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## CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED—A LIVELY RACE—WIDE FIELD TO CHOOSE FROM

Only one candidate is unopposed in the county primary election contest on May 25th. There are 63 Democratic candidates and 12 Republicans are seeking recognition. The roster of those who would serve the public follows:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
(Four Places)  
Arnie D. Cashion, incumbent.  
Edgar J. Price, incumbent.  
Dan Hood.  
Trace Henry.  
J. Wilson Alexander.  
D. C. Stator.  
J. Mason Wallace.  
Fred A. Hamilton.  
Baxter J. Hunter.  
Caldwell McDonald.  
W. R. Sadler.  
George E. Golding.

**STATE SENATE**  
Joe L. Blythe, incumbent.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
(Three Places)  
J. B. Vogler, incumbent.  
Marvin L. Ritch, incumbent.  
H. I. McDougle.  
John Newitt.  
Ed T. Tonissen.  
Ed McCorkle.  
H. L. Strickland.  
J. Dan Stallings.

**COUNTY TREASURER**  
Mrs. Jessie Caldwell Smith, incumbent.

Arthur H. Wearn.  
Jonas H. Ervin.  
W. M. "Bud" Moore.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
(Five Places)  
B. D. Funderburk, incumbent.  
R. G. Eubanks, incumbent.

W. B. McClintock, incumbent.  
W. E. Potts, incumbent.  
E. M. Neal.  
Charles L. Barnett.

**CONSTABLES**  
Charlotte Township—Dan B. Bradley, incumbent; R. A. Carter.  
Mallard Creek—G. P. Freeman.  
Pineville—O. F. Furr.  
Berryhill—R. C. McNeely.  
Clear Creek—DeWitt C. Biggers.  
Sharon—F. G. Chipley.  
Morning Star—J. Reid Newell.  
Paw Creek—Evans B. Johnston.

**COUNTY CHAIRMAN**  
Henry W. Harkey, incumbent.  
Harvey Morris.  
S. W. McAden.  
H. G. Ashcraft.

**COUNTY RECORDER**  
W. V. Howard, incumbent.

**COUNTY SOLICITOR**  
Mercer J. Blankenship.

**COUNTY SURVEYOR**  
Hugh M. McAulay, incumbent.  
Enos T. Edwards.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
J. W. Spratt, incumbent.  
George M. Meyer, Jr.

**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**  
County Commissioners—William T. Alexander, chairman; George Shelton, W. A. McFarland, Louis F. Snyder and F. C. Howard.  
Legislature—Brook Matthews; P. S. Vann, L. J. Howard and W. P. Walther, representatives.  
Register of Deeds—Mrs. Florence S. Ireland.  
County Judge—M. K. Harrill.  
County Solicitor—J. Cliff Newell.

## A. F. of L. UNIONS URGED TO BACK NORTON AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT BY GREEN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Green of the American Federation of Labor urged officers and members of State Federations of Labor, City Central Bodies and Federal Labor Unions to ask their Representatives in Congress to support without change the amendments to the National Labor Relations Act embodied in H. R. 9195 introduced by Chairman Norton of the House Labor Committee and approved by the committee.

Pointing out that these amendments "meet with the approval of the American Federation of Labor," Mr. Green said:

"They provide for the addition of two members to the National Labor Relations Board. That would mean the Board would be composed of five members instead of three. The Executive Council and conventions of the American Federation of Labor recommended this change in the membership of the Board.

"Another amendment recommended by the House Committee provides that Section 9 (b) of the National Labor Relations Act, commonly known as the 'collective bargaining unit,' be amended to read as follows:

"The Board shall decide in each case whether, in order to insure to employees the full benefit of their right to self-organization and to collective bargaining, and otherwise to effectuate the policies of this Act, the unit appropriate for the purposes of collective bargaining shall be the employer unit, craft unit, plant unit; Provided, however, That in any case where the majority of employees of a particular craft shall so decide the Board shall designate such craft as a unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining."

