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TYPO. UNION INSTALS OFFICERS SCALE TAKEN UP AND DISCUSSED; MEETING ONE OF MUCH INTEREST

On Sunday afternoon Charlotte Typographical Union held its regular monthly meeting which was well attended, and marked with much interest. The scale committee made its report, which was discussed briefly and quickly acted upon, leaving it where it was a month ago, with negotiations to be completed.

Delegates Ray Nixon and "Bob" White reported on the Va.-Carolina Typo Conference which they attended as delegates at Winston-Salem. Progress is being made in this branch of the organization and harmony was said to be the keynote of the conference.

Richmond was given the endorsement of No. 338 for the I. T. U. convention in 1941, Charlotte promising support in every way to bring the meeting to the capital of the Old Dominion.

Claude Albea Home After Year's Absence In Vet. Hospital

As stated in The Journal last week, Claude Albea returned home as scheduled after spending over a year in the Veterans' hospital at Columbia, S. C. His many friends are giving him a cordial greeting, but Claude is not discussing politics, locally at least, until he gets his "bearings." He attended his first meeting of the present council, to which he was elected May 2, of last year, on Wednesday. He is in fine fettle and good spirits, and his friends are glad to have him back with us.

Claude expects to return to his post with the News on Monday.

Nebel Strikers Told To "Stay Calm" By S. P. Brewer, Former C. I. O. Organizer

Seth B. Brewer, former administrator of the T. W. U. A. (CIO) in the Carolinas, speaking at a mass meeting of Nebel Knitting Company strikers at the county courthouse yesterday, warned against "industrial dictatorships."

"A new order in democracy in industry must come to the South, in order that our workers may share the better things of life," Mr. Brewer declared. "Employers must learn that arbitrary discharges, wage cuts, and decisions are dangerous in free American industries."

"The Nebel strike is the first situation in my experience in the labor movement in which strike-breakers were allowed to carry shotguns, rifles, and other deadly weapons to and from work," he said.

Mr. Brewer then referred to recent occurrences at the Nebel mills when police officers disarmed a number of workers.

Robert Ford opened the meeting. He introduced C. W. Dannenburg representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO), who presided.

Besides Mr. Brewer, other speakers were Henry I. Adams, North Carolina director of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, and Fred Held. —Observer, Monday.

Much interest centers in the I. T. U. convention at New Orleans in August and Charlotte will have a good representative in the person of C. J. Pridgen, of the News Chapel.

The following officers were installed: President, H. A. Stalls; vice-president, Ray Nixon; secretary-treasurer, H. M. Sykes; recording secretary, H. L. Beatty; sergeant-at-arms, J. C. Metcalf; auditing committee, H. F. Carriger, Byron Luna, and J. T. Prim; delegate to I. T. U. convention, C. J. Pridgen; delegates to allied printing trades council, W. M. Bostic, Ray C. Nixon, W. P. Sanderson, H. A. Stalls, and H. M. Sykes.

After a brief talk by President Stalls to the newly-elected officers, urging full co-operation and unity of the membership in renewed activity for the coming year, the meeting adjourned.

Charlotte Has Second Lowest Tax Rate In North Carolina

WAYNESVILLE, June 2.—The National Consumers Tax Commission announced yesterday that Asheville had the highest adjusted property tax rate in 1939 and Winston-Salem the lowest among reporting North Carolina cities with 30,000-and-over population.

The tax analysis was contained in a report of the 84 commission's study groups in the state by Mrs. William T. Hannah, of Waynesville, state director.

The following tables for six of the largest North Carolina cities was announced: Asheville, \$320.30; Wilmington, \$18.70; Greensboro, \$16.50; Durham, \$16.28; Charlotte, \$15.90; and Winston-Salem, \$14.70.

Reading Habits Cost Alien His Citizenship

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Grgo Bogunovic, 46, was denied American citizenship here because he is a steady subscriber to a Slavonic Communist newspaper.

He told the court he subscribed to the newspaper because he was interested in a serial story and wanted to see how the yarn ended.

Naturalization Examiner A. S. Hunter remarked that judging from the number of years he had taken the Communist newspaper, the story must be like "Gone With the Wind."

"I've had my share of sunshine, An' I've seen the fellers smile; Have had the rheumatiz, But only for a little while. An' when I come to quit the scene, Of hope and likewise doubt, I'll hardly leave enough For lawyer folks to fight about.

