

# Local Labor

A busy session of Charlotte Central Labor Union was held this week at which time legislative matters came up for a lengthy discussion. The legislative committee, consisting of Walter Hooker, chairman, John Lovett, and H. A. Stalls, was asked to arrange for a conference with President C. A. Fink of the North Carolina Federation, over the week-end for a thorough discussion of the proposed Shreve Labor Bill now before the House.

President C. L. Albea called the meeting to order with Secretaries Morse and Presson in their respective posts. Invocation was given by Brother Rodgers, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and then came the roll call of officers and trustees, with almost all being chalked up as present.

A communication was read from the Asheville Building Trades Council relative to the proposed new Labor Bill and the matter was held in abeyance in order that the Charlotte Central Labor Union Legislative Committee may have time to confer with President C. A. Fink over the week-end.

The report of the Financial Secretary Morse for the month showed a nice balance on hand and it was received by the body with congratulations to Secretary Morse from the chair.

Brother John Lovett, chairman of the 1949 State Federation Convention Committee, reported that arrangements have been made with local hotels for holding the convention here beginning on August 8th. Mr. Lovett reported that plans are being perfected and within a short time his committee will contact all the Charlotte affiliated unions telling them about what will be expected of them in rounding out the convention plans.

The reports from Local Unions were then heard and the information received indicated that Charlotte unions are doing very nicely at present. The Carpenters reported that they are planning to hold a series of meetings in other cities of the State in order to acquaint members of their trade and others into the problems facing North Carolina Unionist. A meeting in this connection is scheduled for Morganton Friday night of this week. Others will be held in Hickory, Lenoir, Gastonia and other cities, it was stated. The Carpenters invite all other Unions to participate in these good fellowship gatherings. President Albea named a committee to represent Charlotte Central Labor Union on the tours, consisting of John Lovett, Walter Hooker, J. L. Adams, and Mark G. Hazelrigg.

Brother Hooker, Electrical Workers Business Agent, reported that an election was held in the Rock Hill Celanese plant this week to determine the bargaining units. This election was petitioned for some time ago by the Machinists and due to the fact that the electrical workers were involved they also were represented.

A. F. L. Representative A. E. Brown delivered a splendid address under the good of the order heading which was well received. Brother Brown has been on the staff of the North Carolina Federation of Labor for 11 years and is well acquainted in Labor circles in the whole State. Mr. Brown's talk had to do with the proposed Labor legislation now before the General Assembly. He also cited the problems of State and International Unions have in trying to do business under the present anti-closed shop laws.

One hundred and eighty million dollars has been spent by U. S. Unions under the Taft-Hartley Act in trying to protect themselves, he said.

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North Carolina Building Crafts would find themselves in if the measure becomes a law.

The Building Crafts, with but few exceptions, deal with individual contractors on individual jobs, and ordinarily three or more months is required in which to conduct an election to determine a bona fide bargaining unit. This lapse of time would, the

tradesmen claim, leave them holding the bag without a closed shop agreement, because in most instances the jobs they are working on are finished before an election could be held.

The conference has been arranged for Sunday morning in the Labor Temple in Salisbury.

## Something Doin' In South

### GEORGIA WORKERS VOTE UNION

Atlanta, Ga. — International Chemical Workers Union announces the winning of bargaining rights in a two to one vote with the General Chemical Co.

### COTTON OIL MILL GOES UNION

Cartersville, Ga. — Petition for election has been filed at the Southern Cotton Oil Company, Cartersville, on behalf of the International Chemical Workers Union.

### MORE CHEMICAL WORKERS

LaGrange, Ga. — Swift & Company, Fertilizer Works, at LaGrange, has declined to recognize International Chemical Workers

### TAFT-HARTLEY REPEAL DRIVE GROWS HOT AS HEARINGS NEAR END

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Every union leader has had "a lawyer tied to his coat tail."

4. Startling and effective support for the closed shop was provided by an outstanding employer representative, Paul M. Geary, executive vice president of the National Electrical Contractors Association. He testified that under closed shop conditions his organization and the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have built up machinery which has functioned effectively and productively for 29 years without a strike. "You cannot have a responsible union unless you give it the means of achieving responsibility," he said.

