

### Unemployment Visioned By Miss Abbott

Washington, D. C. (AFLNS).—Old age pension laws and unemployment insurance laws are commendable as far as they go but they do not provide complete protection for either the unemployed or other dependent persons, Miss Grace Abbott, former chief of the Federal Children's Bureau and now with the University of Chicago, told the national conference of the American Association of Social Workers in session here.

Although the Social Security Act was a great step forward, she said, "it does not mean that relief will no longer be necessary," and that a continuance of Federal aid to the States for relief work was necessary to avoid wholesale suffering in all sections of the country.

"It is not now politically possible to guarantee employment to all those able to work but who are or will be unemployed," she added. "Clearly, we must still have public assistance or suffering will be widespread and acute."

She declared that 'constant change in Federal relief policies has made the development of a sense of State responsibility and a permanent State policy difficult, not to say impossible.'

### LABOR VISITORS AT THE JOURNAL OFFICE

Mr. Frank J. Bente, vice-president of the Federation of Silk and Rayon Dyers and Finishers of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate, was a Journal visitor Tuesday, along with Paul R. Christopher, of the United Textile Workers. Mr. Bente is in this territory in the interest of his organization.

### Lonely People of World Found on Small Islands

The loneliest Britons are to be found among the smaller islands of the Hebrides, observes a writer in Pearson's London Weekly. Many of them believe in fairies and in ghosts; the ghosts are always green. Several of the isles have less than a dozen inhabitants, some less than half a dozen. No roads, no motor cars, no cinemas, no dances, no hospitals.

The world's loneliest petrol pump is Bidon Cinq, in the middle of the Sahara desert, in Algerian territory. One Arab looks after it, selling water besides petrol. The first Arab put in charge went out of his mind.

Sailors say the loneliest lighthouse is out in the Red sea, off Suakin. It is known as the Widow's Tears, because it was built by the generosity of a British captain whose ship was wrecked on the Djebel Ter rock. For a long time no keeper would agree to dwell there, and his tending was entrusted to convicts, who were let off part of their sentence as a reward.

Britain's loneliest band is that of the bagpipe players of the Isle of Arranmore, off Donegal.

Night watchmen are the loneliest workers in cities. Month after month and year after year, they go their solitary rounds through stores and warehouses, until the pale light of dawn calls them home, to bed.

### Table Tennis Had Start in India, Authority Says

Table tennis started in India some time before 1900. Like most pastimes, was the outcome of boredom. English officers, tired of tinkling their drinks on the veranda before dinner, made a ball out of a wad of assorted feathers packed tightly in a woven cloth cover and began batting it around with hollow vellum rackets. They stacked books across the library table to serve as a net and made indoor tennis of the thing, writes Kyle Crichton in Collier's Weekly.

In the early period, the game was all patpat, but because the old shuttlecock was heavy the players learned to drive it. This went on until the celluloid ball was generally adopted. The next innovation was the bat, which up to that time had been a plain wooden paddle. It was in 1902 in London that a man named Good walked into an apothecary shop to get a headache powder and came away with the rubber mat on which the druggist counted out the change. He glued the rubber mat to the smooth wooden paddle and proceeded to make himself champion of England, spinning the ball past the old masters with the utmost aplomb.

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### INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AGAINST TWO BESSEMER CITY TEXTILE CONCERNS

Special to Labor Journal  
GASTONIA, Feb. 25.—W. Franklin Gaffney, senior inspector of the North Carolina Department of Labor, is here this week investigating complaints filed against two Bessemer City mills alleging violations of a state labor law which governs the working hours of females.

Commissioner A. L. Fletcher, of the Department of Labor, is to come to Gastonia on Thursday of this week to join Inspector Gaffney in the investigation, according to a letter from the commissioner received Monday by R. C. Thomas, district U. T. W. organizer.

The complaints are against the American Mills No. 1 and the Gambriel-Melville mill. It is alleged that the managements have been working women twelve hours a day in the plants, whereas the state law sets forth that females shall not work more than eleven hours in one day.

Commissioner Fletcher was originally scheduled to come here last week to launch the investigation but, according to a communication from him, was unable to do so because of illness in his family.

### "Pursuit" Is a Happy-Go-Lucky Story Of Love At Charlotte Theatre

Comedy, romance and action pack "Pursuit," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's hilarious romance of carefree adventure on the open road, which, with Chester Morris and Sally Eilers, is now playing at the Charlotte Theatre.

It is the story of the motoring adventure of a young couple smuggling a child out of the state in a guardianship fight. Their adventures, some hectic, some humorous, occur in auto camps and barns, farmyards, a veterinary hospital and in many locations along the open road between San Francisco and the Mexican border.

Morris is perfectly cast as the adventuring aviator, and Miss Eilers a beautiful as well as a perfect partner in adventure for him. Little Scotty Beckett, of "Our Gang" comedies, scores heavily as the child fugitive.

C. Henry Gordon plays one of his rare sympathetic roles, and is convincingly clever as the kindly detective, while Henry Travers provides comedy as the itinerant paperhanger who turns amateur detective. Dorothy Peterson, Harold Huber, Granville Bates, Minor Watson and other clever players are in the cast.

The new picture was deftly directed by Edwin L. Marin, famous for "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" and other hits. The story is by L. G. Blochman, with the joyous screen play adapted from it by Wells Root, scenarist of "Public Hero."

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### Central Labor Union

Charlotte Central Labor Union held its regular weekly meeting Wednesday night with an attendance not up to the average. After the regular routine of business and good reports of locals, a talk was made by Brother Fullerton as to the advisability of having the State Federation of Labor put on a full time organizer. A motion was made that the state executive board call for a referendum, which was carried.

Talks were made by Organizers Lick and Dooley on "Affairs and conditions," which were greatly enjoyed.

President Barr presided and Secretary Amyx filled two jobs as secretary, Recording Secretary Holton being absent.

### Perry-Mincey Furniture Co. Redecorates

The interior of the Perry-Mincey Furniture Co., 123-125 South College street, has been redecorated, with installation of a better lighting system, all of which tends to make more attractive the display of their "spring styles" in housefurnishings, along with the usual line of durable bedroom, living room and kitchen furniture. They carry a "stork" line for the baby and specializes in Atwater-Kent radios.

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### President Thrift And Organizers Dooley-Thomas Visit In The East

President E. A. Thrift, of the North Carolina Textile Council, spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the eastern part of the state, making talks in meetings at Irving Satur-

day night to a large mass meeting of textile workers, going from there to Goldsboro, where he addressed a joint meeting of textile and highway workers. From there he went to Fayetteville on business, during the trip attending many committee meetings and conferences. Mr. Thrift was accompanied by Organizers Dooley and Thomas.

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