—Phillander Johnson.

THE JOURNAL has by far the largest city circulation of any weekly published in Charlotte. Your ad in The Journal will bring results from the workers.

Pres. Am. Fed. State, Arnold S. Zander County, Municipal Employees Talks Here

A fair sized audience greeted Arnold S. Zander, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees at the county courthouse Tuesday night, the meeting being sponsored by the local units of his organization. George J. Kendall acted as master of ceremonies, he being active in the formation of these unions in North Carolina. Mr. Zander was preceded by Countinian Claude L. Albea, who has just returned to the city from the Vets hospital in Columbia; Jack Moore, president of Central Labor Union; Stough Campbell, vice-president of the State Federation and others, who made short talks.

President Zander cited the growth of his organization; told of laws that through its efforts, aided by the A. F. of L., had been passed in many states giving the employees civil service and improvements in the laws already in effect to the advantage of the workers. He also cited the fact that in his trip through the south he had found much encouragement for the group of workers he represents, and expressing the belief that the N. C. laws would be improved to great degree at the next meeting of the State Legislature. While not a flowery speaker, Mr. Zander had sound logic for the foundation of his talk and statistics and figures at his finger tips. After the meeting at the courthouse Mr. Zander made a talk over WSOC.

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Marshall Retires As City Manager; James W. Armstrong Assumes Duties; No Changes In Personnel Made

A "harmony" conference attended by heads of all departments in the City Government last Friday signified the changing of city managers as J. B. Marshall relinquished the post he had held for five years. James W. Armstrong, former city revenue collector, took over the position officially.

Mr. Marshall said that he would rest for a few days before entering his new business connections.

Mr. Armstrong took the oath of office Thursday. He was appointed as Mr. Marshall's secretary two weeks ago by the City Council.

The meeting of department heads was for the purpose of carrying out the co-operative work among them, Mr. Marshall said. He thanked them

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for their co-operation during his five years as city manager, and Mr. Armstrong asked them for their help and co-operation in his new work.

No changes in personnel are contemplated, it was said. Rumors that several officials would be replaced were believed wholly unfounded.

Mr. Armstrong, it was understood, will continue to do the work of the revenue collector until next Wednesday, along with his new position. The City Council is expected to name a new collector at its meeting on that day. Most likely choice appeared to be Ernest S. Delaney, real estate dealer. Other possibilities for the job are Marvin Westmoreland, former city accountant, and John Durham, former councilman.—News, Friday.

MECKLENBURG VOTERS HEADED
FOR THE SECOND PRIMARY
CANDIDATES ON THE ALERT

Mecklenburg is headed for five political races on June 22, date of the second primary, with Broughton having a clear field, because of the "last minute withdrawal" of Wilkins F. Horton, the runner-up candidate.

For chairman of the board of county commissioners County Commissioner Harvey Morris and Sid Y. McAden are looking horns, while Arthur Wear is going to contest with Mrs. Jessie Caldwell Smith, who led him for county treasurer.

Two of Mecklenburg's candidates for the House of Representatives—Representative J. B. Vogler and former Representative Ed T. Tonissen—were nominated in the first primary, leaving the third place between Runner-Up H. I. McDougle and Representative Marvin L. Ritch to be de-

cided in the second.

County Commissioner Arnie D. Cashion was the only one to be nominated for one of the four places, leaving three places to be filled. Caldwell McDonald, with 7,693 votes; County Commissioner Edgar J. Price, with 7,009; and former County Chairman Baxter J. Hunter, with 6,896, were the next three high men but failed of majorities. Fred A. Hamilton, with 6,803 votes, has announced himself in the race. Mason Wallace, with 5,895 votes, who stood next, is still considering the race and would make an announcement within the time limit, which ends Thursday. J. Wilson Alexander, with 5,865 votes, was next and last. His friends in the city said that he surely would make the race.

Reports of locals were excellent all the way down the line. Brother Conder, of the Carpenters and Joiners, reported that six new members were taken in at the last meeting, and that they were getting their new hall at 309½ E. Trade street, in fine condition, and that meeting dates could be arranged for 21 locals a week, and asked all organizations to co-operate with them in making this hall labor headquarters. Applications for meeting dates are now being received.

