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PRES. FINK OF N. C. FEDERATION OF LABOR EXTENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL CO-WORKERS

Spencer, N. C., Dec. 10, 1942.

Mr. W. M. Witter, Editor
Charlotte Labor Journal,
302 South College Street
Charlotte, North Carolina
Dear Brother Witter:

"May I take this opportunity, as President of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, to extend greetings to all of our co-workers and friends, Greetings and sincere wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. A year that will bring victory to our Arms and peace and justice to all nations, and the joy of reunion in all of our homes."

I am very happy to know that you are recovered sufficiently to be back on your post as editor of the Charlotte Labor Journal, which is the best Labor Paper in our state, and I always enjoy reading it.

I congratulate you for the fine work you have done and are now doing through your paper for the American Federation of Labor.

Trusting that your health remains good and assuring you of my highest regards and best wishes for your continued success.

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,
C. A. FINK, President,
N. C. State Federation of Labor.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION

Dear Brother Witter:

May I extend through your columns a personal and official greeting to all our friends and co-workers in the city of Charlotte.

This has been a trying year and we must gird ourselves for even a more trying year in 1943, but at least we can see the results of our efforts and our work, and that is satisfaction enough for anyone privileged as we are to live in the greatest country on earth.

Organized labor in our state should be congratulated on its intensity of effort as well as on its genuine common sense in its general morale and attitude, but we have only begun to fight and we will stick to the fight until our lives and our institutions are safe and free forever.

Again, on behalf of the Central Labor Union of Charlotte, I, along with the other officials and members, desire to extend most sincere wishes to all our people, all our officials, all our public servants, and all our neighbors, in every branch and in every department—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Fraternally,
J. A. SCOGGINS, Pres.

C. R. MEACHAM, Vice-Pres.
J. A. MOORE, Sec.
T. L. CONDER, Treas.

WE WILL MISS THE NEXT ISSUE

The Government in its rules concerning newspapers that have the mailing permit gives the publisher the privilege of skipping one issue in the 52 weeks of the year—so we will skip the issue of December 31st, 1942—and start fresh on January 7th, 1943—fighting the good fight for justice and freedom—as we have these 12 years as publisher of the Labor Journal and these 55 years as a UNION man.

The week will give us a chance to figure up our income tax for March 15th and further give us a chance to catch up on much needed prayer—prayer for VICTORY first—and VICTORY later—Victory for all people who work hard, fight hard and pray hard; prayer for our President, prayer for our beloved South; prayer for guidance of our leaders throughout the world, and prayer for all our friends all over the world—prayer for the Poles, the Czechs, the Jews, the Russians, the Chinese, the Greeks, and for every man and woman, everywhere and anywhere who is on the side of our UNITED STATES. God Bless America—Always.

P.S.:—Prayer also for guidance to find the source from which we will be able to pay our income taxes.

W. M. WITTER, Editor
CHARLOTTE LABOR JOURNAL.

"LET'S GO U.S.A.—KEEP 'EM FLYING"
FREE LABOR WILL WIN
"FIGHT — WORK — SAVE"

"PEACE ON EARTH—AND TO MEN—GOOD WILL"

Christmas this year comes to a confused world. The false prophets who guide the destinies of dictator nations have brought untold suffering to a sorely tried humanity.

Despite the haunting shadow of war, the deep abiding joy for Christmas is felt throughout the world. The Star of Bethlehem shines as brightly as it did almost two thousand years ago, its rays, reaching bravely through the dead darkness of ignorance and fear.

In our own community, we have felt the hot breath of war. But Christmas, 1942 brings renewed hope to those who suffered most. The spirit of neighborly love and devotion has eased many a saddened heart, the helping hand has been extended cheerfully when the road ahead seemed impassable.

The most joyful occasion known to man shall never be eclipsed by forces of darkness and we in our America, will resolve to help earn for ourselves through hard work, the spirit of Peace on Earth and Good Will To Men.

CARPENTERS UNION BUYS \$35,000 WAR BONDS THIS YEAR FROM MEMBERSHIP DUES

T. L. Conder, Secretary-Treasurer of the Carpenters and Joiners local of Charlotte, has announced that for the year 1942, 1100 members have been enrolled, making a total of about 2,000 members.

The union has used the fees of the new members and dues of old members to BUY WAR BONDS and the amount purchased is over \$35,000.

A POINT THAT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IS THE FACT THAT NINETY-NINE PERCENT OF THIS MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF NORTH CAROLINIANS.

