

CENTRAL LABOR BODY STARTS YEAR OFF WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE; MUCH INTEREST IN CONVENTION

After a vacation of two weeks for the holidays, Charlotte Central Labor Union started 1941 off Wednesday night of this week with a vim, and while the attendance was below par, there was no lack of interest in matters that pertained to the interest of the locals in this territory. The discussions were of a private nature and many important angles were discussed. Organization work along textile lines was of an encouraging nature. The matter of securing a permanent home for Central body and affiliated locals was brought up by Brother Conder, and discussed at some length. The matter of securing a permanent home for Central body and affiliated locals was brought up by Brother Conder, and discussed at some length. The matter of securing a permanent home for Central body and affiliated locals was brought up by Brother Conder, and discussed at some length.

Delegate Hunsinger, a member of the Park and Recreation Commission, made a report on the activities and needs of that arm of our local government, which was elaborated on by Brother J. A. Moore, a former member of that board.

President Scoggins presided, William Greene filling his post as secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United Textile Workers of America, A. F. of L. affiliate, reported two big victories in Southern textile mills in polls held to choose collective bargaining representatives.

At Inman, South Carolina, the textile workers won exclusive bargaining rights by a vote of 581 to 73. At Asheville, North Carolina, the U. T. W. triumphed by a vote of 1596 to 480 in an election among the employees of the Enka Rayon Corporation.

PROBABLY

Tacher: "Johnny, what did Paul Revere say at the end of his famous ride?"
Johnny: "Whoa"

INT. LADIES GOVERNMENT WORKERS (A.F.L.) ASKS BETTER MANAGEMENT, FACTORIES BE RUN ON BETTER BASIS

NEW YORK.—The city's 85,000 unionized dressmakers are seeking a contract with their employers calling for "efficient management" of factories and have offered to supervise betterment of the ways of business.

"Where you find inefficiency you find poor earnings, high overhead, late deliveries and bad workmanship, and where you find these you also find that business begins to decline." Garment workers, he said, would be glad to help combat this condition by supervising the establishment of a school of management where experts in various specialized fields could instruct employers on how to "streamline" their business.

Royal Family of Stuart Knew Great Misfortune

If you look into the history of a royal family, you may find a great deal of adventure and sadness, but you will have to search a long time to match the story of the house of Stuart.

Eight centuries ago, a young noble was sent to Scotland by the English king. The Normans had held power in England for nearly 100 years and had obtained some control over the Scots.

The young noble was named Walter, and he was given a great deal of land in Scotland. The king also gave him the office of steward of Scotland.

Walter's son held the same office, and so did his grandson and great grandson. That is the reason for the family name of the house of Stewart or Stuart, and that is how it is most often spelled in history books.

As time went on, the Stuarts came to feel more Scottish than English. They fought in battles for the freedom of Scotland.

In the year 1315 one of the Stuarts married a princess, Marjorie, the daughter of Robert Bruce. A son of this marriage at length came to the Scottish throne.

From that time onward there was a line of Stuart kings in Scotland. It is a tale of strange tragedy.

Later came Mary Queen of Scots, who was three times a widow and was held prisoner for 20 years.

Then came a quick change of fortune. The son of Mary Queen of Scots was given the English throne, ruling both England and Scotland.

Teach Children to Cross Streets, Parents Advised

Selection by parents of the best and safest route to the store and to school for small children will help greatly in reducing chances for child traffic accidents.

Eventually the child must use the street unguarded. Isn't it a parent's duty to teach the child how to use streets safely just as much as it is a duty to teach him how to dress?

Whenever possible the most hazardous crossings should be avoided. Walk with the child over the route to be followed—and explain why that route is best; why others are dangerous.

Sometimes it will be impossible to choose a route with all crossings protected. In such cases, parents should explain the importance of looking in all directions, and of always looking to the left just before stepping off the curb, and looking to the right at the center of the street before completing the other half of the crossing.

Explain where the child should be especially watchful and why.

Device for Deflecting Glare. An attorney of Sumter, S. C., has recently obtained a patent on a device for automobiles that reflects car lights over the head of the driver and at the same time gives him clear visibility on meeting a brightly lighted automobile traveling in the opposite direction.

Harmon D. Moise, who lays claim to this invention, explains the device as being a thin, transparent device, attachable to an automobile windshield, which is glued to the inside of the windshield, with the thin edge downward, deflecting the light rays upward over the driver's head.

The first prisms were made of glass, but recently he has been experimenting with a plastic substance which is as clear as glass and less fragile, and which will probably last longer.

Treaty of Versailles. It is commonly asserted that the Treaty of Versailles terminated hostile relations between all the warring powers engaged in the 1914-18 World War. The truth is that this treaty concluded the war only for Germany and the Allies when it was signed on June 28, 1919.

Peace between Austria and the Allies was signed September 10, 1919; between Bulgaria and the Allies on November 27, 1919; between Hungary and the Allies on June 4, 1920; between Turkey and the Allies on August 10, 1920; and between the United States and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria and Hungary) on August 28, 1921—nearly three years after the armistice was signed.

Scout Bloom of Wistaria. Wistaria seedlings some times take six or seven years to make up their minds and produce racemes of flowers. To insure immediate flowering, plant grafted stock or layered cuttings from proven plants.

Other reasons for lack of blooms, is too rich a soil, lack of sunshine or too much water. If growth is too rampant, withhold feeding and prune the long runners to within three or four buds from the old wood stock. Repeated pruning now will force the formation of flower buds.

If these precautions fail, then next fall prune the roots by spading down 12 inches deep at a distance of 11 inches from the main trunk.

