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OUR NEW CITY COUNCIL OFF TO A GOOD START — PRIDGEN GIVES WAY TO J. B. MARSHALL

With J. B. Marshall as our new city manager, and Messrs Scarborough and Boyd the new city attorneys, things are moving along apparently smooth. Then there is Dr. Squires as a new member of the civil service body and Supt. Vest still holding down the water department. The new wrestling commission consists of Messrs. Steffy, Scruggs and Mitcham, with Messrs. Blumenthal, Boate and Bundy, Griffith and Roberts on the Park and Recreation Commission. L. L. Ledbetter was re-elected city treasurer, and Marvin Westmoreland accountant. L. J. Huntley was named recorder pro-tem.

There seems to be a spirit of fellowship among the members to start off with, but that is no sign that the dove of peace will continue to hover over our city fathers.

[Since the above was written they are commencing to shake the boys down, and strange as it may seem, most of them are Union men, being chopped off here and there on account of insufficient funds. When a new administration goes in it is customary to let persons out, and the same old cry is always used of insufficient appropriation.]

The important committees that will play a conspicuous part in the new government follow:

Fire department: J. F. Durham, chairman, H. H. Baxter, and J. S. Nance.

Police department: J. F. Boyd, chairman, J. H. Huntley and L. R. Sides.

Inspection department: J. S. Tipton, J. F. Durham, W. R. Hudson.

Sanitary, incinerator, motor equipment departments: J. L. Wilkinson, chairman, J. H. Huntley and H. H. Baxter.

Finance committee: L. R. Sides, chairman, J. F. Durham and W. N. Hovis.

Public works and engineering departments: H. H. Baxter, chairman, J. F. Boyd and J. L. Wilkinson.

Health department: Claude L. Albea, chairman, J. S. Nance and W. R. Hudson.

Public buildings: W. R. Hudson, Claude L. Albea and J. F. Boyd.

Parks and public affairs: J. S. Nance, chairman, L. R. Sides, and J. L. Wilkinson.

Cemetery: W. N. Hovis, J. S. Tipton and Claude L. Albea.

Personnel: J. H. Huntley, W. N. Hovis, and J. S. Tipton.

The committees, Mayor Douglas said, will start functioning immediately.

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ROCKINGHAM TEXTILE WORKERS HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS; STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Monday night, May 20th saw a real textile meeting held in Rockingham, one that was enthusiastic, largely attended and productive of good results for the textile workers for that section. The meeting was addressed by E. L. Sandifur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor and Organizer "Red" Lisk, of the Textile Workers.

The Journal is informed that another charter will be hung by the Textile Workers of Rockingham in the near future.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously, and speak for themselves:

Whereas, there is now before Congress a bill known as the Wagner Labor Relations Act, and whereas, since it is apparent the Labor section of NRA, Section 7A, is totally inadequate to protect Labor in its constitutional rights; and whereas, it is our belief that the passage of the Wagner Labor Relations bill will go far to bring about a peace and harmony in relationship of Employer and Employee, as it sets up definite methods for the settlements of disputes and differences arising during the course of employment, and grants Labor the right to bargain collectively under the recognized and just principle of majority rule;

Therefore, be it Resolved that we, a group of workers in mass meeting, assembled this 20th day of May, 1935, at Rockingham, N. C., urgently request all Members of Congress from North Carolina to lend their active support to securing the passage of the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill, the two year extension of N. R. A., the Thirty-Hour-Week Bill, and other Labor legislation favored by the American Federation of Labor; and—

Be it further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each

member of Congress, to the Labor Press, and to the United Textile Workers of America.

D. A. McGILL, President, Local 2305.

May 20, 1935.

