

Local Carpenters Move To New Home



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Meeting Held In Miami Sunday, January 30th

SECOND MEETING WILL BE IN ATLANTA MARCH 26 AND 27 FOR PURPOSE OF ELECTING PERMANENT OFFICERS AND ADOPTING BY-LAWS.

One of the most important meetings in recent Southern Labor circles was that of editors and publishers of the Southern Labor Press which was called by Southern Organization Director J. L. Rhodes, and held in Miami Sunday, January 30. The meeting was called by Mr. Rhodes for the purpose of reforming a permanent organization of the Southern Labor Paper publications. Attending the session from North Carolina were E. R. Williamson of the Durham Labor Journal and H. A. Stalls of the Charlotte Labor Journal.

The meeting was called to order in the Hotel El Comodore shortly after 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning and Stanton Dann of the Mobile Labor Journal was named temporary president; and L. B. Stanford of the Southern Teamster of Atlanta, Ga., was named temporary secretary.

The Charlotte Labor Journal is reproducing a full account of the meeting which appears in this week's issue of the Miami Citizen, Magic City Labor Newspaper, ably edited by Brother F. J. Reed, whom the writer worked with in Atlanta 25 years ago, and whose publisher is Bro. Chas. F. Towle. Both are members of the International Typographical Union who have been in Miami for many years.

The Citizen article follows:

By F. J. REED

"Sunday's meeting of southern labor press representatives opened more auspiciously than even its best friends dared hope for, considering the many obstacles confronting labor and the labor press at this or at most 'any old time,' as well as the fact that most of the vitally interested attendants were from beyond the borders of the State of Flowers.

"To a certain extent it is possible that 'distance lends enchantment,' or the fact that Florida has a drawing power that even residents of border states find hard to resist (Miami Chamber of Commerce please note). At any rate



J. L. RHODES
Southern AFL Director of Organization
who called Southern Labor Publishers together for the Miami meeting. Brother Rhodes addressed the gathering.

there was a good attendance to greet Bro. J. L. Rhodes, southern director of organization for the American Federation of Labor, who had sent out the first calls for the gathering and was working hand in hand with Secretary Lewis M. Herrmann of the International Labor Press of America, Matthew Woll, president of the Union Label Trades Department of the AFL, and others who arrived in Miami too late to attend the session, but who are (Continued on Page 3)

Dixie Labor Editors Meet In Miami



Left to right: Chas. E. Silva, Florida State Advocate, Tampa, Fla.; E. R. Williamson, Durham, N. C. Labor Journal; S. L. Goodman, South Carolina Labor News, Columbia, S. C.; F. J. Reed, Editor Miami Citizen, Miami, Fla.; L. B. Stanford, Southern Teamster, Atlanta, Ga., Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Labor Press Association; Stanton Dann, Labor Journal, Mobile, Ala., acting president, Southern Labor Press Association; J. L. Rhodes, southern director, American Federation of Labor, Atlanta, Ga.; Chas. F. Towle, Publisher Miami Citizen, Miami, Fla.; T. K. Cuthbert, Chattanooga Labor World, Chattanooga, Tenn.; H. A. Stalls, Charlotte Labor Journal, Charlotte, N. C.; John H. Swann, Georgia Federationist, Savannah, Ga.

—Miami Citizen Photo (AFL)

AFL Unions Located In Carpenters' Hall

CHARLOTTE LOCAL OF BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS PURCHASE WEST TRADE STREET PROPERTY AND BEGIN EXTENSIVE OVERHAULING OF BUILDING. — PREPARING OFFICES AND MEETING HALLS SUFFICIENT TO CARE FOR ALL LOCAL AFFILIATES.

The Charlotte branch of the American Federation of Labor, the Charlotte Central Labor Union, and its affiliated unions are now domiciled in their new quarters at 920 West Trade street, after having been located at 317 1/2 North Tryon Street for the past three years.

The West Trade street property was recently purchased by the Charlotte local of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and workmen are now busy tearing out partitions, walls, etc., in plans that call for accommodating all of the American Federation of Labor activities in this city and section. The building is being renovated inside and out. Large meeting halls for the unions are being made and sufficient office space to take care of the local AFL affiliated unions' executive offices have been or will be arranged shortly.

The new union quarters has been needed for a long time. In fact, the rapid growth of the Charlotte labor movement during the war period and since has made it necessary that larger quarters be obtained. For quite a while the Central Labor Union has contemplated purchasing a lot and building suitable accommodations to care for its (Continued on Page 2)



REPRESENTATIVE CARLYLE of Lumberton, N. C., newly chosen member of the House Post Office and Civil Service committee, who was a guest at a meeting held by the postal employees of New Hanover County, N. C., in December.

