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AND DIXIE FARM NEWS**

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Americanism is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

"LEWIS AND THE PAYOFF"

While The Journal has never thought or believed that the editorial policy of The Charlotte Observer was for anything that stood for organization of the workers, its news columns have been fair to both sides at controversy in the labor movement. Yet, Dr. Julian Miller, the editor, at times strikes a note that meets with general approval. It has been very pronounced against the C. I. O., not because it approved the A. F. of L., but because it was choosing as it were, the lesser of "two evils." So, at that, it is an ill wind that blows no one good. In Tuesday's issue the lead editorial headed "Lewis and the Payoff," had some appeal to us, and will be read with interest. We quote:

"John L. Lewis does not hesitate to give the American people reason for concluding that, in his judgment, he owns the Democratic party and the present National Administration.

"Some months ago he indicated a pout and pique when Mr. Roosevelt failed to drop everything else and rush to the rescue of the rapidly disintegrating labor movement sponsored by Lewis.

"He indicated quite dramatically then that he thought Mr. Roosevelt owed him a great deal more than the President was paying.

"And now upon the eve of the adjournment of Congress, the same John L. Lewis fumes and fusses and storms because the Democratic body or lawmakers refused at last to rush through his own pet legislation.

"Clearly he feels he holds a mortgage upon the President, upon Congress and upon the National Democratic organization which gives him the right to say the word and have his bidding done.

"Very properly and poignantly The Nashville Banner is moved to remark:

"Mr. Lewis may threaten and may intimidate some of the Democratic leaders, but he will find it a much different matter when he comes to deal with the masses of the Democratic Party. It is extremely doubtful that they are prepared, or will ever be prepared, to surrender their convictions and views of patriotic and sound party policy and procedure to the dictates of a man who numbers among his chosen political intimates, most trusted advisers and active lieutenants those whose chief claim to distinction has been their close relations with Moscow and their present identity with the Communist Party."

**LOCAL LABOR
NEWS NOTES**

The Brickmasons Union has been taking a new hope the past week or two and this A. F. of L. affiliate is now in fine working shape.

The Painters and Decorators, A. F. of L., have renewed their charter and are going forward with an increased membership.

A Granite Cutters Union charter was installed in Charlotte last week with about 40 members in the A. F. of L. The meeting of this union will be held in the K. of C. Hall.

Col. Harry Boate reports that business in the State A. F. of L. headquarters here is steadily increasing, the office acting as a clearing house for organizers.

The Sheet Metal Workers of Char-

lotte are sending for an A. F. of L. charter with a fine enrollment to begin with, and it is hoped this new local will be functioning within 30 days.

It is with much pleasure that The Journal learns that Brother J. A. Moore, of the Machinists local, who has been indisposed for some time, is able to be "up and about," as he is an active worker in the field and never tires of his labor activities.

Central Labor Union, with its meeting next Wednesday night, starts back on a schedule of weekly meetings, July and August being the only months in the year that this body meets twice a month. The attendance has held up good, and all the delegates are to be complimented on the excellent attendance during the heated period.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Charlotte Labor Journal is the only union labor weekly newspaper published in Mecklenburg county, or in this immediate section. It is endorsed by Central Labor Union and affiliated bodies. There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to this matter, and attention is called to a resolution appearing upon the front page adopted by Central Labor Union.

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**IN WASHINGTON
WHAT
IS
TAKING
PLACE
BY
Pitt R. Reynolds
UNITED STATES SENATOR**

The first session of the Seventy-fifth Congress is now a matter of history. During the next few weeks there will be many reviews of the legislation enacted and its effect on the daily life of our people. Economists will figure new laws in the light of the cost to business and industry. Emphasis will be laid on total appropriations as compared with Federal income. And organizations and groups will begin to form their lines to press for more legislation when the Congress again convenes in January.

Few will contend that, from the standpoint of the new legislative accomplishments, the session just ended was worthy of great significance. But it can be stated accurately that the session was adjusted to the needs of our people, with the exception of the failure to enact farm legislation, which is the first order of business for the next session.

