

CHARLOTTE DELEGATES TO N. C. FEDERATION CONVENTION

Mr. J. A. Scoggin, President of the Central Labor Union, Mr. J. A. Moore, with alternates Mr. C. R. Meacham and Mr. R. E. Deese will go to the annual American Federation of Labor Convention of the North Carolina Federation. Being aware of what has been going on behind the scenes of Federation circles since December 7th, 1941—we can hazard a guess as to the work that will be accomplished in Asheville when the Convention comes to order.

In the forefront of wholehearted co-operation all the way down the line—no matter if it hurts—have been the Federation men and officials of our state.

This theme, stressed by Mr. C. A. Fink, the state President and Mr. J. A. Scoggin, the Charlotte President, has been echoed in every hall and at every meeting.

The result is gratifying—and will continue to make every North Carolinian proud of his people and neighbors. Organization work, work of any nature pertaining strictly to UNION business has given way to the only REAL JOB AHEAD—HELPING TO WIN THE WAR.

Lacking the press agents employed by those who have an axe to grind with A. F. of L. labor, the public has not been informed fully as to just what Union Labor has pledged itself to do in this war—and WHAT IT HAS ACTUALLY DONE.

We'll leave all that to be told at the Asheville convention, and we are sure that a spirit of patriotism and unity will prevail that will be a model for organizations of every description throughout our country.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES HELP PUSH OUTPUT IN 900 PLANTS

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 2nd.—(ILNS)—Labor-management committees are actively pushing war production drives in 900 plants, War Production Drive headquarters announces.

Eleven General Electric Company plants have established labor-management committees. There are now labor-management committees in 25 Westinghouse plants and in three Western Electric plants.

With the rise in the number of plants forming committees, a large number of increases in production have been reported in the last few days.

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Wage-Hour Learner Regulations Amended

Amendments to the general regulations governing the employment of learners were issued today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage-Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

Under the amended regulations, which become effective June 25, learners must be listed on the employer's payroll in a separate group. Records of any experience they may have had within the previous five years must be kept by the employer in the form of individual statements signed by the learners. No certificate issued by the Administrator may authorize the employment of learners in more than one plant. In case of a serious violation, learner certificates shall be cancelled by the Administrator.

Amendments to special learner regulations for the Single Pants, Ehirts and Allied Garments and Women's Apparel Industries, also issued today, provide that learners may be employed in certain occupations at rates lower than 40 cents an hour.

According to the regulations, which become effective July 20, special certificates authorizing the employment of learners in these industries may be issued by the Administrator when it appears that experienced workers are not available and that the employment of learners will not create unfair labor cost advantages or depress working standards established for experienced workers.

Certificates may be issued for learners in the following occupations: machine operating (except cutting), pressing, handsewing, and finishing operations involving handsewing. Provision prescribing the number of learners permitted, the duration of the learning period, and minimum rates of pay varying between 25 and 32½ cents per hour are included in the regulations.

Post Office Clerks Name Grubbs Leader

R. J. Grubbs was elected president of Local No. 355, National Association of Post Office Clerks, at the monthly meeting held recently. Other new officers included Roy White, vice president and J. H. McGrath, secretary.

Although a new organization in Charlotte, the local association is a member of the national organization. The present aims of the Charlotte group is for the regulation of hours for substitute clerks so they may have one day off during the week and for a reasonable wage increase for workers for the duration of the war.

WPA Will Remain in Charlotte

The WPA has closed its district office in Charlotte and five other North Carolina cities, but Mr. C. C. McGinnis, state director, has stated that they will maintain an area projects headquarters in Charlotte. Those projects of the WPA will be continued that contributed to the health and welfare of the country or that have a direct bearing on the war effort.



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