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6:00 p. m.

A FRIENDLY CHURCH

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North Carolina Federation of Labor



#### PRESIDENT ASKS NATION TO OBSERVE 'EMPLOY-THE-HANDICAPPED' WEEK

President Truman has issued a proclamation designating a local union. Too many men stop the week of October 6 to 12 as "National Employ-the-Handi- with a knowledge of the handicaps or white, employer or worker. capped" week to place capable disabled persons in jobs.

The action stemmed in part from official Government reports showing that four out of every five disabled veterans there and learn the history of their co-operative organization they shall applying for jobs at public employment offices in the first organization, how it has overcome obtain power, but that power must half of this year have not been placed, despite the fact that a the handicaps of the past, how it not be used for themselves alone, careful survey has shown that disabled workers in general has grown strong, and what its but for the good of all. They must have proven themselves more efficient than able-bodied fel- aims are for the future. low workers.

. . Government agencies, headed by the Veterans Administration and the Labor Department, have joined in spearheading learn how to choose, and then sup- alone lies a peaceful and prospera drive to convince employers that i' is good business to em- port wholeheartedly, competent, ous future, for democracy, for the ploy a disabled worker if he can produce more than a plant's trust orthy leadership, or, and this union of states which is the United other workers. They have directed their argument toward a is just as important, present the States and for the union of nations dollar-and-cents issue and efficiency, rather than an appeal views of the "loyal opposition." which is the United Nations. to patriotism.

Reporting on a careful study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Labor Department, the VA declared:

"Disabled veterans experience one-third fewer serious accidents than able-bodied workers exposed to identical work hazards. The study placed the accident frequency rate for impaired workers at 8.3 injuries per 1,000,000 man hours worked, compared with 11.8 for unimpaired workers.

"Time lost because of disabling injuries was the same for impaired and unimpaired employes, 0.1 day per 100 scheduled work days.

"During the six months covered by the survey, none of the this field has been of great im- 000 by November, and to about injuries sustained by disabled workers resulted in additional portance to the wage earners. permanent impairments. Furthermore, no instances were reported of handicapped workers causing injuries to fellow employes.

"The survey, conducted between January 1 and July 1, 1946, studied the performances of 4,000 physically handi- Housing Expediter and Adminiscapped and 6,400 able-bodied employes in 47 manufacturing plants. The study matched handicapped and nonhandicapped workers as to sex. age, experience on the job, and kind of work performed. The plants, located in seven highly industrialized states, were classified with machinery, aircraft and the houses that are being built, for aircraft parts, electrical machinery, steel works, and other many former servicemen are now industries, such as food products, photographic equipment civilian workers looking for reasonand glassware."

The survey arrived at three further conclusions:

The production efficiency record of impaired workers was slightly superior to that of unimpaired workers. Absentee rates for impaired and unimpaired workers were

identical, 3.8 days off per 100 scheduled work days. Non disabling injury rates were slightly



## **UNIONISTS ALL!**

We each carry a card in the Union members must become articof the United States," I ulate. They must be able to be a e heard a speaker at a State competent accurate voice for their deration of Labor meeting say. fellow workers, presenting facts at does that mean? What does clearly, logically and dispassiona:embership in a union demand? ly, not only in their union but in bor men can answer because the community.

They must look upon the world ey know that being a good union member is not an easy task. It as a whole, realizing the interdeisn't just a question of paying dues pendence of group upon group, naand giving lip service to leaders. tion upon nation. Too many union members act as though they still Such members are a drag on any thought the world was flat. They union. The vows a union member must take their part in solving the takes are serious ones. To live up larger problems that confront all to them requires conscientious effort and constant application.

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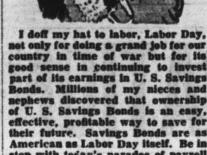
HOUSING

honest, good-seeking men and women today. They must join in as citi-Knowledge is the secret of successful membership but it must be zens, not thinking or caring whether their companion in the service more than superficial cognizance of problems immediately confronting of this great union of free men be Protestant, Jew or Catholic, black

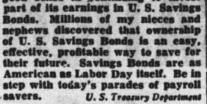
The power of a union comprised -thereby seeing only one side of of such men is unlimited. Through the picture. They must go on from establish themselves as a strong They must realize the importance force for right and justice to all

