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## THRILLS OF ENTERTAINMENT ALONG WITH WORTH-WHILE EXHIBITS AT SO. STATES FAIR

Star figures in the show and entertainment world will join hands with farmers, home clubs and agricultural communities to make the Southern States Fair here, October 15 through 19 one of the largest and most spectacular expositions ever held in the south.

Five full days of fun and thrills, six nights of entertainment and an opening night replete with a gala prelude of the whole fair program are set for next week. From the advance sale of tickets it looks as if the crowds will be much larger than last year when enormous throngs surged

the grounds. Afterwards there will be a prelude program for special guests and the public.

There will be horse races Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of next week with some of the leading trotters and pacers in the country competing. Lucky Teter and his dare-devil crew will take over the program next Wednesday afternoon. AAA auto races will wind up the thrill program on the final day.

Clyde Beatty and his famous wild animal acts will be seen on the grandstand stage each day. Echoes of Broadway, with dozens of stars, and

## CHARLOTTE TYPO. UNION RESOLUTES ON OUR DEFENSE PROGRAM; PLEDGES ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

At a well attended meeting Sunday afternoon Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338, President H. A. Stalls presiding, disposed of much business with clock-like precision. One new member was obligated. It was voted unanimously to establish as a regular order of business at all meetings a pledge of allegiance to the United States and a salute to the flag. Wholehearted co-operation and support toward building and maintaining adequate defense was enthusiastically adopted. The resolution in full follows: "Whereas, the recent signing of a

military and economic pact between Japan, Germany, and Italy has greatly endangered the peaceful policy of the United States, and

"Whereas, this action on the part of the Axis powers has been followed up with semi-official threats from members of the Axis powers, and

"Whereas, like Czechoslovakia, like Poland, like Norway, like Holland, like Belgium, like Ethiopia, like Albania, like Luxembourg, and like China and Manchuria, the United States does not have any assurance whatsoever from any reliable source that its possessions will not be invaded, and

"Whereas, it is the sense of Charlotte Typographical Union, a subordinate of the International Typographical Union, that the foreign policies of the government be stiffened to meet all requirements in dealing with aggressor nations whoever they be, and

"Whereas, Charlotte Typographical Union is heartily in sympathy with the policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Cordell Hull relative to their views and actions in handling the world situation,

"Therefore be it resolved, that Charlotte Typographical Union go on record as expressing to the President of the United States its whole-hearted co-operation and support toward building and maintaining an adequate defense of the United States and its possessions, and

"Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull and members of the Congress of the United States from this district and to the press."

Notre Dame students are alarmed at the amount of immoral literature put out on the news stands and they have issued pamphlets entitled "No Smut," of which 125,000 copies have been distributed.

## A. F. OF L. DRAFTEES EXEMPTED FROM UNION DUES—PRECEDENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1917

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor announced that members of directly affiliated local unions who volunteer or are drafted for service in the nation's military forces will be exempted from dues payments and will retain their good union standing during their period of service.

In taking this action, the Executive Council followed a precedent established by the 1917 convention of the American Federation of Labor which voted a similar exemption to members who served in the World War.

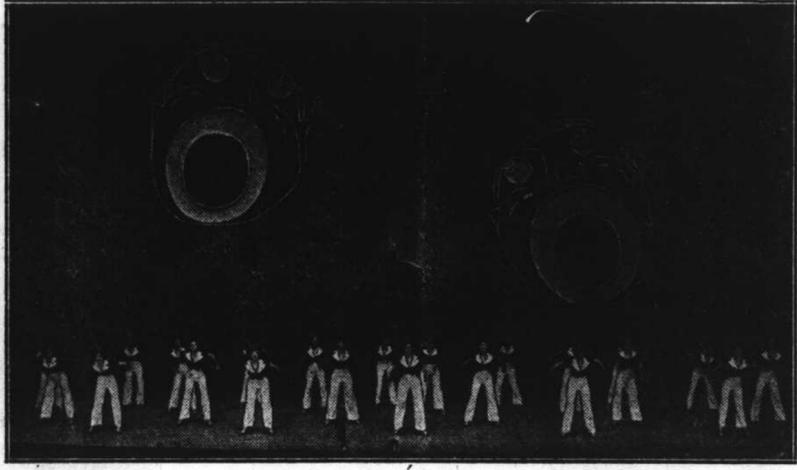
President William Green also announced that all City Central Bodies and State Federations of Labor will set up machinery to assist draftees to regain their former positions in industry, wherever possible, after completion of their year of military training.

"The American Federation of Labor is determined to do everything in its power to protect the status and promote the welfare of those who are called upon to serve our country in its time of emergency," Mr. Green said.