"This amendment was approved by the Executive Council and conventions of the American Federation of Labor.

"In addition, the Committee recommended that employers' petitions for an election, in order to determine the collective bargaining unit, may be honored. This amendment was approved by the Executive Council and conventions of the American Federation of Labor.

"The Committee further recommended that all contracts entered into through legally chosen collective bargaining units shall not be disturbed for at least one year.

"These are constructive amendments. If adopted, they will remedy many of the injustices which have been imposed upon American Federation of Labor unions by decisions of the National Labor Relations Board. If these amendments are adopted, the administration of the National Labor Relations Act will be greatly improved."

FLINT, Mich., April 15.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, charged yesterday that John L. Lewis is "secretly" planning a political revolution to make himself "dictator of the United States."

"I charge that this man, suffering from delusions of becoming the dictator of the United States of America," he said.

His denunciation of the president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations was contained in an address preparatory to National Labor Relations board elections in General Motors corporation plants next Wednesday to determine collective bargaining agencies.

Green, making a drive for votes for the A. F. L.-affiliated United Automobile Workers of America, spoke in the same auditorium in which Lewis appeared a week ago in behalf of the rival C. I. O.-U. W. A.

He blamed the CIO chieftain with "playing the game of the Communist party" and with "stirring up discontent among the underprivileged groups" and declared:

"I challenge him to explain why he is threatening to marshal these groups into a third party unless he hopes to ride into power as the dictator of America with their support."

Asserting that automobile workers have suffered from "C. I. O. dictation, intrigue, and mismanagement," Green continued:

## WM. GREEN SAYS JOHN LEWIS PLANS POLITICAL UPRISING; SAYS LATTER WOULD BE POLITICAL DICTATOR

"The C. I. O. has used you for experimental purposes. It has involved you in constant warfare with management. It has used you as a testing laboratory in experimenting with revolutionary processes. It has used you for the secret purpose of its leaders and to promote the consuming ambition of its dictator."

He assured employees of four General Motors plants here they would be permitted to control "your own union your own way for your own benefit" if they chose the A. F. L.-U. W. A. in the forthcoming elections.

Declaring the A. F. of L. was strictly non-partisan," Green said:

"We have never sold the workers into bondage with the Democratic or Republican parties, and we will not permit the workers to be sold down the river to a third party, no matter how alluring its promises."

His only reference to presidential candidates was a statement during an interview that Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, had "put himself out of the running" by appearing with Lewis at the recent convention of the United Mine Workers of America.

Green also said permanent labor peace was "impossible as long as the present C. I. O. leadership is maintained."

He predicted victory for the A. F. L.-U. W. A. in G. M. "key plants," and said a campaign soon would be undertaken to organize Ford Motor Company workers.

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## PEGLER AND THE PRESS

(The following editorial is reprinted from the Wichita Beacon. It has also been printed in the Congressional Record.)

Believing that every writer should be given the widest possible latitude, and that suppression is not the solution of any problem, the Beacon has continued the publication of columns by Westbrook Pegler, on which this newspaper strongly disagrees. Apparently Pegler believes he has been given some divine appointment to act as the guardian angel of the people of the United States, and that it is up to him to right every wrong, reform the entire country, and make it the kind of a place in which he would like to live.

Of course, he has received no such appointment. There can be no doubt that there is much in this country that can be criticized, and there undoubtedly is room for criticism on the subjects which have drawn Pegler's attention, but there is no earthly reason why any man should be continually mad at everyone. Pegler starts his column almost every day with a tirade against somebody. He should be one of the first to realize he cannot ram his private opinions down the throats of everybody.

Almost everyone in the United States knows that William Green is honest, truthful, and that he has devoted his time and energy not only in helping labor but in promotion of the general welfare of the country. Of course, there are rascals in his organization, just as there would be rascals in every organization as large as the A. F. of L. But that does not mean that Mr. Green condones such rascals, nor do they have his consent to do the things for which they and he are criticized.

