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To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

W. M. WITTER, Editor and Publisher  
CLAUDE L. ALBERA, Associate Editor

**WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION**

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."—Psalmist.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1944

**ORGANIZED LABOR'S GOAL.**

The labor movement of America demands for all our people the full benefit of the life-giving forces of our marvelous civilization through constantly increasing wages and improvement of working conditions and through a reasonable and proper reduction in the hours of work.

The labor movement of America demands for the wage earners and for all who serve usefully in any capacity, a sound and just economic basis for life and freedom in the fullest meaning of those terms. The labor movement of America has ever had high regard for the development of the ethical and spiritual in life, realizing the right of all humanity to partake freely of the satisfaction that comes to enrich life as a result.

The labor movement of our country, recognizing the fact that all freedom and all higher development of life, rests upon first providing assurance of the essentials of existence, has first demanded economic justice as a basis for other things.

But the labor movement has always taught that the material is essential to something higher, and that the inspiration of our movement has its deepest springs in something above and beyond the material. The labor movement strives for economic improvement with unrelenting zeal and fidelity because economic improvement is the first fundamental requisite; but it holds out to all mankind a flaming torch lighting the way to a greater fullness of life, to complete realization of the finer aspirations of the mind and soul.

The labor movement fixes as its goal nothing less than the complete richness of life, without limitations of any kind, the attainment of the complete human ideal, in all of its economic, ethical and spiritual implications.—From a Labor Day and Labor Sunday proclamation suggested by the AFL convention, 1923.

**SOUND ADVICE FROM AN EDITOR**

For many years—in fact, from the day it was founded—LABOR has argued that the farmer and the industrial worker are in the same boat, economically, and should not permit those who gather wealth by exploiting both the farmer and the worker to drive a wedge between them. Evidently the editor of the Grundy, Iowa, "Register" agrees with us, for in a recent editorial, he said:

"The few farmers who still have to employ labor can much better afford to pay their hired man \$100 a month with corn at \$1 a bushel than \$20 a month when corn was 10 cents a bushel.

"Labor is the farmer's best customer. If labor is well paid, the farmer is well paid for the food he raises for them. They need each other and they do well only when they pull together.

"It is the politicians who tell the farmers that labor is running the Government and that it is high time to make a change. It is the politicians who will profit if they can bring a split between the farmer-labor team. United, the team has been too strong for them. Divided, the politicians have good hopes of getting back at the public feed trough again."—LABOR.

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**WARD THREATT**

It was with deep regret that thousands of citizens in Charlotte and vicinity, and throughout the state for that matter, learned on Tuesday morning of the sudden death of Ward Threatt, a man known and loved for his sunny disposition, and a dispeller of gloom for many weary and heavy-burdened souls, though at times he was carrying within his own bosom a feeling of sorrow and suffering. This writer knew him from young manhood and is proud of the friendship that existed through these many years. Ward was a man of the people, a mingler and a mixer, with a heart of gold, bearing no ill-will or hatred against any man. He brightened the pathway and helped lighten the burdens of life for all our citizenry by his ready wit and homey philosophy, always looking on the brighter side, being likewise a keen observer and a wholesome critic. We would like to have seen Ward live to reach his retirement period from the postal service three years hence, have had time to ruminate at leisure upon his eventful career, and dispense more of his homespun wisdom and sound, common-sense logic. But the Master willed differently and a man that will be really missed has passed from our midst.

**INCOME HIGHER; INDIVIDUAL EARNINGS IN SOUTHEAST ARE STILL BELOW OTHER SECTIONS**

ATLANTA, Ga. — Per capita income increases since 1941 have been larger in southeastern states but individual earnings still far short of other sections, U. S. Department figures indicate.

Per capita income for the southeast as a whole increased 61.4 per cent since 1941; 40.2 per cent in New England; 37.2 per cent in middle eastern states and 49.8 per cent in central states.

The department said government pay rolls in the southeast expanded four-fold from 1939 to 1943 while the increase outside the southeast was 145 per cent. Expanded shipbuilding and aircraft production were listed as major factors contributing to income increase in the south.

Per capita income in Georgia rose from \$389 in 1941 to \$647, an increase of 66.3 per cent, the department said. Latest figures on per capita incomes for other states included Alabama \$603, North Carolina \$576, Tennessee \$649; Florida, \$874 and Virginia \$820.

The greatest percentage of increase for any state in the region was in Mississippi with a rise of 71 per cent. The state, however, with a per capita income of \$283 in 1941 stood at the bottom of the nation's list and although the percentage increase was greatest, Mississippi still is the national low at \$484 per capita.

The department observed that southeastern states have had relatively small proportions of heavy goods industries and have been less well equipped to participate in rearmament and war production programs. Both war and nonwar pay rolls rose at sharper rates in the region than in the nation over the 1939-43 period, the department said, indicating fundamental growth in southeastern industry since 1939.

**FDR IS TO OPEN CAMPAIGN AT DINNER OF TEAMSTERS**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt announced he will deliver his "first political speech" of the campaign at a labor dinner arranged

by President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters on Sept. 23 at the Hotel Statler here. Most of the guests at the dinner will be officials of the union.

Four years ago the President similarly opened his political campaign with an address delivered at a convention of the Teamsters Union in the nation's capital.

The Executive Board of the Teamsters Union, meeting in Chicago, recently unanimously endorsed President Roosevelt for re-election.

**LABOR** is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

A. LINCOLN,  
From Message to Congress, December 3, 1861

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BY LEFF



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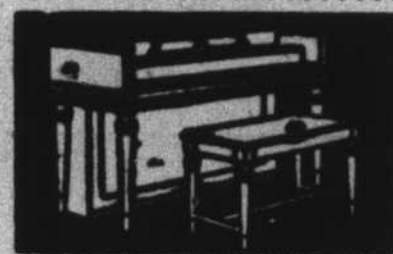
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MRS. ETHEL A. BOWERS, Executrix of the Estate of Frank J. Bowers, deceased.  
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