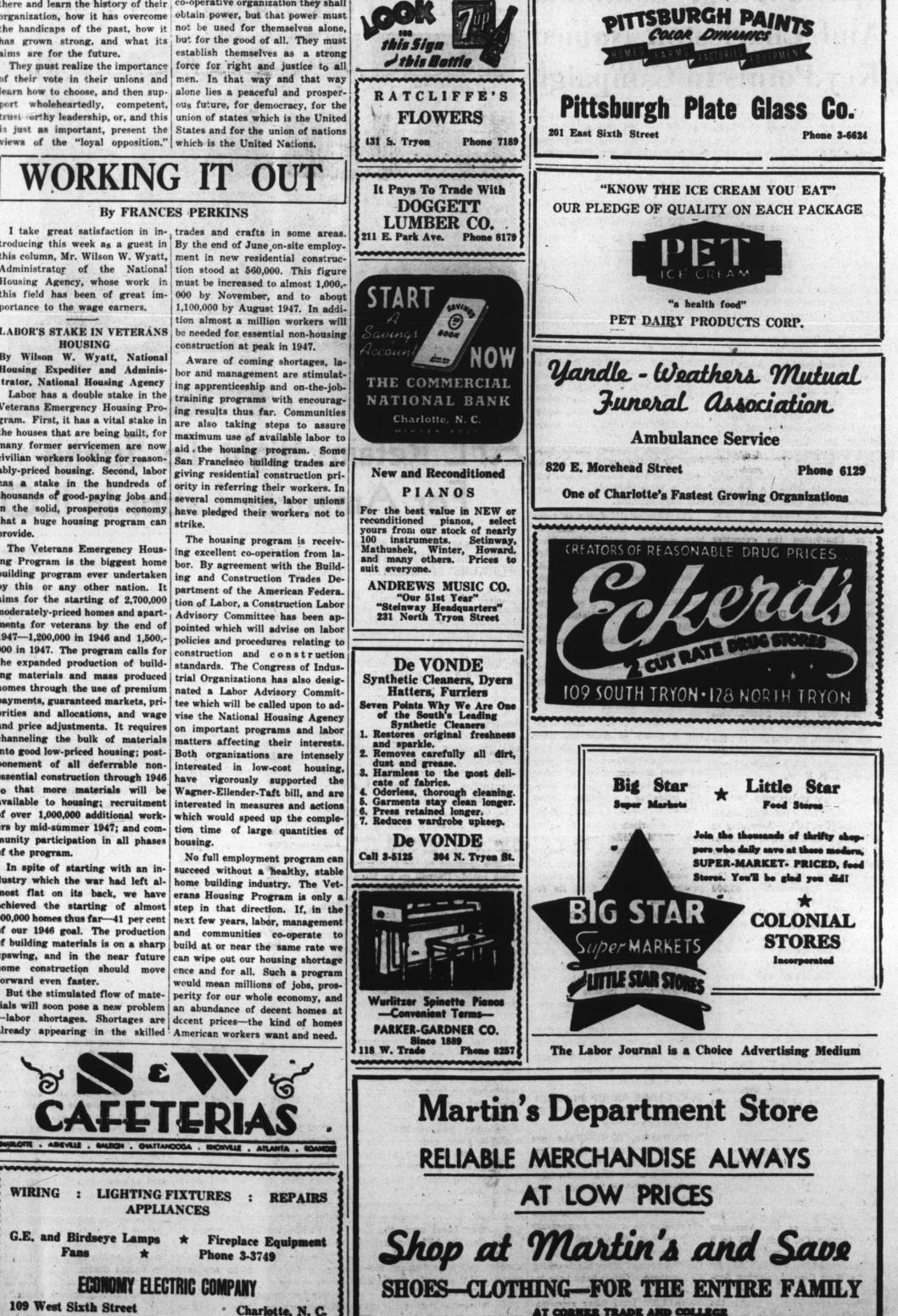
of their vote in their unions and men. In that way and that way

By FRANCES PERKINS



**Uncle Sam Says** 





this column, Mr. Wilson W. Wyatt, ment in new residential construc-Administrator of the National tion stood at 560,000. This figure Housing Agency, whose work in must be increased to almost 1,000,-1,100,000 by August 1947. In addi-

tion almost a million workers will LABOR'S STAKE IN VETERANS be needed for essential non-housing construction at peak in 1947.