It can also be said that the Congress met at a crucial time in national affairs. Our people had hardly absorbed the great mass of new laws enacted during the period of the depression. Recovery was on the way and is gaining daily. Thus it was for the best interest of the country that the Congress adopt the trial and error method of considering legislation. This was done and it has helped lay the foundation for the things that contribute much to the permanent stability of the country.

Adjournment found virtually all members of Congress in agreement that farm legislation is needed. And the failure of Congress to put through quickly some law of a temporary character will work out for the best interest of the farm population. It means that members will come back with a fresh view of farm needs, with talks with "dirt" farmers clearly in their minds, and with first-hand information on the actual condition on the farm.

Members of Congress are in agreement that the President's insistence that farm legislation be taken up as the first thing in January is assurance to the farm population that the condition of agriculture is of extreme importance to the Administration.

tion. There is every reason to believe that this will meet the demands of farm spokesmen.

One of the most hopeful signs on the horizon for the taxpayers of the country is the keen interest being shown in an effort to simplify the national tax structure. Much "behind the scenes" work has been done by Congressional committees and by the Treasury. There is growing belief that our present system of levying taxes is overburdened with inequities and taxes that are not justified by the revenue produced. There is also reason to believe that tobacco prices are greatly affected by the duplicate taxes imposed by the Federal and State governments. Some contend that the Federal Government collects unusually heavy taxes on the one hand and then attempts to aid the farmer on the other. Therefore, if new tax legislation comes at the next session there will be a strong fight for a complete overhauling of the whole tax structure. It would undoubtedly mean much to taxpayers, whether corporations or individuals.

**GEORGE J. BOWEN, MACHINIST
OFFICIAL, PASSES AWAY**

FLUSHING, N. Y.—George J. Bowen, one of the general vice-presidents of the International Association of Machinists, died at his home here on August 10. He was 53 years of age.

Mr. Bowen joined the International Association of Machinists at Bridgeport, Conn., in 1903, becoming a member of Local Lodge No. 30.

**F. J. DEMPSEY, THEATRICAL
STAGE AND M. P. O. SEC.
PASSES IN MASSACHUSETTS**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Fred J. Dempsey, general secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators, whose International offices are located in Washington, died August 15, at his summer home, Ocean Bluff, Mass. So far as could be learned, the cause of death was attributed to heart trouble. He was only 56 years old. He leaves a widow, but no children. Several close relatives survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, from the home of a sister, Mrs. Moore, at 104 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester, aMss.

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The Charlotte Plumbers and Steamfitters local union is planning a Labor Day picnic at their lodge on the Catawba river for its members and families. The editor of The Journal has been invited and having attended previous outings of these good people knows that a treat is in store, and along with the Madam will be present, if possible—and "you bring the duck!" is always included in the invitation. Each one, or family, will bring a basket and the spread will be in the open, weather permitting. The old "Hesperis" has departed, so there will be no sailing on the broad Catawba, a sad commentary of fact. The Plumbers and Steamfitters never do things by halves, so we are looking for a "completed job."

**MR. AND MRS. FRANK BARR
WEEK-END VISITORS HERE**

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There is not a wrong against which we fail to protest or seek to remedy; there is not a right to which any of our fellows are entitled which it is not our duty, mission and work and struggle to attain. So long as there shall remain a wrong unrighted or a right denied, there will be work for the labor movement to do.—Samuel Gompers.

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Their children, eldest of whom is 230 pound Maurice, aged twenty-five and married, all have been reared in this Lake Huron farming district.

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**Dog in Ontario Lands
Season's Biggest Fish**

Woodstock, Ont. — The largest fish caught here since the 1937 fishing season opened was landed by a dog. The fox terrier saw a large carp swimming about in shallow water in the Thames river, dashed in, caught the fish between its teeth and scrambled ashore. The carp weighed seven pounds.

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