

### CHILD LABOR RETURNING?

Seven months have elapsed since the NRA went out via the Supreme Court's nailing blow.

The NRA contained as a basic principle strict and stern prohibition against the employment of children in industry. It was hailed with elation on that account.

The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor reports that within the last seven months, the period during which the NRA has been ineffective, the number of children of 14 and 15 receiving employment certificates in these months was 55 per cent greater than the number during the whole of 1934, when NRA was in effect.

Of the new child workers 29 per cent went into manufacturing, mechanical and mercantile industries, compared with only 5 per cent in 1934—industries where adult unemployment is most glaring.

This is a Federal government agency's figures and we must accept them as authentic.

And so accepting them, it is impossible to escape a few vital conclusions.

And the first is that private enterprise must not return in any such fashion to the unholy business of picking up children under age and putting them back in industry.

And another is that unless private enterprise is willing to work out this reform on the basis of its own option, public sentiment will be so aroused that it will find a way to get rid of this vicious evil BY LAW.

And another is that if the State Legislature fail or refuse to act to the end of abolishing child labor within their own domains, this same public sentiment will demand that an amendment be put in the Federal Constitution by which the employment of child labor will be a Federal crime and so dealt with.

This newspaper opposes Federal regulation of child labor.

It believes the States can handle this evil with their own present powers and authorities, but it believes, also, that THEY SHOULD HANDLE IT EFFECTIVELY AND PROMPTLY.—Charlotte Observer Editorial, April 9.

### Four S. C. Mills Are Strike Bound; One Mill Starts Up

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 14.—The number of strike-bound mills in South Carolina increased from two to four yesterday, and preparations for possible early opening of one of the plants met with opposition of some strikers.

A number of operatives of the big Molohon mill at Newberry picketed the plant, Mayor J. W. Ehrhardt said, when persons were sent to make repairs with an apparent view to re-opening soon.

It has been closed for the last eight weeks.

Meanwhile, two additional strikes at Gaffney left only two of the town's five textile plants open.

Employees of the Limestone and Gaffney manufacturing companies picketed the plants after voting not to return to their jobs.

Union officials said the Gaffney strike was called in protest to what they termed use of the stretchout in the spinning room, while the Limestone differences resulted from the union's objections to an overseer and other grievances.

The Alma mill at Gaffney has been closed two months by a strike.

OPERATIONS RESUMED AT ELIZABETH CITY

ELIZABETH CITY, April 13.—Operations were resumed at the Elizabeth City Hosiery mill today following settlement of the labor dispute which had kept it idle for several weeks.

Union employees returned on the basis of a 45-hour work week and the same piece rate scale prevailing prior to the strike which was called when the management announced an increased work week of 50 hours and no increase in pay.

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### "Outsiders" Theme of Article In Raleigh News and Observer

To the Editor: "I do not know what Mr. McDonald has said about machine politics, and I do not care. Every party has to be well organized to win. I may not be much of a politician but something of a psychologist, and have this to say to Mr. Hoey:

The time is past in North Carolina when the people can be controlled by prejudice, either against the Negro or against those born outside of the State who are trying as best they know to make some sort of a contribution to the State's progress.

I've lived here 30 years and know more about the State of North Carolina than, shall I say, the natives do, and yet, Democrat that I am, and always have been, let me dip into politics and I am a Republican and an outsider because I did not first see the light of day here.

I feel that the Simmons campaign under my leadership suffered on account of this appeal to prejudice. Now I'm thoroughly fed up on it. They used to say of me: "She's not our kind o' folks, you know."

Well, I'm not the only one by any means. Many who have made very great contributions to the State were not born here, and I think it is bad politics, had psychology, and just plain bad manners to keep this up. It's a wonder many come and so many stay. Who with America's oddest blood in their veins wants to be labelled an outsider?

CHARLOTTE S. PERKINSON.  
Raleigh.

**The West Indies**  
The West Indies are a loose chain of tropical islands expanding in a great curve from Florida south and east to South America. They are otherwise known as the Greater Antilles and Lesser Antilles and include among the larger islands, Cuba, Haiti, Porto Rico, Jamaica and many others. They were called West Indies by the Spaniards who thought them to lie off the coast of India.

**Third of Life Passed Asleep**  
The person who lives to be seventy years old passes 23 years asleep. That is the estimate of a scientific committee set at Nice, France, to inquire how persons occupy their lives. Apart from sleep, the committee's report says, the average person talks for 13 years, eats for six years, passes 23 years in pleasure and washes for 18 months.

**Ruins of Pompeii**  
When the fury of the volcanic conflagration which destroyed Pompeii 79 A. D. was past, the site of the city was a sea of ashes, the upper parts of buildings not destroyed sticking out and serving as a guide-post to those who returned to dig among the ruins. By the Third century a number of buildings had been erected to the north of the city. This second Pompeii was, however, abandoned in the Eleventh century on account of the frequent earthquakes, eruptions of Vesuvius and incursions of Saracens.

**Famous Greek Monastery**  
The famous Greek Orthodox monastery of Valamo, on one of a group of islands in the northern part of Lake Ladoga, Finland, is said to have been founded A. D. 902, and was at its height of fame toward the end of the last century, when pilgrims visited it in enormous numbers. The most noteworthy sight is the magnificently equipped Church of the Transfiguration, which consists of two churches placed one over the other. There are several smaller sanctuaries and hermitages.

