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## REPORT OF CHARLOTTE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MAKES GOOD READING IN CENTRAL BODY'S "OFF THE STREET" SKATING PR'GRAM

A report of activities of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, June 16 to December 30 has been handed The Journal, and due to the fact that Charlotte Central Labor Union, and A. F. of L. organized bodies in Charlotte are sponsoring the movement for ten skating areas to keep the children off the street, it will make interesting reading for the public at large, and it is our intention to publish this report week by week. The first is an introductory remark by Supt. J. M. Ray, followed a survey of Parks and Playgrounds. Other installments will follow in due order: Attendance; Baseball and Softball; Tennis, Swimming and Wading Pool Statistics; Stadium Activities; Finance and Revenue Report; Development, and Improvement; Recommendations.

The public devotes much time to business, to organization, to promotion of various activities, but Parks and Playgrounds and care of our children is the one problem that deserves more consideration at our hands.

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

To the Mayor, City Manager and City Manager and City Council, City of Charlotte, North Carolina. Gentlemen:

It is the pleasure of the Park and Recreation Commission to submit herewith a report of the activities of this department from June 30, 1939, to December 30, 1939. This report includes an account of the activities, developments, outlays and revenues for the same period. Also, data on the various parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and stadium. A careful study of this report will reveal types of recreational services rendered to the public, and a list of recommendations based upon the trends of recreation and actual needs of the City.

The results and success we have attained are due largely to the active leadership of the Chairman of your Commission; and the wise council, unselfish service and untiring efforts of the members of the Commission in carrying out the seemingly impossible undertakings. Special mention should be given to the various departments for their splendid cooperation and assistance, and to you, gentlemen, we give our heartfelt thanks for keeping us in the ball game.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. RAY, Supt.

### SURVEY OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Charlotte has been wonderfully blessed with an abundance of space for Parks and Playgrounds, though we wish they could have been distributed in more needy places and without so many creeks and branches. Approximately 490 acres have been set aside as Park and Playground space—which is described in separate parks as follows:

1. INDEPENDENT PARK: Elizabeth section, containing 76 acres extending from Cecil Street to Park Terrace above Hawthorne Lane. Facilities: a. Concrete Stadium with seating capacity of 15,365; b. Athletic Field approximately 120 x 600 yds.; c. 2 Backstops and Rock Stands S. E. corner; d. Tool House containing all tools and trucks; e. 7 Tennis Courts. Men and women's toilets; f. Small Playground area with Wading Pool; Swings and Slides; g. Rose Garden and War Mothers Garden.

2. REVOLUTION PARK: Wilmore section, containing 286 acres lying above and below Snuman Avenue and both sides of Irwin Creek. Facilities: a. Modern Swimming Pool with Bath House, Community room and refitting equipment; b. 1 Nine-hole Golf Course—not yet complete; c. Picnic Tables with Benches; 5 Ovens for cooking; d. Park caretaker's house with room for parties; e. 1 Softball Diamond; f. 2 Tennis Courts on Wilmore Drive.

3. LATTI PARK: Dilworth section, containing 46 acres, at Dilworth School and running eastward along the west side of Romany Road. Facilities: a. 6 Tennis Courts; b. 2 Athletic Fields; c. 1 Volley Ball Court; d. 1 Archery Range; e. Small Play-

ground area with Swings and Slide. f. 1 Band Stand; g. Iris Garden.

4. BRYANT PARK: Wesley Heights section, 16 acres, West Morehead Street. Facilities: a. Softball field lighted—rock stands on south side; b. Picnic grounds with facilities including 18 Tables and Benches; 1 open shelter with fireplace at each end.

5. COLONIAL PARK: Elizabeth section, 5 acres on Providence Road at Alberta Street. Facilities: a. 2 Tennis Courts; b. Small Playground area with Swings and Slide; c. Area for children's Softball.

