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LABOR'S EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ITS WAY

The gathering last Friday night in The Labor Journal office gave us a good insight into the labor movement in Charlotte, which is, we are glad to note, harmonious. It was a welding together of the forces of many crafts into a more compact body for the good of the movement as a whole, that brought joy to our hearts. The meeting was one of the Educational Committee of Charlotte Central Labor Union. It was a good omen. Those gathered had no mercenary purpose, only a labor of love and uplift. The committee is headed by Brother E. A. Thrift, and is working on a to 180-day basis of operation, or as long as may be necessary to get the set-up operating successfully. It is a committee of many angles, working for closer harmony and promotion of the labor movement in Charlotte, and to weld into a more compact body the earning and buying power of labor, and the purchase of union made goods wherever possible, but, always giving support to those who are friendly to labor.

The A. F. of L. has made great strides in Charlotte within the past two years, more locals than ever before coming into the fold; and the Women's Auxiliaries have grown from one to six in number, and the ladies are working with the men, shoulder to shoulder in seeing that the ends which they are seeking to attain are successfully culminated.

The Journal is glad indeed to be a part and parcel of this set up, and will work with them in the future as it has for eight years in the past.

A MAN OF MANY PARTS

And they would have to make The Journal's "star writer man" foreman of the criminal court jury this week, just at the time when his services are needed in other channels. But he is versatile man; a man of many parts, in Typographical parlance, a "combination" man. We are speaking of Wm. S. Greene, secretary of Charlotte Central Labor Union, Commander of D.A.V., business Agent and secretary of the Musicians Union, a member of the Symphony Orchestra, of the Chamber of Commerce, a Mason, etc., etc., and how he does it all, and does it well, passeth the understanding of this writer. But he gets away with it in an easy manner and always seems able to smile.

It is indeed joyful news to know that the Kuesters' dog, "Nibby" is recovering from a few day's illness, as noted on the Observer front page today.

Representative Ritch's anti-syndicalism bill we do not believe will get very far. While it may be aimed at Communists' it would technically be a draw back to free assemblage and utterance of all working classes, if the big boys so desired to use it.

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I QUESTION

BY WM. S. GREENE

CORRECT? From Observer editorial January 19th: "We are convinced that the cotton farmer does not want charity, but we do believe he is entitled to a proper off-set to the fact that he must sell the fruits of his labor at world prices and buy everything he needs at prices which are dominated by organized labor and high protective tariff." Economics teaches us that the cost of production has nothing to do with price. When foreign governments subsidize cotton producers in their possessions, don't blame our own government for trying to do the same, and don't advocate letting them get away with it, by letting down our farmers.

HONEST? The other day I noticed a picture in the paper about the National Commander of the DAV visiting Charlotte. There were three men in the picture: The smiling pleasant face of the National Commander, the honest, retiring smile of our own Mayor pro tem Claude Albea; and the other fellow who looked like a gun-man. Some-how or other his face gave me the feeling that he could not be trusted. Shifty, toothless, and had a no account look. He can sue me if he wants to, but that was my impression of the third member of the picture. The third member was the writer of this brain-storm. I am no Hollywood actor in appearance.

ASSISTANCE? A man passes a civil service examination properly. He has been wounded in the service of his country. Because of that wound he is partially disabled. And because of that same wound, the civil service commission refuse to hire the veteran. This is rank injustice to the men who actually bled for our country. I am sure the A. F. of L. would back the veterans in legislation to correct such lousy treatment of our wounded veterans. If the veteran is not well enough physically to work for the same government under whom he was disabled, how the (dash dash) can he be expected to be well enough to work for a disinterested employer? Either give the

veteran total disability, or a job if he can fill it, as shown by his examinations.

EQUALIZING? Last week the writer of this column told about labor unions doing things to save their jobs, because self preservation is the first law of nature. Did anyone happen to see where big business, in the shape of the General Electric Corporation, RCA, the Bell Telephone Laboratories, and the Western Electric did the same thing with a radio tube? It isn't only labor that keeps back the progress of science.

SENSIBLE? Shouldn't something be done to keep the children from seeing the glorification of gangsters such as is demonstrated by Jesse James pictures. The G men will never make any progress, and crime will never be wiped out, if such subjects are not given the treatment they really deserve. Murders and train robbers should not be glossed over for any reason.

OBSERVER? Since the Munich treaty was signed, I have not heard of England or France doing away with their enormous preparedness expenditures. Perhaps I was right in saying Chamberlain was not such a fool as many commentators tried to make him out to be.

UNANIMOUS? Who doesn't want street signs on the sides of the buses? Certainly only those who do not ride them. It is possible that the officials of the Duke Power company use their own automobiles, and have never waited 15 minutes because of the lack of signs on the side? I ride em, boss.

PROSPERITY? Jack Gillette, manager of the Tennessee Ramblers reports that farmers have made money this year. He proves same by reporting they are buying their Rambler pictures two and three at a time on their personal appearances. They also have to make much more change from larger coins and bills.

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Central Labor Union

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IF WE KNEW

If we knew the cares and crosses
Crowding round our neighbor's way
If we knew the little losses,
Sorely grievous day by day,
Would we then so often chide him
For the lack of thrift and gain—
Casting o'er his life a shadow,
Leaving on his heart a stain.

If we knew the silent story
Quivering through the heart of pain,
Would our womanhood dare doom them
Back to haunts of guilt again?
Life hath many a tangled crossing,
Joy hath many a break of woe,
And the cheeks tear-washed seem
Whitest.

Let us reach into our bosoms
For the key to other lives
And with love to erring nature,
Cherish good that still survives;
So that when our disrobed spirits
Soar to realms of right again,
We may say, dear Father, judge us
As we judged our fellowmen.

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Arthur Eugene Wimberly, Defendant.
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This the 26th day of January, 1939.
J. A. RUSSELL, Assistant
Clerk of the Superior Court.
Jan. 26—Feb. 2-9-39.