

### Raleigh Meeting Proves Successful

Raleigh Local 1078 was host to the distinguished group of Federationists who gathered at the Sir Walter Hotel for the meeting of the Central N. C. District of Post Office Clerks and Auxiliary, says the Tar Heel Fed.

Ladies of the Local Auxiliary presided over the registrations on the hotel mezzanine during the afternoon. At 4 P. M. an open forum convened in the Virginia Dare Ballroom. George D. Williams of the Raleigh Local was the presiding officer and appearing on the program was Elroy C. Hallbeck, National Legislative Representative; Oscar L. Whitesell, National Vice-President; Norman L. Harris, Legislative Representative for the State Federation, and Clyde Smyre, State Federation President.

A meeting of the N. C. F. P. O. C. Woman's Auxiliary, an unusual adjunct to a district meeting, was conducted in the Roanoke Room and ran concurrently with the Clerks' open forum. Mrs. George Williams, National Auxiliary Vice-President, presided over the meeting.

The elaborately decorated Virginia Dare Ballroom was the scene of the banquet which convened in the early evening. Jere C. Gay, past State President and member of Local 1078, served as toastmaster for the occasion. Invocation was asked by J. B. Martin, also of the host Local.

An address of welcome by Raleigh Postmaster D. Stanton Insoce opened the after-dinner ceremonies.

A response was made by Clyde Smyre, President, N. C. F. P. O. C.

State Auxiliary Vice-President Wilma Pickett introduced members of the State Auxiliary Board of Officers and the recognition of State Federation Officers was conducted by Toastmaster Gay.

Oscar L. Whitesell, National Vice-President, presented National Legislative Representative Elroy C. Hallbeck who delivered a short address.

R. Mayne Albright, Raleigh Attorney and a candidate for Governor during the Democratic primaries last Spring, delivered a delightful address on the sub-

### MRS. NORMAN HARRIS CAPTURES \$500 PRIZE

(From February Tar Heel Fed) "You've made a mistake," Mrs. Norman Harris, State President of the Woman's Auxiliary, told Chamber of Commerce Secretary W. M. Ficklen, when he called to tell her that she had won the \$500 first prize in the Shelby Merchants Association second annual treasure hunt.

When Mr. Ficklen convinced her that he had not made a mistake, Mrs. Harris "just naturally squealed." "I'm thrilled to death," she said, "and I'm pinching myself to make sure it's real."

### ASHEVILLE ELECTS OFFICERS

Listed below are the new officers of Asheville Local 277, of the American Federation of Post Office Clerks, for the year 1949:

- Paul T. Lominac, President.
- Henry C. Smathers, Secretary.
- Harry F. Raymer, Treasurer (re-elected).
- Henry O. DeLoach, First Vice President.
- Grant B. Williams, Second Vice President.
- Broadus E. Singleton, Third Vice President.
- Jeter P. Ammons, Fourth Vice President.

The duties of the Vice Presidents are:

- First Vice President—Chairman Organization.
- Second Vice President—Chairman Entertainment.
- Third Vice President—Chairman Legislation.
- Fourth Vice President—Chairman Labor-Management Committee.

LIFE is like a journey taken on a train

With a pair of travelers at each window pane

I may sit beside you all the journey through,

Or I may sit elsewhere, never knowing you.

But if Fate should mark me to sit by your side,

Let's be pleasant travelers—it's so short a ride.

ject of North Carolina, Her People and Her Resources.

The banquet was followed by a dance which terminated the affair.

## AFL CONVENTION CALENDAR

Following is a list of conventions scheduled for this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. This list is not final or complete. Additions will be announced later:

