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### GOV. BROUGHTON WRITES LABOR JOURNAL CONGRATULATORY UPON ITS FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

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J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON  
Governor

April 25, 1944.

Mr. W. M. Witter, Publisher  
Charlotte Labor Journal  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Witter:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 24th. I am glad to comply with your request by enclosing herewith a word of greeting to North Carolina Labor, for publication in your May issue.

I appreciate the good work that is being done by the Labor Journal and I congratulate you on the forthcoming Fourteenth Anniversary Edition.

Cordially yours,  
J. M. BROUGHTON.

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### GREETINGS FROM GOVERNOR J. M. BROUGHTON TO NORTH CAROLINA LABOR AND TO THE CHARLOTTE LABOR JOURNAL

It is gratifying to learn that the Charlotte Labor Journal will issue during the month of May, 1944, its Fourteenth Anniversary Edition. This event is of interest not only to organized labor in North Carolina but to the entire state.

Labor leadership in North Carolina has displayed great ability and a high order of patriotism during the critical years through which we have been passing. There has been evidenced the supreme determination to do a good job for the state and nation during this war emergency. The results speak for themselves. No state in the Union has made a record superior to that of our own state in uninterrupted and efficient production of essential war material.

Sound leadership has had much to do with this great result; but back of this leadership has been a great army of faithful men and women who make up the force of industrial workers in our state. These workers, organized and unorganized, have shown great zeal and superb spirit during this period of national crisis. Thousands of their sons are in the armed services of the nation, and they are backing them up with a record of production that will constitute a bright chapter in the history of North Carolina's participation in this greatest of world wars.

The record that has been made not only is a great credit to the state, but gives promise for the future. Industrial leaders in many sections of the nation are already giving consideration to the establishment of new industries in this state. They like our state and they like the way we do business. These new industries and the expansion of existing industries will result in continued employment to our people in the post-war days.

I extend to North Carolina Labor and to the Charlotte Labor Journal my heartiest congratulations and sincere greetings on this occasion.

J. M. BROUGHTON,  
Governor of North Carolina.

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### J. A. SCOGGINS CONGRATULATES AND COMMENDS THE JOURNAL

Mr. W. M. Witter, Editor  
Charlotte Labor Journal  
Dear Sir and Brother:

Becoming cognizant of the fact that The Journal celebrates its Fourteenth Anniversary this month, I wish to extend to you and to The Journal my hearty congratulations. The Journal has represented the A. F. of L., and the labor interests of Charlotte, in a dignified manner, through all these years, ever striving for the uplift of the man in the lower brackets. The Journal has kept clean, broadminded and been a great asset to the Labor movement in this section, and North Carolina as a whole. It has ever striven for that for which the American Federation of Labor stands, Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation, yet, never giving an inch where imposition was thrust upon the worker. North Carolina has kept comparatively free of labor disputes, and I hope such will continue to be the case. With best wishes for your future success, I am

Yours fraternally,  
J. A. SCOGGINS, Pres.  
Charlotte Central Labor Union.

### FRIEND "JIM" BARRETT WAXES LOQUACIOUS AS TO "OUR" AGE AND ENDEAVOR FOR LABOR

Mr. W. M. Witter, Editor,  
Charlotte Labor Journal,  
Charlotte, N. C.  
Dear Brother Witter:

In discussing our state's history and the growth of the Organized Labor Movement, some friends reminded me that you are about to celebrate your 70th anniversary, and in the month of May celebrate the 14th anniversary of The Charlotte Labor Journal. I want to join you in the celebration of both significant events.

We have been talking about your great service to the Labor Movement. Now seventy years old, and having joined the ITU when you were but 16, makes you one of the oldest living members of the Typographical Union in the South. We recalled the history of your activities in organizing the Charlotte Typo. Union, and the immense value that Local Union has been to its membership and to the Labor Movement as a whole. It was a great day in your life and in the lives of the other printers who united with you in signing as charter members of Local 338.

For 54 years you have been faithful to the cause so ably championed by you and your fellow-workers. And I know that no one else has made greater sacrifices, endured the hardships, or stood more loyally by the Trade Union Movement than you, my Brother, have done.

In publishing The Charlotte Labor Journal during the past fourteen years, you have done the impossible. Even you, as loyal and true blue as you are, couldn't have weathered the storms and overcome the obstacles of publishing a labor paper during the past 14 years had it not been for that good wife of yours. While I wouldn't dim the glory that is yours by virtue of your loyalty and the high quality of your leadership, yet I cannot refrain from saying that your good wife shares with you all the victories that you have won. I am confident that you will agree with me that Mrs. Witter is entitled to a full share of the credit not only for the continuous publication of your good paper, but also for the good years that you have served the Labor Movement before starting your paper 14 years ago.

