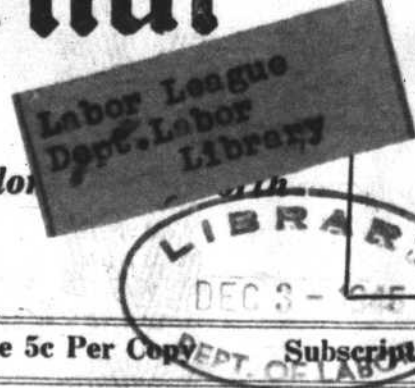


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Billion Dollars In Victory Bonds Sold By American Legion

Indianapolis, Ind. — The 12,739 post of The American Legion were responsible for the sales of at least \$1,130,000,000 worth of War Bonds during the sixth and seventh loan drives.

This is the estimate of Past National Commander Daniel J. Do-

herly, Boston, Mass., who served as chairman of the Legion's War Bond sales campaign.

Chairman Doherty also announced that a survey of 6,923 Legion posts disclosed a total of \$22,265,792 of post funds invested in War Bonds.

Prisoners To Be Removed From Jobs In The State

Raleigh, Nov. 28. — After performing nearly two million man-days of labor in North Carolina agriculture and rural industries, Prisoners of War will be removed from farms and plants by the end of this year.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, who, as State director of the War Manpower Commission and recently of the United States Employment Service in the State, has sent letters to industrial employers of prison labor notifying them that, due to availability of more labor for such work, certificates of need will be withdrawn as of December 31, and before that date as civilian labor becomes available, unless the War Department withdraws the prisoners earlier.

Reasons given for this withdrawal of prison labor include: return of about 33,000 veterans each month; about 8,000 people are filing claims for unemployment benefits; farmers and farm laborers are over the peak in emergency crop harvesting and marketing; many workers have returned from war jobs in and outside the State; and many new entrants into the labor market from many sources.

In addition to more labor becoming available locally, it is the known policy of the War Department to return Prisoners of War to their homelands as rapidly as possible, depending primarily on shipping space.

Prisoners of War were first

AGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS DECREASE

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—A decrease of non-agricultural job openings in North Carolina in October from 44,221 at the beginning of the month to 37,942 at the end is shown in the reports of openings filed by employers with local offices of the United States Employment Service, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the USES, reports.

This decrease of 6,279 job openings developed in spite of the fact that local USES offices in the State actually placed in local non-agricultural jobs only 9,505 workers during October, 287 less than in September.

In October, 121,687 reception contacts with the public were made in local USES offices, the largest number in any month so far in 1945, except in January, when 164,759 contacts were made. Of these, 113,248 were given additional service. A total of 22,123 were referred to local non-agricultural jobs, 9,505, were placed on local jobs and 120 were placed on jobs in other areas of the State.

Boilermakers Affiliate With Union Label Trades Dept.

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America recently became affiliated with the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, according to an announcement made this week by I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department.

Under the leadership of its International officers, President Charles J. MacGowan and Secre-

tary-Treasurer Wm. J. Buckley, the boilermakers, iron ship builders and helpers' union has made unprecedented gains in membership and has become one of the larger unions in the American labor movement.

Its official Shop Card is only exhibited in shops which have a signed agreement with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America.

TELEPHONE WORKERS IN 19 GEORGIA CITIES IN UNION

Monroe, Ga. (SLP) — Charter was installed here last week for a local union of the IBEW covering employees of the Georgia Continental Telephone company in 19 Georgia towns. Officers were elected and a contract approved for presentation to the company by the negotiating committee. Mrs. Julia O. Parker, AFL organizer assigned to the IBEW assisted the workers in the organizing campaign, presented the charter and obligated the officers.

STAY AWAY FROM MIAMI, SO SAYS CENTRAL LABOR UNION

Miami, Fla. (SLP) — The following timely advice is being sent out to workers everywhere by the Miami Central Labor Union, signed by Roy W. Singer, President and Clyde Foster, secretary.

"There are hundreds of workmen coming into the Greater Miami area each week seeking employment in all types of industry who are forced to turn around and return to their home on account of lack of housing facilities available.

The building program in the Greater Miami area has not gotten under way on account of the shortage of materials and various governmental restrictions. There is absolutely no available living space in Greater Miami for workmen and their families. Houses and apartments are completely filled and it is rare indeed if one is able to secure a sleeping room.

"We respectfully advise all workmen and their families to stay away from Miami during the next five or six-month period on account of the foregoing.

