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YOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE JOURNAL IS A GOOD INVESTMENT

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JOURNAL ADVERTISERS DESERVE CONSIDERATION OF THE READERS

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DIRECTOR OF TELEGRAPH EMPLOYEES UNION, A. F. OF L., H. B. CARDWELL, CALLS FOR “RALLY TO THE CAUSE OF WESTERN UNION EMPLOYEES”

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 4.—The Telegraph Employees' Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor through a Federal Charter was certified by the NLRB in 1942, to represent Western Union Employees in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, except the cities of Birmingham and Charlotte, which are also A. F. of L. under the C. T. U., charter.

When we took the vote for affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, our members voted about 98 per cent for affiliation, therefore you can appreciate that we have been A. F. of L. minded from the inception. We have never made a call on either President Green, or Southern Director Googe, for assistance but what it has been promptly granted. The legal service of Judge Padway's office through the Associate General Council Mr. Herbert Thatcher, has been invaluable to us on many occasions.

We have, since our certification, negotiated two contracts with the Western Union Telegraph Company, and spent weeks with the company negotiating, determined to secure the best possible provisions to improve the working conditions of the employees. We secured two increases aggregating about 24 per cent. This might sound very good to an outsider, but when you consider the exceedingly low pay of W. U. employees, before these increases, you can understand these employees still need more money to bring their wages to level with other industries. To this end, we are pledged and shall never let up our effort to get the employees adequate and living wages. There are other important matters, such as restoration of sick benefits, more pension, longer vacation, etc., all of which we

are determined to accomplish.

The American Federation of Labor is now engaged in a National campaign that must be won before we can proceed further in negotiating a new contract. With the merging of Western Union and Postal employees in 1943, there are two unions, two contracts, the A. F. of L. in one group, representing the old W. U. employees, and the A. C. A.-C I O, representing the former postal employees. This chaotic condition can be removed only by a National Labor Relations Board election. The A. F. of L. has petitioned for a national election. A public hearing was conducted in New York from December to March. The CIO opposing an election with all their might. The A. F. of L. managed to outmaneuver the CIO, and the hearing was concluded with recommendation by Trial Examiner for an election. The NLRB have not as yet set date for the election, but we expect a decision soon. The American Federation of Labor is extremely interested in this election. President Green and his entire staff are doing everything possible to assist.

For the information of the State and Central Bodies, I assure you that the officers of the Telegraph Employees Union, have been giving everything to this cause. The opposition, as you know from experience, have

“Round-Up” Of WPB, OPA, WFA; Dealing With Rationing, Damages, “Ceiling Prices And Dried Apples”

WPB SAYS: Production of bicycles and “B” hearing aid batteries is authorized again on an industry-wide basis . . . Production of flashlight cases and other portable electric lights is expected to be high enough to supply essential civilian users, particularly in rural areas, and buyers may now get them without any “paper-work.”

Veterans desiring to establish or re-establish small businesses will get special consideration in priorities assistance, allocations, appeals and applications for special authorizations.

OPA says: To relieve a heavy demand, particularly from farmers, a supplemental quota of truck tires has been authorized for September . . . Treble damages totaling \$2,000,000 have been asked in 35 court actions against concerns charged with upgrading southern pine lumber to get prices higher than the legal ceiling . . . October ration values are unchanged except for butter which has been raised from 16 to 20 points in the face of declining production . . . Available for October rationing are 3,000 new passenger cars, with a reserve of 600 . . . Less than 20,000 new

cars (not quite a two-day supply) are now available . . . An increase of about two cents in the retail price of a No. 2 1/2 can of Bartlett pears is expected as a result of new ceiling prices based on a below-average crop . . . Ceiling prices for single ammunition shells in the future will be determined by dividing the full box price by the number of shells in a standard box . . . Leather-soled moccasins of the house-slipper class, previously ration-free, are now rationed.

WFA says: The entire production of dried apples will be set aside for processors again this year to meet essential Government requirements.

no scruples about misrepresenting facts, and cause untold confusion. Many of our members are young employees, with less than a year service, and desperately need information and aid of those experienced in the true labor movement.

I therefore appeal to every individual member of the American Federation of Labor to contact all of your Western Union friends, and help us win this fight in the true American way for the American Federation of Labor.

H. B. CARDWELL, Director
Telegraph Employees Union,
A. F. of L.

SEVEN YEARS OF CASUALTIES

The Chinese Army from July 7, 1937, to June 31, 1944, suffered 2,802,220 casualties, to say nothing of the civilian casualties, of which there are no accurate statistics, the Chinese News Service reports. The only consolation the Chinese have is that during approximately the same period the Japanese had 2,144,000 Army casualties on the China front besides the 600,000 they suffered in the rear.