6. CORDELIA PARK: Villa Heights section, 21 acres off Seigle. Facilities: a. 2 Tennis Courts; b. Outdoor Council Ring; c. Log Shelter with indoor fireplace; d. Benches and Tables for picnic grounds; e. 3 Outdoor ovens; f. 1 Small Caretaker's cabin.

7. EASTOVER PARK: Eastover section, 16 acres directly behind the Mint Museum; level ground with beautiful trees naturally located in almost an artistic arrangement. Could be made into one of the most beautiful spots in the city. At present it is undeveloped.

8. EDGEHILL PARK: Located on Edgehill Road in the Myers Park section severed by Queens Road. This area is only suitable for shrubbery and beautifying the city. At present it has so much shrubbery that it is almost impossible to use the power mower for cutting the grass.

9. FAIRVIEW PARK: (Negro) Biddleville section, 16 acres on the old Water Works location. Facilities: a. 1 Swimming Pool 100 x 100 ft.; b. Small Circulating system; c. Bath house—3 showers, men and women; d. 6 Tennis Courts; e. 2 Horse Shoe Courts; f. Caretaker's house.

10. MORGAN PARK: (Negro) Cherryville section, 5 acres. Facilities: a. 1 Softball field, b. 1 Small Playground area with Giant Slide, Swings and Sand Box. c. 1 Volleyball Court. d. 1 Deck Tennis Court.

There are numerous other ball diamonds and small playgrounds serviced by the Park and Recreation Department. Many of the schools depend on this department to mark off their playing fields, and furnish equipment for their playgrounds. Several new Slides were erected on the school playgrounds this summer. In return for such services the Park and Recreation Commission has access to several of the school's play areas during the summer—providing adequate leadership (WPA) for protection of school properties is furnished.

### JUST AN ACCIDENT

Doctor: "Why do you have BF-7652 tattooed on your back?" Patient: "That's not tattooed, doctor. That's where my wife ran into me with the car when I was opening the gates."

### ALL-INCLUSIVE CRITICISM

Sambo: "What do you go to school for, Nig?" Nig: "I go to school to improve my brains."

Sambo: "Brains! You ain't got no brains. If your brains were dynamite and doubled themselves every year, and then exploded on a windy day they wouldn't blow your hat off."

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## GREEN RENEWS PLEA FOR UNITY IN ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT; DIVISION IN LABOR PLACED AT DOOR OF JOHN L. LEWIS AND THE C. I. O.

A. F. OF L. CHIEF, IN ADDRESS CELEBRATING FORTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF EAST ST. LOUIS CENTRAL TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL, PLACES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUED DIVISION AMONG TRADE UNIONS SQUARELY UPON THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS CHAIRMAN, WHO HAS PERSISTENTLY REFUSED TO RESUME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS DESIRED BY THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, renewed his appeal for peace in the organized labor movement in an address at a mass meeting here celebrating the forty-first anniversary of the Central Trades and Labor Union of East St. Louis.

Declaring that the American Federation of Labor "wanted peace from the beginning and wants peace now," he said: "We have done everything but beg for peace. We have never wanted war."

"I disavow with all the emphasis at my command the responsibility for the division which was created within the ranks of labor. I worked and pleaded with all the power and influence at my command to prevent it."

Tracing the numerous efforts of the American Federation of Labor to bring about unity, Mr. Green clamped responsibility for the continuance of the controversy squarely on the shoulders of the Chairman of the C. I. O. who, he said, has persistently refused to resume conferences with the American Federation of Labor committee despite the sincere desire of the A. F. of L. and the request of the President of the United States.

Taking up the attempt of certain "hiring propaganda-mongers" who "seize on the discovery of an individual wrongdoer in this or that union as an excuse to smear the entire labor movement," Mr. Green asserted that anyone familiar with the history of trade unions knows "that dishonesty is the rare exception rather than the rule in the family of organized labor."

He also traced the influence of the American Federation of Labor in promoting Civil Service legislation and the many benefits in hours, wages and work conditions secured for thousands of Government workers by the A. F. of L. and its affiliated unions of Government employees.

