

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 affiliated locals was brought up by the affiliated bodies and reported on at a later date.

The convention committee met after the regular meeting, and plans were made to go forward with the work for entertaining the State A. F. of L. convention in August. Between 500 and 750 delegates and visitors will be present from out of Charlotte for this gathering.

Reports of locals were good, and all in all, 1941 promises to be a banner year.

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 a school to teach the ways of business betterment.

Five employer associations to which the plan was offered by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union (AFL) last week expressed general agreement as they took it under consideration.

The New York Times acceptance of the proposal would make the industry the first "in which inefficiency on the part of management would be a contract violation." With an annual business of \$350,000,000, the industry is New York's largest.

As outlined, by Julius Hochman manager of the union's joint dress board, the plan centers on the principle that dress factory workers have the right to demand a management precluding a potential loss of wages.

The union leader told the employers that earnings of workers paid on a piece-rate basis were kept low by faulty plant organization, inadequate equipment and other factors of "mismanagement."

"It is a vicious circle," he said. employers they considered inefficient.

AFL RUBBER WORKERS WIN BIG MAJORITY VOTE OVER CIO

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The American Federation of Labor Federal Rubber Workers Local Union here won a decisive victory in the election among workers of the Firestone Rubber Company's tire manufacturing plant to choose representatives for collective bargaining.

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Eight centuries ago, a young noble was sent to Scotland by the English king. The Normans had held power by hundreds of boys and girls, it was announced yesterday by Marvin Ray, superintendent of the park and recreation commission.

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 Stewart. The French spelling was 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.

"This should give no offense to the production man or contractor in the industry," Hochman added, "since we have found from experience that the more able the man, the more ready he is to learn new methods and absorbed information from any reliable source."

Analysis of operations at one shop which used "sound" organization techniques showed; he said, that production per worker was 40 per cent above the general level and that overhead costs were cut 25 to 30 per cent, to the benefit of both employer and employee.

Hochman said the union would demand inclusion in the new contract of a clause giving workers the right to file charges with the impartial chairman of the dress industry against employers they considered inefficient.

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 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 Drank Palque

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 appallingly 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.

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? Since children are prone to imitate grownups, a parent's own actions in traffic will have a great deal to do with the actions of the children.

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. One very effective way of teaching small children the safe way to use the streets and avoid traffic accidents is used by many parents. They take a walk with the younger and play a game at the street crossings by letting the child observe traffic conditions, conducting the parent across the street.

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.

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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 26, 1921—nearly three years after the armistice was signed.

Seant 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 bloom, 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.

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Army Engages in Nationwide 'Blitzkrieg' Games



Greatest nationwide peacetime maneuvers in history are mobilizing 310,000 members of the regular army, the National Guard and the reserve in the East, South, Middle West and West. Uncle Sam's fighting forces are being trained in the latest techniques of blitzkrieg warfare. Above are shown typical scenes in the war games which bring into play mechanized "panzer" brigades, airplanes, motorized divisions, tanks, anti-aircraft corps, mobile infantry and other arms of service.

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