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FIERY DEBATE ON WAGNER LABOR RELATIONS ACT SLATED FOR NEXT CONGRESS—HEAT PUT ON BY LABOR

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM LABOR

Organizer Labor in Charlotte, through its Central Labor Union, comprising more than 40 working units, along with its Women's Auxiliaries, extends to all the citizens of Charlotte greetings of the season, with a wish and hope for the same harmonious relation in 1939 that has existed in 1938. Organized Labor as personified by the A. F. of L. has fought the past year for harmony, on a fair basis, and has had the co-operation of the citizenship as a whole. The gains we have made were only obtained by the methods of arbitration, mediation and conciliation, and a desire for a Greater Charlotte, where Capital and labor may exist upon an even keel—BUT, with a prevailing wage scale and with labor being recognized as one of the units necessary to our growth.

CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION,
H. L. Kiser, Pres.
Wm. S. Greene, Sec.

Dec. 22, 1938.

LOW-COST HOUSING GROUP NAMED BY MAYOR DOUGLAS—SELECTION IS SATISFACTORY CHARLOTTE CITIZENS

(Dick Young, Charlotte News Staff Writer, in Sunday's issue.)

The most comprehensive social program ever attempted by Charlotte's City Government was started yesterday when Mayor Douglas formally appointed the five members of a local housing authority to sponsor a project to raise the living standards of many families and to erase from the city's map so-called "blighted areas." The members of the authority as announced late yesterday by the mayor are as follows:

- Edwin L. Jones, general contractor, named for the five-year term and appointed chairman.
- Frank Dowd, cast iron pipe manufacturer, vice chairman, named for three years.
- Earle Gluck, radio executive, temporary secretary, four-year term.
- L. R. McEliece, electrician and representative of labor, two-year term.
- James A. Stokes, banker, one-year term.

The appointees gathered in Mayor Douglas' office at the City Hall at 5 P. M. yesterday when they were formally sworn in by the mayor, after which they signed the certificates of appointment. Then a brief and informal session was held when Mayor Douglas and Basil M. Boyd, City Attorney, discussed some of the preliminaries incident to completion of organization.

It was announced afterwards that the first step will be the incorporation of the body under the state laws of incorporation and the new chairman said that the papers will be completed and signed, probably tomorrow. They will be immediately dispatched to the Secretary of State at Raleigh.

The authority will not formally begin to function until the incorporation has been completed and the papers have been returned by the Secretary of State. However, one of the very first steps will be the initiation of a real property survey to determine just what is required. It is expected that the authority as one of its first acts will petition the City Council to request the WPA real property survey, which was discussed some weeks ago and which was held in abeyance until decision was reached regarding the approval of the appointment of a housing authority.

This survey, which will be performed under a WPA project through the co-operation of the North Carolina Planning Commission, can be done without much expense to the local government. It will include the collection of detailed data on the land use of every block in the City and will provide much valuable information, it was explained, aside from the housing problem. When the authority begins to function, it will be necessary to employ an executive secretary, who will be in charge of its actual work. Under the law, the authority is empowered to study the housing needs and to proceed with plans for construction of new units to replace dwellings that are condemned as unfit for habitation. Wider authority in promotion of social standards and living conditions is also provided in the law, but it is expected that the first consideration will be given to a program of low-renting housing. And this carries with it the authority under the law to condemn property. In new construction, the authority must provide a family unit for each unit condemned and removed.

Plans for a low-cost housing project—the first of its kind in Charlotte—containing 50 single-family dwellings worth an estimated total of \$150,000, were revealed last week by Henry Davidson, of the Converse Land Co.

The tract of land upon which the unique subdivision will be built is situated in Wilmore, adjoining the Municipal Golf Course. It fronts on Barringer Drive and contains Bethel Road, Cartier Way, Skyland Avenue and Osmond street. The sale-price range of the houses to be built in the large development is from \$2,900 to \$3,500, Mr. Davidson said.

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OPEN SEASON FOR "LABOR" AD TAKERS

We have approached the open season for the shutdown of business concerns big and small. There will be fake funds for the unemployed or injured workers and other so-called charitable causes, where the money collected will never reach those it was collected for.

Organized labor does not authorize any person to seek donations for the purpose above mentioned. The members of these unions themselves frequently donate to those disabled or who are unemployed. However, no local union seeks funds for this purpose.

