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J. A. SCOGGINS IS APPOINTED CHIEF CLERK COUNTY RATIONING BOARD, FROM VOLUNTEER POST

J. A. Scoggins, chairman of the whole Mecklenburg county price and rationing organization, yesterday resigned his volunteer post with the control agency to become chief clerk, to which position he will be appointed this morning by Director L. W. Driscoll of the Charlotte OPA district.



J. A. SCOGGINS

The final details of the change were worked out late yesterday afternoon at a conference in the office of J. J. Kilroy, deputy director, with D. C. Goff, board organization executive, Mr. Scoggins, and R. A. Throneburg present. Mr. Throneburg resigned as chief clerk two weeks ago to join the staff of the district office as one of the group of board supervisors.

The position which Mr. Scoggins will now assume is that of active head of the paid personnel of the Mecklenburg price control board and rationing organization. The post which he relinquishes is a non-paid one usually held by a public spirited citizen whose duties have to do with policy making and general supervision of the scores of other volunteers who make up the dozens of panels functioning in the price and ration offices.

MAY NAME DUDLEY

The successor to Mr. Scoggins is expected to be named by Mr. Driscoll from among the general chairmen of the panels in the various subdivisions of the organization with the name of E. B. Dudley x x x x.

Mr. Scoggins is one of the original

members of the price and rationing board in Mecklenburg having helped launch the program January 5, 1942, when the whole organization consisted of only three board members. He became board general chairman in October of 1942 and saw the program expand until the panel members numbered more than 100 and the staff increased accordingly.

As chairman of the central or control board to which the panels are subordinate, Mr. Scoggins frequently was in sole executive and administrative charge of the entire program in Mecklenburg since frequently there was no chief clerk personnel problems. He gave thousands of hours of his time gratis to aiding the work and seeing that everybody was served as best possible under the complications of the program. He is believed to know about as much or more about the problems of price and rationing work as any one individual in the county, and OPA authorities characterized him as being by far the best qualified man available for his new post.—Charlotte Observer, Tuesday.

[Mr. Scoggins is prominent in Labor Circles in

OVERTIME WAGE CASE IS SETTLED BY GEORGIA CT.

ATLANTA, Jan. 8.—The Georgia Supreme Court held in a far-reaching opinion yesterday that an employee could recover overtime wages even if he had agreed in advance with his employer to violate terms of the national wage and hour act.

In another phase of the opinion, the tribunal said the responsibility of keeping and preserving records of the hours worked by employees rested upon the employer and that "the law places no duty upon the employees with reference to these matters."

BARGAINING ELECTION FOR MT. HOLLY MILLS

WASHINGTON.—The National Labor Relations Board has directed a bargaining election to be held by the production and maintenance employees of the American Yarn & Processing Co.'s Adrian, Medora, Woodlawn, and American plants at Mount Holly, N. C., before Feb. 1, 1945.

The election is to determine whether the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) or the United Textile Workers of America (AFL), or neither union, will represent the AYP employees for collective bargaining.

UNION BAITING WILL HURT BUSINESS SAYS FRANK FENTON A.F.L. ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Employers making plans to slash wages and smash unions after the war were warned by Frank Fenton, AFL director of organization, that by such methods they will be burying the system of "free enterprise" which they now glorify.

"If the initiative of private industry is sufficient to provide jobs for all who want to work, well and good," he said. "The American worker prefers it that way. But if the initiative of industry spends itself in reducing its own markets by competitive wage cutting and by any such 'open shop' drive as characterized the period after the last war, then the workers will

turn to their government—and demand and get a program of government-financed public works big enough to fill the gap."

Fenton added that if employers return to the tactics they used after World War I then "the capitalistic system is in grave danger of crumbling."

"Business has the responsibility of not only talking about free enterprise; it must also act as if it believes in free enterprise," he declared. "Business statesmanship would require that it be in the forefront of the battle for a sound social security system and stable labor relations. Genuine free enterprise cannot really exist in our complicated industrial society without them."

"Also, strong and responsible unions are indispensable parts of free enterprise. Sound business leaders must recognize this fact immediately and not seek to destroy the labor movement—because to do so would be planting the seed of their own destruction."

Fenton insisted this country cannot afford to leave the issue of full employment to business alone.

"We must learn to wage peace with the same vigor we have used in waging war," he asserted.

Steps need to be taken now to give workers assurance they will have jobs after the war, Fenton maintained. "Speeches and synthetic morale building programs" won't do the trick, he said; concrete moves must be made to reduce the "hazards of unemployment dislocation."

