

## PRINTERS' CHIEF FLAYS TAFT-HARTLEY LAW

### North Carolina Building Trades Ask For Better Apprentice Program

## Western District Postal Employees Meet Here Saturday

### Open Forum First Number On Program Of P. O. Clerks

North Carolina Postal Clerks, about two hundred in number, will converge on Charlotte Friday evening and Saturday morning of this week, in order to be present at a Western District Conference meeting to be held here Saturday, February 19. Headquarters for the gathering will be in the Selwyn Hotel, corner of West Trade and Church streets.

Local committees have been busy for some time sending out bulletins, invitations, etc., in advance of the meeting and announce that everything is in readiness for one of the largest and best postal employe meetings ever held in the Western District. The program, as announced this week, is as follows:

Headquarters—Selwyn Hotel  
1:00 p. m.—Registration in the Hotel Lobby.

3:30 p. m.—Meeting of the Ladies in Room 241—By the Auxiliary.

3:30 p. m.—Open Forum—Carolina Room.

6:30 p. m.—Banquet—Main Ball Room.

Toastmaster—Wm. S. Lawing.

Invocation—S. L. Boyce.

Address of Welcome—Claude L. Albea.

Response—Broadus Singleton. Showing, "Air Power Is Peace Power"—Courtesy of Eastern Air Lines.

Introduction of Guests—W. Eugene Lee.

Introduction of Speaker—Mrs. Margaret Harris.

Address—Mrs. Sally Williamson, vice president Auxiliary to National Federation of P. O. Clerks.

Outline of Legislative Plans—Norman L. Harris, Legislative Representative.

Introduction of Speaker—J. Clyde Smyre, N. C. F. P. O. C.

Address—O. L. Whitesell, Vice-Pres. N. F. P. O. C.

Guest—Hon. Hamilton C. Jones, M.C., Representative of 10th Congressional District.

9:00—Dance—Music by "Ziggy" Hurwitz Combo.

The meeting was made possible by members of Local 375, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, the Woman's Auxiliary to 375 and the following committees:

Registration—S. F. Blackwelder, chairman; Auxiliary to No. 375, and J. F. Cullingford.

Entertainment—"Pete" Bradburn, chairman; "Skinny" Lee, C. R. Mitchell, and James Baxter.

Program—Bill Moon, chairman.

### AUTO UNION INTERESTED IN BID OF EUROPE'S CARS

Milwaukee.—Leaders of the AFL's Automobile Workers are viewing with considerable interest the stepped-up invasion of the American market by the manufacturers of foreign automobiles.

British and French auto makers are setting up sales and service organizations all over the United States, according to reports. The foreign manufacturers are emphasizing the export to this country of small-size vehicles.

In New York City the European automobiles were put under the spotlight at the First International Automobile Show. Models exhibited there came from Great Britain, France, Italy and Czechoslovakia.

### State Building Trades Meet In Durham Mar. 13

The North Carolina Building and Construction Trades Council at its meeting in Charlotte Sunday, voted to hold its next monthly meeting in Durham on Sunday, March 13 in the Labor Temple there. The Charlotte meeting was very well attended by delegates from the various building crafts and a lengthy session was held here.

Several prominent labor speakers were present in Charlotte and addressed the building craftsmen following close of the business session which lasted until after the noon hour. Among these was President C. A. Fink of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, who is now representing North Carolina Labor in Raleigh as its AFL legislative representative before the General Assembly.

Mr. Fink outlined some of the proposals he had advanced in Labor's efforts to get the State Labor Law either repealed or modified. He also analyzed some of the proposals advanced by others and contrasted them with the North Carolina Federation's propositions.

President Fink said he hoped to receive consideration by the legislators for the Federation's plans to do away with one of the most vicious pieces of labor legislation on the statute books in the country, the North Carolina anti-closed shop law.

A. F. L. Representative A. E. Brown, formerly organizer for the North Carolina Federation of Labor, addressed the gathering and outlined some of the organizing problems Labor has to face under the drastic North Carolina Labor law. He told about preparations being made for the holding of general labor elections in North Carolina plants and thanked the Hod Carriers Union for the services of Representative J. L. McKinney in recent work elsewhere in the state.

A talk that was enjoyed by the delegates was one made by "Uncle" Jim Barrett, southern publicity director for the American Federation of Labor, with headquarters in Atlanta. "Uncle" Jim praised the building trades for the long years of service to the American Labor movement, saying that they are the real builders of America, for it was they who back before the American revolution laid the foundations for the great United States we see today.

Mr. Barrett also attended the Carpenters meeting held here Saturday night. Delegate Ray of Durham, vice president of the North Carolina Building Trades Council, presided over the meeting due to the absence of President Russ of Asheville, who found it impossible to be present.

