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## WISCONSIN IS THE FIRST STATE EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW; A \$12,000,000 FUND ON HAND

MADISON, Wis., June 29.—Wisconsin's new unemployment insurance law—the nation's first—goes into effect on Wednesday. Four hundred thousand workers will be eligible to receive benefits under its provisions if they lose their jobs after it begins to operate on July 1.

A \$12,000,000 fund will be on hand if payments are needed on the first day.

This cozy nest egg was built up by Wisconsin employers under the State unemployment insurance law since 1934. The pioneer statute took hold then to cover employers of 10 or more persons long before enactment of the Federal unemployment insurance clause in the national social security act.

PASSED IN 1931

The Wisconsin law was placed on the statute books by the 1931 special session of the legislature. Enforcement, however, was delayed by the succeeding Legislature until 1934 because industry found itself financially unable to assume the cost.

In 1934 the employers began contributing up to 2 per cent of their monthly payrolls toward separate reserve accounts which have now reached \$12,000,000 and will increase as time goes on.

## FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



### THE DEMOCRATIC STANDARD BEARER—A FRIEND OF ALL THE PEOPLE

Amid a scene unprecedented in the history of Franklin Field, in Philadelphia, President Roosevelt accepted renomination on the Democratic ticket as president of the United States, and his acceptance address left no doubt as to where and for what he stands, and his liberal ideas must have brought grief and sorrow to the coat-tail swingers who are hanging on tenaciously but do not really believe in his ideas of organized labor and the right of the people to collective bargaining. North Carolina has some "democratic" office seekers who are not living up to the New Deal ideas of the president.

## Thad Eure Turns Sales Taxers Are Down Free Printing Rappel By Leonard At Belmont Meeting For the Union Label

To the Editor Labor Journal:

When it costs a man something to manifest his loyalty to the cause of organized labor, I think the public ought to know about it, and it is for this reason that I desire to call attention to the fact that Thad Eure, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State, turned down the generous offer of his neighbors and friends in his home town of Winton to furnish him with all his stationery and printing free of charge because it would mean that it would go out to all sections of the state without the union label. There is no union shop in his home town, and so out of his own pocket he has been paying for all of his printing in union shops in Raleigh. This is a worthy example for all candidates to follow, for it shows they mean what they say when they declare themselves friendly to organized labor. Actions speak louder than words. By their fruits ye shall know them.

C. FENNER PILLEY, Chmn., Label Committee, Raleigh Typographical Union No. 54.

Belmont, June 29.—"There ought to be some way of making some of the politicians who insist that the necessities of life consist only of bread, meat, turnip greens and other simple foods confine their diet to those things until the next session of the Legislature," declared Paul Leonard, secretary of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, in an address delivered here Saturday night at a district meeting of textile workers.

The anti-sales tax leader of Statesville, who said he had been accused of stirring up class hatred, declared vehemently that "the group of politicians and lobbyists who brought about the levying of the sales tax in order that those better able to carry the tax load might escape their just portion are the real sinners in that respect."

The Fair Tax Association was credited by Leonard with having made the sales tax "such a paramount political issue" that all candidates for Governor had been forced to take a stand on the issue, and both parties had adopted anti-sales tax planks for their platforms.

"But the big boys in the old political group which put the sales tax on you have already given plenty of evidence that they don't intend to give you much relief by their definitions of just what constitutes the necessities of life, from which the Democratic party has promised that it shall be removed."

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION WILL HAVE ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SUNDAY

The regular monthly meeting of Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338 will be held Sunday at the Moose Hall, on South Tryon Street. All members are requested to be present.

## CHATting

"Accidents will happen!" Long before the automobile was thought of as a vehicle in daily use the above remark was common in every day language. And, strange as it may seem, accidents did happen, in those days as well as these. Horses would sometimes "take the bit in their teeth" and run away. And that was not a mere figure of speech, for when once a horse had the bit in his teeth, rather than back in his mouth, it was impossible to control him, as pulling on the lines did not hurt his mouth, so he did pretty much as he chose. And a runaway horse was a dangerous thing on the street or roadway.

