

Charlotte Typographical Union Round-Up

BY J. T. PRIMM

The Charlotte Typographical Union Association, Inc., has been making rapid strides in forming their plans for their new meeting hall and club house combined. The twelve directors signed the Charter this week and it is off to Raleigh for approval.

The Association has held two meetings to date, discussing plans for either building a new home or buying a suitable place that will take care of the 120 members of the local Typographical Union. This local for the past several years has held their meetings in the Central Labor Union Hall.

The officers of the Association are as follows: A. M. Farris, president; H. E. Surles, vice-president and Paul E. Craft, treasurer. A secretary will be elected at the next meeting. Other members on the Board of Directors are as follows: H. E. Beatty, J. P. White, C. L. Alba, O. N. Burgess, H. B. Alexander, E. G. Cleaves, C. J. Pridden and J. T. Primm.

The Charlotte Typographical Union lost one of its most beloved members last Saturday night when Buford L. (Johnny) Green passed away with a paralytic stroke. Johnny was one of the oldest members of this local, having held a card for more than 35 years. He had served as machinist for the Charlotte Observer for 35 years.

Possessor of much inventive genius, he perfected the Semagraph, and automatic typesetting device which operates a line-type machine. Mr. Green was better known to all his many friends as just "Johnny," a nickname given to him by an apprentice boy some 39 years ago at the Observer.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church, of the Men's Bible Class of this church, and of the board of stewards of the church. He was buried in Evergreen cemetery.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and his friendly personality will be long remembered by his many friends. So we will say to you Johnny, Just Thirty.

Let us take this opportunity to congratulate Claude L. Alba, the new President of the Charlotte Central Labor Union. Claude has long been a member of the Typographical Union and has served as President of this local several times with much success. He is also a member of the City Council along with another of our members, Brother John P. White.

Notes on the Cuff—Vacation time is here and the boys of vari-

ous chapels are taking advantage of several weeks rest touring the country. A. M. (Firpo) Jones just returned to work after visiting Norfolk, St. Petersburg, Richmond and Washington. He says they tried to kidnap him in every newspaper office that he visited. They are all crying for printers.

H. B. (Little Alex) Alexander just blew in after sunning and taking life easy at Myrtle Beach for a week. R. B. (Big) Alexander spent his two weeks with his wife visiting her people in Colorado. He says the climate is wonderful there this time of year. W. E. (Roy) Cashwell is back on the job once again after spending several weeks in the hospital as a result of a fall at his club. He had eighteen stitches taken in his "noggia" and at the present he is wearing a brace on his back that was badly sprained. R. F. (Bob) White is resting very comfortably at home at this time, after winning a decision over a major operation. He has not returned to his machine as yet, but expects to very soon. Frank Howard, one of our latest printers to slug up came from Philadelphia from the strike they had there and has gone to Florida to bring his family back, where they have been visiting their folks for the past month. Brother Howard has purchased himself a home here and expects to stay for quite a spell.

This will be enough of this chatter for now, so if you like it and wish to see more in your Labor Journal, just drop us a line and let us know.

Arbitrator Awards Pay Boost To Dress Makers

Philadelphia, Pa. — More than 12,000 ILGWU workers employed here in 300 dress shops and factories won wage awards totaling \$2,500,000 annually in arbitration decision by Dr. George W. Taylor, Impartial Chairman of the industry.

The awarded 9 per cent increase includes both wage increases and a rise in the employers' contributions to the unions unemployment fund.

Samuel Otto, ILGWU vice-president, announced the award which followed the union's unsuccessful efforts to obtain wage increases. He hailed Dr. Taylor's decision as a "striking and timely demonstration of the effectiveness of collective bargaining as practiced by American industry and labor, unhampered by governmental restrictions."

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Hartley Act to effectively destroy labor unions, is made crystal clear in this provision of it. The revision and reconstruction of the National Labor Relations Board has created confusion and uncertainty. Its real meaning will never be clearly understood until it has been defined by the courts. Employers and employees will vehemently differ as to the real meaning of the provisions of the revised and newly created National Labor Relations Board. All of this will serve to promote strife between employers and employees—the expenditure of large sums of money in courts proceedings and a woeful lack of cooperation between management and labor. President Truman emphasized this fact in his veto message when he stated:

"I find that the National Labor Relations Act would be converted from an instrument with the major purpose of protecting the rights of workers to organize and bargain collectively into a maze of pitfalls and complex procedures. As a result of these complexities employers and workers would find new barriers to mutual understandings. The bill time and again would remove the settlement of differences from the bargaining table to courts of law. Instead of learning to live together, employers and unions are invited to engage in costly, time-consuming litigation, inevitably embittering both parties. Here the President set forth in simple language the evils of the new National Labor Relations Board, and the great dis-service of human relations in industry which is bound to follow the enforcement of said amended National Labor Relations Act. Because the amendments to the National Labor Relations Act, as set forth in the Taft-Hartley Bill, are susceptible to varied interpretations and are confusing to the highest degree, we would prefer to National Labor Relations Board than the National Labor Relations Board with its administrative authority as set forth in the Taft-Hartley Law.