- March 21—Office Employees International Union, St. Louis, Mo.
- March 21—International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, Cincinnati.
- March —Seafarers International Union of North America, Baltimore, Md.
- April 4—Coopers International Union of North America, St. Louis, Mo.
- April 4—Florida State Federation of Labor, Lakeland, Fla.
- April 4—Louisiana State Federation of Labor, Shreveport, La.
- April 25—Hotel and Restaurant Employees, etc., Chicago, Ill.
- May —Associated Actors and Artists of America, New York.
- May 2—International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, etc., Montreal.
- May 2—United Wall Paper Craftsmen, etc., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
- May 5—Tennessee State Federation of Labor, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- May 9—Laundry Workers International Union, Chicago, Ill.
- May 10—Iowa State Federation of Labor, Mason City, Iowa.
- May 12—Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, Harrisburg, Pa.
- May 13—Kansas State Federation of Labor, Topeka, Kans.
- May 16—Arkansas State Federation of Labor, Little Rock, Ark.
- May 16—Michigan State Federation of Labor, Jackson, Mich.
- May 16—Missouri State Federation of Labor, Jefferson City, Mo.
- May 16—Virginia State Federation of Labor, Richmond, Va.
- May 18—Georgia State Federation of Labor, Columbus, Ga.
- May 22—Maryland-C. State Federation of Labor, Ocean City, Md.
- May 23—International Ladies Handbag, Luggage, etc.—Atlantic City, N. J.
- May 28—International Association of Siderographers, Washington, D. C.
- June 4—South Dakota State Federation of Labor, Rapid City, S. D.
- June 13—The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Tampa, Fla.
- June 19—Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Detroit, Mich.
- June —Boot and Shoe Workers Union, Undecided.
- June 20—Oregon State Federation of Labor—Eugene, Oregon.
- June 20—Texas State Federation of Labor, Beaumont, Texas.
- June 20—International Plate Printers, etc., Ottawa, Can.
- June 30—South Carolina State Federation of Labor, Spartanburg, S. C.
- July 11—Washington State Federation of Labor, Spokane, Wash.
- July 18—International Stereotypers and Electrotypers, etc., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Aug. —Radio Directors Guild, Undecided.
- Aug. 8—North Carolina State Federation of Labor, Charlotte, N. C.
- Aug. 13—International Typographical Union, Oakland, Calif.
- Aug. 15—Utah State Federation of Labor, Logan, Utah.
- Aug. 15—Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, Eau Claire, Wis.
- Aug. 15—International Photo Engravers, etc.—Columbus, Ohio.
- Aug. 22—American Federation of Teachers, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Aug. 25—West Virginia State Federation of Labor, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Sept. —International Association of Marble, Slate, etc., Buffalo, N. Y.
- Sept. 4—North Dakota State Federation of Labor, Fargo, N. D.
- Sept. —New Jersey State Federation of Labor, Atlantic City, N. J.
- Sept. —Mississippi State Federation of Labor, Gulfport, Miss.
- Sept. 8—Arizona State Federation of Labor, Undecided.
- Sept. 12—Nebraska State Federation of Labor, North Platte, Neb.
- Sept. 12—International Chemical Workers, Montreal, Can.
- Sept. 12—International Union of Wood, Wire, etc., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Sept. 12—International Union of Metal Polishers, etc., Rochester, N. Y.
- Sept. 12—Amalgamated Association of Street and Elec., etc., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Sept. 16—Nevada State Federation of Labor, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Sept. 19—Minnesota State Federation of Labor, Undecided.
- Sept. 19—The Commercial Telegraphers, etc., Montreal, Can.
- Sept. 26—Illinois State Federation of Labor, Springfield, Ill.
- Sept. 26—Metal Trades Department, St. Paul, Minn.
- Sept. 30—Union Label Trades Department, St. Paul, Minn.
- Oct. 7—New Mexico State Federation of Labor, Albuquerque, N. M.
- Oct. 24—Kentucky State Federation of Labor, Louisville, Ky.
- Oct. 17—Railway Mail Association, Omaha, Neb.
- Dec. 1—International Union of Journeymen Horse, etc., Arcadia, Calif.

\* Date not definitely set.

### TRUST GOD

The world outlook is dark today, Dark from the human point of view,—

For sinful men have mighty sway, While faithful Christians seem but few.

The curse of war is in the earth And hatred seems to be in style,

While demon forces still give birth To things more cursed all the while.

But God is yet upon His throne And rules the mighty universe, And will protect and bless His own

And save them from sin's dreadful curse, And take them safely through the clouds

Of danger, darkness and despair, Then safely land them with the crowds

That get to heaven sweet and fair. Then, reader dear, trust God today

In spite of all the crime and sin; Look up to Christ and humbly pray

That He will ever keep you in The narrow way that leads to God

Where sages, saints and angels reign, And where there is no chastening rod,

Nor sorrow, suffering, death nor pain. Be humble, gentle, patient, good,

And live to do God's holy will, Then walk life's pathway as you should,

And climb up manhood's noble hill, Until you reach the summit grand,

And heaven smiles upon your face, Where you shall dwell in that fair land

And with the holy take your place. —Walter E. Isenhour.

Hiddenite, N. C.

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

### Top North Carolina 4-H'ers Win Special Recognition

SUPERIOR records in 1948 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts, Dairy Production, Frozen Foods, Field Crops and Soil Conservation programs won five North Carolina club members special recognition. The winners and brief outlines of their records follow:



Warren Mallard H. A. Scott, Jr. Chellie Parrish Paul M. Wagoner James Wright Jackson

Promoting recreational and handicraft work has brought State recognition to Warren Mallard, 17, of Trenton. His record will be judged to determine the eight national winners in the 1948 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program.

Objectives of the program are to assist 4-H members in developing cultural and recreational opportunities in their homes and communities; help 4-H members develop a higher appreciation of rural arts; make 4-H programs more attractive and self-satisfying and teach members to lead recreational activities. Each of the counties having an outstanding recreational program received a \$25.00 cash award, provided by United States Rubber Company.

H. A. Scott, Jr., 17, of Haw River, was the top State winner whose record was considered for sectional and national honors in the National 4-H Dairy Production awards program. During 7 years in club work, Henry completed four dairy projects, he has developed dairy cattle, entered judging and showmanship contests and given many dairy demonstrations.

He serves his club as president. As a recognition of his achievements in dairy production, Henry was awarded a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond, provided by Kraft Foods Company.