The GI apprentice training program now in effect came up for considerable discussion and committees were named to delve into the matter of training the ap

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### AFL Men Visitors



EXECUTIVE OFFICERS and AFL officials who were in attendance at the February 13 meeting of the North Carolina Building Trades Council in the new Labor Temple at 920 West Trade Street. Seated, left to right: J. Ed. Cuthbertson, Operating

Engineers; Vice President Ray of Durham, who presided; and H. E. Setzer, Secretary-Treasurer. (President Russ was unable to attend). Standing, left to right: President Charles A. Fink of the North Carolina Federation of Labor; John L. McKinney,

Hod Carriers and Common Laborers; W. R. McBee, State Building Trades Business Agent; "Uncle Jim" Barrett, AFL Southern publicity director; Henry Adair, Electrical Workers; J. A. Canida, Bridge, Structural Steel and Iron Workers, and A. E. Brown, AFL representative.

### Annual Meet Printing Crafts Held Sunday

The Charlotte Allied Printing Trades Council held its annual get-together luncheon meeting here Sunday at the Ship-Ahoy Restaurant, with delegates from all five printing trades present. The Council holds its regular meetings the first Sunday each month at 920 West Trade Street, but once each year its members get together and celebrate with a luncheon, followed with talks by members of the various crafts.

President Claude L. Albea called the meeting to order at 1:00 o'clock. The following unions were represented:

Printers—J. T. Primm, Howard L. Beatty, Claude L. Albea, Fred J. Moody, C. J. Pridgen, and Henry A. Stalls.

Pressmen—R. F. Barger, J. B. Greene, C. B. Meacham, and Aubrey Holder.

Stereotypers—Herbert L. Turner, Carl G. Tyson, and Jim Hampton.

Photo-engravers—G. F. Schwitzgebel, H. L. Fay, C. G. Hannon, and Ervin G. Reagle.

Bookbinders—R. Ray Hunter, R. M. Cottingham, and Orris Carpenter.

Closer co-ordination of the units comprising the council was cited as a desirable objective at the meeting.

Talks outlining the activities of the Council in the past, and calling for increased efforts in the future, were made by Henry A. Stalls, C. G. Hannon, Howard L. Beatty, J. T. Primm, Claude L. Albea, and Aubrey Holder. All other delegates spoke briefly.

The Council was formed more than 15 years ago and through its activities many educational programs have been conducted in connection with the use of the Allied Printing Label.

Aubrey Holder, secretary-treasurer of the Council, arranged the details for the luncheon-meeting.

### Auxiliary Entertains

Mrs. John P. White was hostess to the Woman's Auxiliary to Charlotte Typographical Union last Monday night at 8:00 o'clock at her home, 318 Grandin Road. Mrs. J. E. Kumphe was co-hostess. The Auxiliary combined its regular monthly session with a Valentine party after the meeting.

Following the business session members and guests were entertained by playing games and were served refreshments and prizes were awarded. The surprise of the evening was provided by Mr. John White, who presented each member and guest present with a box of candy appropriate for the Valentine Day occasion.

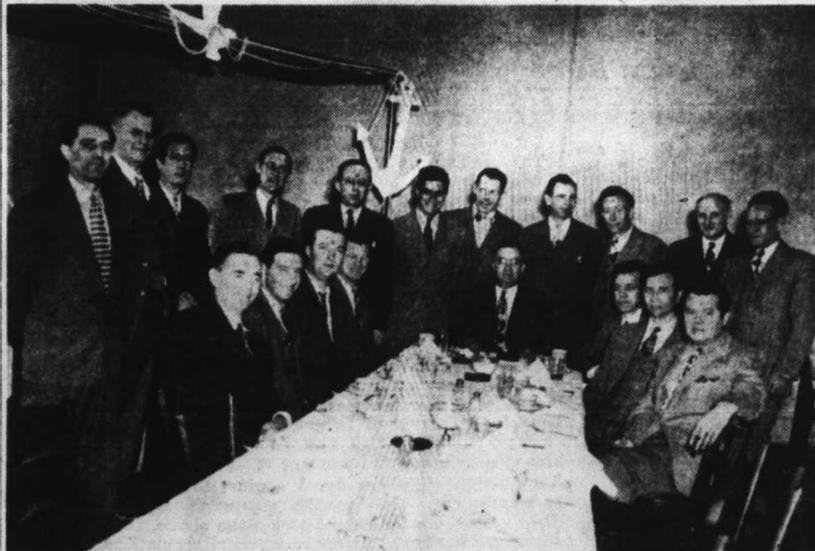
Three new members were taken into the Auxiliary. They were: Mrs. J. T. Primm, Mrs. Cecil Presson and Mrs. William Gaffney. The application of another

new member applicant was received and will be acted on at the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Phillips.

