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N. C. STATE FEDERATION RECOVERS PROPERTY AND MONEY FROM SANDEFUR, FORMER SEC.-TREAS.

WINSTON-SALEM, May 6.—For almost three years officers of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor have been attempting to obtain the Federation's money and property which had been held by E. L. Sandefur, former secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor. Suit had been filed in the Superior court to force Sandefur, who deserted the American Federation of Labor to join up with the CIO, to turn over the State Federation's property and money to the officers of the State body. Hearings were held, and in each instance the court held against Sandefur and in favor of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor. Sandefur even appealed the case to the Supreme court, and this high body sustained the lower court's decision in the matter.

Elledge and Wells, well known Winston-Salem law firm, handled the case for the State Federation of Labor. When the case had been remanded to the Superior court for trial and the date set, attorneys for Sandefur threw up their hands and said Sandefur was ready to act. The court signed an order embracing the itemized list of property and sums of money to be turned over to the officers of the State Federation of Labor by Sandefur.

President Fink, Secretary-Treasurer Fisher and all Board members of the State Federation of Labor have worked diligently on this matter, and are receiving the congratulations of labor throughout the state for the successful conclusion of their efforts.

A. F. of L. Is Making Headway With Signed Agreements At Winston-Salem

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 6.—In the general progress being made by A. F. of L. unions in Winston-Salem, the signing of the new agreements and renewal of expiring contracts seem to be the order of the day. Machinists Local Union No. 641 has just renewed agreements with the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company, covering the plants here, in Petersburg, Va., and Louisville, Ky. Among the new and important features of the new agreement is provision for a vacation with pay of five days during the summer season, and an additional five days' bonus pay at Christmas. A strictly union agreement it is, with full seniority rights provided. Time and one-half will be paid under this agreement for all overtime, in addition to the regular assigned bonus. Further provision is made that all time worked between noon on Saturdays and regular working time Monday mornings, including holidays, will be paid for at the double-time rate of pay.

80 cents an hour. These wage increases, plus the greatly improved conditions of labor which have been obtained, prove the vast importance that organization has been to the workers during the past five years. All members of the local union are proud of the fact that these new agreements from year to year, with their manifold advancements in pay and improvements in conditions, have been obtained in the most agreeable and pleasant manner, and the company officials have co-operated with the unions in every way. That is why the membership takes such pride in the work performed for the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company.

Union Carpenters On New White Housing Project

The carpenters have a contract with V. P. Loftis, contractor on the new white Federal Housing Project for union men. Business Agent J. C. Hower, of Carpenters Local No. 1469, reports that Mr. Loftis has been very fair to all the crafts in the building trades. Many members of the building trades have been placed on this project.

Business Agent Hower reports much progress in signing of new union jobs for his craft.

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THE MARCH OF LABOR

IN ROME, 64 A.D., MASONS REBUILDING THE CITIZENRY NEARBY FIRE - STRUCK AGAINST BAD FOOD SUPPLIED THEM. THEY WERE PUNISHED BY DECAPITATION - THE ROMAN IMPERIAL GUARD EXECUTED EVERY TENTH WORKER.

MOST BEAUTIFUL PICKETS! INCREASING COMPETITION FROM AMATEUR SOCIETY GIRL MODELS HAS PROMPTED SEVERAL PICKETING DEMONSTRATIONS BY PROFESSIONAL MANNING AT SWANKY FASHION SHOWS IN N.Y.

AROUND 1774, WHILE NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY WERE IMPORTING ABOUT 90% OF THEIR WEARING APPAREL FROM GREAT BRITAIN - THEY MADE THEIR OWN SHOES AND HATS. TODAY - AS THEN - AMERICAN-MADE HATS ARE "TOPS" - AND THE UNION LABEL IS YOUR GUARANTEE THAT YOUR HAT IS AMERICAN-MADE!

WENDELL PHILLIPS 1811-1884
BRILLIANT SON OF CONSERVATIVE BOSTON BACK BAY FAMILY - AN ARISTOCRAT OF ARISTOCRATS, HE NEVERtheless BECAME AN ARDENT LEADER IN THE FIGHT FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS, WOMEN SUFFRAGE, AND ABOLITION OF SLAVERY. HE SHOOK THE WEALTHY BY WRITING, "I HAIL THE LABOR MOVEMENT; IT IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY. ORGANIZE - AND STAND TOGETHER!"