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### Candidates Without Request Of Labor Have No Claim In Its Vote

To Editor Labor Journal:

When a self-appointed individual without the request of Labor decides to run for political office and then after making Labor support him, that Organized Labor support him, well he is talking a little bit out of line with the rights of Labor. Just because a man carries a union card and does nothing else and decides to be a candidate does not compel you to support him. If a man desires to be a candidate and is anxious to obtain the approval of the Organized Labor Movement in his district it seems to me the first thing he should do is consult with the leaders of Labor in his district and ask them if they will support him. It is not always true that men who carry union cards are the best kind of men in legislative offices. As a rule they remain loyal to their obligation, but self-constituted candidates that demand that Labor support them because they offer themselves, for selfish reasons not for the purposes of Labor—the Labor Movement owes them nothing. I hold that getting a job for yourself or your friends is not what you have been elected to office for by your local union.

If you want to remain loyal to your local union and to your membership you will endeavor to have enacted legislation to be helpful to the great masses of Labor. Labor men that sell themselves out because they want a job for their brother-in-law and they use their labor official influence to that extent, are not complying in any sense with the objects and purposes and principles of the Labor Movement.

Yes, we would like to see a majority of the men holding public office as coming from the ranks of Labor, because we have found those that have gone to Washington and Raleigh were trained union men and officials of Labor, in nearly all instances have been true to their obligations and training. But ever so often we find a baby from the rank and file who just joined the union a few months before and never attended any meetings, never had

### RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BILL PASSES HOUSE FINANCED BY A \$410,000,000.00 BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The advantages of electric energy for the rural inhabitants of the United States were assured when the House of Representatives, passed the Norris-Rayburn bill authorizing a ten-year program for the Rural Electrification Administration during the year ending June 30, 1937, bill has already passed the Senate in a slightly different form. It carries the approval of President Roosevelt, Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace, Secretary of the Interior Ickes, and Morris L. Cooke, head of the Rural Electrification Administration.

The \$410,000,000 fund will be in charge of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which is given authority to lend not to exceed \$50,000,000 to the Rural Electrification Administration during the year ending June 30, 1937, and \$40,000,000 annually for the next nine years.

Half of the fund will be used for loans to associations and persons to build transmission lines and buy generators and the other half will be lent to individuals to install wiring and electrical fixtures in homes and farm buildings.

Provision is made for the amortization of loans for the construction and operation of generating plants over a period not to exceed twenty-five years. Loans for home and farm improvements will be amortized in five years. An interest charge of not more than three per cent is authorized.

It is estimated that the measure will take electricity to at least 1,000,000 farm homes. There are said to be 6,800,000 farms in the United States, 6,000,000 of which are not receiving central station service.

the approval of Labor, but he flashes his union card in everybody's eyes before election and if elected he soon forgets. You don't have to vote for a man for public office just because he carries a card. Usually he is looking against someone who is no good, then you choose the lesser of the two evils. If he wants your union's support and he is a member he should ask you before he offers himself as a candidate. Remember, there is no restrictions on any member in organized Labor as to how he or she votes. No political or party lines, except that Communists are barred from membership. You should not vote for a Communist as they are destructionists.

Respectfully yours,  
H. L. M.  
Charlotte, N. C.

### Printers Granted Wage Increase At Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, WASH.—A wage increase of 7.3 cents per hour, or 51 cents per day, was received by the members of Seattle Typographical Union No. 202 employed in the newspaper composing rooms here as the result of the award of the Board of Arbitration issued March 27, 1936.

The new rates will be \$1.18 per hour for day work and \$1.25 per hour for night work. The award is for a period of 18 months ending September 27, 1937.

The union members on the Board of Arbitration were P. J. Brady and R. M. McCullough. The publishers were represented by H. W. Parish and F. W. Webster.

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**MINIMUM WAGE APPROVED FOR BAY STATE STORES**

Boston, Mass.—Representatives of Massachusetts stores gave their unanimous approval to the proposed new minimum wage scale for retail stores throughout the State at a hearing of the State Minimum Wage Board. The new rates, which the State Board estimates will affect more than 25,000 women workers, range from \$14.50 per week for experienced employees in Boston to \$12 per week for inexperienced employees under 18 yrs. of age in smaller towns and cities. The scale applies to all women employees and boys under 21.

**'00 PHILADELPHIA SHOE WORKERS WIN UNION SHOP**

Philadelphia, Pa.—An outstanding victory for union labor was registered here when the Standard & Cleopatra Shoe Company, employing 600 people signed an agreement with the Foot and Shoe Workers' Union following a four days' strike.

The agreement provides that all employees must be members of the union, establishes a 40-hour week with extra compensation for overtime, and grants wage increases averaging from 15 to 25 per cent for all the workers in the plant.

**ENOUGH AND A PLENTY**

The editor stood at the pearly gates. His face was worn and old; He meekly asked of the man of fate Admission to the fold. "What have you done?" St Peter asks, "To seek admission here?" "Oh, I ran a little printing plant On earth for many a year." The gate swung open sharply As Peter touched the bell. "Come in," he said "and take a harp; You've had enough of er-trouble." —Anon.

**ACT APPLYING TO PRISON INDUSTRIES IS UPHELD**

The United States Supreme Court on March 2 upheld the Federal Hawes-Cooper Act which permits a State to prohibit the sale within its borders of prison-made goods originating in other States. This Act became effective in January, 1934. There are now 24 States with laws prohibiting the sale of prison-made goods in competition with the products of free labor in the open market. The recent decision should stimulate further extension of this legislation.

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