Among these moves, he contended, should be a national system of adequate unemployment benefits; funds to pay for the relocation of stranded workers when war production tapers off; action by the War Production Board to permit reconversion of war plants to civilian output at the earliest possible moment.

Manufacturers were warned, too, that they will not save themselves by playing off veterans against workers. Fenton claimed that most servicemen understand their future security lies in safeguarding the labor movement, protecting seniority rights and fighting for full employment.

LITTLE CHANGE IN THE COST OF LIVING

WASHINGTON.—Average prices of living essentials showed little change between mid-October and mid-November, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reports. "The family bill went up about one-tenth on one per cent," she said, "and there were scattered increases in prices of clothing and house furnishings as the demand for many lower-priced articles continued to exceed available supplies."

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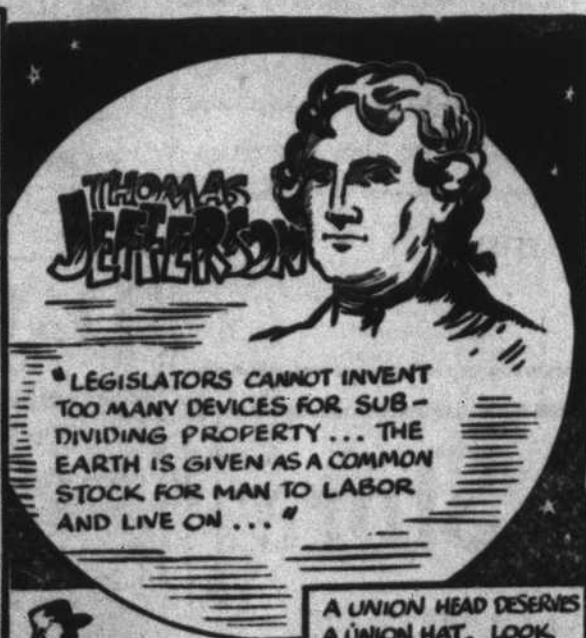
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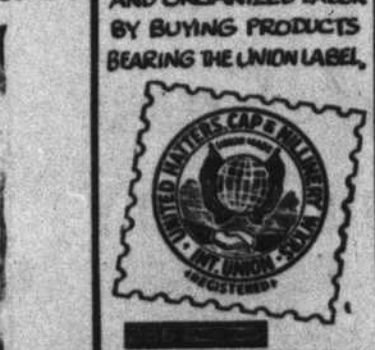
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MAN IS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME IN MEASURING DOUGH NUT HOLES.



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Charlotte, and the State, being a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, a former president of Charlotte Central Labor Union, as well as his own organization, an Electrical Workers Union (A. F. of L.). Mr. Scoggins was an employee of the Duke Power Co. while serving voluntarily for over two years on the rationing board as a member of the board and as chairman. His work has been efficient and valuable and his friends in the Labor Movement are proud of Mr. Scoggins for his volunteer patriotic public service.—Ed.]

AFL ALUMINUM UNION WINS IN PLANT ELECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The AFL Aluminum Workers Union won a sharply contested election at the United States Fertilizer Plant, Hopewell, Va. The AFL union received a clear majority of the workers' ballots with a total of 328, while the CIO got only 196 and District 50 of the United Mine Workers a mere 12.

MARCH OF DIMES GOAL FOR MECK. COUNTY IS \$25,750

Figures showing that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has spent more than \$500,000 in North Carolina were announced yesterday by W. Frank Phillips, chairman of the Mecklenburg county chapter of the organization, along with plans for the annual "March of Dimes" campaign.

The Mecklenburg campaign will be conducted from January 20 to 31 with a goal of \$25,750. Of the money raised in the various counties during the March of Dimes campaign, the counties keep half at home and send the other half to the national organization. Mr. Phillips' figures show that in the six years since the National Foundation was incorporated, North Carolina has given a total of \$172,680.08 to the national organization. Through November 21 of this year, the National Foundation had spent a total of \$439,474.17 in North Carolina.

Hadassah women's Zionist organization in America, has set 400 thousand dollars as the goal for the Jewish national fund.

YOUR UNCLE SAM NEEDS HELP
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STAR IN SERVICE

KEN SILVESTRI

BIG LEAGUE BACK-STOP FOR THE N.Y. YANKS AND CHICAGO WHITE SOX, WAS UNDERSTUDY TO YANKS' BILL DICKEY.

1st Lt. SILVESTRI HAS BEEN STATIONED OUT IN DUTCH NEW GUINEA—HELP BRING KEN AND HIS BUDDIES BACK HOME SOONER. BUY MORE WAR BONDS

U. S. Treasury Dept.

Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves