

# ONE DOLLAR PER WORD IS GOAL SET FOR ESSAY ON THE UNION LABEL BY A. F. OF L. LABEL TRADES DEPT;

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In order to stimulate interest in Union Labels, Shop Cards and Service Buttons we are offering \$1,000 in cash and valuable Union Label articles as prizes for the best essays on the following subjects:

- "Why I Buy Union Label Goods."
- "Why I Use Union Services."
- "Why I Am a Labor Unionist."
- "Why I Joined a Women's Auxiliary."

This Essay Contest takes the place of a national AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition during 1940. Essays on these various subjects are limited to 250 words. The grand prize for the winner of each essay will be \$250 each in cash. Numerous Union Label articles will be given for the second, third and other prizes. The Union Label Department will be glad to send full information, including the rules and regulations to anyone who is interested in writing an

essay in this Nation-wide contest. Simply address the Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

It is most important that every contestant read the rules carefully before he starts an essay.

We especially urge students in grade schools, high schools, and colleges to take part in this Essay Contest. If full information about the Union Label can not be obtained from local libraries, a small pamphlet containing the history of all Union Labels, Shop Cards and Service Buttons will be mailed upon request.

Everyone is eligible to write on the essays entitled "Why I Buy Union Label Goods," and "Why I Use Union Services." They are free-for-all. Any person, man or woman, boy or girl of any age, can compete for the prizes given for these two essays. The Essay entitled "Why I Am a Labor Unionist" is confined to only membership in Labor Unions, and the Essay, "Why I Joined a Women's Label League" is naturally confined to membership of Women's Auxiliaries.

## Asheville Gets New Tannery Workers Local - Teamsters Making Progress

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 8.—Recently organized and chartered, the new Local Union of Tannery Workers is making splendid progress. This organization was perfected under leadership of L. D. Warren, President of the Asheville Central Labor Union, and the organizing committee. It is said that other Local Unions will soon be organized among tannery workers in Western North Carolina.

The newly organized Local Union of Teamsters and Chauffeurs is likewise making splendid progress. The Central Labor Union assisted in the formation of this Local.

Local Union 22-129, Rayon Workers employed at the big Enka plant, is making good progress. Charges have been filed before the Labor Board against the American-Enka company for violations of the Wagner Act, and the hearing has been set for April 15. The outcome of this case will be watched with interest throughout the South.

## UNITED GARMENT WORKERS UNION INSTALLS CHAPTER IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—W. B. Reynolds, International representative of the United Garment Workers of America, announces the installation of a charter for a newly organized Local Union formed by the employees of the Cluett-Peabody company here. The charter was installed and officers and members obligated at an enthusiastic meeting held on March 28.

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## Typo Union, 338 Met Last Sunday; Was Well Attended

Typographical Union, No. 338, met Sunday afternoon in the oMose Hall in regular monthly session, presided over by President H. A. Stalls. Extra chairs had to be brought out to accommodate the overflow attendance. Committee reports were exceptionally interesting, and much discussion was the order of the meeting. The Stand-

ard Printing Co. was reported as having signed an agreement with the I. T. U. and the Allied Printing Trades Council. Three new members were obligated.

Robert F. White and Ray Nixon were elected delegates to the Tri-State Typographical Council, which meets in

Hugh M. Sykes and Howard M. Beatty were elected alternates. Quite a number of Charlotte printers attend this affair at each of its meetings.

"The bee always fertilizes the flower which it robs."—Charles August Beard.

## Music Aids Relaxation and Beauty



THE ability to relax is the core of every successful beauty—regime, whether simple or elaborate, for the best cosmetics in the world can accomplish little if your nerves are constantly tense. A few moments of complete relaxation will smooth the lines from your face and ease that tight, keyed-up feeling that is the root of most headaches and nervous ailments.

If you are among the many modern women who have forgotten how to relax, turn to music for assistance. Experts agree that nothing is more conducive to restful relaxation than music, whether you play an instrument or listen to "ready-made" music.