In greater Charlotte and Mecklenburg county organized labor is served by the Charlotte Labor Journal, officially endorsed by Charlotte Central Labor Union and the State Federation of Labor. Any other calls for advertising in a labor publication are fakes and should be reported to the proper authorities.

Organizer Fox Makes Report On Textile

Organizer Fox, A. F. of L., was down this way the first of the week. He has been up in Rhode Island, and the results are evident, as the Providence telegram will show. They are getting a 40c an hour and a 40-hour work week, and this should be the slogan for Southern workers.

Poor and General Funds Not Spent By County Govt

The County Government underspent its two principal funds, poor and general, by an aggregate of a little more than \$9,000 during the first five months of the current fiscal year, according to figures compiled yesterday. The period covered: July 1-Nov. 30. Appropriations for the general fund for the period totaled \$151,173.58 and expenditures were \$148,779.22 for a saving of \$2,394.36. Allotments for the poor fund were \$153,933.52, or \$7,184.25 under allotments.—News, Sunday.

Providence Victory For A.F.L. Textile Is Announced

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—The National Labor relations board voted on textile workers employed in the Atlantic Mill, at Providence Rhode Island. The final results were: 994 for the A. F. of L. and 535 for the C. I. O.

Heartiest congratulations to fellow textile workers in the south.

ROSA S. SULLIVAN
Organizer for the A. F. of L.

Mills Withdraw Exemption For Learners In The Wage-Hour Act

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Wage and Hour Division announced yesterday that three textile organizations had withdrawn applications for exemption of learners from the Labor Standards Act because a current study of wages by a committee had made the applications "untimely." The withdrawals were made without prejudice to reopening the matter at a later date.

Administrator Elmer F. Andrews said the three were the Cotton Textile Institute, the National Rayon Weavers Association and the National Federation of Textiles, Inc.

He said this was the first "industry-wide request for learner's exemption" received by the division. He added that the withdrawal of applications represented the "major branches" of the industry. The chemists and candlewick bedspread organizations, silk throwsters the narrow fabric manufacturers have not withdrawn their applications, Andrews said.

THIRTY MILLION "SHEAR" IN SIGHT FROM WPA—HOUSING PROJECTS IN SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, said yesterday that the Administration expected to reduce relief spending about \$30,000,000 monthly in the Spring and early Summer.

He said Congress would be asked to appropriate not more than \$600,000,000 for the WPA for March 1 to July 1—the closing four months of this fiscal year.

The Senate majority leader said he believed a reduction in the current rate of relief expenditures would be possible because of improving business conditions and because WPA and housing spending will be at its peak in March and April.

The last Congress appropriated \$1,425,000,000 for the WPA for the eight months ending next March. If this rate of expenditure were continued, an appropriation of about \$712,000,000 would be required to carry the program to July.

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM GEORGE L. GOOGE

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 19.—I am taking this method of expressing a most sincere wish that each and every one of our members and all members of their families may have a most pleasant Christmas. To those who are sick, I express my most profound sympathy, and wish for them a speedy recovery.

Our great family of Labor can derive greater happiness on Christmas Day than any other group, for He whose birthday we celebrate dignified Labor for all time by working as a Carpenter Himself.

It is impossible for me to send individual greetings to each of our workers in the South, so I am asking that each of you accept this as a personal message, and I want you to know that I shall be rejoicing with you in your happiness throughout this joyous Yuletide. Anything that tends to make our family of Labor happy is great joy to me.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE L. GOOGE.

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A. & P. Tea Co. Lance Pkg. Co. Charlotte News Will Give Party

Approximately 1,800 tickets will be distributed in the course of the next several days to deserving children of Charlotte who will be guests at a special Christmas show and entertainment at 9:30 A. M., Dec. 24, at the Carolina Theater. The entertainment is an annual event which is given under the co-operating sponsorship of The Charlotte News, the Lance Packing Co., the A & P Food Stores and the Carolina Theater. Children of the Thompson Orphanage and of the Alexander Home will be special guests, as they have been each of the number of Christmas seasons this event has been given.—News.

ORDERS FOR LUMBER SHOWS 42 PCT. INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The National Lumber Manufacturers' association said last night new orders in the week ended December 1 last were 42 per cent above those booked in the corresponding week last year. Production was 29 per cent above and shipments 24 per cent above the 1937 figures.

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