“Forgive me my part in Hitler's war,” were on cards reaching a Sweden railroad station lately.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION FAVORS “SUCH TAX REVISIONS AS WILL INDUCE NEW CAPITAL TO ESTABLISH ITSELF IN NORTH CAROLINA”

Charlotte Central Labor Union, representing the American Federation of Labor locals, went on record last Thursday night as favoring such tax revision as will serve to induce new capital to establish itself in North Carolina. The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

To the Taxpayers of North Carolina: We, the Charlotte Central Labor Union, meeting in regular session Thursday, September 28, 1944, hereby adopt the following resolution:

We heartily indorse the efforts being made to bring about suitable and intelligent tax reduction in North Carolina, as outlined in an editorial in The Charlotte Observer of September 17, 1944. We believe that the future of our state is industrially dependent upon the creation of new wealth, new industrial plants, new jobs and the fullest possible employment of all our available labor. To this end we favor such tax revisions as will serve to induce new capital to establish itself in North Carolina.

CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION.
J. A. MOORE, President.
T. D. SUTTON, Secretary.

In an interview given The Charlotte Observer for its issue of last Sunday, President J. A. Moore said: “I would like this community to understand that the Central Labor Union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, is willing at all times to co-operate fully in any plan or measure designed to benefit the community.”

“I personally recognize the fact that anything that is helpful to the city of Charlotte is likewise of benefit to all workers in the community.” Moreover, he stated that anything that was helpful to Charlotte was of advantage not only to the entire State of North Carolina, but in fact it redounded to the benefit of the entire Southeast.

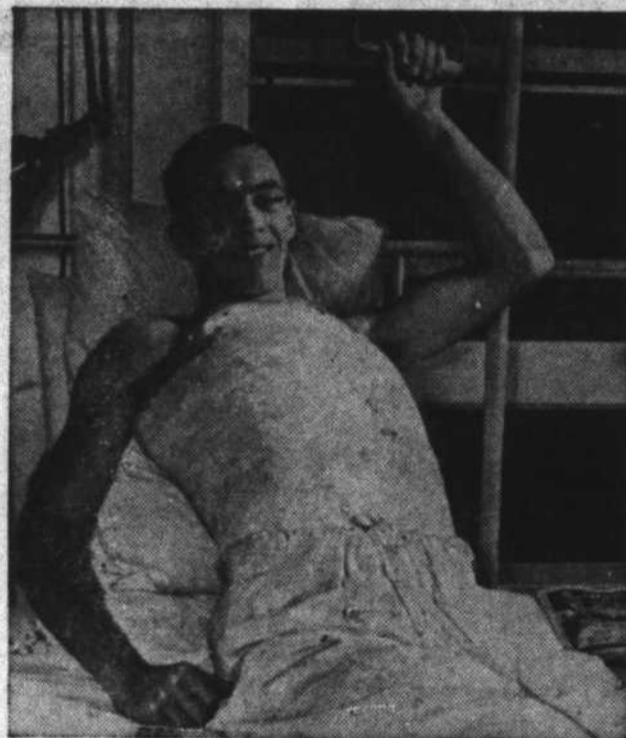
“Members of the Central Labor Union are violently opposed to unjust taxes and strongly favor a revision of the State's present tax laws in order that it may be placed in a

more fairly competitive position with other Southern states.

“The tax schedule incorporated in The Observer's editorial of September 17 was altogether comprehensive and it was presented in such form that it was quickly understandable. I am pleased to note from The Observer's story of last Sunday that it has aroused such wide interest over the State.

“Certainly it is so entirely obvious that our tax laws must be modified that I shall be greatly surprised if the Legislature, when it convenes next January, does not set about to examine thoroughly the present tax structure with the view of making the needed changes. As we increase our industry, then we will have the additional revenues from these new businesses which certainly, in the course of time, will permit of a downward revision in taxes for everybody.”