Virginia Carrington Thomas, director of the Hammond Organ School, in

response to requests from hundreds of housewives and business women, has made a study of "relaxing music" and has found that a tired, distraught woman reacts favorably to organ music, especially to such selections as "On Wings of Song," "Clair de Lune" by Debussy, and "The Lamp Is Low." Lullabies are equally effective, particularly Brahms' famous "Lullaby" and "Sweet and Low."

"Any music that is soft and soothing in character is likely to produce a relaxing effect upon strained nerves," Miss Thomas says, "and if you have any particular favorites in that category, they will do just as well."

So relax—for beauty's sake—in music's soothing help.

## Job Shops In Chicago To Get Wage Raise

CHICAGO, April 6.—Typographical Union No. 16, International Typographical Union, has signed a new contract with the Franklin Association of Chicago, a representative employers' group.

Under the contract, the rate of pay, 51 day, 40-hour week, will be \$56 for day work, \$60 for night work. This is \$2 a week higher than the old scale; and provision is made for an additional increase of \$1 a week, which will take effect March 4, 1941, and will make the rate of pay the highest in the union's history.

The new wage schedule will be incorporated in agreements with shops which are not affiliated with the association and will affect some 3,500 or all of the union's members who are employed in Chicago's commercial shops.

## Buying Power On Upgrade In The United States

NEW YORK, April 8.—There are 15,251,300 "preferred families" in the United States with the equivalent in buying power of an annual \$1,500 New York City income, the magazine "Sales Management" reported last week.

The publication, announcing its yearly survey of purchasing power, said the American public last year had an "effective" income of \$67,783,307,000, an increase of 7 per cent over the 1938 figure and the fifth highest total on record.

Dividing population by the income, the total was equivalent to \$2,267 for a "composite American family," or \$582 for the average individual.

The magazine explained, however, that "relatively few incomes" in the high brackets partly accounted for the \$2,267 average and that "actually only 51 per cent of the families have the equivalent of a \$1,500 New York City income."

"The magazine's statistical staff," the announcement said, "has found that a family income of \$1,500 in the biggest cities is necessary for the necessities of life. Above that figure luxuries and savings are possible."

## ALABAMA CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN GADSDEN NEXT WEEK

GADSDEN, Ala., April 8.—Final preparations have been made for the opening of the Alabama State Federation of Labor convention in this city next Monday. The program is prepared and the business of the convention is expected to be carried on in smooth manner. President S. E. Roper and Secretary-Treasurer W. O. Hare are here this week, and express keen delight over the way that officials of the Gadsden Central Labor Union have made preparations for the convention.

Stalin's motto: "The Soviet Union does not covet one inch of other states but will defend every inch of her own soil." Finland please note.

## LOUISIANA FEDERATION HOLDS ONE OF ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTIONS

SHREVEPORT, La., April 8.—The 28th annual convention of the Louisiana State Federation of Labor was held here last week, and was pronounced the largest and most successful convention in the Federation's history. E. H. (Lige) Williams was re-elected President, and E. J. Bourge was re-elected secretary-treasurer, as were all vice-presidents who stood for re-election. Much constructive work was done, and the Federation had more affiliates and more delegates present than in any previous convention.

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## LABOR BOARD CERTIFIES A. F. L. MINE WORKERS

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 8.—The Progressive Mine Workers of America, affiliated with the A. F. of L., won another bitterly contested election against the CIO United Mined Workers and was certified by the National Labor Relations Board as the sole collective bargaining agency for employees of the Dawson Daylight Coal Company mines at Dawson Springs, Kentucky. U. M. W. objections to the election results were dismissed by the Board.

## OPERATING ENGINEERS DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP DURING THE YEAR

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—W. B. Nixon, business representative of Local Union No. 926, International Union of Operating Engineers, has reported to F. H. King, chairman of the organizing committee of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, that membership in No. 926 has been doubled during the past year. In addition to this increased membership, the Local obtained six sign agreements with employers with increased wages of from 10 to 50 per cent.

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