

UNION SEEKS 75 CENT AN HOUR WAGE FLOOR FOR UNEMPLOYED

Demands that a wage floor of 75 cents an hour for 40 hours a week be set on any job to which unemployed North Carolina workers may be referred as "suitable employment" were made Sunday by a joint conference of CIO Food Tobacco and Agricultural Workers union locals in a statement charging that the present unemployment compensation law of North Carolina threatens workers in all industries with "potential strikes, lockouts and forces Negro women to seek menial work under slave conditions."

(The North Carolina unemployment compensation law provides that compensation shall be cut off from an unemployed worker who refuses to take "suitable" employment when offered. No wage requirements are set up by the law to determine what is or what is not "suitable" work.)

The conference, covering various branches of FTA Local 10 throughout the Eastern North Carolina tobacco belt, and Local 22 in Winston-Salem, met in Wilson, and issued a statement saying that growing unemployment tendencies in textile, furniture and other industries, and the unemployment of tobacco leafhouse workers at the approaching end of the season, can rapidly undermine the wage standards of the state, unless there is a ruling to protect jobless workers from being forced to take work at sharp decreases in pay.

"The failure to set wage standards in jobs offered to unemployed workers means that in periods of widespread unemployment, the law itself acts as an instrument to create large numbers of potential 'strikebreakers,' the least unionized, 'Negro women of the seasonal leafhouses," said an FTA press release from the conference, "have for years been forced to seek hourly work at \$7 or \$8 a week, or low-paying agricultural work, during the closed season, or be denied unemployment compensation, on the grounds that such jobs are 'suitable' within the meaning of the law. This is a merciless device to destroy the laws intended protection of wage standards at safe levels, by forcing Negro women to bid for work under slave conditions."

A ruling which would prevent unemployment compensation offices from turning any job "suitable" within the meaning of the act, unless it paid 75 cents an hour for 40 hours a week, would enable workers to draw unemployment compensation rather than accept "starvation wages," the union stated.

U. S. ARMY CAREERS IN INFORMATION BEING OFFERED

Careers in newspaper, radio and television work are being offered to young high school graduates between 18 and 25 years of age by the United States Army, according to an information issued by M. S. W. C. Spaulding, commanding officer of the Raleigh Army and Air Force Recruiting Station.

Young men enlisted under this program will receive a six-week course in Public Information (experience) after they have completed their basic training. The course will be given at the Army Force Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Upon completion of school, the enlistees will be placed on temporary duty for a period of 90 days with some accredited newspaper, radio station or television studio for on-the-job training. After completing the training with the civilian organization, these men will return to Carlisle Barracks for a further orientation course of two weeks. Those who successfully complete all phases of this training will then be given the rating of "Public Information Specialist" and will be assigned in that capacity whenever the Army needs such specialists.

All young men interested in a career in newspaper, radio, or television work are urged to contact the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Station and obtain full details and requirements for enlistment under this new program.

Oberlin School Notes

By Barbara Shirley Wythe

The pupils in the first grade who made perfect attendance records for the past six weeks are Willie Grier, David Haywood, Paul Miller, Charles Williams, Alec Carlington, Patricia Jeter, Charles Leonard, Carolyn Morgan, Mary Ann Page, Mary Louise Jenkins, Delores Edwards and Doris Shepard.

The second grade is glad to welcome a new student, Sue Whitehead Brown.

The children of the third and fourth grades presented a short program during Book Week. They presented a play that Miss B. Prettie gave them. The name of the play was "Betty and Bobby in Bookland." The main characters were Henry Andrews, Bobby, Delores Graham, Queen, Margaret Hinton, Betty, Poindexter, Meleod, Chives, Alphonso Alston, Geography and Henrietta Jones.

Opportunities to prepare for effective service so much needed in today's world.

Jack Haywood, Joan Paige and Corinne Scriver are helpers in the fifth grade room.