Westbrook Pegler is an able writer, one of the best newspapermen in the United States, who has shown marked ability in the past. Instead of constant criticism he could point out some of the fine points of a country in which there is still sufficient freedom of the press to permit him to say what he pleases. Pegler should not take advantage of that freedom to constantly harass other men and, by his ability to use the English language, to attempt to tear down the good work they have accomplished.

Evidently his recent vacation did him no good. His friends and well-wishers, of whom there are many among Beacon readers, sincerely hoped that his rest would settle his nerves and calm whatever disorder had upset his thoughts. Since the climate of Florida was not successful we can only hope that time will effect cure and that, eventually, reason and logic will regain control of his mind and he will devote his ability again to some constructive subjects.

## FREEDOM AND LIBERTY IS THEME OF WRITER - DEFENDS PRESS FREEDOM; SAYS DICTATOR BORN IN THE DARK

By R. V. McClendon, B. M.  
Electrical Workers Local No. 553  
Durham, N. C.

Editor Charlotte Labor Journal.

The American people have been compelled to fight and struggle through all the ages for the realization and enjoyment of those elemental rights of freedom and liberty, upon which our form of government is founded. That is why labor regards freedom of the press as of transcendent importance. Any movement of any kind which interferes with or limits the freedom of the press can not be supported or tolerated by the American people.

The growth of organizations of labor is evidence of the determination of the workers to lift their standards of life and living to a higher level and to share more largely in the distribution of the earnings of industry. That fact is reflected in the progress which has been made by the organized labor movement during all the years of its existence. It has become more pronounced during the last few years, because the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively has been written into the laws of the land.

The protestations of the leaders of organizations and organized movements that they believe in this great principle are not enough. It is when we make comparison between the control of the press, as it exists in those countries governed and controlled by autocrats and dictators, with the freedom of the press in democratic nations that we immediately learn to place a new value upon the blessings of freedom and liberty.

The American people should know that all classes of people should stand

as a staunch defender of free assembly, free speech, free press, and for the exercise of the right to worship in accordance with the dictates of conscience. There can be no place in the true American home for any group or any organization which does not believe in and subscribe to these principles and to these policies of free speech.

All dictators are born in the dark. They survive for a time in the shadows, they invariably die in the light.

The one thing tyranny can not stand is publicity. It gags the press, stops free expression, silences the pulpit, censors the radio, controls the movies, propagandizes the people with half truths which is the shadiest way of lying there is.

The real bulwark of democracy is not the ballot box, but the honest newspaper. It is not good for the country, nor St. Louis, Missouri. There is a relatively petty court has chastised not without malice, a great newspaper, the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

We are not acquainted with the details, but feel certain the Post Dispatch had justifications for its criticism. If the Post Dispatch fails, its appeals and its editors and cartoonists will go to jail and fines be paid, the vengeance of the petty court will be satisfied, but the newspaper will be hewed to the line as an agency of public trust.

If the court must stop all criticism of its dictatorship, and the newspaper is to be gagged by being hauled into court for a contempt charge, that means the end of the power of the press to tell the people about the values and evils of their courts, that means the end of freedom of the press.

## Carpenters and Joiners Local Making Strides

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Charlotte Local No. 1469 is making headway both in membership increase and agreements. J. C. Hower, business agent for the local reports that many concerns are coming to terms with the union and that more than 25 new members have been added to the local within the past few weeks. Brother Hower has been only two weeks. He received a letter this week from headquarters, at Indianapolis, commending him upon his activities for local 1469.

The Carpenters local has some good union material in it, and The Journal hopes to be able from week to week, at an early date to carry the happenings of their craft.

