffered a broken arm and bruises about the head. Her son and daughter were slightly injured. Mr. Gillis suffered a badly bruised face and lost about eleven teeth. Mr. DesChamps was badly cut on the forehead and suffered a bad gash in one leg and a sprained knee. All of the injured were carried to the Camden hospital for treatment. While their injuries are painful none were considered serious.

Both car and truck were badly damaged.

Negro Meets Death In Bethune Row

Jesse Chesnut, known as "Bud Boy" around Bethune, died Sunday morning from the effects of a knife wound inflicted Saturday night when he became engaged in a difficulty with Oscar Lee, alias "Sug" Lee, near Bethune.

An inquest was held Sunday and Lee was committed to jail as a result of the verdict, to be held on a charge of murder.

It is said it was a drunken brawl and Chesnut struck Lee, when Lee in turn made a slash at Chesnut with a knife, almost disemboweling the man. Chesnut ran a short distance and fell and is said to have lain in the woods until Sunday morning when he died about ten o'clock.

Mr. Burns Signed Bond
In our last issue we noted the name of H. E. Munn as a signer of the \$5,000 bond of James E. Munn, charged with the killing of O. L. Holley in the Buffalo section. This paper was informed that Mr. Munn had signed the bond when it should have been James H. Burns, of Camden. We have been requested to make this correction.

Engagement Announced
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jennings announce the engagement of their daughter, Lena Mae, to Mr. Woodrow Garvin, of Aiken and Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the wedding to take place in the near future.

Crowds Throng To See New Ford V-8

All day Tuesday the show room of the Redfearn Motor company, local Ford dealer, was crowded with people eager to see the new Ford V-8—Mr. Ford's greatest contribution to the automobile industry during his 27 years in the business.

The bodies are fresh and modern, from rounded V radiator to rear bumper. Body interiors are roomy and attractively finished. Seats are of new style, designed for comfort. Driver's seats are adjustable.

The V-8 engine is of 90-degree type, which will develop 65 brake horsepower at 3,400 r. p. m. There are numerous new features in the new engine, including aluminum pistons, cylinder blocks and crankcase cast in one piece, new type, one piece valves are of single-end type and are interchangeable, down-draft carburetor, automatic spark control and others.

The new Ford eight has been kept definitely in the lowest price field. The majority of the models are only from \$10 to \$25 higher in price than the corresponding models in the now retired Model A four-cylinder line. In the case of the standard coupe and the Fordor Sedan the prices remain the same, \$490 and \$590, respectively. The DeLuxe Phaeton of the new eight line is \$35 less than its four-cylinder predecessor. Its price is \$545. The price of the new eight-cylinder roadster is \$460.

The new Ford four-cylinder car, which replaces the model A is priced at \$50 a model lower than the eight. It is virtually the same as the eight except for the engine.

The chassis of the eight-cylinder car will sell for \$370 f. o. b. Detroit, and the four-cylinder commercial chassis is priced at \$320 for the 106-inch wheelbase size and \$470 for the 131-inch size.

The overall length of the new car is approximately 27 inches longer than the Model A.

T. W. Hancock, representative of the Ford Motor company, who was here with the Tudor Sedan, says that he is delighted with the public's keen acceptance as indicated not only by their favorable comments but also by the number of actual orders being obtained for immediate delivery.

Mr. Redfearn says: "I am highly delighted with the new car and the number of persons who visited our show room. With such keen public acceptance and unusually low prices, I predict a large amount of immediate business."

Ford's Comment

Out of Detroit Mr. Ford, after telling the pressmen about the new product, made comments regarding the present system of doing business. Mr. Ford was asked if he thought the present system of doing business was going to last. Mr. Ford replied: "These are the cars and the prices. I think it will be granted that when an eight-cylinder car can be bought for the price of a four and in some cases less, I am justified in saying that these are low prices. No profit can be expected from them unless we attain a certain volume of production. Naturally we hope to attain sufficient volume to keep these prices low as they now are. A man asked me this morning if I thought the present system of doing business was going to last.

"I told him that since commerce and civilization depended on the manufacture and exchange of goods I was willing to manufacture and exchange under any system. The only bad system I know is one that interferes with men working and exchanging what they make. We are just one concern doing out best to start business under present conditions. Other manufacturers are directing their efforts to the same public good. I think there is field enough for any article worth the money.

"There are just two permanent satisfactions in business for me—one is designing and making a useful commodity and the other is the jobs thus created. If you do one the other naturally follows. I don't think it possible to separate them. It seems to me a waste of time to have to urge people to buy in this country. That is not the manufacturer's business anyway. His business is to make something so good at a price so low they cannot help buying."

Methodist Church Services

Lytleton Street Methodist church, Warren G. Arlall, preacher in charge. The services for Sunday, April 10, will be as follows: Sunday school, with Mr. L. C. Shaw, superintendent, 10:00 a. m.; Epworth League, 7:15 p. m.; preaching service, conducted by the pastor, 11:15 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Midweek prayer service every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. Visitors are always welcome. Come and bring your friends.