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Every Day Is FLAG DAY



PRESIDENT C. L. FINK

President C. L. Fink, of Spencer, president of the N. C. State Federation of Labor paid The Journal a visit last Saturday. It is always a pleasure to meet and converse with him, as he always leaves one in a better frame of mind. His magnetic personality, his calm manner and his sincerity in the labor movement is one that might well be emulated by others of our leaders. In his handling of the affairs of the State Labor movement he has been unbiased and four-square listening to both sides, always being found on the side of the conservatism and the right.

FLAGS FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Our city schools are to stress Patriotism each day, says Superintendent Harding, by repeating the oath of allegiance and saluting the American Flag. It is well. It should have been in all the years gone by, a part of the training of the young mind. He state Saturday the securing of nearly 500 Flags was a problem. It should not be, for heretofore each and schoolroom should have been the possessor of a Flag. It is the city's duty to furnish these Flags, and they and the Bible should be our first units of defense.

THE OLD VETS OF THE "THIN GRAY LINE"

This year will see the last remnant of the Confederate Veterans assemble for their fiftieth reunion. Around 1,200 remain, with this year's attendance of veterans estimated to be about 300. The thought comes to us of what these stalwarts have meant to each and every one of us of Southern heritage, and as we see each year the decrease in the ranks of these men who fought for what they believed to be right, it brings us more and more to the belief that America is the land of the free and the home of the brave. Dissenting and disagreeing as to certain definitions of the Constitution, yet when an outer foe attacks there comes a unity that makes a chain of patriotism without a faultless link.

A. F. OF L. MADE LABOR DAY

Another Labor Day has passed, one more generally observed than its predecessor, especially in Charlotte, where on our first Labor Day celebration, over forty years ago, no stores closed, and business pursued the even tenor of its way, with no thought of observance, but a sarcastic smile on the faces of most business men and manufacturers. But the labor stalwarts in labor kept a stiff upper lip, and held heads erect, knowing that it was a just cause they were fighting for—that was the A. F. of L. in the days of Gompers.

It was at Vance Park, a part of the postoffice property, before the new postoffice was built, that the speaking was held. A few fraternal organizations took part in the parade, the Woodman of the World, the Junior Order of American Mechanics and another whose name we do not recall.

But today—with no demonstration by Charlotte Labor—we find stores closing, we find that through half a century sound principles of an organization founded for the uplift of man has gone a great way. We find the daily press hailing Labor, both editorially and on its advertising pages. The "Big, Bad Wolf" seems to have become a Lamb, in time, which is fondled because of its strength. Labor Day was fought for by the A. F. of L. and made possible only through organized labor against seemingly almost overwhelming odds.

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THEY ALL CELEBRATED LABOR DAY

Los Angeles, Cal. celebrated Labor Day in the grand old way, yes, the "Legions of Labor Marched" to the tune of 25 bands, and 250 locals, and around 15 auxiliaries. This gigantic turnout of men and women affiliated with the A. F. of L. made history, and only goes to give evidence of the power of the A. F. of L. movement. Los Angeles was not alone, for New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Birmingham, as well as hundreds of smaller cities honored in a demonstrative way the DAY SET ASIDE FOR LABOR. While we have the State Federation of Labor Convention set for the second week in August, and Labor Day coming the first Monday in September, it would be a hurculean task to handle both, it is our hope that Charlotte Labor may be able to put on a Labor Day celebration, one that would draw thousands upon thousands of organized workers from adjacent territory which would give Charlotte one of the greatest parades and celebrations ever held in the Queen City of the South.

Of course, this is problematical; a year of uncertainty lies before us; the draft is on; we are building along lines of defense; every co-operation between Government, Capital and the Workers is called for, but let us hope for the best, and until the worst happens, lets prepare for the best.

THANK YOU, MR. KUESTER

The Journal is in receipt of a letter from Clarence Kuester, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, thanking the A. F. of L. for getting the 1941 State convention for Charlotte, and promising every co-operation in making it a pleasant and successful meeting, as far as entertainment by the Queen City is concerned. Mr. Kuester, we thank you—but, watch your "Buttons!"

TOUGH!
First Communist: Nice weather we're having.
Second Communist (grudgingly): Yes, but the rich are having it, too.
Eighth street west from Madison has become a veritable speedway. Sometimes a second look and thought is a cure for love at first sight.

Subscribers Please Take Notice!

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Grocery Bill Settled

After Lapse of 20 Years
SEATTLE, WASH. — When Paul Ringseth closed his general store in the central Alaska mining town of Livengood 23 years ago, he marked off as "total loss" nearly \$25,000 in unpaid bills.

But he reckoned without Tony Zuber, a miner, who, with a partner, had a joint debt of \$800 on Ringseth's thick ledger.

After years of endeavor, Zuber finally tracked down his benefactor who now operates a Seattle grocery. "Zuber called me up and said he wanted to pay his share of the joint bill," Ringseth disclosed. "He gave me \$320 and I gave him a 'paid in full' receipt. It was as simple as all that."

Fire Travels 750 Miles

To Denver to Be Put Out
DENVER.—A fire came 750 miles to be put out in Denver.

Trainmen, noticing smoke eddying from cracks in a Texas & New Orleans boxcar, ripped open the door and found at least half of its load of cotton sacking had been burned.

Assistant Fire Chief Allie Feldman said a cigaret may have been dropped in the car during loading.

South Dakota Pensioner,

73, Becomes a Father
PIERRE, S. D.—State social security department officials are giving special attention to relief needs of one client, a 73-year-old man whose 39-year-old wife just presented him another baby boy. The client has three other children, 12, 10, and 7 years old.

Clipped Agreeably
BERNE, IND.—Fred von Gunten, salesman, concluded an agreement with a local business man here, knowing all the time that he was going to get clipped in the deal. He sold a typewriter to a local barber, and agreed to take payment for the machine in haircuts.

Salesman, 92, Still Active
BOSTON.—On his ninety-second birthday, Edmund T. Lamb reported for work as a salesman—a career he has followed for 64 years. He still is active.
Keeping quiet when an argument starts, shows a good command of language.

Central Labor Union

Charlotte Central Labor Union will retain its present quarters in the Piedmont Building, third floor. This information is given for the benefit of those who are under the impression that the meeting place would be changed beginning the first of September.

At the meeting of Central Body last night a note of harmony prevailed and Brother Condon of the Carpenter's Local asked for co-operation of each and every delegate and every member of every local in making the State Federation of Labor Convention which comes to Charlotte in 1941 one of the greatest ever held in North Carolina. The committee appointed by President Scoggins is already going into details paying the way for preliminary action.

A perfect husband is one who never feels inside his pocket when passing a mail box.

When you make a fool out of yourself, remember who it was that did it, and don't blame the other fellow.

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Notable Birthdays



Queen Wilhelmina of Holland (above left), who will celebrate her birthday as a refugee in London on August 31. She was driven from her throne by Hitler's army. Olli Dionne, father of the famous Quint will mark his thirty-seventh birthday at Collander, Ontario, on August 27.

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