In these later days we are not much concerned about the runaway horse. In fact, many there are today who never saw such excitement. On the contrary, the average automobile on our streets, traveling at the lawful rate of speed, far exceeds the speed of the runaway horse. Yet we think little or nothing of it. And, in fact, if care is exercised, there is nothing exciting about it. Lack of care is the real cause of trouble.

On a recent Monday morning the newspapers announced in black headlines the fact that throughout America over the week-end 87 persons met death in automobile accidents on our public highways. The question may well be asked: "Were all these fatalities really the results of accidents?" How many of them were the result of carelessness on the part of the driver, or lack of care in the physical condition of said driver?

Automobile accidents are not alone in the cause of death and injury, according to the Literary Digest, which has much to say regarding accidents in the home, which are many, sometimes causing death, others causing minor or serious injuries, all of them causing suffering which may be avoided by proper caution on the part of each and all of us. The Digest says in part:

"But how about the dangers of the American home? Some 31,500 persons, blithely moving about their activities, tumbling down stairs, slipping on soap in the bathtub, getting cut, burned and blown up, met their death there last year. In a New England boarding house a mill worker was enjoying a few moments' relaxation in his room reading the evening paper—about the latest motor accident, perhaps. He tilted too far back in his chair, deposited himself through a window, and struck the ground a dozen feet below. Another man, a plumber in a mid-western town, had spent a profitable day wrestling with his wrenches. But in preparing for bed he got a foot caught in one leg of his pants. He hopped about until he fell and suffered a broken arm.

"Home accidents in 1935 permanently disabled 140,000 persons, the National Safety Council reported, and injured 4,460,000. Poison alone cost 18,000 lives, permanently disabled 60,000, and offered definite proof that Americans don't read the labels on those jumbled bottles in the medicine cabinet.

"After a night at home, Americans find good honest labor the safest form of existence. Only 4,400 got themselves killed on the nation's farms; 4,000 in the trade and service industries, 2,500 in construction work and 1,600 in mining and other extraction work. In Indiana a judge at a session of court brought down his gavel so hard the head flew off and struck a juror in the eye.

"While the husband goes to work the wife does her shopping. A woman was making her purchases in a Hamilton, Ohio meat market. A ham fell from the top of a case, hitting a knife which lay on the back of the counter. The knife played mumbly-peg over the counter, bounced on the floor, and cut the wife's leg.

"A policy holder of a large insurance company stuck to ping pong. During the game he slipped and bumped his head on a corner of the table. The company paid off on the strength of a badly injured eye. In Central Falls, R. I., a young man took a stroll. He stepped off a curbstone, lost his balance and fell, breaking his right leg.

"And so to bed. But without resisting one last healthy yawn. For a Boston gentleman took the chance and found himself with a broken jaw. Two anesthetics had to be administered and three physicians worked an hour getting the jaw back into place.

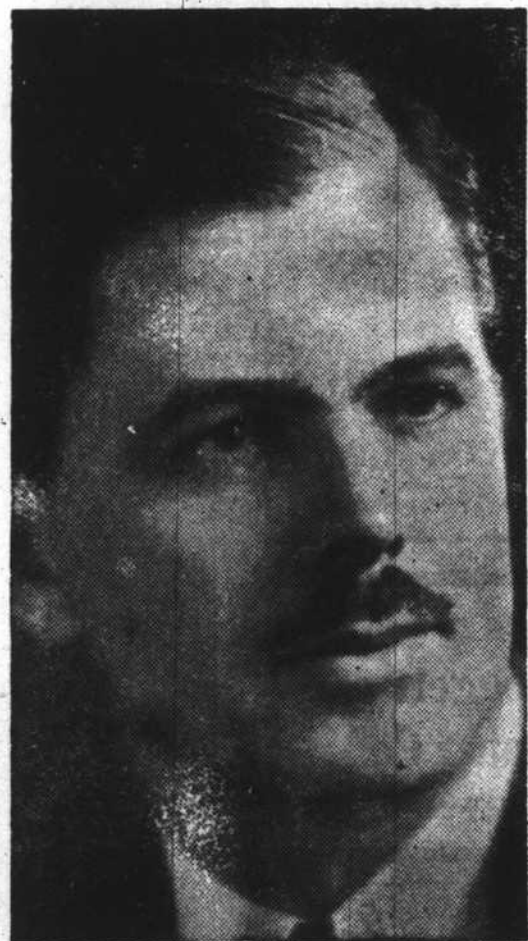
"And safely dreaming at last—unless one is a politician dreaming of the forthcoming campaign and arguing a point in his sleep. One Texan politician won his point, all right. But the arm-waving rolled him out of bed and the fall broke his collar bone.