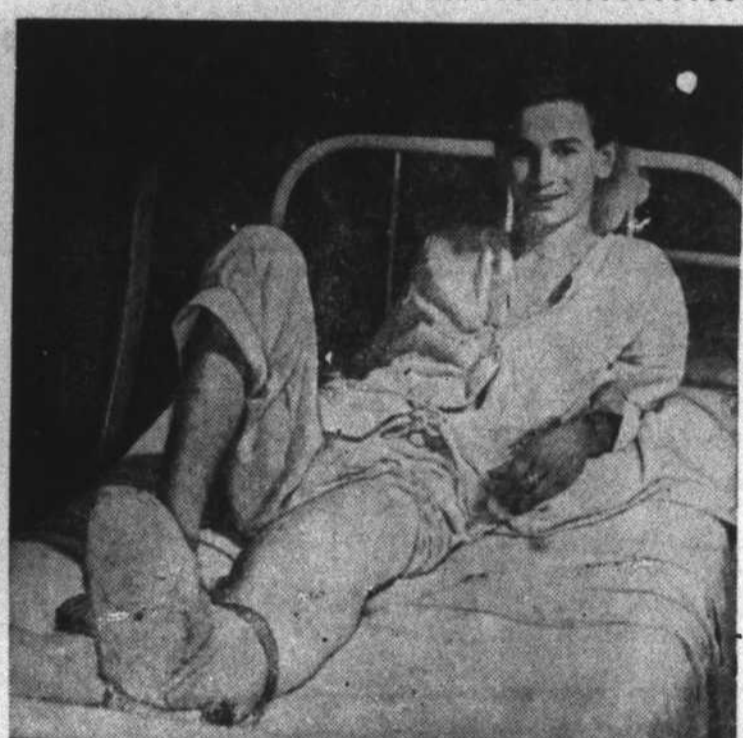
They Are
Buying
War Bonds
—Are You?



Gunner's Mate Oliver Huntzinger, 21, comes from Anderson, Indiana. He was aboard a destroyer escort in the Mediterranean when a Nazi torpedo struck his ship, throwing him a distance of 35 feet. First he was taken to a British field hospital and is now in the Navy Hospital at St. Albans, N. Y. He is buying War Bonds. Are You?



Wounded at Bizerte, S/c E. D. Stalter, Spring Valley, N. Y., can still smile although one leg is shorter than the other because of a big piece of Nazi shrapnel. Your War Bond purchases make possible the best medical care in the world for our injured heroes.



Gerald Haile is 22 and a S/c from Los Angeles, California. His ship took a Nazi torpedo in the Atlantic but remained afloat long enough for another to come alongside and take off the wounded like Haile. A carrier in the same convoy was sunk. Now he is recovering from his wounds at the Navy Hospital at St. Albans, L. I. Like most service men he is buying War Bonds.

Our Boys Can't Win Doing a 10% Job—
WILL YOU LEND MORE OF YOUR MONEY

STARS IN SERVICE

GEORGE FENSKE
CO-HOLDER OF THE
WORLD'S COMPETITIVE
INDOOR MILE MARK
OF 4:07.4

CHUCK IS NOW A
LIEUTENANT IN THE
ARMY AIR FORCES!

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TYPO. UNION APPOINTS ITS CONVENTION COMMITTEES

At a well attended meeting Sunday afternoon of Charlotte Typographical Union, No. 338, much business was transacted, the greater part of the time being taken up with 1945 I. T. U. convention planning.

Chairman Hugh M. Sykes, chairman of the Ways and Means committee for the August, 1945 meeting, announced the following additions to this committee: Howard L. Beatty, W. M. Bostick, C. J. Pridgen and Claude Albee. Other committee chairmen and members were announced as follows:

Entertainment, Howard L. Beatty, chairman, and E. Cleaver, George S. Coble, Andrew Herron, and W. W. Herman; finance, W. M. Bostick, chairman, and John P. White, and C. B. Capps; reception, Claude L. Al-

bee, chairman, and Charles McCready, M. H. Beam, J. B. Felmet, H. A. Stalls, and H. C. Hull; hotels, C. J. Pridgen, chairman, and H. Y. Bridges and Roy Finch; registration, H. H. Lawing, A. H. Louthian, and the entire Woman's Auxiliary; printing, O. N. Burgess, chairman, and A. F. Asten, and L. D. Fesperman; year book, C. B. Capps; transportation, A. B. Furr, H. F. Carriker, H. F. Anderson, W. P. Benton, and Robert F. White.

The matter of reaffiliation with the Central Labor Union and the State Federation of Labor was taken up and a committee appointed to contact these two bodies to ascertain basis of reaffiliation.

President C. J. Pridgen presided over the meeting, and much enthusiasm was evident throughout the meeting regarding the convention next year.

CAR QUOTA ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON — The October quota of new passenger cars available for rationing will be 3,000, the same as the August quota, OPA announces.

THE WAR AND COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE

Tuesday, October 24—Monday, Nov. 6

37 CAMPAIGNS IN ONE

BUY WAR BONDS OUT OF EVERY PAY ENVELOPE

THE GLOOM PROPHECY

Says the war will last for years—why not make a compromise peace now and save ourselves a lot of trouble. This is the voice of the enemy dodging defeat. Laugh in his sour face!

Don't Listen To Him!