You and I know that we are nearing the end of the way. We watch the evening shadows of life casting their long lines down our lane. We know the meaning of the words of the poet who said: "A few more years, and then the all-beholding sun shall see no more." We have grown old in years and in this Labor Movement. We have made our mistakes, suffered our defeats and thanked God for our victories. You and I have watched this Organized Labor Movement bring the hours of labor down from 72 hours a week to the 40-hour week. We have witnessed the rise in wages from the low of two dollars a week to the high of two dollars an hour. We grew up with America, which was built on the average \$1.50 a day day wage, until now \$1.50 an hour is not a rare wage.

Brother Witter, in our time we have witnessed the growth of the public school system come from two months a year to the nine-months term. We have been a part of the plan and scheme of good health promotion, wherein our Union led the fight which lengthened the expectancy of life for a printer from 27 years to 58 years.

It has been a hard fight that you have been in all these years, but it also has been a glorious fight. You have suffered, of course, yet you have enjoyed every mile of the way. Labor in Charlotte, in North Carolina and throughout the South owes a great debt of gratitude to you. The city of Charlotte is deeply indebted to you for your service to the city. Your reward may seem small, yet tens of thousands of little children have enjoyed brighter and sweeter lives because Bill Witter was on the firing line for them. What greater reward could man have?

In God's own good time your reward will come. You have so exemplified the teachings of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," that He who sitteth as the Judge Supreme will some day say to you, as your fellows in the Organized Labor Movement now say: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

JAMES BARRETT.

### PRES. WM. GREEN CONGRATULATES CHARLOTTE LABOR JOURNAL UPON ITS FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1944.

Mr. W. M. Witter, Publisher,  
"The Charlotte Labor Journal,"  
302 South College Street,  
Charlotte, 2, North Carolina.  
My dear Mr. Witter:

As time goes by it becomes ever more apparent that if the workers are to receive a fair hearing for their cause they must provide their own media for the dissemination of the true facts about any problem which concerns them as wage earners and trade unionists. The Labor Press of America, therefore, has an important function to perform in providing the channels through which Labor's position may be made known in times of industrial peace, or industrial unrest. We feel that the public is entitled to know Labor's position and the reasons therefor, and in providing an instrumentality for this purpose the labor press is performing a public service.

The "Charlotte Labor Journal" will shortly enter on its 14th consecutive year of publication and service to the labor movement of your community. I express the sincere hope that with the coming years your opportunity for service will be even greater and that the American Federation of Labor will continue to have in this publication a staunch and constant supporter. I congratulate you upon the completion of 13 years of continuous publication and extend my very best wishes for the future of your Journal.

Sincerely yours,  
WM. GREEN,  
President American Federation of Labor.

### T. "LON" CONDER, CARPENTERS UNION BUS. AGT. AND FIN. SEC. CONGRATULATES LABOR JOURNAL

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

Local 1469

T. L. CONDER, Business Mgr. and Fin. Sec.

Charlotte 2, N. C., May 10th, 1944.

Mr. W. M. Witter,  
Editor Charlotte Labor Journal  
302 S. College St.  
City

Dear Bro. Witter:-

Please allow me to congratulate you on your fourteenth annual edition of The Charlotte Labor Journal.

Your paper has stood through the years as a symbol of fair dealings and loyalty to the American Federation of Labor, and to the workers in this city and surrounding territory.

You have been fair to management and to your advertisers and the public in general.

The members of the American Federation of Labor in Charlotte, are proud of the Charlotte Labor Journal and the principles for which it stands. May you have many more anniversary editions. Keep up the fight for those who toil.

Yours Truly,  
T. L. CONDER,

### Pilot Boards Life Raft



One-man rubber life rafts are standard equipment in all Navy single-seat fighters. The raft is packed and stowed below the turtle back immediately behind the pilot's seat. After a landing at sea, the pilot pulls out the raft, turns the valve on the bottle of carbon dioxide, and the raft inflates in 1 minute. To get onto the raft, the pilot grabs the opposite side and throws himself horizontally across the boat.

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### WRITE YOUR SONS AND BROTHERS

WRITE TO MEMBERS OF YOUR UNION IN THE ARMED FORCES. GIVE THEM THE TRUTH ABOUT ORGANIZED LABOR'S ALL-OUT SUPPORT OF THE WAR EFFORT TO COUNTERACT THE FIENDISH LIES THAT ARE BEING SPREAD AMONG THE TROOPS.

### Galley Romance! WAVE Weds Ship's Cook



When a WAVE "housekeeper" marries a Ship's Cook, who does the cooking at home? That's a problem for Peggy Skanse, Specialist (U), third class, and Wyckleff R. Rigby, Ship's Cook, second class, at the U. S. Naval Training Station at San Diego, Calif. They were married after a romance that began when Peggy discovered Rigby was responsible for the excellent cuisine in the WAVES' mess hall. If Rigby is elected to supervise the culinary department at home, he'll have to learn how to pare down recipes for 1,000 servings to the correct proportions for two. This romance is very complimentary to the food served WAVES, but at Navy Recruiting Stations and Offices of Naval Officer Procurement they'll tell you the excellent cuisine is only a minor reason for enlisting in the WAVES. The important thing, they say, is that women between 20 and 35, without children under 18, can serve their country during this war in no better way than in the ranks of the WAVES.