Western District Postal Employees To Meet In Charlotte February 19th

HEADQUARTERS WILL BE IN SELWYN HOTEL

Bulletins are being sent all North Carolina locals of the National Federation of Postal Employees announcing a Western District Conference meeting to be held in Charlotte on Saturday, February 19. Headquarters for the affair will be in the Selwyn hotel, Charlotte, recently remodeled hotel at the corner of West Trade and Church streets. Charlotte Local 375 is sponsoring the Charlotte meeting.

Registrations will begin at 1:00 o'clock on the afternoon of the 19th, followed by an Open Forum in the afternoon at which time a representative of the U. S. Post Office department will be present and conduct this part of the program. He will be assisted by a national officer of the Postal organizations.

The bulletin which has been forwarded to North Carolina locals is as follows:

"All Postal Employees are cordially invited to attend a District meeting at Charlotte, N. C., February 19, 1949. Headquarters will be at the Selwyn Hotel, first block of West Trade Street from Square.

"Registration will start at 1:00 P. M. with guys and gals there to greet you, pin a tag on you and give you any information that you desire. We aim to make you welcome—you aim to enjoy it.

"The Open Forum in the afternoon will be conducted by a Representative of the Post Office Department and assisted by a National Officer of one of the Postal Organizations. You can get the information that you have been looking for from them. That lit (Continued on Page 4)

HOG PRICES IN SHARP DROP TO LOWEST LEVEL SINCE '46

CHICAGO—Consumers' hopes for lower meat prices were raised here when a flood of hogs pouring into livestock markets dropped the price to the lowest level since 1946.

Receipts on a recent day were the heaviest since June, 1944. The top price for best grade hogs was \$21 a hundred pounds, lowest since Oct. 14, 1946, when the OPA ceiling on hogs stood at \$16.25.

Arrivals totaled 27,000 head. Last year's peak day was April 19, when 21,000 head arrived. The Chicago & North Western railway reported it alone unloaded 120 railroad cars of livestock here.

Prices dropped \$1 to \$1.50 a hundred pounds.

State Organizer Visits Charlotte

Representative Brown of the North Carolina Federation of Labor has been a visitor in Charlotte for the past several days and last week addressed the regular bi-monthly meeting of Charlotte Central Labor Union. Brother Brown was assigned to Charlotte to familiarize himself with some of the work that AFL Organizer Al Kemp has had in process for some time. Mr. Kemp has temporarily been assigned to Arkansas from this State but expects to return here following completion of his work beyond the Mississippi.

Friends of Representative Brown welcome him here.

LABOR ARBITRATION CASES REPORTED UP 21% IN YEAR

New York.—An increase of 21 per cent in the number of labor disputes settled through resort to the American Arbitration Association was reported for 1948 by the association.

The number of disputes increased in 1948, compared with 1947, the organization said in its twenty-second annual report, which said that the arbitration record in such circumstances was evidence of "substantial recognition" of the value of AAA procedures by both management and labor.

The Golden Rule of Trade Unionism is to buy Union Label goods from others as you would have them pay Union wages unto you!

AFL Wins Local Plant Election

In an election recently conducted by the National Labor Relations Board in the plant of the New England Waste Company, Charlotte firm, the balloting resulted in a 31 to 23 victory for the American Federation of Labor. The petition for the election had been pending for almost a year. It was filed by AFL Representative Al Kemp in behalf of the plant's employees.

Mr. Kemp, who has been stationed in Charlotte for the past two years, organized this plant, and he has been doing good work in the formation of a number of local unions in this territory. He has set up a number of Federal Labor Unions also.



Only Four Days Left Of March Of Dimes Drive

Only four more days remain of the March of Dimes campaign which last Saturday was extended for another week because only about \$32,000 of the \$100,000 campaign goal had been reached. As of Wednesday evening of this week a little more than half of the quota had been raised.

Mecklenburg citizens will have to work fast during the remaining days of the drive in order to put the quota over the top. This is something in which every man, woman and child should become interested in order that Mecklenburg will be chalked up as having done its full share in fund raising to be used in caring for those who have already been stricken and those who may become victims of the dreaded polio.

Let your contribution go forward this very minute. If you desire you may win a valuable gift, one that will stay with you for a lifetime, by filling in the jingle below and mailing it, together with your contribution to campaign headquarters. Just address it to March of Dimes, 127 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, N. C.

COMPLETE THE JINGLE AND HELP FIGHT POLIO

Complete this jingle, enclose your contribution and mail to March of Dimes Headquarters, 127 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, N. C.

My contribution is in dollars this time
Instead of the usual dime;
To fight polio harder than ever

Because.....

SUBMITTED BY.....

Address.....

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO MARCH OF DIMES?