Learning to freeze foods that make for a tastier, healthier diet has won State 4-H honors for Chellie Parrish, 18, of Benson. Chellie learned much about selecting and processing foods for storing in her home and community freezer by taking part in the 1948 National 4-H Frozen Foods program. She prepared and stored 1,046 pounds of meat and poultry, 193 quarts of fruits and vegetables. She has served her club as reporter and junior leader. She has completed 25 projects during

six years of club work, of which two were in frozen foods. For these 4-H achievements International Harvester has provided Chellie with a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond.

An outstanding youthful farmer, Paul M. Wagoner, 16, of Gibsonville, has won State honors in the National 4-H Field Crops awards program. Paul planted and tended 3 acres of oats, 1 1/2 acres of corn, 1 3/10 acres of wheat, and one acre of barley this year, and learned much about seed bed preparation, use of fertilizers and approved cultivating and harvesting methods. During seven years in 4-H he completed 20 projects, including five in field crops; made 18 4-H speeches at club, community and school meetings and over the radio; wrote 19 news stories on 4-H tours, camp and special events. He has served his local club as president and vice-president, and his county club as secretary. In recognition of his achievements, International Harvester Co. provided Paul with a National 4-H Club Congress all-expense trip award.

James Wright Jackson, 17, of Godwin, has been named sectional winner as a result of his outstanding achievements in the 1948 National 4-H Soil Conservation program. James planted 3,000 Loblolly pines; seeded three acres of crimson clover for fall grazing; three acres of rye as winter cover for tobacco, and two acres of permanent pasture; and put into practice many other soil saving and building operations. A six-year 4-H'er, James has served his local club as president, leader and vice-president; and his county organization as president and secretary. In recognition of his 4-H achievements, he has been awarded an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, provided by Firestone.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

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### Government Employees Council Adopts Legislative Program

The Government Employees Council AFL, has adopted a far-reaching seven point legislative program which will be the prime objective during the first session of the 81st Congress.

For once, all members of the council were in line with the N. F. P. O. C. membership in regards to the salary increase figure and increased annual and sick leave benefits.

### STRENGTH OF CHARACTER

(By Walter E. Isenhour) To have the best and strongest character possible should be the aim and desire of all mankind. This is life's better way. No one ever regrets possessing a great and strong character. It means noble manhood and noble womanhood. It indeed means strength that the moral weakling knows nothing about, although he has the privilege of knowing such strength if he will but seek God, obey His holy Word, love and serve God, and walk uprightly before Him and before all mankind as he goes through life.

To have a strong character means that one does not stoop to the low and mean, the vile and degrading evils and sins of the world; that he does not become enslaved with bad and ruinous habits; that he guards well his mind, heart, soul, and spirit that he may not become contaminated inwardly by those moral and spiritual evils that defeat multitudes of mankind. It is absolutely necessary on the one hand, to avoid and abstain from all that is downpulling and degrading, depraving and demoralizing, and on the other hand to accept all that is uplifting, ennobling, strengthening to life and soul in order to have a strong character.

The cheap things of life by way of worldly pleasures, amusements, lustful gratifications, low moral principles and standards never make strength of character. However, they make weak

and feeble character. They so undermine the moral and spiritual strength of manhood, womanhood, and character that they produce criminals, mental, and physical wrecks, moral and spiritual failures. We behold this among people of all walks and professions of life.

To have a strong character means that we must build our lives upon the solid foundation of Bible truth; that we must pray much; that we must shun evils of all kinds, and their very appearance; that we must obey, serve, and worship God all the way through life; that we must have moral courage to stand for the right and against the wrong, even though sometimes we may seem largely and almost to stand alone. However, we are not alone. God is with us and the very best people are with us. That is the beauty and blessedness of it all. Then we go forth with strength of character that conquers the world and crowns us as victors, both before God and man. Yes, this is Life's Better Way.—Gastonia Tabernacle Telescope.

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace! Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

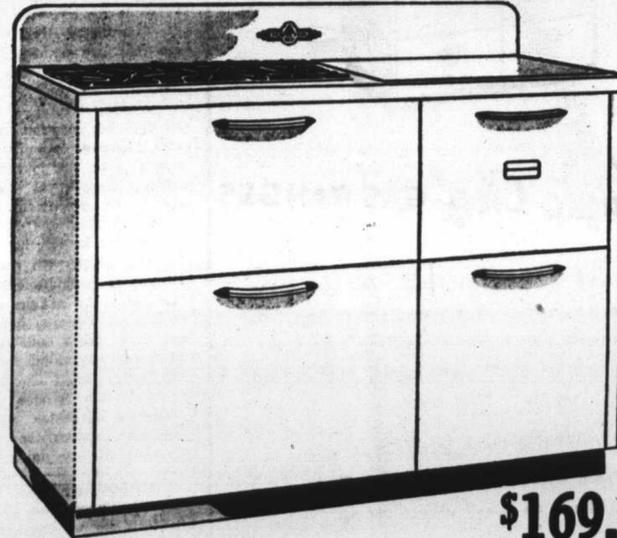
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled, as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love."

HUGH SEDGWICK NAMED Hamilton, Ont.—Hugh J. Sedgwick of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council was re-elected secretary of the Ontario Provincial Federation of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress. He was the fraternal delegate from Canada at the last American Federation of Labor convention.

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