"We are not sending out his bulletin endeavoring to scare folks away from our city, but so that they might be intelligently informed as to the true condition prevailing here, and so that they may govern themselves accordingly. Again, we must urge you not to come to this area, as there is absolutely no housing facilities available."

ROME PLOW COMPANY SIGNS PACT WITH BOILERMAKERS

Atlanta, Ga. (SLP) — Union shop agreements were signed here last week by the Boilermakers' local union and the J. J. Finnigan Co., Inc., and the Bridwell Boiler Works, the Horace G. Poss Boiler Works and the East Point Boiler & Welding Company. The Union was able to procure numerous advancements for the workers in the negotiations which were carried on in most co-operative manner. T. M. Hillis, International representative, assisted the local union officials and committees in the negotiations.

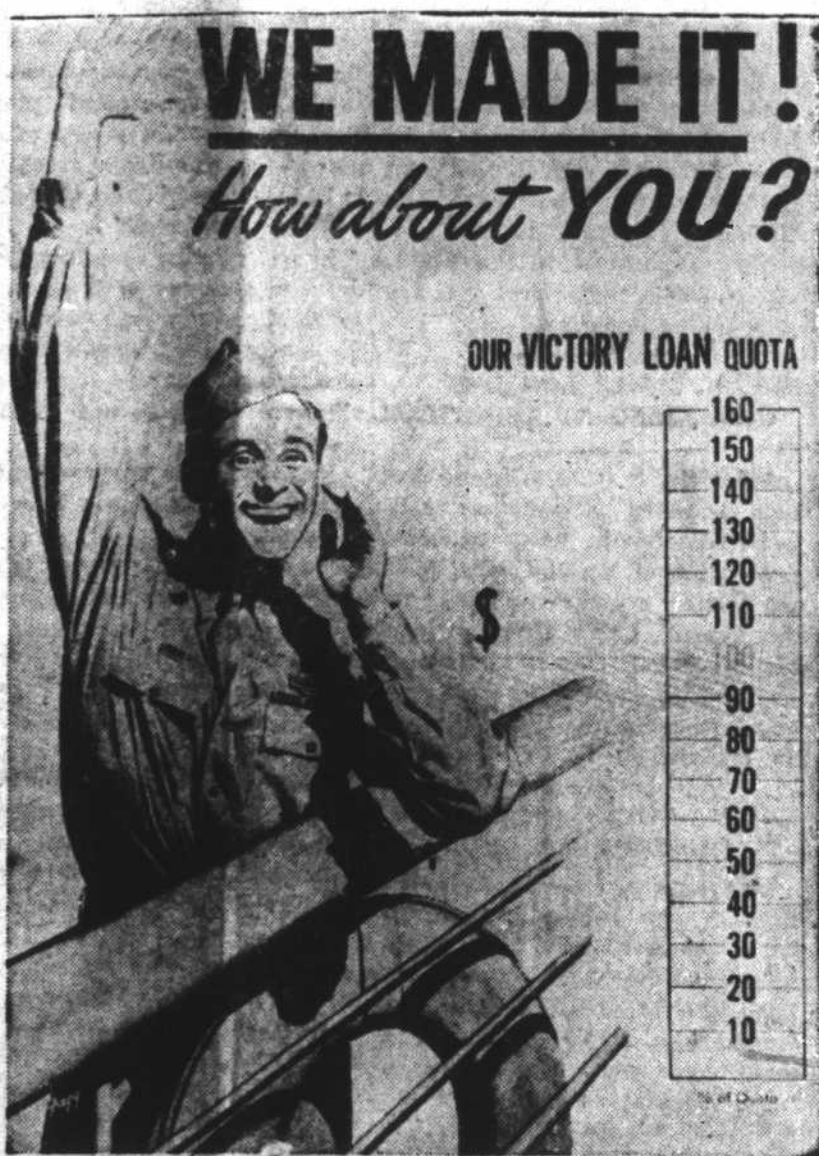
Chicago, Ill.—A total of 262,827 members for The American Legion was secured during 1945 by the Forty and Eight, the Legion's fun and honor organization.

This was one of the highlights of the annual report prepared by Spence S. Eccles, of Ogden, Utah, chief de chemin de fer of the Forty and Eight, for the 27th annual Legion convention in Chicago.

Chef Eccles reported that the voyageurs in many states used their locomotives and box cars with telling effect in Legion membership drives.

