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AGAIN WE CELEBRATE

Another mile-post has been reached. With this issue of The Charlotte Labor Journal the volume number changes to XVII; No. 1, making it the oldest Labor publication in the two Carolinas, since the suspension of The Raleigh Labor Herald some weeks ago.

Seventeen years ago The Journal set up shop in a small way and its struggle for existence during its early youth was greatly handicapped by the depression days. Today, the management, however, is able to look back over those struggles as having been experiences which perhaps better fitted us for greater struggles ahead.

Seventeen years ago The Journal's circulation was rather small. Today The Journal can point with a great degree of pride to its expanding circulation list, which not only includes members of Labor Unions, but business and professional men and others as well. Tomorrow, when the newsprint situation clears up the management contemplates entering into an era of expansion that will double or triple this newspaper's circulation within a short time. Also, then the Journal will be able to carry more advertising and news matter.

The Journal has endeavored to promote better conditions for those who toil, and likewise, it has also endeavored to promote a better degree of understanding between the toilers and management. The two are correlated. They must work hand in hand, in order to make progress. When progress is retarded by misunderstanding and bickering between Labor and Management everyone suffers the ill effects.

Regardless of what has been said and done, The Journal believes that the only Labor Law necessary for the welfare of our country is one which simply prescribes honesty and fair dealings in Labor-Management relationships. Our suggestion would make it mandatory that collective bargaining be used in all disputes and this in some instances most likely would call for arbitrating the questions at issue. Certainly settlement cannot be accomplished where the principals remain adamant and apart and throw rocks the one at the other over the back lot fence.

Congress, considering proposed new Labor Laws, would do well to throw the proposals now before it into the discard and instead provide a simple solution to the problem by enacting short and specific legislation, merely requiring that American industry and Labor get together and settle their differences either by conciliation or arbitration.

The Labor Journal herewith expresses its sincere appreciation for the support it has received from both members of Labor and the business firms of Charlotte and the State of North Carolina. Its advertisers and its readers have been most co-operative.

In the meantime the publisher again greets all with nothing but kindly feelings and best wishes for your good health and continued prosperity.

CHARLOTTE'S MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The people have spoken again and re-elected Mayor Herbert Baxter to the No. 1 Post.

Also the people named a highly representative group to seats around the city council table. This group ran under the banner of the "GI slate," its members having served in World War I, World War II, and in the Spanish-American war. But their military experiences do not necessarily qualify them for members of the city governing body. Their qualifications for office must be judged by either their past actions or by their announced intentions. The voters have decided this in favor of the "G.I.'s," which speaks highly for their integrity and ability from the start.

The GI boys conducted a clean campaign. They worked hard to achieve their objective. They have expressed nothing more than a desire to work for the upbuilding of their community. Their connections in the business and civic life of our community have given them an insight into this city's problems and The Journal predicts that the Mayor and new councilmen will face their problems with open minds and that their problems will be solved honestly and uprightly to the advantage of all the people of the Queen City of the South.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE LABOR BILLS

On Page 1 of Section 4 of this issue The Labor Journal presents for its readers the proposed labor bills that are now before the National Congress. Two amendments introduced after this article was composed and printed do not appear in the proposals, however. With copies of these bills the American Federation of Labor gives you an analysis of their content and the subsequent effect it will have on the Labor-Management relationships in the United States and its possessions. Do not fail to read this article, whether you are a member of organized Labor or in the ranks of Management. It will further enlighten you to one of our country's most serious problems.

SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION

Charlotte Labor Unions could do themselves proud if they would get together and formulate plans looking toward buying suitable property and building a Labor Temple suitable to Labor's expanding needs. The next time such a venture is undertaken all of the Charlotte Labor movement should vitally interest itself in the project. All of the Charlotte Unions should become housed in one home. By this many facilities not now available could be had. Labor needs its own large auditorium to accommodate both local and larger State gatherings. The present facilities have long ago become outmoded.

RUTH TAYLOR SAYS:

THE WORKINGS OF DEMOCRACY

Impatient souls are apt to grumble at the slow workings of democracy. They say it cannot function properly and are all for taking it apart and putting it together again according to some plan of their own. They speak of it as though it were but the blueprint of some intricate machine which, with clocklike precision, should turn out articles alike to the shading of a hair.

Democracy is not a blueprint or a machine—not even a machine in the political sense. Democracy is the way of revocation by evolution. It is the only way to overcome the slavery of want, the slavery of ignorance, the slavery of discrimination—whether it be of class, creed or color. In it lies the solution to all of our problems, for democracy depends upon the will of the people—which is but the will and the courage of many individuals banded together.

Democracy is the way of action. It is not static. Its growth is slow but never ceasing. It is not based upon tradition alone. Democracy is the way to do the things that must be done. It must always move ahead. Democracy is the traffic rule of life. It adapts itself to

the exigencies of the road. Its green and red lights are spaced on the traffic changes of the time.

Democracy is the way of justice. Racial or religious discrimination, class hatreds, group pressure are all breaches of democracy, are flaws in the road that must and will be corrected in the course of time. The way may be long and hard but the democratic way will prevail in the end!

