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CENTRAL LABOR UNION MEETING WEDNESDAY ONE OF INTEREST MANY MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED

Despite the fact that it was Thanksgiving eve, and that many were taking in the "lights," recovering from the parade and window shopping Central body meeting Wednesday night was well attended, and much interest shown.

The matter of the Wilmington Teamsters and Chauffeurs strike at Wilmington was brought up and Governor Hoye sent a telegram condemning his calling on the State police patrol to move trucks under armed force, when the patrol should have been on the highways.

Two new trustees were appointed, Brothers McElice, of the Electricians and Brother Campbell, of the Post-office Clerks, being named.

The purchase of Union Label goods came up for quite a lengthy discussion, and a new committee was appointed to handle the Union Label end of the line, going before the different locals, explaining and urging the necessity of seeing that union made goods be more liberally handled by our merchants.

Announcement was made of an open meeting of Hod Carriers and Common Laborers' local, at their hall, 320 East Second street for Monday night, December 5th, and an invitation extended to the delegates to be present.

PARIS ISLAND, S. C., Nov. 21.—The J. A. Jones Construction Company has begun work here on a million dollar job for the government, in the erection of a Marine Barracks. The job is fair, and union building mechanics are employed.

Pres. Wm. Green, A.F.L., Again Heads Labor Division In Drive On Infantile Paralysis—New High Record Is Aim

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Labor's drive in the 1938-39 year on infantile paralysis was launched here this week in a conference between President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, Keith Morgan, national chairman and Chester M. Wright, named director of labor organization.

President Green emphasized his desire that this year's effort set a new high record.

As in former years President Roosevelt has loaned his name to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the national governing body again will be known as the National Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, with President Green as chairman of the labor division.

As a first step President Green is organizing a national advisory committee composed of officers of international unions. A labor press committee also will be formed.

that labor this year will make its entire contribution to the National Foundation, to which its contribution of more than \$50,000 was given last year.

As a principal factor in this year's effort by labor, there will be a monster birthday greeting to the President. Blanks for this purpose will be distributed as soon as the organization machinery is completed.

A new element in the annual event will come at the conclusion, when labor's contribution is presented to the President in person by President Green and a labor committee representing the labor division. The greeting signatures will be presented at the same time.

"Send President Green to the White House with a truck load of signatures," urged Secretary Woll and Secretary Hyatt in a joint statement. "Show labor's deep interest in this great protective effort."

The labor division this year will not sponsor parties and balls, it was announced, but will hold expenses to the minimum by holding exclusively to gathering in cash offerings through the greeting blanks and other methods. The goal is not less than \$100,000.

State Bricklayers Change Date of the Charlotte Meeting

The next meeting of the North Carolina State Conference of Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers Unions will be held in Charlotte Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10th and 11th in the Moose Hall. This a change of date from the previous announcement of Dec. 3-4, so Albert Beck informs us in a last minute "lettergram."

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON IS NOW ON

Wednesday evening marked the opening of the Christmas Shopping Season in Charlotte when the lights were turned on Charlotte's decorative display, being followed by a parade of magnitude, Santa Claus playing the leading role. The streets were thronged with spectators, and every one was in joyous mood. Our merchants have outdone themselves in preparing for the largest Christmas trade Charlotte has ever experienced.



WATCH THE COLUMNS OF THE LABOR JOURNAL-ON DECEMBER 1ST, 8TH, 15TH AND 22ND, AND PATRONIZE THOSE WHO MAKE YOUR PAPER POSSIBLE.

I QUESTION

BY WM. S. GREENE

PROBLEM? What can a restaurant do about a problem that actually has a recent case in Charlotte to back it up. A man came into an establishment, and ordered a bowl of soup. He asked for some catsup, and a new bottle was brought to the customer. The customer used some in the soup, ate it all, then put the crackers in the bowl and poured the remainder of the catsup over the crackers, and left, paying ten cents. The catsup cost the restaurateur eighteen cents.

AMATEUR? The Charlotte Little Theatre just presented Stage Door, a play that calls for a large cast. The critics of both newspapers were polite, and tried to be as nice as they knew how, but still told the play was not up to standard. The reason, of course was the fact that many newcomers trod the boards for the first time. My answer is, that it is the purpose of the Little Theatre to train amateurs. The principal thing to note is improvement in the individuals, from their original attempts. The same applies to our Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. The only difference I have ever noted between an amateur and a professional actor or musician, is the difference because of experience, not because of innate ability.

FOOLED? Who has not heard that you "Can't fool nature." This unseasonal weather has a lot of flowering shrubbery putting out buds, in the thought that Spring has come.

MEMBER? Everyone who has not as yet bought a Red Cross button for a buck, should do so without fail. You can spare that dollar. Cut down on your cigarettes if necessary. But get yourself a membership in the Red Cross. It is a privilege you must not miss. Nowhere can you get more for your investment. It is the cheapest kind of Insurance. INVEST YOUR DOLLAR.

DIFFERENT? Twenty-one years

ago, just about this time, I landed in Camp Greene in about three feet of snow, having been sent from Plattsburg Barracks, New York, to rejoin our entire regiment which was now assigned to a new division fated to be called the Ivy or Fourth Division. Many of the men in that Division never had the chance to return to Charlotte. Quite a few who did manage to get by in France, are now residents of Charlotte. The Charlotte of 1917 and 1938 are not the same. Neither are the men who came here for the first time 21 years ago, the same today. Somehow or other, there is no desire in the hearts of the members of the 4th Division for reunions hereabouts. There would be too many missing. And those who would get together would not all be here themselves.

MUNICH? The treaty to bring everlasting peace to Europe, just signed, and yet on every side we hear predictions of the next World War for the Spring of 1939. The common people of the Democracies won the war, but the rulers they picked, either fell down on their job settlement, or there never will be Peace on Earth. Let us hope rather, that the settlement was a bad one. Historically, Peace is like a rainbow. While it is here, it is beautiful.

IMAGINE? Picture 500,000 South Carolinians spending millions, building a "Siegfried" or "Calhoun" line, and 500,000 North Carolinians spending millions building a "Margiot" or "Jackson" line, and you can easily picture why Germany and France will never get together.

EDUCATION? Our family was talking about a certain boy who was going to a certain college because it offered certain educational facilities. My boy asked me, "what college am I going to?" He is 11. I said Davidson. He said nothing doing, they don't have a winning football team. I told him to go to Notre Dame. He said

"OPEN SHOP" IN CHICAGO CHAIN STORES ENDS WITH SIGNING OF UNION PACT BY THE A. & P.

CHICAGO.—A net pay increase of \$300,000 a year for about 2,700 employees of 850 stores operated by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., in Chicago and vicinity has been obtained under a contract entered into by the company and the Retail Clerk's International Protective Association, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Completion of the agreement, the largest, by far, ever negotiated by the Retail Clerks in this area, ended forty years of the so-called open shop, in Chicago's chain stores. The clerks union had only a small, scattered membership in Chicago and the surrounding territory a year ago.

Boosts in pay of 8 to 25 per cent; 48-hour week with time and one-half

overtime, one week's vacation with pay after one year of service, two week's after three years of service, seniority rights and the peaceful settlement of labor disputes were included in the two-year, union shop agreement.

Part-time workers are also protected by the pact. A guarantee of a half day's work for extra workers once they are placed on the job was agreed to by the management.

The A. & P. pact followed consummation of a similar agreement covering around 1,400 employees of the Hillman Co., owners of seven large food stores in and around Chicago.

In addition to this, the Chicago local of the retail Clerks, headed by Max Caldwell, has signed 950 contracts with independents and four associations. Its membership totals 9,000.

Administrator Andrews Gives Wage-Hour Law Ruling—An Employee Can Not Escape Provisions By Mere Consent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Elmer F. Andrews, administrator of the wage-hour law, said yesterday an employer could not legally escape provisions of the act by obtaining the consent of an employee to overtime work.

Saying he had been informed some employers contemplated getting a waiver of overtime payment from workers, Andrews asserted in a formal statement that such procedure would constitute a violation of the labor standards act and subject the employer to penalties.

The children's bureau of the Labor department issued a regulation, meanwhile, governing application of the child labor provisions of the act. The regulation provides five steps of investigations and hearing before an industry can be declared hazardous or detrimental for minors between 16 and 18 years old.