"Many of the 9,000,000 accidents last year had their slap-stick aspects. But the cost of American carelessness comes high—100,000 lives and a \$3,450,000,000 slice of the nation's income."

According to the Cleveland, Ohio police, three joy riders in a car hit a stop sign, jumped from curb to six-foot terrace, ripped through three thickets, leaped over a 30-foot cliff, dashed across a busy street, smashed through a steel wire fence, shot down a 40-foot embankment and hit a clump of trees. Nobody was hurt. The driver asked for a drink.

And this was not a circus performance.

## DR. RALPH McDONALD



HE IS FIGHTING FOR THE NOMINATION IN THE RUN-OFF PRIMARY

WARNING TO BUSINESS MEN

Our merchants are advised to look well into the matter before buying advertising space in publications pertaining to labor, unless sponsored by the Charlotte Central Labor Union or endorsed by the Merchants' Association.

## DECLARATIONS ON LABOR MATTERS BY THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION; F. W. R. FOR JOBLESS WITH PAY BASED ON PRESENT WAGE

Platform Adopted at Philadelphia Favors Collective Bargaining Free From Interference of Employers, Continuance of Federal Work Relief for Jobless with Pay Based on Prevailing Wage Rates, Larger Government Housing Program, Extension of Social Security Act, Protection of Civil Liberties, Extension of Merit System for Government Employees, and Adequate Federal and State Legislation Covering "Minimum Wages, Maximum Hours, Child Labor and Working Conditions in Industry."

The planks of interest to working men and women in the platform adopted by the national convention of the Democratic party held in Philadelphia include continuation of the present Federal system of unemployment work relief with the prevailing wage rate for relief workers, protection of right to organize without employer interference; continuation and extension of the present Federal law relative to old-age pensions, unemployment insurance, and Federal old-age annuities; Federal housing program, protection of civil liberties, improved merit system for government employees, and Federal and State legislation adequate to ban child labor and secure just minimum wages, maximum hours, and work conditions.

On the subject of amending the Federal Constitution, the platform declared this policy should not be followed unless experience proves that social legislation deemed necessary for the protection of the masses is impossible without such procedure.

The text of the planks concerning labor follows:

OLD AGE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

We have built foundations for the security of those who are faced with the hazards of unemployment and old age; for the orphaned, the crippled and the blind. On a foundation of the social security act we are determined to erect a structure of economic security for all our people, making sure that this benefit shall keep step with the ever-increasing capacity of America to provide a high standard of living for all its citizens.

HOUSING

We maintain that our people are entitled to decent, adequate housing at a price which they can afford. In the last three years the Federal Government, having saved more than 2,000,000 homes from foreclosure, has taken the first steps in our history to provide decent housing for people of meager incomes. We believe every encouragement should be given to the building of new homes by private enterprise; and that the Government should steadily extend its housing program toward the goal of adequate housing for those forced through economic necessities to live in unhealthy and slum conditions.

LABOR

We have given the army of America's industrial workers something more substantial than the Republican's dinner pail full of promises. We have increased the worker's pay and shortened his hours; we have undertaken to put an end to the sweated labor of his wife and children; we have written into the law of the land his right to collective bargaining and self-organization free from the interference of employers; we have provided Federal machinery for the peaceful settlement of labor disputes.

We will continue to protect the worker and we will guard his rights both as wage-earner and consumer, in the production and consumption of all commodities, including coal and water power and other natural resource products.

