

I QUESTION

BY WM. S. GREENE

HOLIDAY? There will be no meeting of the Charlotte Central Labor Union, until January 3rd, the first Wednesday in the New Year. The last meeting proved that Christmas has an appeal in this neighborhood that transcends everything else at this time. It's too bad, it isn't the same in Russia, or Germany. The writer noticed a splendid quotation on the bulletin board of the little church at Seventh and College as follows: "True religion is the foundation of all decent civilization." Perhaps Hitler and Stalin could learn from this little church. They will in a few years anyway. May all of you enjoy the Christmas holidays. They can't.

STAR-GAZING? Take a good look at the heavens tonight about 12 P. M. The same constellations are in the heavens that were there 1,939 years ago. See the beauty of the constellation "Orion." It is easy to identify by the three stars in a line that constitute the belt of the hunter. Last night, with a new moon, the stars shone more brilliantly than in some time, as the atmosphere is particularly clear because of the winter draught. If you are especially interested, you can pick out four planets visible to the naked eye. And you can see Jupiter, who now has 11 discovered satellites or moon going around it. What

does this all mean in a Labor paper? Nothing at present, but no one knows what it might mean in the future. The discovery of some 16 new heavy stars may also not mean anything industrially at present. But if the secret of why one cubic inch of their bulk weighs some thousands of tons should be found, it might revolutionize industry, and therefore every jurisdiction of any union. And the beauty of the heavens is enough to pay to take a good look at such a sight every night.

DRAMA? The bouquet for the week goes to the sailors of Great Britain who chased one of the German pocket battleships into a neutral harbor, where it was finally blown up, rather than interned. The whole story is drama of the purest kind; from the original attack by the battleship on a cruiser and its merchant ship, to the chase, to the retreat into that neutral port, to the final sinking of the pocket-ship, instead of going to certain death outside the harbor, or being interned. Of all the reasons advanced for the sinking, I have still to see the one that it is perfectly possible: Internment might have meant, some day, the battleship could have been used against Germany. Before the end of the last war, practically every country in the world was at war with Germany, for one reason or another.

The sailors of Great Britain still have something on the "ball." It will be interesting to note how the Nazis will receive this information. I predict they will state it in a victory of some kind. They cannot afford to admit defeat of any kind. That is a bad state to be in, because they are going to have defeats as well as victories.

VINDICATED? It is interesting to note the kind of evidence being brought out before the NRLB hearing of the Great Southern Trucking Company. Laws must be obeyed, whether you like them or not, as this columnist has always contended. Every A. F. of L. man in Charlotte should be watching this trial from many standpoints. The speed of the whole affair should be watched, since the strike started September 6th. The impartial conduct of the trial should be watched. And the result of this trial, with whatever stalling after that by the lawyers of the defense should be followed, as that is usually where the working man gets it in the neck, not being able to hold out economically by himself. This last caution, is one good reason for unions I have not as yet seen Westbrook Pegler, columnist, enlarge upon.

DALLAS BAKERS WIN SEVEN
DALLAS, Texas.—The Bakery Workers' Union, Local 111, achieved another record of progress in the consummation of union agreements with the Taystee Bakery, Mrs. Baird's Bakery, Goldman's Bakery and Cliff Make Bakery to bring the total to seven.

Pearce, of Winston, Charlotte Visitor During Past Week

Leon (Sally) Pearce, of Winston, well known in printing circles in this section, a former Charlotte boy, who has been anchored in Winston-Salem, for these many years, was a visitor, along with the Madame, last week, and their many friends were glad to see them. Sally is a little more rotund than in former days, but is carrying his "age" gracefully. His visit to The Journal was appreciated and a little ruminating and reminiscing was indulged in, that is going over the "good old days" when printing in Charlotte was crude, compared with today. Always glad to see you, Leon. Come again.

No Central Body Meeting This Week Or the Week After

As published last week, there will be no meeting of Central Labor Union until Wednesday, January 3rd, when the hard dig for 1940 will begin, with much work in prospect for that body and its various committees, and while 1939 has been one of progress in organizational work it is hoped that 1940 will show a greater gain.

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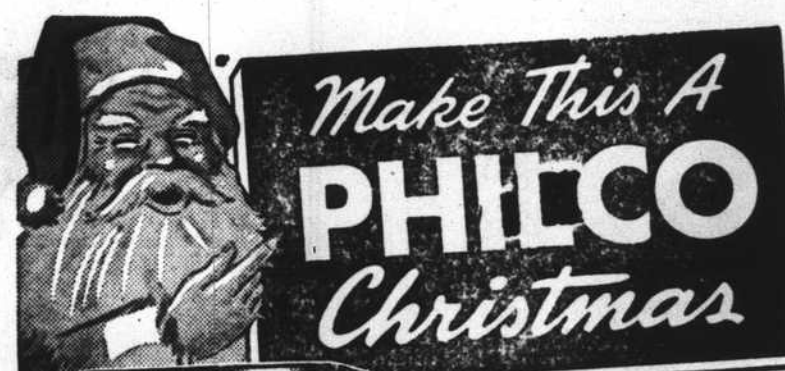
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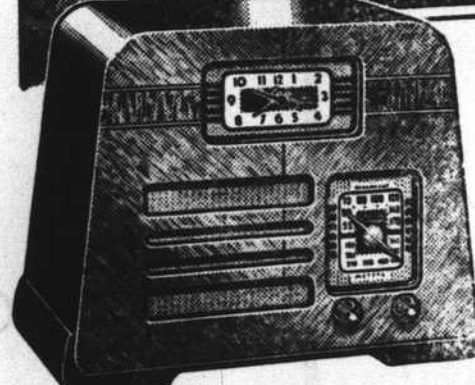
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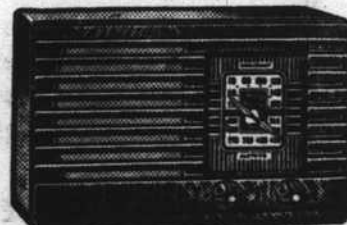
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