It is believed certain that the Senate Labor Committee, with solid Democratic support and possibly with the help of two or three Republican votes, will okay the Thomas bill virtually as it is. However, a free-for-all is expected when the measure comes to the Senate floor, for under Senate rules any number of amendments can be offered from the floor and voted upon before a final vote is taken on the bill.

In this way Senator Taft and his followers hope to insert into the Thomas bill many of the separate provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act which will be knocked out entirely in the committee draft. This piecemeal attack is likely to become dangerous unless organized labor and its friends in the Senate maintain constant vigilance and are able to muster enough votes to repeal each new assault.

### POSTAL CLERKS DISTRICT MEETING HUGE SUCCESS

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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. Toastmaster — Wm. S. Lawing.

Union without an NLRB election. That election is now scheduled for March 3rd.

### MONSANTO ELECTION IS SCHEDULED

Columbia, Tenn. — A National Labor Relations Board election in Monsanto Chemical Company will be held not later than 30 days following February 11. The International Chemical Workers Union is the petitioning union.

### UNION CONTRACT ON BARGAINING TABLE

Valdosta, Ga. — The Glidden Paint Company, Valdosta, operates a pine products plant in that area and has agreed to recognize the International Chemical Workers Union as bargaining agent for the employees and the contract is now being negotiated.

### CARPENTERS TO VOTE MARCH 3

Greensboro, N. C. — United Brotherhood and Joiners of America has an NLRB election scheduled at the Ottinger Lumber Works, Greensboro, March 3rd.

### NEWSWRITERS ORGANIZE

Savannah, Ga. — Newswriters Federal Labor Union was chartered January 22nd by the American Federation of Labor, as a directly affiliated organization. This new Union is composed of the newswriters in the Savannah territory.

### WORKERS RECOGNIZE NEED OF RECREATION

New York. — Parents belonging to AFL unions are manifesting an increasing awareness of the importance of regular recreational activity for themselves and their children, and an activity which is rapidly growing in popularity in union families is indoor roller skating, it was learned here.

According to statistics compiled by the Roller Skating Institute of America, roller skating is winning hundreds of new recruits daily among adult trade unionists as well as among the children of union members. And these union members and union members' children are deriving vast enjoyment and their health is benefiting greatly as a result of their participation in one of the nations' most popular sports, it is reported.

Irwin N. Rosee, president of the RSIA, commenting on the recent heightened interest in roller skating among union wage-earners and their families, said:

"We are not surprised. Trade unionists are sensible people. They understand the need for wholesome recreation, both for themselves and for their children. Such recreation is available today in the hundreds of modern roller skating rinks around the country. "As good citizens and conscientious parents, union workers are aware of the pressing need to reduce juvenile delinquency. In city after city, our research studies have shown, the juvenile

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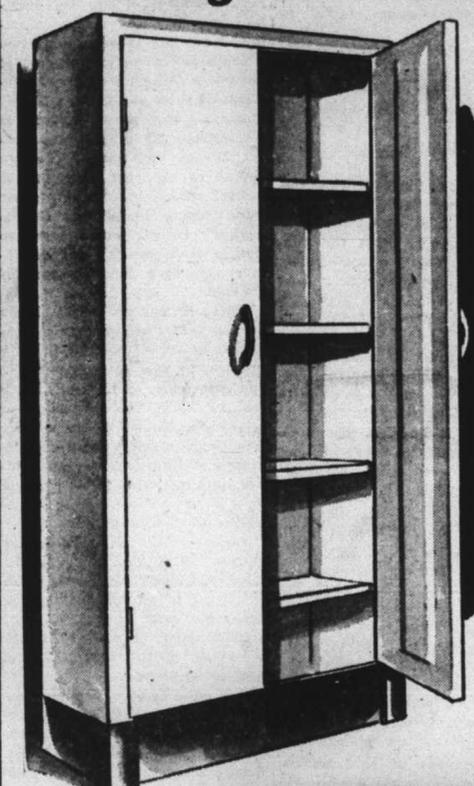
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