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Whereas, we, as Textile Workers, for years are in position to know beyond doubt as to whether we have suffered stretchouts; and as of our own certain knowledge, stretchouts have, and do, exist; therefore, we, a group of Textile Workers, in mass meeting, assembled at Rockingham, N. C., May 20, 1935, do hereby register our sincere and emphatic disapproval and denial of the purported finding of the Wage Assignment Board, and

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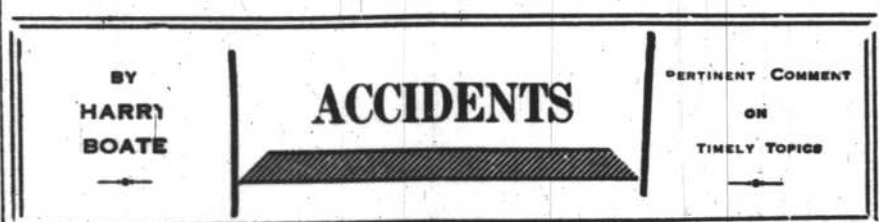
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LABOR AND OUR NEW COUNCIL

The Journal does not know who the "leaders" in Organized Labor are who have made the threat that certain business concerns would be boycotted, but it does know that such statements should not have been made without authority of Central Labor Union, in meeting assembled. While this paper does not approve the wholesale dismissal of employes because of their Union affiliation and stands squarely behind Councilman Albea in his lone vote for equal justice, it does disapprove the assertion of individuals that may be construed as veiled threats.

In due course of time, if any action is to be taken, it will come from the delegates of Central Labor Union, and not from unauthorized spokesmen.



In the midst of the many great questions of the day which are occupying the public mind, accidents are not by any means the least. One never takes up a paper these days without his eyes falling upon accounts of accidents, many of which are peculiar, some miraculous, others plain every-day events. Will endeavor in this article to comment briefly on a few of the most notable of such occurrences in the past few days.

The newspapers on Sunday morning last blazoned the headlines which told of the wreck of the giant airplane in Russia, which cost the lives of 49 people and the destruction of the aircraft, which was about three years in the building, destroyed in about three minutes, and was designed to accommodate 75 persons, including the crew. The wreck was the result of the disobedience of the pilot of an escort plane, who was doing some stunt flying contrary to orders, resulting in a collision with the big ship, and the consequent death of all persons in both planes.

Will Rogers says of this plane: "I saw it when I was there. They said themselves over there that it had never been much success as far as flying. But Russia is just at that stage like we used to be where they want the 'biggest' of everything. So it made good 'reading' when they would write how big it was. It was a warehouse with six engines on it; they could jack it up and get it above the field in Moscow, but I don't think it had ever been out of town. The great sport in Russia is parachute jumping. They used to take half the town up in this and let 'em jump." He ends his article by warning not to think all their planes will not fly, for that would be a mistake. They are the most air-minded nation in the world.

Among other air accidents may be mentioned Bill Picune, the boy who invented and is experimenting with bat wings for human flying. Last Sunday he went up 8,000 feet in an airplane, then jumped. He landed on top of a tree 30 feet from the ground, but was unhurt.

What may or may not have been the result of an accident is the death on Sunday last in England of "Lawrence of Arabia," one of the most colorful figures of the World War, and withal a remarkable man, successful flier, great student, wonderful in military ability, and yet who shunned publicity whenever possible. A week ago while riding his motorcycle he was in collision with several children. He remained in an unconscious state since that time until death finally took him. It has been rumored that what really caused the accident was an attempt to assassinate him because of secrets he was supposed to possess, but the British government says there is no truth to the rumor. However, it was a very unfortunate affair, and the world is the poorer because of his untimely death. The story of his real life has never been equaled by any fiction ever written. He was a man who did things for the love of doing them, and they were all helped in the way of spreading knowledge throughout the world, as his great love was in search of history of past ages.

Those who read the story of Jonah and said it never happened, or that it can not be true, may read this with profit. From Sydney, Australia, comes the story that a captured shark disgorged the tattooed arm of a man. The man had been murdered, his body dismembered, and the parts thrown into the sea. The shark swallowed one arm and returned it to earth as evidence, and it seems the perpetrator has been found, for it is stated the murderer may hang. No stranger accident could possibly happen than this event.