The first is for the bureau to consider available information, conferring with representatives of employers and workers if necessary. On the basis of this a proposed finding is

to be published and a public hearing conducted on the proposal. Should this hearing result in substantial change in the proposed order, a re-hearing is promised. These procedures finished, the bureau will issue the final order. After issuance of the revision may be proposed in writing and opportunity obtained for a hearing or submission of written argument.

Labor department experts issued an estimate today that approximately 35,000 workers in cotton mills had received wage increases as a result of the 25-cent-an-hour minimum wage requirement of the labor standards law.

ATTENTION, EMPLOYERS The payroll tax return, required under Title VIII of the Social Security Act, is not complete unless it bears the social security account number of each employee listed. The account number, as well as the name of each employee covered by the law must appear on the tax return form known as SS-1a.

nothing doing. They have so many out for their football teams, he would not have a chance to get on the team. I explained he might be able to make Davidson team. He said, they don't have enough players to pick from, to make a winning team. I am certain none of our immediate family taught him to play or want to play football. In fact we did everything to discourage same. He is just a normal boy reacting to the times. Perhaps that is what our men in charge of education want these days. I doubt it, however. It is what the old Grads want. And what the financial set up of the college must have. What college has not succumbed to the Gladiator football spectacle?

greens in great universities. Or are our minds the same as they were 10,000 years ago. Anyway, I don't know what I am writing about. But there is some food for thought in the idea. And the idea is not mine, originally, I am sure. With the mind receiving so many more impressions that demand some sort of concentration, other than procuring the bare necessities of life, certainly, there must be different psychological problems, than those met of the cave man, and even those of Egyptian ancient history.

RE-ARMAMENT? Everyone who has read these fulminations, or whatever epithet you can call this weekly brainstorm, knows I have been a pacifist of the most warlike type. The thought uppermost in my mind has been that you give a gun to a boy, and it's no fun, if he can't shoot something with it. I am thoroughly convinced the picture has changed. Now we are confronted with two continents arming to the teeth. Certainly the U. S. did its level best to stop it, junking battleships, etc., in a vain move to keep armament down. But peaceful resistance does not work with mad dogs. Nor does it work with bombs that are dropped on you. My pacifism now includes a first-class American navy, and a whole lot of aeroplanes for defense. My pacifism includes the Monroe Doctrine, which has kept real peace in the Americas for a century, when all the other continents have been blowing each other off the surface of the earth. The Monroe Doctrine, by being upheld militantly, will help us to be able to resist peacefully. And we can't uphold the Monroe Doctrine, if we don't have a whopping navy, and a whopping aviation service to cover the territory.

REBUKE? The fact that Republicans won many a governorship, and some senate, and a lot of house seats is a good thing for the Democratic party. Now they will either get together, again, or go out of power. Someone has always remarked that eight years was the limit the Democrats could remain in power, because of internal bickering. It remains to be seen, whether the Democrats will aim for a National victory in 1940, or for the selfish interests of each of those who represent the party. Like union locals, when real business arrives, I think we will find the Democrats pulling together, because a failure might hurt everyone in the party financially.

CUCKOO? Life last week showed Cuckoo-land as Southern California, with all sorts of oddities, etc. What I noted was six dozen ripe sweet oranges for a quarter. Oranges are on every infant's diet. They should be within reach of every family's budget, where an infant must be fed. Oranges in Charlotte are too high, in comparison with the sign in the picture of a Los Angeles orange stand.

MEMORIES? The daily news reported TYPHUS hitting Charlotte a scary recent bow. I remember getting shots in the arm while in the army for either typhus, typhoid or para-typhoid. The source of this small epidemic is a coccie that lives on rat bodies, and then bites a human being. As I understand it, the human being does not transmit the disease direct. This is a fine chance for a genuine WPA rat-killing project. Everyone knows people who own real estate are too burdened with taxes to rebuild their business property (where the rats are) and make anything is rat-proof. Besides, I don't think anything is rat-proof. Or perhaps we can have a rat proof, every few months. They breed often and numerous.

GONE? Brother Harry Boate has left us. But what he did is still with us. I cannot feel sorry. I am very glad he was able to live as long as he did. Harry Boate did for his fellow man all he could. And that was a lot. I only hope I can do somewhere near as much.

EVOLUTION? Have our minds developed enough to keep pace with modern inventions? That is subject enough for a couple of doctor's de-

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