During the year the Forty and Eight also sponsored the training of nurses; shipped 1,800,000 decks of cards to overseas members of the armed forces; sponsored a vast program of Christmas parties for children as well as for hospitalized veterans; and each voyager—62,930 of them—contributed 50 cents each to the Legion's national child welfare program.

Discouraging founding of new church-related veterans' organizations, the commission on public information of the Methodist Church, is recommending that returning soldiers and sailors participate fully in established veterans' groups.



Dr. Dorton, War Manpower Commission Head, Resigns

(Special Dispatch)

Raleigh, Nov. 28 — Dr. Joseph S. Dorton, State director of the War Manpower Commission and of the United States Employment Service for three years, has resigned his position, effective November 30, and, after a month's vacation, will resume the duties from which he has been on leave since December, 1942.

On January 1, Dr. Dorton will again take up his duties as manager of the North Carolina State Fair, Raleigh; president of the Southern States Fair at Charlotte, and executive secretary of the Cleveland County Fair at Shelby. While most of his activities will center around Raleigh, he will continue to reside at Shelby.

In recognition of the notable and nationally recognized job Dr. Dorton has performed in directing the activities of the War Manpower Commission, and its right arm, the U. S. Employment Service, during the three strenuous war years, his friends and co-workers in this State and from Washington and other points in Region IV and in the Nation, will give him a recognition banquet at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on the evening of Friday, November 30, his last day of service.

Among the guests gathering to honor Dr. Dorton will be Regional Director Henry E. Treide and others of the Regional office in Washington, directors of the agency from other states in Region IV, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Governor R. Gregg Cherry and former Governor J. M. Broughton, of North Carolina and co-workers of the War Manpower Commission and U. S. Employment Service throughout North Carolina and other friends. The banquet is to be held under auspices of the Fellowship Club of the agency in the State Office in Raleigh.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my work with WMC and USES and I sincerely appreciate the fine co-operation and strong support of the commission's manpower program which all North Carolinians, the employers, the employees and the general public, gave to me and my associates," said Dr. Dorton. "Tar Heels generally did a fine job in complying with and co-operating in WMC directives. I also want to thank my co-workers for a fine job well done, and to commend the USES, under whatever authority it may operate, to the people of North Carolina, as worthy of their support and confidence," Dr. Dorton said.

LONGSHOREMEN GET WAGE INCREASE IN MANY PORTS

Mobile, Ala. (SLP) — After being forced to call a strike, longshoremen in deep sea work in the ports of Mobile, Pensacola, St. Joe, Panama City and Gulfport, obtained an agreement which provides for 15 cents an hour increase. The new rate is \$1.15 straight time, and 1.72 1-2 for overtime and holidays. Even this increase leaves the longshoremen in these ports working for ten cents and hour less than paid in New Orleans, while Texas ports pay even more than the New Orleans rate. Member of the unions involved decided, however, to accept the 15 cents increase rather than prolong the strike, and so voted to accept.

POST COMMANDER AT 18! Indian Valley, Cal.—The nationwide "youngest Legionnaire" contest has now been superseded by the "youngest post commander" competition.

Members of Indian Valley Post 568 of The American Legion here believe they have a winner. He is Joe Saizan, 18 years old. He was nominated, elected and installed as commander of the local post in exactly three and one-half minutes. The local post believes Joe is the youngest post commander in the Legion.

Joe enlisted in the Army at the age of 15 with his parents' permission and served more than two years in the South and Southwest Pacific.

Local Meat Cutters Open Negotiations With Swift & Co.

Local Union No. 269, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America has submitted a proposal to the Charlotte Swift & Company Refinery asking that their contract be reopened and calling for an increase of 15 cents per hour for all employees covered in the bargaining unit, according to an announcement made this week by Representative T. D. Sutton of the Meat Cutters, who is to handle the negotiations in co-operation with the local's negotiating committee.

Representative Sutton states that the Charlotte local's demands are modest when compared with the structure of wage rates paid in many industries, and are in conformity with proposed legislation to raise minimum rates of pay to 65 cents per hour. Also Mr. Sutton told The Journal representative that the local union's request is in line with a plan adopted by the International union at conferences recently held in Chicago which resulted in notices being sent to all of the leading packers of the country setting forth four new basic proposals, as follows:

1. All minimum rates of pay shall be increased to guarantee employees within the bargaining unit a minimum of \$36.00 pay in each week to be worked in not more than 40 hours during that week.
2. All other basic wage rates in excess of the minimum shall be increased in proportion to the increase in the minimum rates for each of the plants within the bargaining unit.
3. In addition to the above, the wage rates of employees within the bargaining unit employed in the plants at Spokane and San Francisco shall, where necessary, have their wage rates further adjusted to meet the prevailing rates paid by slaughtering and meat packing companies in the respective areas.
4. All of the above adjustments shall be effective as of November 1, 1945.