And the above causes the editor, at this season of "Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men," to ruminate over the many dark Christmas seasons that the Carpenters Local, along with all the other locals of the A. F. of L. passed through in Charlotte—one in particular during the last depression when they were the forgotten men—asking no quarter, receiving none. In those days if a union man was brave enough to ask for same he was referred back to his local; then those union men who were at work drew up the belt a little tighter, dug a little deeper, and gave a little more. BUT, THEY WERE GRAND DAYS—DAYS FILLED WITH THE TRUE SPIRIT OF UNIONISM, WHEN A MERE HANDFUL OF CRUSADERS (THE OLD GUARD) WORKED BY DAY AND ACTED AS A BENEFACTOR IN GATHERING AND DISTRIBUTING FOOD FAR INTO THE HOURS OF THE NIGHT, furnishing oil and candles where electric service was discontinued; carrying milk to the children, medicine to the sick, and consolation and comfort to those distressed. It is events such as these that has built the A. F. of L. through the years into a structure of solid and pure Americanism. The lessons we have learned have been profitable, as have the mistakes we have made, and now in the midst of War, Labor stands as the Nation's bulwark, furnishing men on the battle front; at the forge, in the shop, in every line of endeavor—giving, toiling, praying. Yes, Labor will carry on, and when this War is won Labor expects to, and will, sit at the table of reconstruction, and relinquish none of the rights and privileges gained through the years of struggle. And The Charlotte Labor Journal, and its editor and publisher, is glad to have been a part and parcel in the struggle along with these old warriors, who are today welcoming, teaching and training the new recruits into the fundamental principles of the fellowship of man.

CAMERON MORRISON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY 7TH

Former Governor Morrison takes his seat in the 78th Congress when it convenes on January 7th, 1943.

From early reports, it appears that history may be made when the President addresses this new Congress on the "State of the Nation." It may very well be Mr. Roosevelt's greatest state paper. If it does come up to expectations, it must be ascribed to the inspiration of his audience, because his listeners will be the body of men who will fight this war for freedom, not alone for the United States but for the world, and they may very well be the Congress that will make the Peace after our Victory.

It is in such a setting that Cameron Morrison takes his seat representing our district, and it is fitting that this old warrior should come by the honor of this dramatic setting after a great career of decency and of wisdom.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

—St. Luke 2:7-14.

METHODIST FEDERATION SALUTES LABOR AS DECISIVE FACTOR FOR OUR VICTORY

Working men and women—the members of organized labor—are the backbone of the war efforts in all of the United Nations. They are under no illusions concerning the peril menacing freedom and will be the decisive factor in destroying the enemy. When the war is won, organized labor will be one of the powers of the post-war world.

That is a summary of a statement just issued by the Methodist Federation for Social Service, calling for a stronger voice for labor in the conduct of the war and a place at the conference table when the peace is being written.

The Federation recites the sacrifices and achievements of the workers: Millions of union members are in the armed forces of the United Nations.

Labor has given up its right to strike and has kept its pledge so faithfully that time lost from strikers since Pearl Harbor equals only one day for every thousand man-days worked.

Trade unionists have contributed a substantial part of their wages to War Stamps and Bonds and to various relief agencies, have served as air raid wardens and fire watchers, and have donated their blood to Red Cross banks.

Labor's production record has been "magnificent," and would have been even more conspicuous had management been equally cooperative.

"Monopolistic interests," the Federation declares, "in their drive for war profits, have blocked and are still blocking a maximum war effort."

Many problems of production could be solved were labor given representation on government agencies dealing with the question, the church group said.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

By RUTH TAYLOR

"And behold in that country there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Not to the rulers of the land, not to the proud of heart, but to the humble of spirit did the heavenly host appear on that Night of Nights. It was the simple shepherds keeping watch on a rocky hillside in Judea who first heard the angel song "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will to men."

"Glory to God"—is a paean of praise to the highest, an acknowledgment of Him who is all goodness. "Glory to God"—is not mere lip service, but a cry of exaltation, a full cognizance that right and justice, truth and love must prevail over the forces of evil.

"And on earth peace"—this does not mean a peace of servile acquiescence of compromise, of appeasement, but a peace founded on justice, a peace of honor, a peace of good will to all men. Not to any one group was the promise made—not to any one creed, any one race, any one nationality, but to and for all men.

This is the lesson of the angel's song. Only as we give glory and honor unto whom it is due, not to man made rulers, not to ambition, pride or selfish desires, but to Him to whom we owe our first allegiance can we attain peace on earth for all mankind. Only as we let the Eternal Goodness, the all powerful, all wise, all loving Father of all mankind, rule our lives, can we have good will for all men to all men.

If and when we do this, then like the shepherds keeping watch under the stars that night long ago, we too may hear the herald angels sing: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."