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LABOR'S DRAFT BOARD MEMBERS

To Labor's Key Men on the Draft Boards locally, as elsewhere throughout the state, much credit should be given. They are men who labor daily for a livelihood, with only that to fall back on, but they have never faltered, never failed, and have taken up the burden with enthusiasm, being placed in responsible positions by their respective chairmen. It is locally, that The Journal is most interested, and to Wm. S. Greene, of the Musicians' local, and Hill Kiser, of the Plumbers and Steamfitters local, the thanks of labor in Charlotte is extended for their patriotic sacrifice. Of course, it is a duty, and members of the A. F. of L. never shirk a duty.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL BECOMING ACTIVE

The Building Trades Council is becoming active, and much credit is due the fourteen units which compose that body. They are taking time by the forelock and looking in to contracts for construction prior to beginning of work on same. Much credit for improved conditions, is due M. E. McGrath, secretary of the American Federation of Labor Building Trades Council in Charlotte. He has able assistants in the heads of the affiliated locals, and the Council can rest assured of the whole-hearted support of Charlotte Central Labor Union and its affiliated organizations.

WE SEE AMERICA

By re-electing President Roosevelt, this country has taken another long forward step in the direction of maintaining a true democracy. The American people proved that they are standing "pat" on the principle that the common men, the "little people," are the backbone of the nation, and that it is in the interest of this vast majority that this country shall be run. The American people proved that they would not be "scared" into a stampede toward reactionary government.

At Cleveland, on Nov. 2, the President asked for a vote of confidence, and said:

"I see an America with peace in the ranks of labor.

"An America where the workers are really free—through their great unions undominated by any outside force, or by any dictator within—to take their proper place at the council table with the owners and managers of business. Yes, an America where the dignity and security of the working men and women are guaranteed by their own strength and fortified by the safeguards of law."

This is the America for which labor has worked. This is the America that a vote of confidence in our great President has secured.

Surely all working men and women in this country recognize the importance of peace in the ranks of labor. That peace is now possible—and imperative! If the security of the working people is to be maintained it can be done only by labor united.

"PRETRIAL" COURT PAYS

The first month's operation of Chicago's "pretrial" court has saved the city treasury at least \$12,000, the American Municipal Association reports. The court was created to speed justice, and save costs for both litigants and taxpayers in cases involving small damage suits, broken contracts and unpaid wages.

Under the pretrial court system, litigants are called into conference before their cases come to trial to see if the issues can be settled through conciliation and agreement. Municipal Judge Oscar S. Caplan, who presides over the unusual court, said about 31 per cent of the 2,257 cases called have been disposed of, and that action has been taken on all but 479 of the cases.

The association said the practice of calling cases in advance of trial for the settlement of issues has been of great aid in Cincinnati, Detroit and Los Angeles in bringing about settlements, and in stabilizing dockets so judges may be kept busy trying cases that deserve and are ready for trial.

WATCH THE CORNERS

When you wake up in the morning full of bright and happy
And feel inclined to grumble pout or frown,
Just glance into your mirror, and you will quickly see,
It's because the corners of your mouth turn down.
Then take this simple rhyme—remember it in time—
"It's always dreary weather in countryside or town,
When you wake and find the corners of your mouth turned
down."

When you wake up in the morning full of bright and happy
thoughts,
And begin to count the blessings in your cup,
Then glance into your mirror and you will quickly see,
It's all because the corners of your mouth turn up.
Then take this little rhyme—and remember all the time
"There's joy a-plenty in this world, to fill life's silver cup,
If you'll only keep the corners of your mouth turned up."
—Unknown.

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BY DR. CHARLES STELZLE

We have just passed through one of the most bitter political campaigns in American history. In some countries, such a campaign would be accompanied by riots, murders, the destruction of property, the mass intimidation of voters, and very frequently the candidates for office would be compelled to seek protection from violence until the successful candidate had been established. Or, as often happens, the unsuccessful candidates had been "liquidated" so that they might not become embarrassing to the new government.

None of these things occurred in the United States. However, it happens that this particular election was held at a time when its results will be most widely felt during coming days. It was so important that it was carefully watched by the major nations of the world, because they believed that the noiseless American ballots would determine far weightier matters than the firing of guns and the dropping of heavy bombs by flying airplanes. For these ballots expressed the voice and the heart and the mind of a free nation—the most powerful in the world.