A bingo party will be held on February 28 at the home of Mrs. H. F. Carricker, 2549 East Seventh street. This party is scheduled before the next regular monthly Auxiliary meeting. Mrs. Byron Luma is president of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Andrew Herron is secretary-treasurer.

Charlotte Typographical Union Auxiliary is composed of the wives, mothers and daughters, or sisters of members of Charlotte Typographical Union and its membership is growing steadily. Mrs. Hugh Sykes was the first president of the auxiliary when it was formed many years ago.

### Printing Trades Dine In Grand Style



THE ABOVE PICTURE is that of delegates composing the Charlotte Allied Printing Trades Council, which held its regular annual get-together meeting and luncheon Sunday, February 13 at the Ship-

Ahoy Restaurant. Seated, left to right: Howard L. Beatty, Herbert L. Turner, James Hampton, Carl G. Tyson, President Claude L. Albea, R. F. Barger, Fred J. Moody and J. T. Primm. Standing,

### Randolph Testifies At Labor Com. Hearing

Washington.—Woodruff Randolph, president of the International Typographical Union, told the committee that the Taft-Hartley Act is "a one-way injunction street against unions." He demanded that the biased statute be quickly replaced by the Thomas bill.

### Carpenter Meet Durham Mar. 12

The North Carolina Council of Carpenters held their regular monthly meeting in Charlotte Saturday night in the Carpenters Hall, 920 West Trade street, to transact business of importance which had arisen since their last monthly meeting, held in Wilmington.

During the course of the meeting a committee was appointed to draw up plans to present to the next meeting relative to working out a uniform wage scale for all Carpenter Unions in North Carolina. The Carpenters delegates expressed themselves as desiring a uniform wage, due to the near uniformity of living costs throughout North Carolina.

The veterans training program also came up for its share of the discussion and the Carpenters decided to work in conjunction with the Building Trades meeting the following day in efforts to get a better training program worked out, and one which will be of more benefit to the veterans themselves than the one now in effect.

This is the first meeting of the North Carolina Council to be held in Charlotte since the local Carpenters moved into their new home several weeks ago.

Ellis Wright is president of the State Council; John Lovett, local Carpenters' business agent, is vice president, and Carl Knopf of Winston-Salem is secretary-treasurer.

The March 12 meeting will be held in Durham.

Mr. Randolph testified that the Taft-Hartley Act had set up "a form of involuntary servitude" under which union printers would have to work with non-union men against their will.

His members, he asserted, were made "slaves" of those provisions of the law which compelled them "under the whip of an injunction, to act as strike-breakers and to process goods made by men working in opposition to us."

Referring to what he called his union's "agonizing experiences" under the law, Mr. Randolph said:

"We have been compelled to spend over \$11,000,000 of hard-earned member dues in support of strikes and other defense activities to preserve our union.

"We have been subjected to the issuance of 5 complaints containing substantially identical allegations and relying on the same evidence, by General Council (Robert N.) Denham. We have been forced to engage in 5 long-drawn-out NLRB proceedings covering substantially the entire country, at great expense to ourselves and our members, without having obtained a single decision from the NLRB in the course of 16 months of litigation.

"We have been forced to submit to a sweeping injunction and to contempt action under that injunction, brought by NLRB attorneys for the chief purpose of breaking a strike of our members at Chicago, Ill., which has continued since November 24, 1947.

"Collective bargaining in our industry has been carried on, not with our employers but with General Counsel Denham and the federal courts."

This "interference" with collective bargaining, Mr. Randolph said, had gone so far that the union had been held in contempt for failing to include in a proposed contract provision for a neutral arbiter to settle disputes arising over a clause dealing with apprentice training.

While his union did not accept "everything" in the administration's labor relations bill the IUT president said that it was prepared to accept it "on an experimental basis in the interest of speedy repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act."

Senator Matthew Neely of West Virginia called for the sacking of General Counsel Denham. He said Denham, in his appearance before the committee, had given "the most biased testimony I have ever heard by a government official — and I have taken part in congressional hearings for 26 years."

### SEAFARERS IN EAST SET WELFARE PLAN AS GOAL

New York.—A welfare plan should be demanded by the Seafarers International Union at the next meeting between union negotiators and the shipowners, SIU members unanimously voted here.

Union officials were directed to make a thorough study of existing welfare plans and to formulate a plan which would be feasible for the Seafarers.