

Union FM Station Begins Operation

Chattanooga, Tenn. — Hearty congratulations were extended to Station WVUN, this city's first FM outlet, and the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, owner and operator of the station, when the new facility went on the air for the first time.

Tributes were paid to the Garment Workers for their public-spirited action in establishing the station on a nonprofit basis to serve the people of Chattanooga and the surrounding area.

WVUN's listening audience heard high praise for the union and expressions of good wishes for the success of the station from AFL President William Green, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, U. S. Senator Estes Kefauver and screen actors Gregory Peck and Gene Kelly.

M. S. Novik, New York City radio consultant, worked with the ILGWU to bring this new radio station to Chattanooga.

Mr. Green, in his message, said: "Today the American people are vitally interested in what is going on in their own community, in the nation and the world. With the great problems that face us both on the domestic scene and the field of foreign affairs, the people are thirsty for knowledge. They want to hear all sides on each issue in order to form intelligent opinions of their own."

"I am certain that Station WVUN will provide this service in a way that will earn the admiration of all fair-minded citizens of Chattanooga."

Mr. Meany, in his remarks, emphasized that the Ladies Garment Workers Union has "led the way for organized labor in the realm of cultural activity."

"It was a perfectly natural development," the AFL secretary-treasurer pointed out, "for this union to interest itself in the very important field of radio."

WVUN, like the other ILGWU stations, will limit the sale of time to not more than 50 per cent. Time will not be sold for religious programs or for controversial issues but will be made available free of charge for such broadcasts.



American Federation of Labor representatives in Miami for the meeting of the Executive Council were the guests of the Navy on a submarine trip. During the cruise, which lasted four hours, the trade union men took two dives. They got a big wallop out of their unusual experience and learned a great deal about the operations of a submarine. Here the laborites are on the conning tower with the sub's commander as the cruise started. Second from left is William Howlin of the AFL's headquarters staff in Washington, D. C. Sixth from left is John J. Murphy, secretary of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union.

Asheville Appoints Convention Committee

Flays Rulers

New York.—Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, dean of Columbia University's Faculty of Medicine, says the principle of prepayment insurance, well established in such fields as hospital care, unemployment and old age pensions, "must now be applied to the medical services."

In his annual report to Dwight D. Eisenhower, university president, Dr. Rappleye declared that present-day economic problems make it "impossible for many families to pay for unpredictable and uncertain illnesses."

This statement has been advanced repeatedly by the American Federation of Labor and by well-informed physicians and other persons who are supporting the AFL in its efforts to secure passage of legislation for national health insurance. However, the American Medical Association, voicing the reactionary viewpoint on national health insurance, pre-

Preparations Being Made For Largest Convention Yet.

(From February Tar Heel Fed) "Asheville Local 277, N. F. P. O. C., and authorities of the George Vanderbilt Hotel are preparing for the largest invasion of post office people any North Carolina city has ever known."

So says B. E. Singleton, President of Local 277. The Asheville group will host the 1949 convention of the North Carolina Federation of Post Office Clerks and Auxiliary at the George Vanderbilt during the second or third week of June and present indications point to a record attendance.

Singleton has advised that Federationists who may desire accommodations outside the hotel should communicate with James R. Fawcett who will endeavor to procure the type of accommodation desired.

Postmaster General Donaldson will be officially invited and urged to attend, it was announced.

Singleton will serve as General Chairman of the Convention Committee and other committee appointments are as follows;

- Program Chairman—J. P. Ammons.
- Publicity Chairman—L. V. Middleton.
- Housing and Trans. — J. R. Fawcett.
- Finance—N. B. Sheperd.
- Refreshments—J. S. Harrill.
- Registration—W. E. Broome.

U. S. FARM WAGE RATES INCREASED 3% IN 1948

Washington.—Farm wage rates increased 3 per cent in 1948, continuing a rise that started early in the war, the Department of Agriculture reported. Rates averaged 60 cents an hour January 1 compared with 58 cents a year ago. The department said, however, that declining farm product prices are expected to limit further wage increases.

The number of hired workers on farms at the start of the year was reported at 7,155,000, or about 352,000 fewer than a year ago. Some of this decline in employment reflected less favorable working conditions than a year ago. Heavy snows hampered farm work in many areas.

tends that financial inability to pay doctor's bills does not really exist.

Dr. Rappleye, in his report to President Eisenhower, went on to point out that the evolution of adequate voluntary programs of comprehensive prepayment medical care for individuals and their families "has been slow and largely unsupported by the organized medical profession, whose policies continue to be almost exclusively determined by those who are primarily concerned with retaining the status quo."

It was obvious that Dr. Rappleye was referring to the clique in tight control of the American Medical Association. The AMA is trying to collect \$25 from every doctor in the country to pay for a ballyhoo campaign against national health insurance, which is desired by the overwhelming majority of the American people.

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



CYRIL T. BLAKESLEE

National Federation Officer Succumbs

Cyril T. Blakeslee, Vice-President of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, and a veteran of 23 years service in the Portland, Oregon, post office, died on Friday, December 31st in a Portland hospital, following an attack of pneumonia.

Blakeslee became a national officer following the resignation of John M. Mitcham of Spokane in 1945. He was elected to office by the Milwaukee convention in 1946 and was re-elected by the Miami convention in August, 1948.

He was a veteran of both World Wars, having served with the 319th Engineers in France in 1917-18 and in New Caledonia with the United States Navy during the last war.

During his Federation career, Blakeslee distinguished himself as an able and energetic champion of the rights of postal employees and was respected for his common-sense approach to organization problems.

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STATE BUILDING TRADES (Continued from Page 1) prentices as real craftsmen. The committees will meet with State and National Veterans Administration officials and the contractors in efforts to reach a better working understanding relative to all building trades trainees.

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Always have your batter cold. Mixing ahead of time insures cold batter, but then waffles impromptu are fun, too. In that case, stir in a few ice cubes, but of course decrease milk in proportion.

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