## Specialty Salesman Tells of "Snide" Ads To Catch "Suckers"

For the past twenty years, I have earned a rather precarious living as a specialty salesman on a straight commission basis. I pay all of my own expenses and work on the average eight or nine hours a day including Saturday.

As the matter stands now, any snide outfit can put an ad in any newspaper for "A Salesman. One who has saved some money so that he can gamble it on trying to sell our product. We furnish nothing... No leads, no prospects or advances. You take all the chances and if you do succeed in selling our goods, we will, if we're still in business, pay you a small part of the total amount you collect."

Kids just out of college and men who have lost their jobs, gamble their few dollars on thousands of such snide outfits and so far as I have been able to ascertain, they have no protection.—(New Jersey)—Labor Standards.

### MODERN DAYS

"Are you going any farther west?" "I planned to," said the foreign visitor. "Is there any danger from Indians?" "Not if you keep out of the way of their motor cars."

### HIS IDEA

Mrs. Brown (displaying new lampshade): "Isn't it perfectly lovely. And it cost only \$10." Mr. Brown (desperately): "If you wear that to church tomorrow, you go alone. There's a limit to everything, including hats."

## Machinists Install Officers for 1940; Everyone Working

The following are the officers installed January 13, 1940, by Horner's Nest Local, No. 263, Int. Asso. of Machinists:

President, J. P. Wagoner; vice-president, E. E. Dees; recording secretary, E. L. Barkley; financial secretary, T. A. House; treasurer, T. C. Calhoun; conductor, J. E. Porter; sentinel, F. E. Roehledder; trustee, J. A. Moore.

The machinists report every member working and conditions as excellent along every line.

### POOR JUDGE

A certain justice of the peace, who was not over-alert, recalled a witness.

"My man," he said sternly, "you may yet find yourself committed for perjury. Only a few minutes ago you told the court that you had only one brother, but your sister has sworn that she has two. Now, out with the truth."

### SURE ENOUGH

"An' now, Bred'ren an' Sist'ren, next Sunday I'se gwine to speak to yo' all 'bout de condition ob de church an' mah topic will be de Status Quo."

"Pa'don me, Pason, but what do dat mean?"

"Well, Deacon, dat's Latin fo' we's in a bad fix."

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## CENTRAL BODY WILL PUSH SKATING AREAS PROJECT WHICH IT IS SPONSORING

President H. A. Stalls, of Charlotte Central Labor Union, and chairman of the publicity committee, gives out the following as to the endeavor in putting over the Skating Area project which this organization is sponsoring:

The Charlotte skating area committee of the Charlotte Central Labor Union made a long report at the meeting of the union last night in Knights of Pythias hall in the Piedmont building. J. A. Moore, chairman submitted the names of labor men to compose 15 subcommittees, and these committees are to begin active work in soliciting funds for the campaign to establish 11 or 12 skating, volley ball and paddle game projects on the various school and park properties throughout the city. The committee also reported that in answer to preliminary appeals sent out during the week to various individuals and civic and fraternal organizations, words of commendation for the proposed plan are coming in.

According to data compiled by the committee from figures furnished by the police department, during the last six months 24 children under 17 years of age have been injured in bicycle accidents, 38 have been injured while playing or walking in the street, six were injured while skating in the street and last week one child was killed while skating in the street. This information was contained in the committee's report.

The committee is endeavoring to interest the people of the communities in which the skating and recreation projects are to be established, and, according to Mr. Moore, the various parent-teacher associations will be contacted. Fraternal, civic and business organizations are also to be contacted at an early date, according to the plans.

On January 28, at 7:30 P.M. the City Employees Local, No. 242, will sponsor a Barbecue and Open Meeting at the corner of Pegasus Street and Belmont Avenue over Covington's Store. All city employees, all state employees and county employees who are not already members of this organization are urged to attend, as well as those who are members.

The American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, since its establishment in 1936, has been one of the fastest growing organizations of its kind in the history of the labor movement. It is affiliated with the A. F. of L. and has been organizing workers in public service and has been giving them the advantages of independent representation.

