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Greetings From Gastonia, Belmont, Mt. Holly

You'll like Gastonia's civi- mindedness. It's a city where people go to church on Sunday; where the civic clubs sink their teeth into useful projects; where legitimate enterprises get loyal support. A need for more hospital facilities brought for a \$400,000 response.

Gastonia has: A daily newspaper, the Gazette—17,000 circulation; two radio stations; civic clubs, Civitan, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist, Rotary, Altrusa, Pilior, American Legion, Post, Music, Garden, and Woman's Clubs; Merchants Association; 58 churches; 4 hospitals; Bank assets, \$31,000,000. (December 31, '47). Two building and loan associations; library with county-wide bookmobile service; Boy and Girl Scouts. We hope you will make further inquiry about any phase of life in Gastonia that is of interest.

Greater Gastonia can count 60 textile plants in its limits. In Gaston County there are 140—the largest number to be found in any county in the United States. This relatively small county produces more than 80 per cent of the fine combed cotton yarn made in this country and is known as "The Combed Cotton Yarn Center of America."

Some of Gaston County's 120 smaller, diversified industries, contribute to the needs of a balanced, self-contained community; others distribute their products all over the world. Textile machinery, for instance, is exported to almost every nation on the globe.

Sixty-one machine shops and machinery manufacturers engage in work which varies from intricate microscopic precision opera-

tion to the machining of large equipment and parts. Gastonia will be able to meet your most exacting needs in air, rail, truck and bus facilities. A number of bus lines operate in and out of Gastonia. There is also an efficient city bus system. Industrial Products — Active spinning spindles in Gaston County: 1,225,000. Annual industrial payroll in Gaston County: \$65,000,000.

Value of manufactured products in Gaston County \$200,000,000. Industrial employees in Gaston County: 29,000.

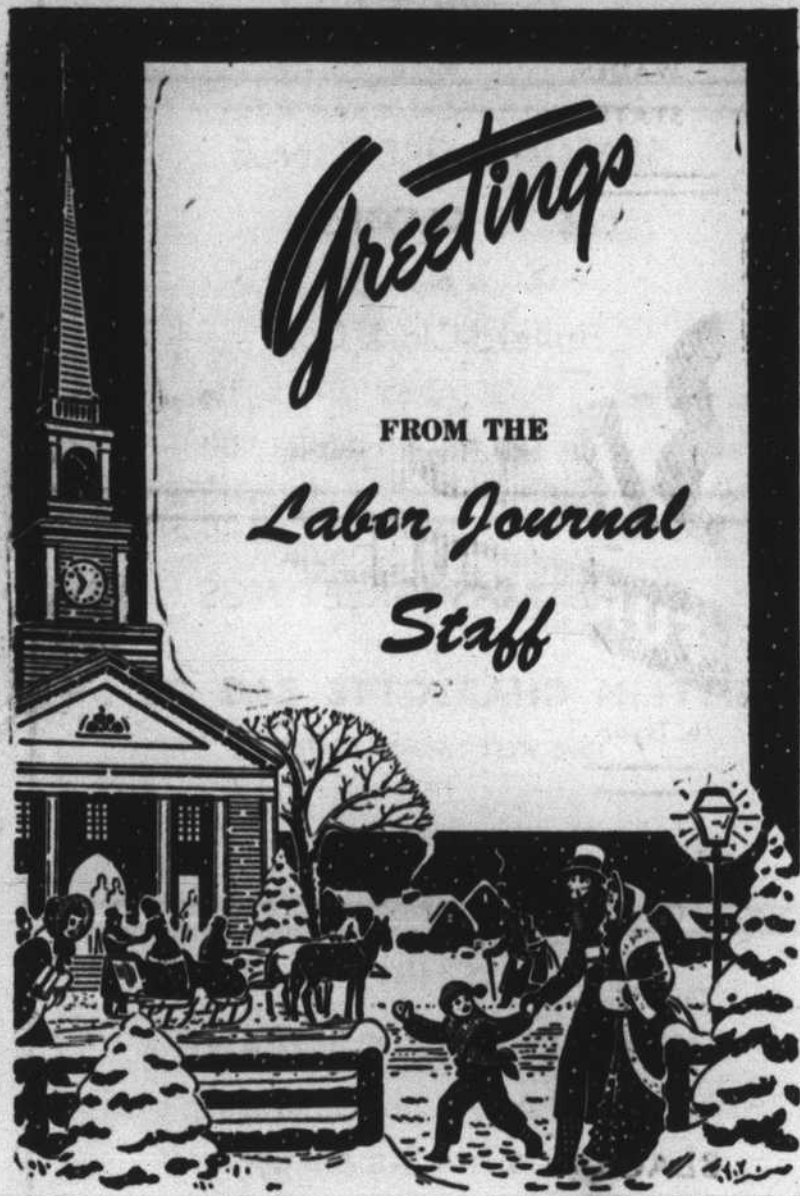
SONGS THAT HELP

There's a song in the air!
 There's a star in the sky!
 There's a mother's deep prayer,
 And a baby's low cry!
 And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing.
 For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

We rejoice in the light,
 And we echo the song
 That comes down through the night
 From heavenly throng;
 Aye! we shout to the lowly evangel they bring,
 And we greet in His cradle our Savior and King.
 —J. G. Holland.

In the Old Testament, the sacrifice for sin was the blood of animals, which represented the blood of Christ.

John the Baptist announced Jesus as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.



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