CORDELIA PARK SKATING AREA FILLS A NEED

The skating area built at Cordelia park through the assistance of the Charlotte Labor Union is being used by hundreds of boys and girls, it was announced yesterday by Marvin Ray, superintendent of the park and recreation commission.

The concrete skating area was constructed in an effort to keep the children out of the street. In other sections of Charlotte several skating children have been injured by automobiles.

Mr. Ray said he thought the skating area was a highly successful and indicated that other such areas are desired.

The Central Labor Union several months ago raised funds to build the skating place. Several were planned, but finances prevented the construction of but one.—Observer.

(Our hats are doffed to Brother Moore, Conder, Bradburn and others for their work in making the Cordelia Park area a "dream come true."—Ed)

Mexican Indians Drink Pulque

The universal beverage of the Mexican Indians is pulque, a fermented product of the maguey, or century plant, which is generally produced under the most appalling unhygienic conditions.

Nathaniel Weyl, author of Woodstock, N. Y., says in a symposium on Latin-American culture published by the Columbia University Press.

"The almost ubiquitous lack of sanitary drinking water has stimulated the pulque habit," according to Mr. Weyl, who reports that Otomi peasants with whom he talked admitted that they consumed as much as seven quarts daily.

"The Mexican Indian baby is given the same lethal diet as his parents. In some regions, infants are weaned with a cloth dipped in corn whiskey.

The Mexican Indian's diet, it is pointed out, is based on maize and brown beans. Chili is introduced to stimulate the digestive juices, but it has a caustic effect on the stomach and intestines.

Irish Fought for Freedom

The Irish threw their fortunes, their spirited energies, and themselves into the flaming cause of freedom. The spirit of '76 was an Irish spirit. . . . Kneeling at the feet of independence.

Thirteen of the fifty-six signers of the deathless Declaration of Independence were Irish or descendants of Irish! The Irish were in the publishing realm before our government was wrought. Hugh Gaine founded the Mercury in New York in 1775.

John Dunlop published the first daily newspaper in Philadelphia, and John Daly Burke founded the first daily in Boston. In 1794 Matthew Carey, friend of Franklin, established the Pennsylvania Herald. Horace Greeley established and edited the New York Tribune.

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AFL RUBBER WORKERS WIN BIG MAJORITY VOTE OVER CIO

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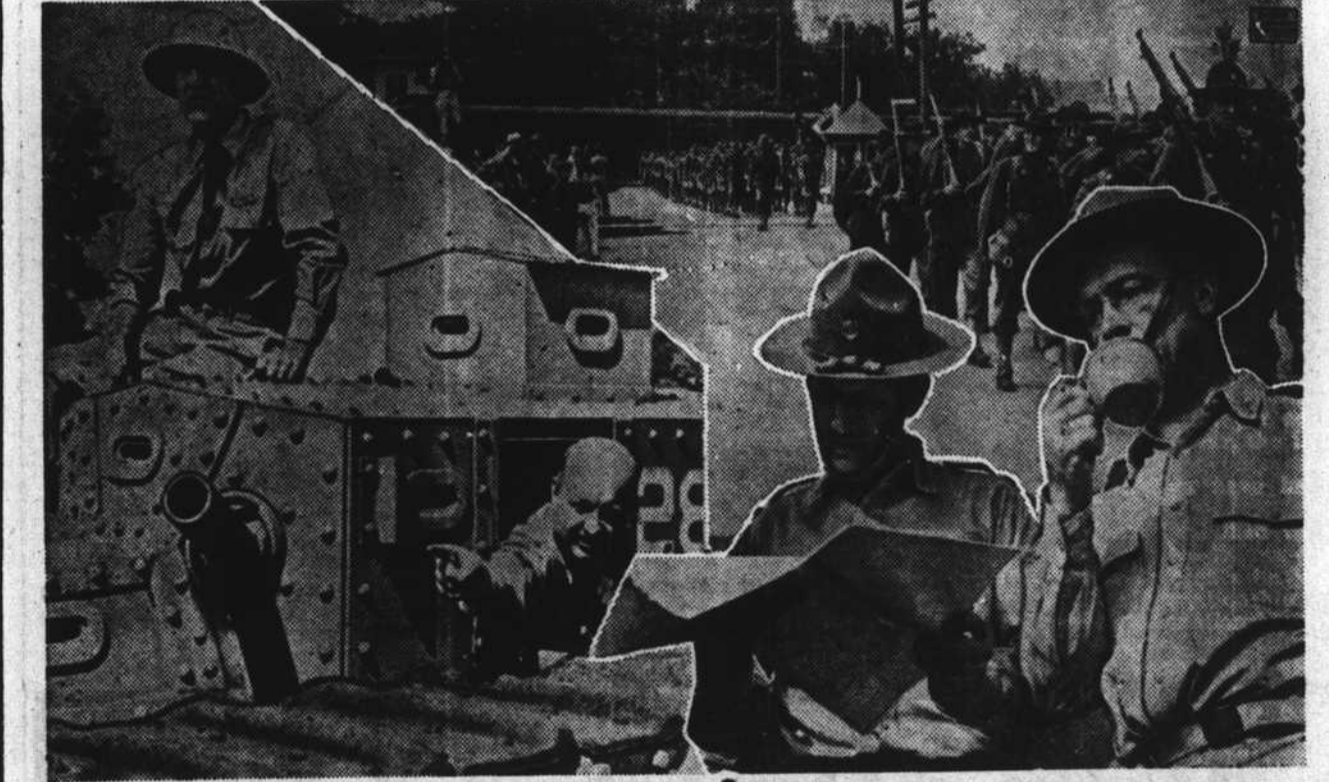
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