However this may be, there is no doubt that the effects of the election will be most widely felt in the United States. It may mean greater freedom and prosperity for our people, or it may mean increasing strife and discontent. And these will be brought about not so much by those who have been either elected or defeated for office, as by the attitude of our citizenry toward each other. Our country needs to fear what we shall do to each other more than we need to be afraid of what the warring nations of Europe may do to us. One of the worst things that can happen to us is to bear a grudge against our fellow citizens, for in so doing we are simply nurturing a cankerous sore which will ultimately corrode and corrupt the best that is in us.

Regardless of who may be our President, or the makers of our laws, our future lies in the hands of "we the people"—and this means the whole people. Most important is whether we want unity, true patriotism, and industrial co-operation, through which we shall achieve reemployment, rebuilding of our homes and our institutions, and mainly the strengthening of our characters as true Americans. This is the way of American Democracy.

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**Foremost Dairies
Starts Children's
Safety Contest**

Foremost Dairies, Inc., 500 E. Fourth street, announces a contest for grammar school students in which many valuable gifts will be given. The contest starts this week and will end December 1. Between now and the closing date many gifts will be made to boys and girls writing letters on what the safety campaigns have done for Charlotte.

The contest is being conducted for the purpose of stressing the importance of safety among school children, P. I. Henderson, manager of Foremost, said.

The children merely write letters to Foremost Dairies of not more than 100 words telling how their school's safety campaign has helped Charlotte. Mr. Henderson explained that the letter can be written on a campaign now in progress or it can be written around one that was put on any time in the past. "All that we require," said Mr. Henderson, "is that the contestants are in the grammar grades and that they write not over 100 words on safety and what it means to Charlotte."

Those writing the best letters will receive gifts, Mr. Henderson said. Winners will be announced weekly.

"I wish our bank could get on its feet enough to quit sending back our checks marked 'no funds,'" said Mrs. Newlywed.

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North Carolina,
Mecklenburg County,
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Hazel Hanson, Plaintiff,
vs.
C. P. Hanson, Defendant.

The defendant, C. P. Hanson, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to obtain absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the courthouse in Charlotte, North Carolina, on the 19th day of December, 1940, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 18th day of October, 1940.
J. LESTER WILFE,
Clerk of Superior Court, Mecklenburg County,
Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7-14.

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
State of North Carolina,
County of Mecklenburg,
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Fred M. Nivens, Plaintiff,
vs.
Billie Trammell Nivens,
Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County for an absolute divorce, on the grounds of abandonment and two years separation. And the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, at the County Court House, Charlotte, North Carolina, within thirty days from the day on which service by publication in this cause is completed, or within thirty days from the 25th day of November, 1940, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 4th day of November, 1940.
J. LESTER WILFE,
Clerk of Superior Court,
Nov. 14, 21, 28; Dec. 5-6.

**Workers And Nat.
Defense Pamphlet
By Dept. of Labor**

The U. S. Department of Labor has issued a pamphlet called Workers and National Defense at the suggestion and with the help of labor union officials.

It answers, in a practical way, such questions as these: How do I go about getting a job in defense production—either in the Government or in private industry? What kind of workers are likely to be needed most now? Where can one get training for the jobs that need to be done? Can I brush up on skills which have become rusty?

Then it discusses the maintenance of labor standards at a time when production is geared to defense needs. It touches on collective bargaining, minimum wages and maximum hours, and the protection of workers' safety and health.

Copies may be obtained by interested individuals or organizations who write to the Division of Labor Standards, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

WHEN PA IS SICK

When Pa is sick, he's scared to death,
An' Ma an' us just holds our breath.
He crawls in bed, an' puffs an' grunts,
An' does all kinds of crazy stunts.
He wants "Doc" Brown, an' mighty quick.

For when Pa's sick, he's awful sick,
He gasps and groans, an' sort o' sighs,
He talks so queer, an' rolls his eye,
Ma jumps an' run, an' all of us,
An' all the house in a fuss.
An' peace an' joy is mighty skeer—
When Pa is sick, it's something fierce.

When Ma is sick she pegs away;
She's quiet, though, not much to say.
She goes right on a-doin' things,
An' sometimes laughs, or even sings;
She says she don't feel extra well,
But then it's just a kind o' spell,
She'll be all right to-morrow, sure,
A good old sleep will be the cure.
An' Pa he sniffs an' makes no kick,
For womenfolks is always sick.
An' Ma, she smiles, let's on she's glad.
When Ma is sick, it ain't so bad.
—Bob Nickles.

"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and the world, remains and is immortal."—Albert Pike, poet, 1809-1891.

The average American today has, as he thinks, 94 necessities as compared with 16 he thought he had 100 years ago.

Last year in Germany, the Bible outsold Hitler's Mein Kempf, the official text book of the super-state, by 200,000.

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