One of the delegates from the Fire

PLAN FOR DEFENSE FAVORED BY CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION; RESOLUTION PASSED BY BODY

Charlotte Central Labor Union last week adopted the following resolution for war preparedness as a defense measure:

"Resolved, That the delegates to the Charlotte Central Labor Union desire to go on record as favoring immediate re-armament as outlined in the bill proposed by the President and his Army and Navy aides, and passed by Congress. Labor realizing that this war is a war by countries without a genuine labor movement attacking those countries who allow a free labor movement to exist, and

"Whereas, we do not believe we have anything to gain by taking any side in this raging conflict in Europe, and it is our sincere belief that this nation should stay out of European affairs; yet, the time has now come

for real rearmament against a well recognized foe. Labor comprised the ranks of the last war and labor must insist that if another war comes, they must have mechanized protection, as they will also form the ranks in the next war. Therefore, be it

"Resolved, That Labor recognizes that times change, and that Labor is first and foremost in the United States of America and will defend its Constitution with all its power and blood, and that now is the time to use our heads to prepare, and that by doing so we may save much of our blood. Be it further

"Resolved, That Charlotte Central Labor Union and its affiliated locals will be found ready to co-operate at once, as they always have. This is a matter of life and death and must be treated accordingly."

CHARLOTTE'S RED CROSS DRIVE RECEIVES MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT CENTRAL LABOR UNION

President J. A. Moore presided over one of the best meetings of Central Labor Union last night that has been held in some time, and while much of the business was of a private nature it was interesting from beginning to end.

A letter was read from President William Green urging all A. F. of L. Central bodies and locals to join whole-heartedly in financial and moral support of this great organization. A donation of \$25 was ordered for this worthy cause by unanimous vote, and locals were asked to make donations to the cause.

Another feature was the report of H. L. Conder, treasurer of the skating area fund, as to readiness to go forward as soon as sites are selected, a special committee, with Brother Conder as chairman being appointed to make selection at once and proceed with the work.

A new local of state highway workers from Monroe sent delegates and credentials to affiliate with Central body the delegates being obliged and seated.

H. L. McElie made a brief report on Housing Project activities he is engaged in on this board.

"Stough" Campbell, chairman of the organizing committee made the usual encouraging report from that branch of Central body's activities.

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fighters local reported business as bad the past week. He clarified his statement by saying when there were many fires business was "bad," but when there were few, or none, business was "good."

"Jimmy" Bradburn, of the P. O. Clerks, acted as secretary in the absence of Sec. Wm. S. Greene, who is attending the Musicians' convention at Indianapolis, Ind.

H. P. Perry, of Alabama, an old-time member of the Machinists Union, made a short talk. Brother Perry expects to locate in Charlotte and will be an asset to the labor movement here.

City police Monday raided the headquarters of Nebel mill strikers (CIO) on West Worthington avenue and said they found, among other things, light bulbs filled with sulphuric acid.

Yates Webb, who said he was in charge of the establishment, was placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance in recorder's court to answer charges of "possessing deadly weapons for illegal purposes."

Police said they found a shotgun, sling shots, bulbs, filled with paint and with sulphuric acid.

Sunday night watchman at the mill said a black car drove up to the transformers. The night watchman said he fired five times at the car. The damaged transformers prevented the mill from operating until new transformers could be installed.—Observer, Tuesday.

After Dark!! ... by Rice

EVERYONE
IN THE
NIGHT

YOUR EYES
AT NIGHT
ARE REALLY
YOUR
HEADLIGHTS!

YOUR SAFETY and OTHER'S
DEPENDS ON THEM

OLD-TYPE HEADLAMPS LOSE
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TERIORATE—THEY MUST BE KEPT
CLEAN and in ADJUSTMENT!

"SEALED BEAM" LIGHTING ON NEW CARS
IS A STEP TOWARDS SAFETY—MAINTAINS
EFFICIENCY THROUGHOUT LIFE.

BUT, OLD CAR or NEW, USE LOWER
or PASSING BEAM on MEETING

Odds and Ends, Local, Labor, Etc.

Charlotte Typographical Union is going into its 44th year, the charter having run continuously since May 20, 1897.

Postmaster Younts announces a new postal record for May for \$95,325.21, an increase over last May of last year of \$6,513.14.

Saturday added one more to our murder record in Charlotte, giving us a good lead on the nation, as a whole. Vernon Blount