

Something Doin' In South

Two Well Known Organizers Retire

Atlanta, Ga.—The Southern office of the American Federation of Labor announces retirement of two great and loyal representatives of the American Federation of Labor who have served the Southern territory and all of the unions in the territory over a long period of years, Organizer Paul J. Ayman, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Organizer James F. Barrett, Asheville, North Carolina. Both who have held honorable positions in the American Federation of Labor will have accepted protective retirement effective October 15th.

Friends and associates feel that these two faithful, loyal representatives have earned the security and recognition for their faithful performance of long service in this, their retirement from active duty.

Pottery Workers Win Election

Gadsden, Ala.—President Sam S. Douglass, of the Alabama Federation of Labor, reports that the employees of the "AAA" Corporation, manufacturers of pottery, voted 46 to 7 in an NLRB election authorizing the National Brotherhood of Operative Pottery, AFL, to represent them. The election was held on September 28. Contracts on behalf of the local union have been prepared and will be presented to the company in short order.

State Highway Employees Organize

Johnson City, Tenn.—The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees report the formation of a local unit at Johnson City, composed of the State

Highway employees in five counties in the area adjacent to Johnson City.

Representative W. A. Rowe of the State, County and Municipal International and Charles H. Houk secretary of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, assisted these employees in organizing.

Hospital Workers Form Union

Tampa, Fla.—The city hospital employees at Tampa have ordered a charter from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union.

Savannah Workers Get Civil Service

Savannah, Ga.—City employees of Savannah, Georgia, members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, will receive full benefits of their civil service bill recently passed by the Georgia Legislature. The bill became effective and a Civil Service Board created along with the necessary machinery for administering the provisions of the bill which went into effect October 1.

Organizer George H. McGee, of the American Federation of Labor, and Representative W. A. Rowe, of the State, County and Municipal Employees rendered assistance in establishing the Civil Service Board.

Convention Attended By Southern Delegates

Atlanta, Ga.—The Southern office of the American Federation of Labor has received the official roll call of the American Federation of Labor Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, and finds the labor

movement of the South well and strongly represented.

Among those attending from State Federations of Labor are:

- J. R. Holland, Alabama
- S. V. Zinn, Arkansas
- James A. Harper, Florida
- Wm. A. Cetti, Georgia
- E. H. Williams, Louisiana
- Holt Ross, Mississippi
- C. A. Fink, North Carolina
- J. Cline House, Oklahoma
- Andrew J. Boyter, S. Carolina
- Robert A. Tillman, Tennessee
- Paul C. Sparks, Texas
- A. E. Wilson, Virginia
- Volney Andrews, W. Virginia

From the Central Bodies
Henry W. Chandler, Atlanta
Ted Williams, Birmingham
E. R. Czaplewski, Charleston
W. P. Hooker, Charlotte
Wallace C. Reilly, Dallas
Charles M. Hook, Johnson City
Lucile Thornburgh, Knoxville
R. A. Duvall, Louisville
Sallie D. Clinebell, Lynchburg
J. B. Pate, Macon
Baxter Turnage, Memphis
Angelo Sands, Miami
Robert L. Soule, New Orleans
Jack Wood, Oklahoma City
Wm. B. Arnold, San Antonio
Terry H. Bean, Tulsa

From the International Unions
Curtis Sims, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union
W. C. Birthright, Nashville, Tenn., the Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmetologists International Union of America
John B. Robinson, Dallas, Texas
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C. F. Strickland, Atlanta, Ga., International Association Bridge and Structural Iron Workers

Carmen Lucia, Atlanta, Ga., Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union
Charles B. Gramling, Atlanta, Ga., International Union of Operating Engineers
George L. Googe, Atlanta, Ga., Printing, Pressmen's and Assistants' International Union
W. O. Frazier, Miami, Fla., Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America
Wm. P. Roul, Atlanta, Ga., International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators of America

A & P Employees Vote For Union

Louisville, Ky.—The Employees of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., meat department, voted strongly for the International Union of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers to represent them in collective bargaining.

Warehousemen Vote For Teamsters

Jacksonville, Fla.—Union Terminal Warehouse Co. employees voted 4 to 1 for the Teamsters to represent them in collective bargaining in an NLRB election recently. These workers are members of Local No. 613.

Retail Clerks Win Colonial Stores

Atlanta, Ga.—Retail clerks in the Colonial Stores voted solidly for the Retail Clerks International Association. There were 45 employees and 45 votes for the union.