Still more accidents. In the "dustbowl" of the middle west, where it has been so dry for months that the ground has been blowing from one state to another, causing damage to property and even being responsible for deaths and disease, they are now face to face with another danger. No longer is it the dust, but rains have fallen, and now the water is as much in abundance as it had been scanty—so much so that floods are now taking the place of the dust storms, and in the past few days quite a few people have been drowned in raging floods overspreading the land or washing away roads and bridges. It has often been remarked that trouble never comes singly, and it surely is thus in many cases.

Locally we had a case in Charlotte court last week where some person ran his automobile into one of the new loading platforms recently erected at the Square. The attorney for the defense remarked about a foolish obstruction being built in the street. Perhaps he had never been to some other cities where they have for a long time been trying to make it possible for people to step on a street car, instead of being knocked off.

If people would just remember that traffic lights and other warning devices are put in place for their protection, and not for the purpose of seeing how often one can disobey the signal and do so safely, life may be a little less strenuous than it has been lately.

Western Textile Council Meets In Charlotte Saturday

On Saturday, May 25th at 2:30 p.m. the Western Textile Council will meet in Charlotte with Local 2002, of which J. Howard Payne is secretary. The meeting will be held at Central High School. Among the speakers on the program are John Peele and R. R. Lawrence, with a few lesser lights.

This is slated to be one of the biggest meetings ever held by the Western Textile Council, delegates coming from all locals in the district as well as truck loads of visitors.

After the business sessions a social program will be the order of the evening, an orchestra being provided and a big dance put on. Remember the date and place.

Women's Label League Change Meeting Night

NOTICE: Women's Union Label League will meet at Central Labor Union Hall May 27. All members are urged to be present as this will be the last meeting before the "Mock Wedding." The League meets for rehearsal of the "Mock Wedding" next Monday night, May 27, at Central Labor Union hall.

If higher wages means greater purchasing power, then higher Union wages means greater organized purchasing power, and that spells prosperity for everybody. Look for the Union Label!

QUEEN CITY PRINTING CO. STRIKE DRAGGING ITS WEARY LENGTH WITH UNION MEN IN SOLID FRONT

The strike of Printers, Pressmen and Bindery Workers at the Queen City Printing Co. is now in its third week, and all strikers are standing firm.

The printing company has brought to Charlotte a number of strike-breakers to fill the places of those on strike, but has been unable thus far to fill more than half the places and the greater part of them are incompetents, lacking the knowledge and skill necessary to produce the high-class of work for which the concern has long been notably outstanding.

Anna Weinstock, conciliator from the Department of Labor, Washington, is in Charlotte and is endeavoring to arrange a conference looking to a settlement between employer and striking employes and such a conference will undoubtedly soon be held. The printing trades unions have existing contracts with a number of commercial printing offices and with the daily papers and they are seeking to stabilize prices by stabilizing wages, hours and shop conditions and by stopping promiscuous price-cutting. It is to be hoped that employer and employes will soon establish contractual relations and co-operate in the future for the good of the industry as a whole.

Mr. Robert Lassiter, owner of the plant and his son, Hanes, about a year ago took over this plant which was operated for year by Hugh Murrill, a practical printing house executive, and who had built up a very fine, high-quality business. The present owners are men well thought of in the community, but have had no previous experience in the dealing with printing trades craftsmen and are believed to be laboring under a grave misapprehension of what their employes are trying to do. We feel confident that once they get a better understanding of the situation that a settlement will be reached a permanent and friendly relationship will be established.

'PEPPED-UP' CENTRAL LABOR UNION MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT MARKS A REVIVAL OF SPIRIT AMONG WORKERS

What turned out to be a real live meeting was held by Central Labor Union Tuesday night. It was a sort of a "revival" affair, so to speak, ending in an "experience" meeting, with "backsliders" (from duty) coming forward and making allegiance anew for real service.

Reports from locals were good, aside from a few "thorns in the flesh" here and there. Committee reports were received and a number of important communications were read and passed through the proper channel.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a mass meeting Saturday night at Central High School. This affair will take up, at the request of the A. F. of L., matters now before Congress affecting the workers of the entire country, in order that pressure may be brought to bear in forcible manner upon our senators and congressmen as to the desires of the people. This affair promises to be one of great interest, as the Western Textile Council, which assembles here in large numbers, will also be present as a whole. Prominent speakers will be on hand. Keep this meeting in mind, and bring a friend.

