

## Asheville Ready For Convention

BY MRS. S. R. KERLEY  
Come to the "Land of the Sky" in June. A good time and a profitable time is promised for all, including the coolest mountain breezes and the most beautiful scenery in the U. S. A. Let this be the best vacation you ever had.

The George Vanderbilt hotel is convention headquarters. All meetings, including Auxiliary meetings, will be held there. Fifty double rooms and 15 single rooms have been reserved, but you must make your own reservations direct with the hotel. Do this early. Double rooms are \$7 to \$9 per day. Single room rates are \$4.00 to \$5.00 per day. Private tourist homes and Tourist Courts are available. Rates are \$2.50 per day per person. Make reservations with James R. Fawcett, Chairman Housing Committee, Biltmore Station, Asheville, N. C. Please enclose \$1.00 per person per day with reservation.

A tentative program has been outlined. For the Auxiliary, a Fashion Show and Tea on Friday afternoon. On Friday evening at Royal Pines a picnic supper for all, including the children, with swimming, tennis, round and square dancing, 6:30 p. m. until 11:00 p. m.

A big banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening with a dance following. Efforts are being made to get Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson to attend.

Invitations have been extended to Senators Olin D. Johnston, S. C., Senator Frank P. Graham, N. C., Leo E. George, President of the N. F. P. O. C., Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle and Congressman Monroe M. Redden.

Suggested additional attractions for convention days and the days you will stay over: Recreation Park, especially for the children, Rhododendron House and Gardens, Rhododendron blossoms at Craggy Gardens, the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, golfing at five of the South's finest courses, Church services for all faiths.

Make your plans now to attend the State Convention at Asheville, N. C., June 10 and 11. We

## Don't Let It Fool You

According to a press release by the U. S. Department of Labor, the Consumers Price Index has shown a continuous price decline for the five consecutive months ending February 15. The net decrease for the month of January 15 to February 15 was 1.1 per cent.

The report continues, however, that on February 15 the index was still 0.9 per cent higher than a year ago; 27 per cent over June 1946; and 71 per cent above the pre-war level of August 1939.

The above figures may indicate a trend or a readjustment in the nation's price structure, but so far as postal employees are concerned, the majority of them are still out on a limb economically. They have been priced not only out of the luxury market for the past five years, but have been mercilessly pushed to acquire the actual necessities of life.

A \$650 pay raise during this year would put the purchasing power of the post office clerk on a par with that of 1939, but it would still leave him with nothing to show for all the years between then and now when savings were being dissipated and his standard of living was being steadily reduced.

Price declines notwithstanding, postal employees are completely justified in seeking a \$650 annual salary increase from the 81st Congress.

## WASHINGTON LOCAL ELECTS TAR HEEL

Stough Campbell, former member of Local 375, Charlotte, and past president of the North Carolina Federation, was recently elected by a majority of 174 votes to the office of Financial Secretary, Local 140, Washington, D. C. He defeated Bob Dix, incumbent.

Campbell transferred to the Washington office about three years ago and has been active in Local 140 affairs since that time.

want you to come and you need to be here. We will be looking for you. Bring the children! Bring the family!

## TWO MOTHERS

A mother sat by a hearthside place  
Reading a book with a pleasant face,  
Till a child came up with a childish frown  
And pushed the book, saying,  
"Put it down."  
Then the mother, slapping his curly head,  
Said, "Troublesome child, go off to bed;  
A great deal of God's Book I must know  
To train you up as a child should go."  
And the child went off to bed to cry  
And denounce the Savior—by and by.

Another mother bent o'er a book  
With a smile of joy and an intent look,  
Till a child came up and joggled her knee,  
And said of the book, "Put it down—take me."  
Then the mother sighed as she stroked his head,  
Saying softly, "I shall never get it read;  
But I'll try by loving to learn His will,  
And His love into my child instill."  
That child went to bed without a sigh  
And will love the Savior—by and by.

—Ram's Horn.

## A MOTHER'S WISH

And what do I want him to be,  
you ask,  
This golden boy of mine  
With the image of God upon his brow—  
The stamp of his Maker Divine.

I do not desire for him a place  
Like the two sons of Zebedee,  
Although, in my heart I quite understand  
How a mother's ambitions can be.

I only desire that this son of mine  
Shall grow into manhood strong  
With a love for humanity deep  
in his heart  
And a passionate hatred for wrong.

I want him to laugh, this son of mine,  
To laugh, and love, and lift—  
To know there's a work for him to do  
And that only the weaklings drift.

But whether he sows and reaps  
and binds  
Or wields a surgeon's knife  
I want him to know that his skill and success  
Are a loan from God for life.

He may write great books or build tall spires  
Or shepherd a small flock of men  
But the talents he has must be handled aright  
When the Master comes back again.