"It is the clear and patriotic duty of the American Government, American industry and American labor to safeguard the physical, moral and economic well-being of the young men who are shouldering the responsibility of defending the nation," Mr. Green also disclosed that national and international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are now considering what action they can take in accordance with their laws and Constitution to protect the standing of their members who are drafted and continue their rights to union benefits. The national and international unions during 1939 paid out more than \$25,000,000 in various forms of benefits to members, including old age pensions, death benefits, health and unemployment compensation and disability payments.

The entire defense program was thoroughly canvassed by the Executive Council. Members who had direct information on various defense projects affecting their unions reported to the council on how the rights of workers were being protected. The center of the discussion, Mr. Green said, was the maintenance of labor standards. He said there was no evidence of danger as yet to these standards but he expressed apprehension lest attempts may be made in the future to increase working hours without payment of overtime.

Committees representing opposing factions within the Virginia State Federation of Labor were given an extended hearing by the Executive Council which decided to send a representative of the American Federation of Labor to the State body's next convention to see to it that the laws regarding representation are fully upheld.



through the gates each day. School children will be admitted free two days.

North Carolina's 4-H health queen, pretty Miss Mary Francis Grier, of Mecklenburg county, will ride on a prize float in the parade that will open the fair celebration, Monday evening, Oct. 14. School bands, and commercial floats will make the parade an outstanding one. Press and radio men will be guests at a special supper on

that famous Roxette chorus, will perform on the state each night. The revue includes a girls' marimba band, a big brass band, a grand opera singing star, many specialty acts and novelty numbers.

The big exhibit building will be well filled with school, farm and community exhibits. The poultry building, the new swine and the livestock building will be filled to overflowing.

### DIFFERENT

When Adolf Hitler reached out his blood-soaked hands to grab England he found a different job from any he had ever tackled before, for the British people are fighters who never give up. Hitler announced that he would conquer England by August 15. Then he changed the date to August 20, and again changed it to September 1 and again to September 15. Here it is the first of October and he has not yet licked England. Hitler slipped a cog somewhere.—Exchange.

## UNFAIR TO ORGANIZED LABOR

QUALITY BOTTLING CO.  
Monroe, N. C.

The bottlers of Jacob Rupert Beer, sold in the State of North Carolina, is unfair to organized labor. This information is given The Journal by the Brewery Workers Local, No. 340, and members and friends of organized labor will govern themselves accordingly.

Central Labor Union has concurred in the placing of Rupert Beer on the unfair list 100 per cent.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR

**FOURTEENTH CENTURY FLORENCE, CENTER OF THE ART WORLD, WAS GOVERNED BY THE GUILD (TRADE UNIONS). THE GUILD WERE CHIEF PATRONS OF THE ARTS.**

**EDWARD C. CHAFFE**  
FOUNDER OF THE MINSTERS' UNION

HE FOUNDED THE MINSTERS' UNION TO IMPROVE THE STANDARDS OF THE INDUSTRY, AND TO ENABLE IT TO AD LABOR IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR ITS RIGHTS. HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE LABOR TEMPLE, A CULTURAL AND SETTLEMENT INSTITUTION FOR WORKERS OF ALL FAITHS.

THE FIRST WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT IN THIS COUNTRY WAS A FEDERAL ACT PASSED IN 1902, COVERING CERTAIN CLASSES OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

THE LABEL UNDER THE HAT IS YOUR GUARANTEE OF HIGH QUALITY AND BEST AMERICAN WORKMANSHIP.

## Machines and Men

Whenever a blue-print for a new job came to me in my machine-shop days I could always tell, without looking at the signature, whether the drawing was made by my department. There was an individuality about each drawing which immediately identified the draughtsman. He had been given great liberty in the details of the machine which he was designing, and he had a fine chance for stamping it with his idea of just what that finished machine should be like. And yet, every machine needed to be constructed upon one or more of these six mechanical principles—the lever, the wedge, the screw, the pulley, the inclined plane, the wheel and axle. Never yet was a successful machine built unless it was constructed with one or more of these mechanical powers as its basis.

In making our life's plans, we too are given considerable liberty. We generally decide for ourselves. There are expectations, of course, but as a usual thing, we have the decision in our own hands. But whatever the work may be, it will always bear the impression of our own personalities. The worker in wood, or iron, or stone, the manipulator of leather or of cloth, no matter what may be his occupation, somewhere on the job, puts something of himself into it. The toolmarks are always there. Those who know paintings can immediately call the name of the artist, and the machinist is known by his file and chipping marks.