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## THE MARCH OF LABOR

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## Labor Press Vital Need

The freedom of the press, guaranteed to us by the Constitution, must depend after all upon the support which the readers of the press give to it. We need scarcely more than mention the fact that the usual daily newspaper, to say nothing of the magazines, do not feel called upon to express the views of organized labor. Such fair play as is given this cause by these publications is based upon the unswerving strength of the position of the labor movement.

But we wish to emphasize the fact, that if there were no great section of the national publications known as the Labor Press, which gives its first and last loyalty to the workers of the nation, and especially to those who are members of the organizations of labor, the other sections of the nation's publicity organs would probably pay much more scant attention to the rights of labor.

Circulation is the life of any publication. Given readers, any publication is in a position of power, in proportion to its friends who show their loyalty to their own cause by their subscriptions to their own press, and by their activity in helping to enlarge its circulation.

The rights of labor will always depend, to a great extent, upon the freedom of the labor press. A labor paper which circulates freely in its own community is an index of the power of labor in that locality. It is a very definite part of the organization itself, and its functions are so vital that neglect of the labor press is sure to reflect upon the qualities of the labor movement itself.

## Central Labor Union Meeting Wed. Night Of Much Interest

President J. A. Moore, of Charlotte Central Labor Union, split time in the chair with Vice-President J. A. Scoggins at a well-attended meeting Wednesday night. The regular routine, roll call of locals, etc., was gone through and working conditions were shown to be good. The skating area report showed that endeavor to be in good shape, only awaiting word from authorities to go ahead. Organization activities were discussed and the "green light" was given the committee working along this line. The retail clerks organization endeavor was discussed, and every co-operation was promised in seeing that the organization was made a reality and a force in Charlotte.

Much business of a private nature was brought before the body, but peace and harmony was the keynote.

Brother Wilson, representative of the International Pressmen, made a talk that was both educational and inspirational, he pointing out the things necessary to organization and co-operation. Mr. Wilson has been in Charlotte off and on in the interest of his organization, for the past six weeks and the effects of his stay with us have had a good effect.

Brother James Bradburn, of the P. O. Clerks, pinch-hit for Secretary Wm. S. Green, who was called out of the city, and he made a good substitute.

Brother Campbell (P. O. Clerks) chairman of the organizing committee, made a few remarks that were encouraging and Brother Conder, treasurer of the skating area committee, also made a good report.

## SMALL BEGINNINGS

By Charles Mackay (1814-1889)

A traveler through a dusty road, strew'd acorns on the lea,  
And one took root, and sprouted up, and grew into a tree.  
Love sought its shade at evening time, to breathe its early vows,  
And Age was pleased in heats of noon, to bask beneath its boughs.  
The doormouse loved its dangling twigs, the birds sweet music bore.  
It stood a glory in its place, a blessing evermore.  
A little spring had lost its way amid the grass and fern;  
A passing stranger scooped a well, where weary men might turn;  
He walled it in, and hung with care a ladle at the brink—  
He thought not of the deed he did, but judged that toil might drink.  
He passed again—and lo! the well, by summers never dried,  
Had cooled ten thousand parching tongues and saved a life beside.  
A dreamer dropped a random thought; 'twas old, and yet 'twas new—  
A simple fancy of the brain, but strong in being true;  
It shone upon a genial mind, and lo! its light became A lamp of life, a beacon ray, a monitory flame.  
The thought was small—its issue great: a watch-fire on the hill,  
It shed its radiance far adown, and cheers the valley still!  
A nameless man, amid a crowd that thronged the daily mart,  
Let fall a word of Hope and Love, unstudded, from the heart;  
A whisper on the tumult thrown—a transitory breath—  
It raised a brother from the dust, it saved a soul from death.  
O germ! O fount! O word of love! O thought at random cast!  
Ye were but little at the first, but mighty at the last.

Diogenes met a World War veteran and asked "what were you in the war?" A private," replied the soldier. Diogenes blew out his light and quit searching.

The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism has raised a fund of 500,000 dollars with which to establish a new anti-Christian magazine.

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