A Living Gompers Memorial Proposed

Atlanta, Ga.—The committee on State Organizations reporting to the American Federation of Labor directed attention to the fact that the year 1950 would be the one hundredth anniversary of the birthday of the late immortal Sam Gompers, founder of the American Federation of Labor and director of its constantly expanding activities for a lifetime.

A fitting memorial to the revered labor statesman was recommended and unanimously adopted which provides for a vigorous organizing campaign, in which the Southern organizing staff will participate, designed to add at least one million new members to the

ranks of the American Federation of Labor in 1950.

The recommendation invokes the complete cooperation of the officials of the A. F. of L., the Executive Council, Director of Organization and Field Staff, with the State Federations of Labor under whose auspices the campaign will be inaugurated and conducted.

This program is closely coordinated with the activities of the L. L. P. E., as it is obvious that each additional member may be relied upon to actively participate in and support the political campaign which will be aggressively prosecuted in the political arena, therefore, we have a "double barreled" assignment programized for 1950.

The Southern Office of the American Federation of Labor will assist in organizing state rallies to be conducted in launching the organizing campaign during January, 1950, in order that each hamlet and village where wage earners are employed may be afforded the opportunity of affiliating with the time-tested American Federation of Labor.

Creamery Workers Win Election

Paris, Ark.—Avoneta Creamery workers have voted 2 to 1 to authorize the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America as their bargaining agent.

Organizer Phil B. Wells reports the establishment of the organization and winning of this election. A contract is being prepared to present to the company.

Office Workers Get Wage Increase

Tampa, Fla.—Office employees of the Tampa Electric Company, members of the Office Employees International Union, were granted a 7 1-2 cent per hour wage increase for all office employees.

Wage Hike For Jax. Office Workers

Jacksonville, Fla.—Office Employees International Union, Local No. 73, reports a new wage contract with the Florida Greyhound Lines giving office employees 5 cents per hour increase together with adjustments in classifications.

Vice President J. O. Bloodworth, Jr., handled negotiations.

Editor's Father Passes

Thomas Bell Moore, 84, retired printer and newspaperman and father of the editor of the Tar Heel Fed, died at Watauga Hospital in Boone on September 27 following a brief illness caused by a heart condition.

Funeral services were conducted the following afternoon at Boone Methodist Church and interment was in Boone City Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow and one son, Thomas B. Moore of Fayetteville, and a half brother, Dr. J. W. Faucette of Asheville.

AFL REDUCES STRIKES BY GOOD RELATIONS

St. Paul.—AFL unions have reduced strikes to a minimum by good voluntary industrial relations.

The committee on industrial relations of the 68th AFL convention reported that practically all federation membership is working under well-planned contracts which operate smoothly because of the voluntary understanding and good will which has been obtained after many years of sincere and honest cooperation between representatives of our trade unions and fair employers.

"Strikes and lockouts, with a consequent loss of production," the committee said, "have been reduced to a minimum because of this voluntary program of industrial relations prevailing among the respective international unions affiliated with the AFL and management."

TWO NATIONAL UNIONS GIVEN AFL CHARTERS

St. Paul.—The AFL Executive Council reported that 2 new international unions were chartered during the year to bring the total of affiliated national and international unions to 107.

The council granted a charter to the Flight Engineers International Association on December 7, 1948, upon the receipt of an application from representatives of various federal labor unions in the air industry.

The second charter, issued on July 7, 1949, went to the Railway Patrolmen's International Union composed of 53 directly affiliated unions which had formed a national council.

IATSE LOCAL WINS PACT PROVIDING BIG WAGE RISE

New York.—The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Em-

ployes announced the signing of 3-year contracts, retroactive to August 6, 1948, for 1,400 Philadelphia movie theater workers who last spring rejected a bid to jump to District 50, United Mine Workers of America. That decision had been generally regarded as a choice of peaceful collective bargaining in preference to a strike aimed at closing the city's chief entertainment centers.

Under the new agreements, cashiers, doormen, ushers, porters and cleaners collect 10 cents an hour increased back pay for the year ended the 6th of last month, with the boosts rising to 12 1-2 cents during the second year and 17 1-2 during the third. The scales for ushers, many of whom are pupils working part time, have been stepped up over the

same periods—with raises starting at 7 1-2 cents and then going to 10 cents and finally to 12 1-2 cents.

The contracts provide a week's

vacation with pay for all employed over a year who work 18 or more hours per week. All employed over 5 years get two weeks' paid vacation.