Some of the objects of the A. F. S. C. M. E. are: To promote efficiency in public service; to co-operate in giving efficient service to our respective jurisdictions; to bring local organizations of state and local employees, into closer relationship so as to foster mutual co-operation and to extend and uphold the principles of merit and fitness in public employment, and to promote civil service legislation; to advance the general social and economic welfare of state, county, and municipal employees.

Local 242 city workers are affiliated with the Central Labor Union and with the State Federation of Labor.

This organization is sponsoring the first open meeting of a series to be held by the labor movement in 1940 in Charlotte and the State of North Carolina.

Mr. T. A. Wilson, chairman of the Industrial Commission, Raleigh, N. C., will be the principal speaker on this occasion.

BIG MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Chicago, Ill.—The Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of American announces that it entered 1940 with more than 80,000 regularly dues-paying members, representing an increase of 9,000 last year. "All indications point to a continuance of this upward trend," said "Bakers Journal" official organ of the International union, which this year will stress co-operation on a basis of collective bargaining to solve problems confronting the baking industry.

A land snail moves at a speed of employees, into closer relationship so about a mile a month.

## HE IS AN AMERICAN

He is an American. He hears an airplane overhead, and if he looks up at all does so in curiosity, neither in fear nor in the hope of seeing a protector.

His wife goes marketing, and her purchases are limited by her needs, her tastes, her budget, but not by decree. He comes home of an evening through streets which are well lighted, not dimly in blue.

He reads the newspaper and knows that what it says is not concocted by a bureau, but an honest, untrammelled effort to present the truth.

He has never had a gas mask on. He has never been in a bombproof shelter.

His military training, an R. O. T. C. course in college, he took because it excused him from the gym course.

He belongs to such fraternal organizations and clubs as he wishes. He adheres to a political party to the extent that he desires—the dominant one, if that be his choice, but with the distinct reservation that he may criticize any of its policies with all the vigor which to him seems proper—any other as his convictions dictate, even, if it be his decision, one which holds that the theory of government of the country is wrong and should be scrapped.

He does not believe, if his party is out of power, that the only way in which it can come into power is through a bloody revolution.

He converses with friends, even with chance acquaintances, expressing freely his opinion on any subject, without fear.

He does not expect his mail to be opened between posting and receipt, nor his telephone to be tapped.

He changes his place of dwelling, and does not report so doing to the police.

He has not registered with the police.

He carries an identification card only in case he should be the victim of a traffic accident.

He thinks of his neighbors across international borders—of those to the north as though they were across a state line, rather than as foreigners—of those to the south more as strangers since they speak a language different from his, and with the knowledge that there are now matters of difference between his government and theirs, but of neither with an expectancy of war.

He worships GOD in the fashion of his choice, without let.

His children are with him in his home, neither removed to a place of greater safety, if young, nor, if older, ordered to serve the state with sacrifice of limb or life.

He has his problems, his troubles, his uncertainties, but all others are not overshadowed by the imminence of battle and sudden death. He should struggle to preserve his Americanism with his priceless privileges.

He is a fortunate man.

He is an American.

—From New York Times.

## Information As To Labor Calls

FOR CENTRAL LABOR UNION, call Wm. S. Greene, Secretary, 229 S. Tryon Street. Phone 3-1459.

FOR BUILDING TRADES HALL, call 9140; 113 1/2 S. College Street.

CHARLOTTE LABOR JOURNAL, call 3-3094; 302 S. College Street.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION meets in Pythian Hall, Piedmont Building, 218 S. Tryon Street every Wednesday night at 7:30. H. A. Stalls, president.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL meets every Friday night at 113 1/2 S. College Street, at 7:30 P. M. H. L. Kiser, Business Agent.

FOR TEAMSTERS AND CHAUFFEURS LOCAL NO. 71, call 3-5601; office, Builders Bldg., Room 126; H. L. McCrorie, Business Agent, home phone, 3-6388.

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