Democracy being a way and not an arbitrary law has flaws—many of them. But those mistakes are man made and can be corrected by the will of the majority. What rights the majority have, can be retained by them only if they allow the same rights to the minority. Because the majority wants free speech, they must allow it to the minority. The right of argument and conversion is open to the minority and majority alike.

Democracy like Christianity is a way that must be followed to be proven. Democracy is a way of life which stems from the individual. It is the formula which civilized and free people have found most useful in working out the great problem of human relations.

OFF THE BEAM

Mistaken Identity?

A track laborer had been moving timbers and ties all day until he was completely worn out.

At the end of the day he approached the foreman and said: "Boss, you sure you got my name right?"

"Yes. Here you are—Simpson. John Simpson. Isn't that right?"

"Yes, boss, that's right. I thought maybe you had me down as Sampson."

Quick Reading.

"I want something for a young lady—a birthday gift," said the young man. "What would you suggest?"

"Well," said the clerk, "how about some book-ends?"

"Splendid!" was the enthusiastic reply. "Give me half a dozen of your best ends—that's usually the only part she reads!"

Take-Off Soon.

Do angels have wings, Mother? Yes, dear.

Can they fly? Yes, dear.

Then when is the nurse going to fly? I heard Daddy call her Angel yesterday.

Tomorrow, dear.

A Dilemma.

She—I don't know which way to turn.

He—Why not?

She—Well, I have a large collection of perfumes and for our date tonight I put "Kiss Me" behind one ear and "Scram" behind the other. Now I've forgotten which is which.

Unique.

Jimmy—Daddy says there isn't another woman in the world like you, Momma.

Mother—That's very flattering of him.

Jimmy—And he says it's a good thing, too.

Whizzing By.

Alex—On your recent tour through the West did you enjoy the scenery?

Bill—We missed the best part of it. Our new car travels so fast that we had to give most of our attention to gas stations and police courts.

Small Change.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was small in stature. One day an ac-

quaintance waggishly remarked, "Well, Dr. Holmes, I should think you would feel rather small among these big fellows."

The genial but modest man replied, "I feel like a dime among a lot of pennies."

AFL OFFICIAL DEBATES OHIOAN IN RADIO TALK

(Continued From Page 1) legislation now before Congress would result not in peace, but in the worst industrial conflicts ever inflicted upon this nation.

"Finally, Senator Taft has not explained why his committee called for testimony only from anti-union employers, with complaints against labor, and ignored the thousands upon thousands of American employers and industrialists who have experienced and are now enjoying constructive and co-operative relations with unions. Surely the Senate committee hearings cannot be considered a factual investigation, as recommended by President Truman. Senator Taft and his colleagues deliberately ignored the facts in order to build up a case—a false and misleading case—for legislation to chain and degrade the free workers of America.

Uncle Sam Says

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My nieces and nephews know that figures tell the truth when the figures deal with the results of systematic savings through the Payroll Savings Plan. Take a look at this chart. Circle the figure you need to achieve some goal for yourself or your family. Then move over to the column which tells you how much you need to save each week in U. S. Savings Bonds to attain your objective. The whole thing is as simple as adding one to three, because your Uncle Sam pays you an extra dollar for every \$3 you put in Series E Savings Bonds when you hold the Bonds to maturity 10 years hence. U. S. Treasury Department

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.

Notice of Publication Mildred B. Byrd, Plaintiff, vs. Albert Lee Byrd, Defendant. The defendant above named take notice:

That an action as above entitled has been started in Mecklenburg County for an absolute divorce on the grounds of two (2) successive years of continuous separation, as is now provided by law in the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court on or before the 15th day of May, 1947, at his office in the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action, and that if he does not do so within twenty days after the running of the final notice in this legal ad, then the plaintiff will ask the Court for the relief demanded in the said complaint. That this notice run in The Charlotte Labor Journal.

This the 16th day of April, A. D., 1947.

J. A. RUSSELL, Asst. Clerk Superior Court, For Mecklenburg County, N. C. (April 17, 24; May 1, 8-c)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.

Notice of Publication Virginia Mackie Wallace, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Berkley Wallace, Defendant. The defendant above named take notice:

That an action as above entitled has been started in Mecklenburg County for an absolute divorce on the grounds of two successive years continuous separation; as provided by law in the General Statutes of North Carolina; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear on the 16th day of May at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, N. C., and answer or demur to the said complaint in this cause, and that if he does not, that after twenty days has elapsed after the last running of this notice, this plaintiff will petition the Court for the relief asked for in this complaint. That this ad be run in The Charlotte Labor Journal, Charlotte, N. C.

This the 16th day of April, A. D., 1947.

J. A. RUSSELL, Asst. Clerk Superior Court, For Mecklenburg County, N. C. (April 17, 24; May 1, 8-c)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.

Service of Summons by Publication Frankie K. Love, Plaintiff, vs. James Miller Love, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce, from the defendant on the grounds of two years separation. And the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, at the County Court House, Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty days from the day on which service by publication in the cause is completed, or within twenty days from the 9th day of May, 1947, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief, demanded in said complaint.

This the 17th day of April, 1947.

J. LESTER WOLFE, Clerk of Superior Court. (April 17, 24; May 1, 8-p)

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