The pupils in Miss Young's room who have made perfect attendance records for the last six weeks are Alex Fox, Frank Gars, Jack Grier, Gertie, James Hinton, Jack Hinton, Saunders, Eddie Braxton, Mary Haywood, John Poole, Carl S. Clark, Jason Turner, White, Alfred, Joseph Grier, Walter Hark, Theodora Smith, William Earl Young, Willie Dean, Evans, Henry Counts, Ray Lee, Hall, Horace Peckles, Rosa Frazier, Henry Ann Jeter, John Paige, Delores, Spillman, James Blount, Lawrence Allen, James G. L., Lawrence, Newell, Duwood, Turner, Charles Hinton and Yvonne Hines. Everyone in the sixth and seventh grades reported a very pleasant Thanksgiving.

We enjoyed the lovely Thanksgiving dinner in the cafeteria on Wednesday, November 24th, and wish to thank all those who made it possible. Many thanks to Mrs. E. Wynn.

The eighth graders are glad to be back in school after their Thanksgiving holidays. They have decided to equip a science and health table. Several children have volunteered to bring different specimens to put on the table.

The following eighth grade girls took part in a Thanksgiving project.

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PROGRAM OFFERED FOR STUDENTS AT SCHOOL FOR BLIND

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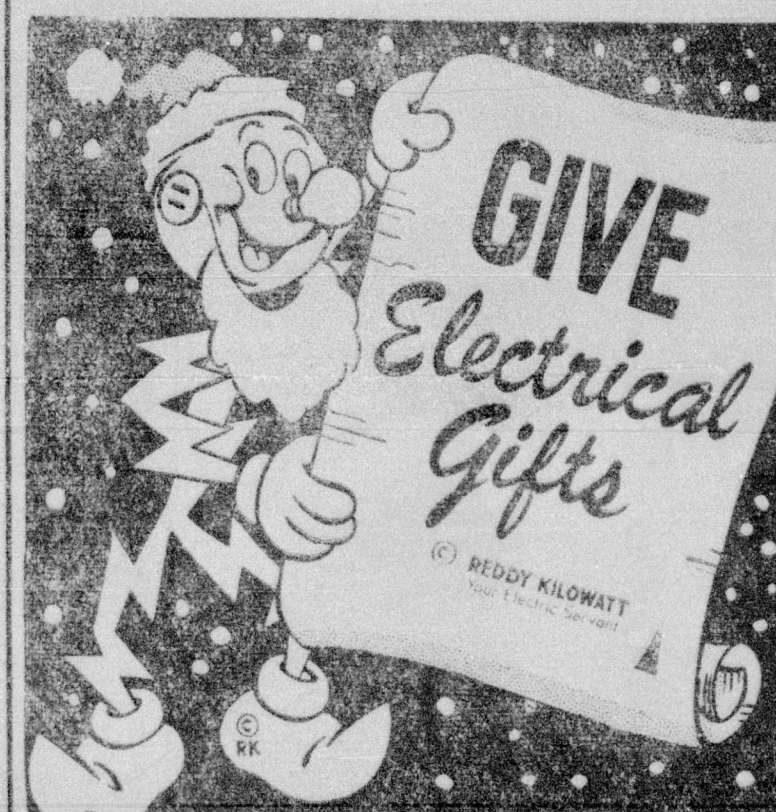
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More Calls Made Every Day

Our North Carolina customers are now making a daily average of nearly 2,000,000 local calls as compared with 1,200,000 in 1945, and long distance calls have increased to 1,400,000 monthly, a 31% increase over 1945.

Yes, North Carolina's telephone service has really grown — not only in size but in value as well, for you can now call many more people and many more can call you. But in spite of the

increase in business, telephone earnings continue to be dangerously low. This is because the amount of money paid out to furnish you service has increased at a faster pace than the amount of money taken in.

Still More Facilities Needed

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Telephone rates in North Carolina are not sufficient to meet today's costs and assure the Company's ability to render good service. That is why we are now before the North Carolina Utilities Commission seeking such rates as will enable us to continue to provide you with good and dependable service.

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