UNEMPLOYMENT

We believe that unemployment is a national problem, and that it is an inescapable obligation of our Government to meet it in a national way. Due to our stimulation of private business, more than five million people have been re-employed; and we shall continue to maintain that the first objective of a program of economic security is maximum employment in private industry at adequate wages. Where business fails to supply such employment, we believe that work at prevailing wages should be provided in co-operation with State and local governments on useful public projects, to the end that the national wealth may be increased, the skill and energy of the worker may be utilized, his morale maintained, and the unemployed assured the opportunity to earn the necessities of life.

THE CONSTITUTION

The Republican platform proposes to meet many pressing national problems solely by action of the separate States. We know that drought, dust storms, floods, minimum wages, maximum hours, child labor and working conditions in industry, monopolistic and unfair business practices cannot be adequately handled exclusively by 48 separate State Legislatures, 48 separate State administrations and 48 separate State courts.

Transactions and activities which inevitably overflow State boundaries call for both State and Federal treatment.

We have sought and will continue to seek to meet these problems through legislation within the Constitution.

If these problems cannot be effectively solved by legislation within the Constitution, we shall seek such clarifying amendment as will assure to the legislatures of the several States and to the Congress of the United States, each within its proper jurisdiction, the power to enact those laws which the State and Federal legislatures, within their respective spheres, shall find necessary, in order adequately to regulate commerce, protect public health and safety and safeguard economic security. Thus we propose to maintain the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

THE MERIT SYSTEM IN GOVERNMENT

For the protection of government itself and promotion of its efficiency we pledge the immediate extension of the merit system through the classified civil service—which was first established and fostered under Democratic auspices—to all non-policy-making positions in the Federal service.

We shall subject to the civil service law all continuing positions which, because of the emergency, have been exempt from its operation.

CIVIL LIBERTIES

We shall continue to guard the freedom of speech, press, radio, religion and assembly which our Constitution guarantees; with equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

## Char. Central Labor Nominates Officers For Ensuing Year

At a well attended meeting last night (Wednesday) the Central body went through the regular routine of business, the only thing omitted being reports of locals. The main feature of the meeting was nomination of officers for the ensuing year, election to be held at the next meeting, July 15.

The following were nominated for various posts:

President: J. H. Fullerton, H. L. Kiser; vice-president, Claude L. Albea; secretary-treasurer Gilmer H. Holton, P. A. Martin; sergeant-at-arms, E. R. Kelly, Helms.

Board of trustees, J. A. Moore, W. M. Witter, James McElice, F. D. Campbell, Lon Connelly, A. L. Jackson.

Delegates State Federation of Labor, J. A. Moore, W. M. Witter, James McElice, H. L. McCrorie and A. J. Dumas.

After nominations a motion to adjourn carried, but there being a matter that was to come before the body being overlooked by vote the body went into executive session and after the matter being thoroughly discussed it was turned over to the board of trustees to make a report on at the next regular meeting.

The boys are showing a little pep these days, and it looks like we are going back to the good old days when "meetings were meetings" and discussion was rampant on any and all subjects.

Vice-president Kiser presided and Acting Secretary Fullerton and Recording Secretary Holton were at their posts.

KIWANIS ASSAIL COMMUNISM

Washington, D. C.—A militant drive against communism was urged in a resolution adopted by the twentieth annual convention of Kiwanis International here. The resolution reads:

"In view of the fact that vicious propaganda is being advanced at this time throughout the land in behalf of foreign ideas of communistic and dictatorial government, Kiwanis clubs are urged to combat these efforts by every proper means."

Panama hats are not made in Panama, but in Santa Elena, Ecuador. Motorists of the State of South Carolina spent \$30,000,000 for gas last year.

The Union Label assures the purchaser that he is putting his money into the best investment on earth—Trade Unionism.

More life insurance money goes to living policy-holders than to beneficiaries of dead ones.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

The Journal is sending out a "few" subscription bills, and earnestly hopes the response will be favorable. Already replies, with checks enclosed, have been received from the "advance guard of regulars"—and we thank them, for the lean months of summer are with us.