—Lucille Kelley Waters.

## MOTHER'S DAY

No other day in all the year  
Is full of memories so sweet  
As this we hallow here and now  
For earthly lives as near complete.

We honor these this blessed day  
Who in the very act of birth  
Forgot themselves for others' sake

## HOUSING STARTS DECLINE BELOW 1948

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23-year record in housing activity, and is only 5,000 units below the all-time peak reached in 1925.

Reporting on other long-term developments, the BLS said:  
"In the three full years since the end of the war, close to two and one-half million new permanent nonfarm dwelling units have been put under construction. The acceleration in housing activity during this period has been more pronounced in rural nonfarm housing, as shown by a 52 per cent increase in rural nonfarm starts between 1946 and 1948 compared with a 30 per cent increase in urban starts. In both 1947 and 1948, rural nonfarm housing accounted for 44 per cent of all new units put under construction.

"The average construction cost, excluding land costs and builders' profits, of all privately financed one-family houses rose 43 per cent between 1946 and 1948 to \$7,875. This increase takes into account not only the rise in costs of materials, labor and other building costs, but also changes in the type of housing being built."

## HIGH COST OF DEATH PUTS FATALITIES IN THE LUXURY CLASS

RALEIGH.—Not only is the price of milk, eggs, and meat high these days, but even the cost of a fatal automobile accident has reached the luxury class, according to Major Samuel L. Gaynor, assistant director of the Highway Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, which is conducting the current safety campaign in North Carolina.

## FEWER 'TEEN AGERS CERTIFY FOR POBS

RALEIGH, May 2.—A decrease of more than 40 per cent in the number of teen age minors certified for employment was shown during the first quarter of this year, compared with the same period of 1948, State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford reported this week.

Shuford said public welfare superintendents certified 2,269 minors in North Carolina during January, February and March this year. A total of 3,894 certificates was issued during the same three months of 1948.

Only 800 certificates were issued in March, compared with 1,446 in the same month last year.

Commissioner Shuford said the decrease was due to the general curtailment of employment opportunities which developed during the past year.

## JOBLESS PAY BENEFITS SHOW RISE OVER 1947

WASHINGTON.—State unemployment agencies paid out \$371,421,000 in benefits to jobless men and women during the first three months of this year, the Federal Security Agency reported.

During March the average weekly number of claimants was 1,783,000.

While up sharply still well below the level of early 1946, during the post-war reconversion period, the agency reported.

## Not So High

Mrs. Henpeck: "Everything is going up."

Mr. Henpeck: "Oh, I wouldn't say that. For instance, there's your opinion of me, my opinion of you, and the neighbors' opinion of us both."

## WOOD LABOR BILL SENT BACK TO LABOR COMMITTEE OF HOUSE

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tions split in the vote by which the Wood labor bill was recommitted to the labor committee.

North Carolina representatives voting to recommit were Cooley, Deans, Jones; against Barden, Bonner, Bulwinkle, Carlyle, Chatam, Doughton, Durham, Kerr, Redden.

South Carolinians for: Sims; against, Hare, McMillan, Richards, Rivers, Bryson.

## N. C. FEDERAL TAX

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for the district comprised by the state, showed collections in April of \$78,598,839.05. This was \$23,860,795.37 below the \$102,459,634.37 reported for April, 1948.

It was the sixth in 10 months of the 1949-49 fiscal year in which collections have fallen behind comparable months of the preceding year. The fiscal year of the Internal Revenue bureau begins with July.

sonal responsibility for traffic pending one-tenth on Fate and nine-tenths on human frailty. If you're in an accident the chances are good that a part of the carelessness or disregard for traffic regulations is yours," he added.

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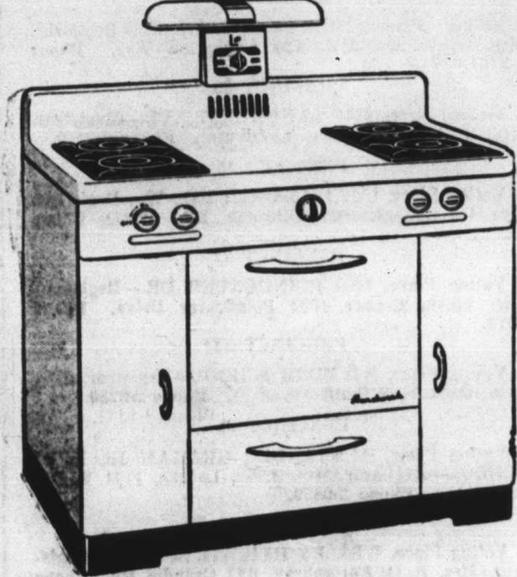


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