Conventions Held Southern States A. F. of L. Bodies

JOHNSON IS ELECTED PRESIDENT GEORGIA FEDERATION OF LABOR

MACON, Ga., May 6.—Georgia's 42nd annual convention of the State Federation of Labor met here last week and took action on many matters of importance to the Labor Movement. The Convention Committee appointed by the Macon Central Labor Union performed a marvelous job in making preparations for the convention. Dewey L. Johnson, President of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, was elected president of the Georgia Federation of Labor.

Miss Allie E. Mann, of Atlanta, was chosen secretary and treasurer, and J. O. Morgan, of Macon, was named delegate to the next A. F. of L. national convention.

TENNESSEE FEDERATION TO CONVENE IN MEMPHIS SOON

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 6.—Official call for the 43rd annual convention of the Tennessee State Federation of Labor has been issued to meet in Memphis, with Peabody Hotel as headquarters, on Monday, June 3, and remain in daily session until the business of the organization shall have been completed. Memphis Trades Unionists are quoted in The Memphis Labor Review as having expressed determination to make this the largest and most successful State Federation of Labor convention ever held in the Volunteer State. Secretary-Treasurer T. R. Cuthbert, from his office in Chattanooga, has released information to the effect that credentials already received from affiliated bodies indicate that it will be the largest convention in the Federation's history.

ALABAMA RE-ELECTS ROPER AND HARE IN CONVENTION

GADEDEN, Ala., May 6.—People of this city are still talking about the constructive work done in the convention of the Alabama State Federation of Labor, held here last month. The large delegation, the splendid deportment of the delegates, the serious manner in which the convention went about preparing and adopting a program the purpose of which was to advance the best interests of all citizens, constituted a real revelation to the public of this city and section. Secretary-Treasurer W. O. Hare, who suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident a few weeks ago, could not be present, yet the convention expressed its deep affection for him by suspending regular rules and re-electing him for another year by acclamation on the first day of the sessions. President S. E. Roper was re-elected, as were all of the vice presidents with but one exception.

Typo Auxiliary Met With Mrs. Luna On Monday

The Woman's Typographical Auxiliary met with Mrs. Hearn, 329 Tranquil Avenue last Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hearn were nominated for delegates to the convention in New Orleans, which meets in conjunction with the I. T. U. convention in August; Mrs. Stroupe and Mrs. Luna being named as alternates. Ice cream and cakes were served and the home was tastefully decorated with cut flowers. Mrs. Davis acted as joint hostess.

The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in June, with Mrs. C. B. Capps, Hawthorne Apartments on Hawthorne Lane.

STELZLE APPRECIATES JOURNAL'S EFFORTS; UNDERSTANDS SITUATION THE A. F. L. LABOR PRESS IS FACING

A famous writer recognizes what a Labor paper is up against and writes The Journal the following, which we publish without comment:

CHARLES STELZLE
512 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 30, 1940.

Mr. W. M. Witter
The Charlotte Labor Journal
201 1/2 South College Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Witter:

I want you to know that I appreciate the way in which you have been printing my articles. Letters from many sources express the conviction that the articles are helping to break down class prejudice and build up the spirit of Democracy upon which the permanence and prosperity of our country rests.

I read The Charlotte Labor Journal very carefully, and as I am fairly familiar with your field, I can understand something of the situation you are facing.

If at any time I can serve you in a special way, don't hesitate to call on me.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES STELZLE.

Dr. Stelzle, carries a Machinist union card, and knows the trials, tribulations, vicissitudes of a Union Man, and has the power his versatile pen to paint word pictures that have done great good for the workers, the Church and the preservation of our national ideals.

Southern Trucking Co. Case To Be Heard In Washington, May 19th

Organizer H. L. McCrorie, of the local Teamsters and Chauffeurs, informs The Journal that the Great Southern Trucking Company case will come before the National Labor Relations Board, in Washington, on May 16. Attorney Padway, for the Teamsters and Chauffeurs, will handle the case in conjunction with an A. F. of L. attorney. This is an appeal to the board by the local Teamsters Union on a decision handed down some time ago. This strike has been on here for more than six months.

It is also reported that the Teamsters will have an agreement with the A. & P. concern within the next week. Organizer McCrorie was in Washington on business connected with his local the first of the week.

AFL Leader Warns Of Fascism Here

WASHINGTON.—"Solve the unemployment problem in the United States or there will be a Fascist government here," President George Harrison of the AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks told the Federal monopoly committee today.

"I am not here to wave a red flag or be an alarmist, but I try to be a realist," said Harrison to the startled commissioners.

He told how 622,426 rail workers had lost their jobs through technological improvements and speedup since 1921.