The Taft-Hartley Law is filled with "Thou Shalt Nots" and "Thou Must" to the officers and members of labor unions. The supporters of the Taft-Hartley Law virtually declare "Labor Unions in the United States must be made weak and ineffective. Their ability to serve working people to preserve economic freedom and to establish higher standards of living for the wage earners of the nation must be limited and defined."

The provision of the Taft-Hartley Bill which provides that it shall be unlawful for any labor organization to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with the election of members of Congress, strikes a vital blow at freedom of speech and freedom of press. This section must be interpreted as meaning that the supporters of the Taft-Hartley Bill sought to make it a crime for labor to exercise the right of freedom of the press and freedom of speech in order to prevent them from being re-elected to Congress.

The vicious feature of this section is reflected in the fact that it provides any officer of a labor organization or any labor organization who exercises the right of freedom of speech or freedom of the press in opposing a Member of Congress who voted for the Taft-Hartley Bill for re-election, shall be guilty of a criminal offense punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both. Here in this section is reflected the hatred of Members of Congress toward labor unions and their bitter determination to destroy them if possible. The National Association of Manufacturers and other employer organizations may function and serve their respective membership without any substantial interference on the part of government. They are practically free from legislative restraints and limitations. The attorneys who serve the National Association of Manufacturers and who prepared and wrote the Taft-Hartley Bill saw to it that their clients were exempt from many of the provisions of the Act to which unions and their members are subjected. The Taft-Hartley Act is a strike and strife-provoking Act. It should be properly classified as such. It will serve to prevent the workers from agreeing to incorporate a no-strike pledge in

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written contracts. It means the end of sound labor-management relations and the substitution there-for of distrust, suspicion and class hatred.

And now, we, the representatives of seven millions, five hundred thousand members of the American Federation of Labor, after giving solemn consideration to all the facts herein stated, the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act and its legal analysis prepared by the Legal Department of the American Federation of Labor, herewith declare that the following shall be our pledge and uncompromising purpose:

1. Because we believe many of the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Bill are unconstitutional, we will challenge the validity of said sections in the courts. In doing so, we shall avail ourselves of the opportunity to appeal in accordance with court procedure to the Supreme Court of the United States. We shall exhaust every legal recourse at our command in the efforts we put forth to test the validity of this act.

2. The repeal of this notorious legislation shall be our fixed objective. We shall never be reconciled to the acceptance of this legislation. We shall oppose it—fight it at every step and every opportunity—until we succeed in our efforts to bring about its repeal. Our action in this respect will be based upon the fact that we regard the Taft-Hartley Bill as a slave measure, un-American, vicious and destructive of labor's constitutional rights.

3. We will organize, unite and concentrate our efforts toward bringing about the defeat of every member of Congress for re-election who voted in favor of final enactment of the Taft-Hartley Bill.

4. To protect our organizations against possible suits for damages and other vexatious and destructive litigation under this law, it is recommended that no-strike provisions be omitted from all future agreements, written or oral.

5. In order that the workers of the Nation may be accorded a full and complete opportunity to vote in national elections, we recommend that our organizations set aside this day as a holiday to be devoted solely to election purposes.

6. We recommend that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor give full and complete consideration to the declarations of this conference and in addition, prepare for the consideration of the next convention of the American Federation of Labor a program giving full effect to these purposes.

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visions of the law banning union expenditures for political purposes, stating flatly that this section is unconstitutional. "The American Federation of Labor has violated that section already," he said, "by printing the roll-call vote on the overriding of the President's veto. I'm glad they did. This provision is patently unconstitutional and I don't think it can be held otherwise by the courts."

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AFL AUTOMOBILE WORKERS WIN BARGAINING ELECTION
Carrollton, Ky. — The AFL's United Automobile Workers won an important NLRB election when workers at the Carrollton Manufacturing Company here chose the AFL union as their bargaining agent.

ion, AFL has been certified for all employees of Southeastern Clay Company of Aiken, S. C.

Three AFL unions have been certified for employees of Heyden Chemical Corporation, Morgantown, W. Va. The Plumbers Local 152 will be bargaining agent

for pipefitters, plumbers, welders and their helpers; Electrical Workers Local 425 for electricians; and District 50, Chemical Division Local 13200 for all remaining production and maintenance employees. The plant employs about 800.

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