Organized Hailey, of the Bookbinders International, who is handling the Queen City Printing Company trouble here, made one of the best talks ever made on Central Labor Union floor, and to say that it was well received expresses it but mildly. He told of the splendid spirit prevailing among the strikers for union recognition and fair working conditions. The response to his call for moral support from the workers was unanimous.

The following resolution was passed regarding the stand of Central Labor Union on the strike:

Resolved, That Charlotte Central Labor Union in regular meeting assembled on this Tuesday night of May 21, 1935, does hereby go on record as being 100 per cent behind the men and women members of the printing trades unions on strike at the

Queen City Printing Company and we agree to give them every support possible in trying to bring about a peaceful settlement and future co-operation between employer and union employes of the company.

The following letter was received from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate, and speaks for itself:

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15, 1935.

Dear Sir and Brother:

We are enclosing for your information, a decision handed down by the National Labor Relations Board in the case between the P. H. Davis Tailoring Company and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. This decision, which speaks for itself, orders the reinstatement of the discharged worker with back pay.

The Company has not declared its willingness to abide by the decision and the matter is now before the Compliance Board of the NRA, for action. This may result in the removal of the Blue Eagle from the firm.

The P. H. Davis Tailoring Company manufactures men's clothing and sells direct to the consumer. They have salesmen located in practically every part of the country.

This firm has been notoriously anti-union and has fought trade unions for years. Therefore, we hope that you will print this information in your local labor paper and take such other steps as to inform organized labor and their sympathizers in your vicinity, of the defiant position taken by the Davis Company.

Fraternally yours, Cincinnati Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

JACK KROLL, Manager.

The meeting adjourned a little later than usual, but even at that a large number of the delegates "hung on" for "informal" discussion.

There was a goodly number of Queen City strikers present, and Organizers Scott and Adams made short, but interesting talks. President Albea presided, with Secretaries Boger and Boate at their posts.

The cut lines under the photos below were mixed in our Anniversary Edition, hence they appear in corrected form.



M. K. WORD Vice-Pres. & Treas. Char. Bonded Warehouse Co.



P. L. ABERNETHY Pres. and Gen. Mgr. City Chevrolet Co.

LABOR RACKETEERING IN CHARLOTTE CONDEMNED BY CENTRAL LABOR UNION

Racketeering in the name of Organized Labor in Charlotte in the advertising, publicity and co-operative field brought forth the following resolution, which was unanimously passed Tuesday, January 21, by Central Labor Union:

"Resolved, That the Charlotte Labor Journal is recognized in Charlotte as the only official paper of this section, and that merchants and business concerns are warned against outsiders soliciting advertisements or funds in the name of Labor, unless they have secured the sanction of Central Labor Union. For information merchants and business men may call The Journal at 3-4855, or Central Labor Union, 9185. The motion carried unanimously."

NATIONAL LEGISLATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MASS MEETING AT CENTRAL HIGH-SATURDAY NIGHT

There will be a mass meeting at the Central High School Saturday at 8 P. M. to express approval of the NRA and to ask our representatives in Congress to support a bill for a two-year continuance of same. The Wagner-Connelly labor disputes bill and the Black 30-hour week bill will be discussed.

Hon. W. F. Scholl will be the first speaker, using as his subject, "The NRA." John Peele, of South Carolina, a vice-president of the United Textile Workers, will handle the Wagner bill and it is hoped that President R. R. Lawrence, of the State Federation of Labor, will be on hand to talk on the Black 30-hour week bill.

The meeting will last exactly one hour and there will be no long-drawn out speeches.

The Western Textile conference will be held at the same place on Saturday, beginning at 2 P. M. This gathering will merge itself into the mass meeting at 8 P. M.

NIGHT BASEBALL

RICHMOND At CHARLOTTE

May 23, 24, 25 and 26

NIGHT GAMES AT 8:15

Bleachers, 40c (All Tax Paid) Grand Stand 65c