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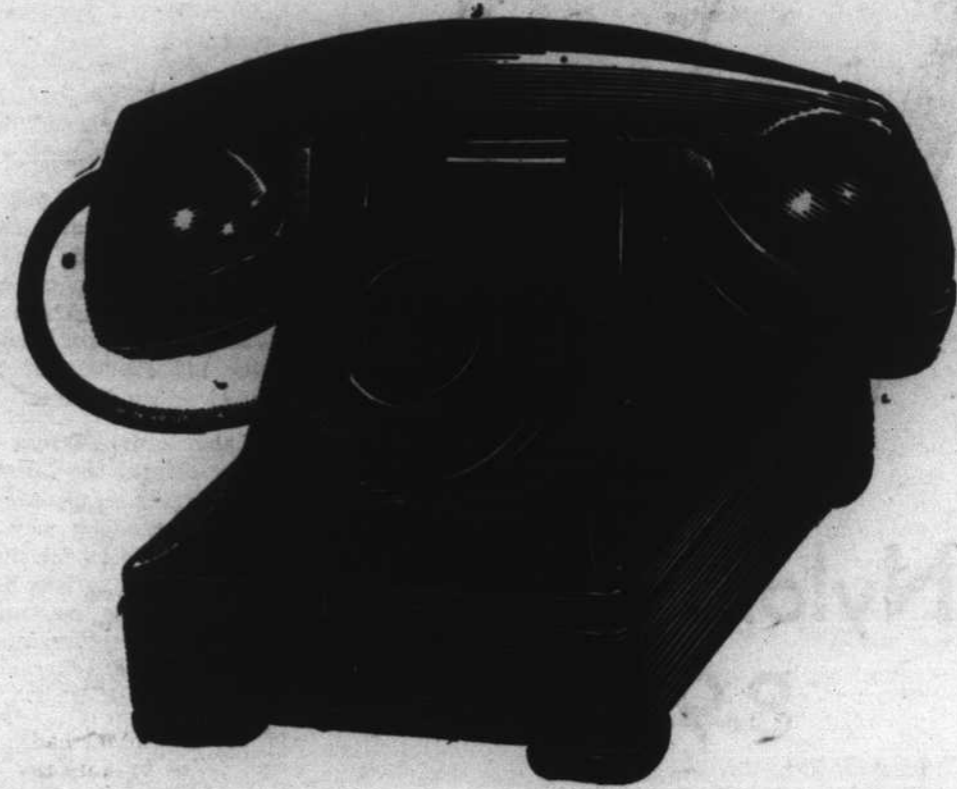
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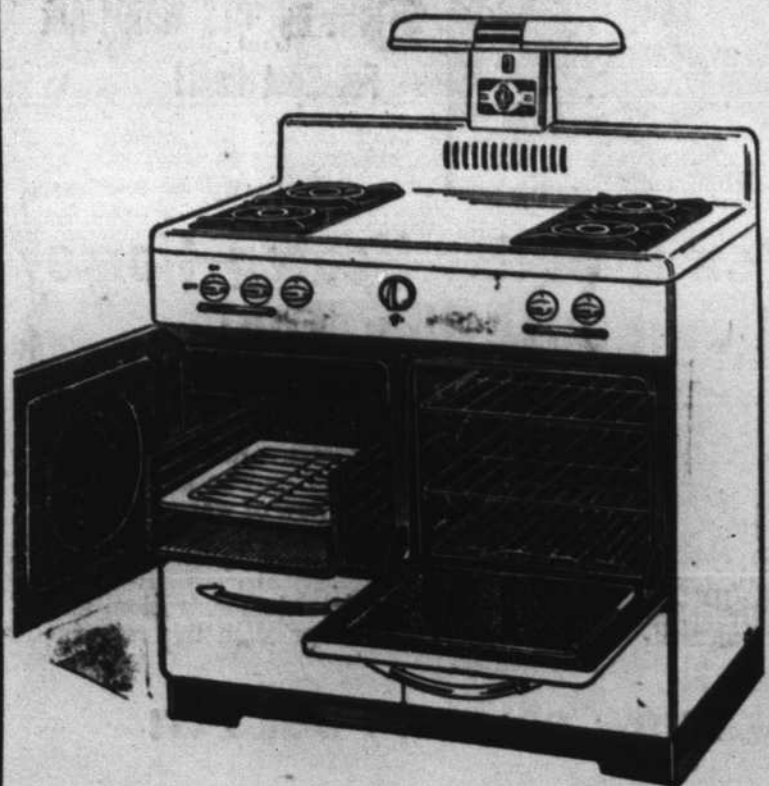
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