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POPULARITY -CONTEST HAS BIGGEST WEEK

CIO Claims 75 Per Cent Reynolds Tobacco Workers

Workers Hear Strong Appeals For Organization

WINSTON SALEM — Before a crowd of more than 6,000 on Woodland Ave. School grounds Sunday evening, Harold Lane, Secretary-Treasurer of the UGAPAWA CIO delivered a stirring appeal in behalf of his organization to be chosen as collective bargaining agent in an election scheduled for August 3-4 among the Reynolds Tobacco workers.

The union representative recited the accomplishments of the CIO among the laboring classes and said that workers must have a strong organization to bargain with the strong and fabulously wealthy corporations. He traced gains already made for the Reynolds workers by CIO since launching its program in Winston-Salem, though the election has not yet been held. It is reported that fully 75 per cent of the Reynolds workers have pledged themselves to the CIO.

Editor L. E. Austin, of The Carolina Times, spoke briefly pointing out the value of organization, loyalty and cooperation. He decried disloyalty, warned of traitors and dishonest leaders and said, "Winston-Salem needs some funerals."

To assist in the approaching election August 3-4 the National Labor Relations Board has provided official ballots and instructions. On next Tuesday Unit No. 1 Preparation of Leaf and on Wednesday Unit No. 2 Manufacturing will vote to determine whether the A. F. of L., The C. I. O. or "Neither" Union will present them.

Miss Stone Pushing Miss Dodson for Tops In Popularity Race

The voting this week in the CAROLINA TIMES Beauticians Popularity Contest was the heaviest since the opening of the campaign with Miss Sarah Dodson, Miss Elizabeth Stone and Mrs. Margaret Minor holding fast to their positions of last week. The only change of any consequence of this week's lineup is the advance made by Mrs. Estelle Freeland from 8th to the 4th place, which was held last week by Miss Victoria Moore. Miss Moore dropped back to 5th place.

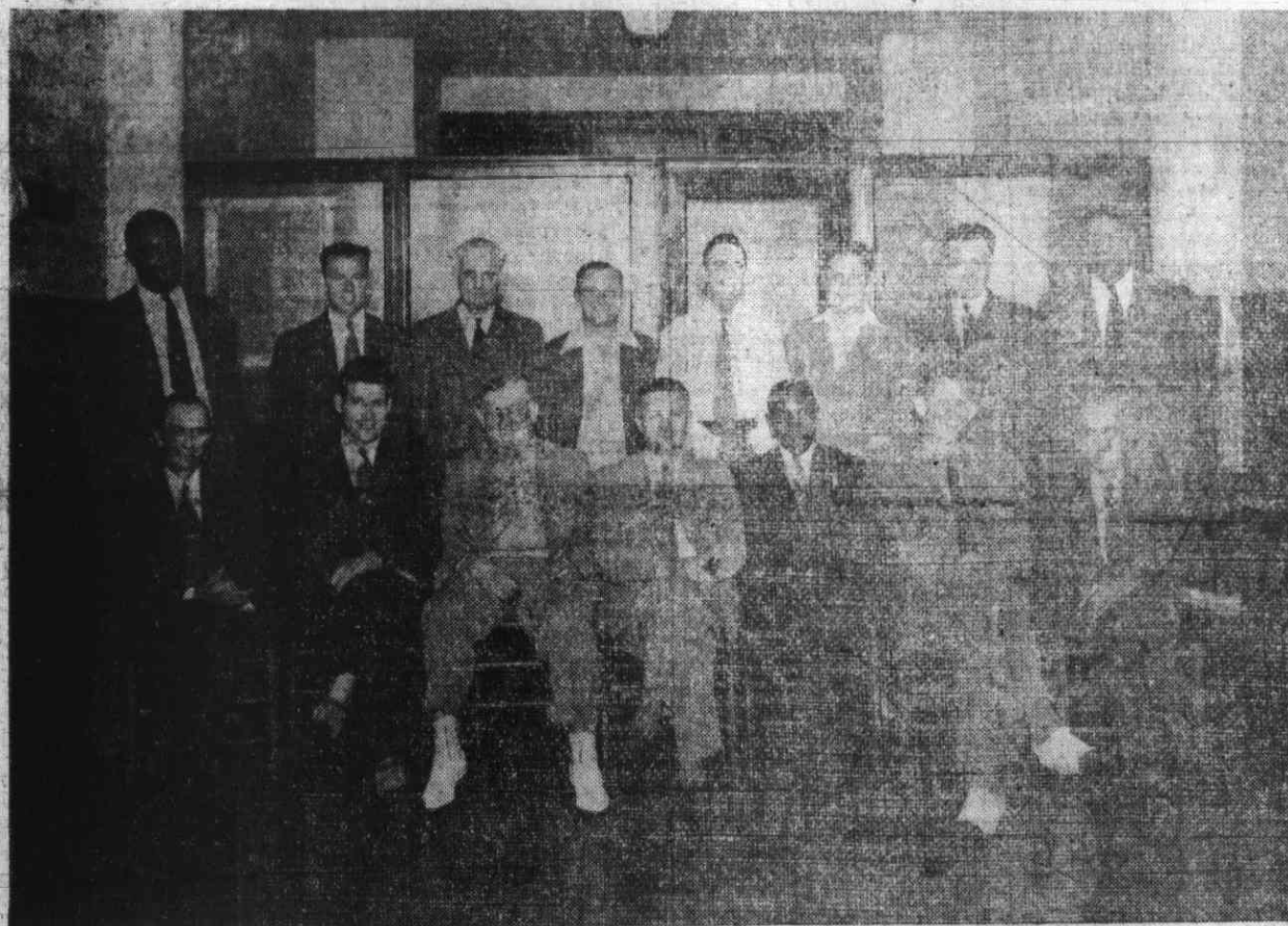
As the last week approaches, the contestants are all girding for the home stretch and the contest manager has made special arrangements to take care of the heavy voting expected this and next week.