If what I have said is true of the machine; if one cannot construct even an engine without the observance of inexorable law, is it reasonable to suppose that a man can be built haphazard, or of scrap material? What a fool the mechanic would be if he went to a scrap-heap in the back yard and fished out a cracked cog-wheel and put it into an otherwise perfect machine. But that is precisely what many a man is doing in building his character. The cracked cog-wheel may soon send the entire machine to the scrap-heap, but there is no scrap-heap for the human soul. It lives on forever.

True success in life can be secure only as our plans are based upon certain well defined principles. Honor and integrity are the foundation stones of real power. Reputation is what others give us. Character is what we make for ourselves. Men may take away our reputations, but our characters are ours forever.

## Hunsinger Goes On Park Board As Labor Member

J. A. Moore, a member of the Park and Recreation commission, yesterday tendered his resignation to the city council and R. W. Hunsinger, employe of the Railway Express Agency, was appointed to complete the unexpired term.

Mayor Ben E. Douglas read a letter from Mr. Moore, a post office worker, who said postal laws prevent him from serving on the commission. His resignation was accepted with regrets. The Charlotte Central Labor union

recommended Mr. Hunsinger for the post. Motion for his appointment was made by Councilman Parks Little and it carried unanimously. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Hunsinger will remain in office until May when the term of this administration expires.

Mr. Moore in his short communication to the council simply stated that postal laws, adopted in 1939, prevent him from continuing to serve on the commission.

### MRS. H. C. HULL LEAVES PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Mrs. H. C. Hull, who has been under treatment at the Presbyterian hospital, was removed to her home last Saturday and is said to be greatly improved.

## Ten Million Read Labor Press

The American Council on Public Affairs, in announcing publication of a Labor press directory compiled by the University of Wisconsin Labor Research Library, states that at the present time there are 646 Labor publications in the United States and 30 in Canada.

The combined readers of all are fixed at 10,000,000. That's not a bad figure for a press that, at best, has a year end fight with the advertising public (big-business) as to the worth of this medium for sales purposes.

Professor John R. Cummons, of the Wisconsin University faculty, in an introduction to the directory writes:

"It is upon this Labor press that the historian has to depend for a real insight into what makes the labor movement and the special industrial institutions which have been its product."

Again: well chosen words, for seldom if ever would one find anything in the daily press that would give this valuable information.

## Central Labor Union

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
October 9, 1940.

After the pledge to the flag, the meeting was opened by President Scoggins, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The various special committees reported: The Federal Housing Authority, the Skating Areas, the committee to aid the City Employees local, the Draft Board committee, the Firemen's committee.

The assembled delegates voted to let Bro. Conder go ahead to the finish with the much elaborated plans of the Skating Area, underwriting the deficit expected of \$150.

The Skating Area is a much more permanent and worth while project than when first planned.

The secretary was instructed to write re the constitutionality of having a split delegation from the platoons A & B of the Firemen's local, treating them as two rather than one local.

The roll call of locals and delegates shows the expansion going on in the skilled crafts.

A letter from the State Highway Employees asking for immediate action was accepted, concurred in, and given to the committee already formed for same. A late report of the Parks and Recreation member announced that Brother Hunsinger had been appointed to take the place of Brother Moore, as recommended.

Various members of the newly-formed Western Union local of the traffic department reported and were given the usual welcome to the fold. Much advice and assistance was given this new body by the older and more seasoned members of the locals in Charlotte. This local is already taking its place in the ever ex-

panding A. F. of L. in Mecklenburg county. They are conservative workmen, skilled in their craft.

The meeting then adjourned after further usual discussion for the good of the order.

WM. S. GREENE, Sec'y.

## LABOR GETS MEN ON DRAFT BOARD OF 15 MEMBERS

Fifteen draft board members and five appeal agents were named Wednesday by the appointive committee meeting at the courthouse at which time also the whole of Mecklenburg county was districted and the five boards were assigned to handle examination of men from 21 through 35 years of age who may be selected for a year of military service as part of the national defense program.

Board members for District one are James A. Bell, Rufus Johnston, and Carol D. Taliaferro with John Durham being made special agent District two, H. M. Victor, Bryce Bingham, and W. S. Green, with Ralph Van Landingham as appeal agent; District three, Louis G. Ratcliffe, W. A. Myers, and Eddie E. Jones, with Judge Fred C. Hunter as appeal agent; District four, F. L. Jackson, J. M. Smith, H. L. Kiser, with Judge E. M. A. Currie as appeal agent; District five, Clarence O. Kuester, Rev. Jesse Lockerbie, and F. A. Wilkinson, with Radph V. Kidd as appeal agent.

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