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opolies in the business world. The idea is that monopolies tend to injure the welfare of all the people and that, when they are real, must be curbed by laws and regulations in the interest of the general welfare.

This same principle must eventually be applied to labor. There are certain basic and fundamental occupations, such as certain utilities and public services, in which the rights of the public are so pre-eminent that they should be adequately safeguarded.

presided over the meeting, with Miss Ann Mae and Marjorie Perry taking part on the program. They elected officers for the coming year.

Those present were: Misses Anna Mae, Marjorie, Catherine Perry and Blanche Mansfield and Carl Dail, Henry Baker, Edgar Dail, Charlie Perry, Marshall Mansfield and Ervin and Ralph Saunders and Mrs. L. B. Perry, leader. The next meeting will be held at the home of Blanche Mansfield.

decorated with fall cut flowers and autumn leaves. The dining table was decorated with lighted tapers and, by running the full length, and was centered with a large birthday cake decorated with ten candles.

Those enjoying the dinner were the honoree, Joanna Parker Willford, Julia Ann Stokes, Joe Pa. Stokes, Mary Elliott Brinn and Marjorie Brinn, Barbara Edwards, Susanna Towe, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Catherine Alice Nixon, Billy Carl Diers, Sue Perry White, Alice Jean Jackson, Mary Frances Winslow, Juanita El-

Hot, Margaret Ann Banks, Mary Dow Chappell, Ann Burke Chappell, Evelyn Ann Elliott, Mary Beth Perry, James Vogel and Joan Moore.

The honoree received many nice gifts which she opened and acknowledged.

**Flying Solo**  
 The news reporter covering a special trial flight was enjoying the panorama spread out before him when a flock of parachutists floated by.

"Going to join us?" asked one.

"Nothing doing," snapped back the reporter. "I'm quite happy right here."

"Suit yourself," came the faint reply. "We're the crew."

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**Young People Meet At Great Hope Church**

The Young People's Meeting of the Great Hope Baptist Church met Sunday night, November 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Dail.

Miss Blanche Mansfield, president,

**BIRTHDAY DINNER**  
 Miss Joanna Parker Willford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Willford, was delightfully entertained at a birthday dinner on her tenth birthday, at the Hotel Hertford, Friday evening at 6 o'clock, by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry Baeley.

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**Fight Venereal Disease**

Because it is not pleasant to contemplate the prevalence of syphilis and gonorrhea among the people of the United States, the average American is inclined to dodge a discussion of efforts to stamp out these insidious venereal diseases.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 Americans have syphilis and that gonorrhea infects three to five times that number. The U. S. Public Health Service estimates that 225,000 people contract syphilis every year and that more than half go untreated out of sheer ignorance.

Citing these facts, Science Illustrated, a current magazine, says that the cure specific for venereal disease is penicillin which successfully treats gonorrhea in four hours and syphilis in a week. It warns, however, that penicillin can't bring in patients. This is the problem and public-spirited citizens in many sections of the nation are working diligently to stamp out the diseases.

It is important that North Carolina and its local governmental units join in this fight.

**The Right Of Opposition**

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told the United Nations that Russia and the United States have little hope of living "together without friction in the same world" unless both can concede the right of opposition.

Mrs. Roosevelt challenged the apparent definition of democracy by the Soviet leaders as "synonymous with Soviet" and the use of the Fascist label to apply to anyone not conforming to the Soviet idea.

Many Americans have expressed the same viewpoint but apparently without much impression upon the delegates from the Soviet Union. In this connection, the representatives of fifty nations had an excellent opportunity to observe our democratic process by their presence in this country on the day of our national elections.

Of course, the Russians do not understand a fair and free election, or the readiness with which the American people accept the verdict at the polls. This is not inexplicable in view of the history of Russia, where most of the people have grown up under the regime which outlaws all opposition. Even the older Russians, who lived under the rule of the Czar, have no experience whatever in the line of democratic self-government.

It is probably too early to predict that the Soviet dictatorship, with its insistence upon "democracy" and its belief that a small group of rulers can legislate for the good of the people, will develop into a democratic country. Certainly, if information is permitted to percolate throughout Russia and if education becomes more general, there is a distinct hope that, in the course of years, the Russian people will insist upon popular self-government as it is practiced in this country.

**Some Other Process Needed**

It may not be quite clear to John L. Lewis, and some of his associates who operate the United Mine Workers, but the people of the entire nation are tired of the recurring inconveniences that arise whenever there is a dispute about the wages of mine operators.

Sooner or later the Congress will devise some method of settling such arguments without resort to a strike that inflicts suffering upon people and heavy losses upon business. This does not mean, and should not mean, no progress toward a better economic life for miners. It simply establishes the fundamental fact that the general welfare must come first.

The more intelligent labor leaders of the organized workers of the country are smart enough to know that the people of this country are not going to put up with a system of strikes that resolves itself into a contest of brute force without regard to the justice of demands made and rejected. Somewhere in the future the rights of the millions must be protected.

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