By Wilson W. Wyatt, National Aware of coming shortages, labor and management are stimulattrator, National Housing Agency ing apprenticeship and on-the-job-Labor has a double stake in the training programs with encourag-Veterans Emergency Housing Proing results thus far. Communities gram. First, it has a vital stake in are also taking steps to assure maximum use of available labor to aid the housing program. Some San Francisco building trades are ably-priced housing. Second, labor giving residential construction prihas a stake in the hundreds of ority in referring their workers. In thousands of good-paying jobs and several communities, labor unions in the solid, prosperous economy have pledged their workers not to that a huge housing program can strike.

ing program is receiv-

For Indigestion, Sour Stomach and Gas, Take country in time of war but for its good sense in continuing to invest part of its earnings in U. S. Savings Bonds. Millions of my nieces and mephews discovered that ownership of U. S. Savings Bonds is an easy, effective, profitable way to save for their future. Savings Bonds are as American as Labor Day itself. Be in step with today's parades of payroll SELWYN CUT RATE DRUG STORE

paired workers.

S. C. FEDERATION SETS UP NEW OFFICES

The South Carolina Federation of Labor is to be commended for its farsightedness in setting up three new offices in South Carolina to aid AFL officials in the current organization campaign in that State. One of these offices has been established in Spartanburg, another in Columbia and the 1947-1,200,000 in 1946 and 1,500,third in Charleston.

The South-wide campaign has brought out the need in every southern state for branch offices and sufficient organizing personnel to man them. This has been one of Southern Labor's weakest spots. For years we have neglected to payments, guaranteed markets, prisupply these important functions and today plans must be devised by our State Federations of Labor and Central Labor and price adjustments. It requires Unions to provide the necessary machinery to keep in pace channeling the bulk of materials with the times.

North Carolina Labor, The Journal believes, will not let South Carolina get ahead of it, and the writer predicts that essential construction through 1946 before long Tarheelia will have offices all over the State, so that more materials will be together with sufficient personnel to handle the work in them. available to housing; recruitment This should be a MUST on the agenda of Central Labor of over 1,000,000 additional work-Unions throughout North Carolina in order that we may derive full benefits during the South-wide membership campaign.

# SEAMEN RETURNING TO WORK

Soothing news came over the wires and radio this week announcing that the AFL Seamen's Union membership were achieved the starting of almost returning to work following a brief shutdown while the White 500,000 homes thus far-41 per cent next few years, labor, management House was unraveling one of its toughest problems, that of of our 1946 goal. The production and communities co-operate to having to reverse a decision of one of its bureaus, which had decided recently that seamen working on ships belonging to upswing, and in the near future can wipe out our housing shortage the government (and leased out) could not have the benefit of salary increases negotiated by their union and privately owned shipping lines. Just another instance where red tape caused the country another embarrassing situation while matters were being worked out to right a wrong unnecessarily imposed in the beginning.

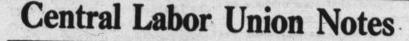
provide. The Veterans Emergency Housing Program is the biggest home building program ever undertaken by this or any other nation. It aims for the starting of 2,700,000 moderately-priced homes and apart- Advisory Committee has been apments for veterans by the end of 000 in 1947. The program calls for the expanded production of building materials and mass produced homes through the use of premium orities and allocations, and wage into good low-priced housing; postponement of all deferrable noners by mid-summer 1947; and com-

munity participation in all phases

of the program. In spite of starting with an insucceed without a healthy, stable dustry which the war had left alhome building industry. The Veterans Housing Program is only a most flat on its back, we have home construction should move once and for all. Such a program forward even faster.

would mean millions of jobs, pros-But the stimulated flow of mate- perity for our whole economy, and rials will soon pose a new problem | an abundance of decent homes at -labor shortages. Shortages are decent prices-the kind of homes already appearing in the skilled American workers want and need.

housing.



The regular weekly meeting of Co-ordinator Earl R. Britton, in Charlotte Central Labor Union was held this week with Vice President J. A. Scoggins presiding in the absence of President Sterling L. Hicks, who has been attending the convention of the electrical workers in San Francisco. Secretary Efird was at his post.

The meeting opened with invocation and the pledge of allegiance in rapid order.

Vice President John Lovett of Labor was present and made a talk The Journal. relative to the State Federation plans in the current organization drive.

charge of Carolinas organization work, was also present and made an interesting talk regarding the work that is going forward in the two Carolinas. Mr. Britton is also president of the South Carolina Federation of Labor and announced that the S. C. AFL unit to the flag, after which the slate is setting up three new offices in of business was gone through with his state, for the purpose of working during the AFL campaign. A

news story regarding these offices the North Carolina Federation of appears elsewhere in this issue of

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