There is a rumor that a dark horse may step in during the last week and take one of the top positions. So far as the campaign manager is concerned there has been no actual evidence of this happening so far, however, preparations are being made to take care of the heavy balloting during the last two weeks of the contest. If the dark horse does nose up into the front of the race, the contest manager will be prepared.

The management of the CAROLINA TIMES is well experienced in circulation and popularity contests and has prepared for any event, whether it be an overflow of ballots by

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A F of L OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZERS



Pictured above is a group of officials and representatives of the Tobacco Workers International Union, American Federation of Labor, who are seeking to unionize the Reynolds workers, Winston-Salem. Front row reading left to right: S. E. Blane, Vice-President; Charles Watkins, Vice-President; Elmer D. Keen, First Vice-President; R. G. Powell, President; George Benjamin, Vice-President; R. J. Pebee, Secretary-Treasurer; C. V. Weaver, Representative. Back row left to right: C. E. Maiden, Representative; Willie Meredith, Vice-President; J. T. Morris, Vice-President; Roy Thomas, Vice-President; Bill Lewis, Representative; W. B. Jarvis, Representative; Bert Fields, Representative; Willie Meredith, Vice-President; Dr. D. G. Garland.

PHILLIP MURRAY WIRES ADVICE TO WORKERS OF REYNOLDS COMPANY

"The workers employed by the R. J. Reynolds Company have a wonderful opportunity in the coming labor board elections to advance their own interests through voting CIO, and at the same time to lend their weight to the progressive labor movement in working for speedy victory in this war against fascism by voting for CIO.

"You will win the protection of a powerful union and of the whole CIO. You will be assured of your own union representatives in collective bargaining to improve your conditions and defend your rights and you will have the satisfaction of becoming part of a great labor movement which is devoting all its efforts to securing a people's victory in this people's war and a greater measure of social justice for all the common people.

"Be sure in your own best interests to mark your ballots for the CIO."

(Signed) PHILIP MURRAY, President.

CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Says Tobacco Company Backing "No Union" Drive

Funeral For R. L. Chavis Held Tues.

Funeral services for Robert Lee Chavis, well-known barber of Durham, were held at the Union Baptist church Tuesday evening at eight o'clock with the Rev. A. S. Croom, pastor of the church in charge of the ceremony.

Mr. Chavis died Saturday night at 10:40 of a heart attack which was the climax to a short illness which started Thursday after he had returned the day before from attending the East Cedar Grove Baptist Association near Roxboro.

The deceased was born in Granville County but had lived in Durham for the past forty years. For the past 15 years he had held the position of general manager of the Bull City Barber Shop, located on Pettigrew street, and was held in high esteem by his fellow barbers, friends and acquaintances. Just recently he had been elected president of the Durham Barbers Association.

As a layman of the Union Baptist Church Mr. Chavis was considered one of its leaders and was very active in every phase of church activities. At the time of his death he was chairman of the trustee Board of his church, president of the Usher Board and was a former president of the Durham Ushers Union. He was also District Deputy of the Odd-Fellows.

Seven years ago the deceased was married to Miss Lizzie Farrell who survives him. He is also survived by one sister Mrs. Minnie Brown of Durham and one brother John W. Chavis of Summit, N. J.

Pall-bearers were C. H. Durnegan, Lee Brown, Burch Coley Malachi Hart, McKinley Cates and John Flintall.

CORRECTION . . .

The address of College Grill is 1802 1/2 Fayetteville Street instead of 1800 Fayetteville Street.

WINSTON SALEM — The A. F. of L. filed a protest with the National Labor Relations Board asking that the support of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company be withdrawn from the "No Union" campaign being conducted at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company according to a statement by Philip Whitehead, spokesman for Tobacco Workers International Union (A. F. of L.) and personal representative of William Green, president of A. F. of L.

"We have in our possession at the present time dozens of affidavits from Reynolds employees, showing that the contributions for the 'No Union' campaign were taken up by supervisory employees or by persons accompanied by or under observation of supervisory employees," Whitehead said.

He also said that this is a clear violation of the National Labor Relations Act.

"We know," he said, "that in many instances employees were openly threatened, intimidated and coerced into contributing money for this campaign, and we are demanding of the National Labor Relations Board that this activity cease at once or that the board institute an immediate investigation into this open and flagrant attempt to deny workers the opportunity of choosing their own bargaining representative under federal law."

Reynolds Tobacco Company officials said that they had no statement to make concerning the A. F. of L. charges.

According to Whitehead a telegram from the A. F. of L. office here was dispatched to the National Labor Relations Board in Washington intresting these demands for an investigation of the matter.

"What effect this will have on the election which is to be held on August 3 and 4 will be determined by the National Labor Relations Board," he said.

The spokesman added that the A. F. of L. has no desire to delay the election but wishes to be placed clearly on record as opposing what he termed illegal activities and may request that the entire election be investigated after it has been held.

According to Whitehead a Tobacco Workers Union has made several appeals to the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company to have this activity stopped and has made known to them their determination to see that no one Please turn to Page Four

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CAROLINA TIMES BEAUTICIANS POPULARITY CONTEST

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