According to Representative Sutton, these wage demands are made simultaneously of all other companies under contract with the Union and covers, in addition to 27 plants of Armour and Company, Swift and Company, Cudahy and Company, Wilson and Company about three hundred branch houses of the Big Four Packers and approximately 500 independent slaughtering and meat processing plants located in nearly every one of the 48 states. More than 100,000 members of this union are affected by these negotiations.

The following statement was issued by the Charlotte Meat Cutters' local this week:

"Editor, "The Charlotte Labor Journal, "Charlotte, N. C.

"Members of the local union employed by Swift & Company Re-

finery have this day mailed notice to the Company requesting that contract be reopened and an increase of fifteen (.15) cents per hour be granted to all employees in the bargaining unit.

This demand by the union is modest within the current structure of wage rates paid in most industries, and in conformity with proposed legislation to raise minimum rates to .65 cents per hour. Present minimum rates for Swift & Company employees are .50 and .55 cents per hour. Fifteen cents per hour increase would bring the minimum common labor rate to .65 per hour, and by time worn index of cost of living would only provide our members with a bare subsistence standard of living, with a purchasing power of only \$14.00 per week compared to 1939 prices.

"Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, Local Union No. 269, Charlotte."

STATE LEGION CHIEFS TO HOLD MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS SOON

Indianapolis, Ind.—The annual conference of department commanders and adjutants of The American Legion will be held at national headquarters here, December 10, 11 and 12. It will bring to Indianapolis hundreds of key leaders of the Legion. They will discuss and outline all phases of Legion activities for 1946. Headline topics will include Rehabilitation, National Defense, Americanism, Child Welfare and Membership.

CARPENTERS LOCAL UNION IS FORMED AT LOUISVILLE, MISS.

Louisville, Miss. (SLP) — Carpenters employed by D. L. Fair Lumber company here have organized a local union and filed a petition with the NLRB for an election. J. C. Barrett, representative of the Carpenters and Joiners assisted by W. L. Hines, AFL organizer aided the workers in the organization of their local union, and filed the petition for an election.

CHARTER IS INSTALLED FOR DURHAM POLICEMEN'S UNION

Durham, N. C. (SLP) — Local Union No. 444, State County and Municipal Employees, is now an established organization in Durham. This local is made up of members of the Durham police force. The charter was installed last week, officers elected and committees named to carry on the business of the organization. A. E. Brown, AFL organizer, presented the charter and obligated the officers.

Insurance Features Of State And Federal Government Confused

Inquiries made recently by field offices of the Social Security Board in this region, show that less than half of the 200 people interviewed, knew the difference between the two insurance plans under the Social Security Act. Many of them believed that the one per cent social security tax, which a wage earner pays for Old-Age and Survivors Insurance would entitle him to Unemployment Compensation benefits, in case he should lose his job.

Lone T. Proctor, manager of the Charlotte office of the Social Security Board, explained that the Social Security tax which is paid by workers and by employers in business and industry is collected by the Federal government and placed in a trust fund from which Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits are paid. This plan makes

it possible for wage earners, during their working years, to build up advanced protection for themselves and for their families. The benefits are based on the worker's own wages in jobs that come under the law.

Unemployment Compensation — which is sometimes called job insurance — is administered by the State, with Federal aid and co-operation. No wage earner in this state pays any Unemployment Compensation tax. Business and industrial concerns which employ eight or more workers, pay all of the Unemployment Compensation tax in this State. It is their employees who may receive Unemployment benefits when they lose their jobs.

The purpose of Unemployment Compensation is to furnish some income to insured workers, during

periods when they are without work, until they can get other jobs. Payments are not equal to the worker's regular wages, but they will help tide him over until he can get back to work.

Men or women, covered by the law, who have lost their jobs, should call at the local U. S. Employment Service office, register for a job, and file claim for Unemployment Compensation. The Charlotte office is located 500 W. Trade Street.

Claimants for Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits should apply at the field office of the Social Security Board, located 122 E. Third Street, Charlotte, N. C.

*(Eight in North Carolina, West Virginia; one in Maryland and District of Columbia.)