"Economic stresses from such things as this create resentment and confusion which dictators in other countries have used to establish themselves," Harrison said.

"Call For Cotton When You Buy"—Cotton Week Slogan

NORFOLK, May 7.—"Call for Cotton When You Buy" is to be the slogan of National Cotton Week, May 17-24, Thos. P. Thompson, managing director, Southeastern Chain Store Council, said today in announcing that all chain stores in Virginia, Georgia, and the Carolinas would co-operate in every way possible in this nationwide campaign.

This special sales campaign, he explained, is sponsored by chain stores each year in an effort to help cotton farmers of the South by increasing the use of cotton goods.

"All stores—food stores as well as those regularly selling cotton goods—will 'push cotton' in their advertising and sales promotions during the campaign," Mr. Thompson declared.

Besides bringing American consumers' attention to cotton values, he stated that the increased sales resulting from this Cotton Consumption Campaign will give important aid to King Cotton's 12,000,000 dependent in meeting their surplus emergency.

UNION RAYON WORKERS AT ENKA ARE MAKING RAPID PROGRESS; CLAIMS A. OF F. L. HAS MAJORITY

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 6.—In this Mountain Metropolis where many busy-bodies line up in every fight against Organized Labor, the heretofore impregnable position of the American-Enka Rayon Corporation is being challenged by the local union of Enka Rayon Workers. This big institution is headed by a group of Holland manufacturers who would, it is believed by labor officials, be most fair in their dealings with their employees if left alone. But the way the company started its big operations more than a decade ago laid the foundation for the misunderstandings now existing. Some Asheville men led the company officials to believe that working people in Western North Carolina do not want organization, and just to "protect these workers against any invasion of imported labor organizers," the company was led to establish a kind of an armed guard about the premises.

many people in Asheville have butted into something that is none of their business, in any sense of the word. The Enka Local Union is destined to become one of the most powerful influences for Labor's advancement in this Mountain Metropolis, and when an agreement has been signed by the Company and the Union, Enka can dispense with its expensive armed guards and political henchmen. The Union is just as deeply interested in the success of Enka as is the management.

Upon repeated requests by employees of the Enka Corporation, many efforts were made to establish local unions at Enka, but the armed guards made such an undertaking almost impossible. After the Wagner Labor Relations Act had been passed, and then the United States Supreme Court placed its stamp of approval upon the Act, the workers no longer were afraid of the armed forces about the place. Last September a Local Union was organized, with L. D. Warren, president of the Asheville Central Labor Union, and Vice-President Ingle, of the N. C. State Federation of Labor, both Asheville boys, assisting the Enka workers in forming the Union. In fact, the entire Labor movement of Asheville aided the Enka Workers in their organization.

Officials of the company committed acts that were, in the opinion of the workers, in violation of the law, and charges were filed some time ago against the company. Hearings have just been completed and the evidence of such violations as charged was overwhelming, so much so that the New York lawyer imported into Asheville that always butts into labor controversies. L. James Johnson, A. F. of L. Organizer in charge of the Enka situation, stated publicly here last Thursday night in the courthouse that the Union now has an overwhelming majority of the employees as members, and is ready to go into an election at any time.

Organization of the Enka workers into a Local Union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor means that an end has been put to the soft jobs of several political henchmen who have kept the officials of the Enka Corporation deceived ever since the plant was built and operations began. That is one reason why so

Secretary Wallace Endorses The Wage and Hour Law

There are indications that the Wage and Hour law has worked to the detriment of farmers, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace declared tonight in a nationwide broadcast over the NBC Blue network.

The program, in the form of an exchange of opinion between Secretary Wallace and Colonel Philip B. Fleming, administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor, was arranged by The Washington Star's Radio Forum.

Secretary Wallace expressed the opinion that some farmers, who have opposed the Wage and Hour law, have been "misled" by political spokesmen for "certain interests." He asserted that farm incomes and the incomes of industrial workers rise together, and pointed out that in 1939, when the Wage and Hour law was in effect, farmers received approximately 10 per cent more for their fruit and vegetables than in the crop season of 1938 before the law became effective.

The Secretary warned that farmers and industrial workers have a genuine community of interest, and asserted that each should work for the other's protection.

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Mr. Winter has been one of the most progressive leaders in the Labor Union movement. He has constantly kept in step with the technological progress of the industry.

In addition to stove mounters the membership of the International Union includes enamellers, assemblers and fabricators of stoves and parts.

His address is: Mr. Edward J. Winter, President, Stove Mounters' International Union, 503 North Third Street, Belleville, Illinois.



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