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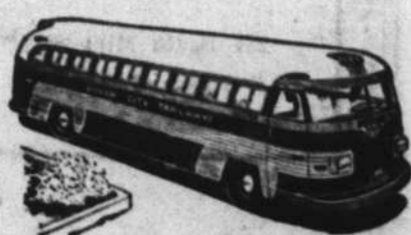


Then adventuresome engineers began to turn power wasting at falls and shoals into electricity. They transmitted it to sites located a safe distance from the rivers. These sites rapidly grew into towns. Factory loss by flood ended.

Such river sites as could be reached and profitably developed were "used up." Too. It was found that in time of drought, streams proved inadequate to power needs in the awakened Piedmont.

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Queen City Trailways

Textile Workers Win Enka Plant Election

HEY, BOSS!

New York. — The American worker's high production is due largely to the fact that he actually uses more minutes of every hour he is on the job than is the case in the United Kingdom.

That is the impression gained by Francis G. Mulligan, tailor's presser of Coop & Co. of Wigan, Lancs., following his 6 weeks' tour of the United States with a United Kingdom productivity team.

Tennessee Women Form Auxiliary

Nashville, Tenn.—The Tennessee Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, the state branch of the National Organization, the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, came into existence in a statewide conference November 15, at Nashville, Tennessee, when Mrs. Herman H. Lowe called together the representatives of the women's organizations of labor in the state and arranged such a program.

The organization was attended by many groups of ladies together with representatives from the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, representatives from the Nashville Trades and Labor Council, the Tennessee Federation of Labor and representatives from the American Federation of Labor. The Tennessee Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor will assist in sponsoring closer relationship between the Women's Auxiliaries in Tennessee and will assist in educational work toward organization of the unorganized and sponsorship of registering and qualifying for voting and conducting of educational campaigns in support of the Union label. The American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor is sponsored by the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor and the creation of the Tennessee State branch adds a strong and supporting link in the national chain of Women's Auxiliaries in developing purchasing power of the wage earners through dedication of money spent for purchases of products manufactured under union conditions.

The American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries assisted materially in sponsoring the National Union Label Show of the Union Label Trades Department. Mrs. Herman H. Lowe is its national President.

Home Building Sets New Record

Washington.—All previous housing records were broken in November, when 93,000 new nonfarm dwelling units were started.

November starts brought the total thus far in 1949 to 937,100, according to preliminary estimates of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. This 11-month total surpasses the 937,000 units begun in all of 1925, the former peak year in homebuilding. There is little doubt now that the total number of new units started this year will exceed a million.

November housing activity marks the fifth consecutive month during which previously existing records for the month were shattered. The sharp seasonal drop usually characteristic of this time of the year has failed to materialize in 1949.

Gains in both privately and publicly financed housing have contributed to the increased volume of homebuilding activity in 1949 compared with 1948.

Asheville, N. C.—The AFL United Textile Workers trounced the CIO by a 4-to-one vote for 3,000 employees at the American Enka Corp. as the climax to an abortive CIO raid.

The United Textile Workers receive 2,015 votes, 77 percent of those cast, while the CIO polled only 530. The CIO total was less than one-half the number of cards shown National Labor Relations Board field agents.

The company, pending outcome of the election, stalled negotiations on a new contract with the AFL. Hard-hitting machery set up by United Textile Workers Local 2598 officers, hop and chief stewards, rank and file members and international representatives carried the AFL to victory.

In urging a vote for the AFL, Textile Workers President Anthony Valente told the workers in a pre-election statement:

"You can protect your AFL seniority rights, the wages which we have won, the AFL paid holidays, the years of work and achievement which today places the Enka worker in the forefront of all rayon workers."

Throughout the campaign, AFL officers insisted that terms of the contract then in effect must be adhered to and that neither the company nor the CIO would be allowed to tear down the conditions built for Enka workers over the past 10 years.

KEEPS KALAMAZOO CONTROL

Washington.—A proposal by the Kalamazoo, Mich., rent advisory board to decontrol the city and county of Kalamazoo has been disapproved by Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods because the evidence submitted by the board "is not sufficient to show that the demand for rental housing has been reasonably met." Data on Kalamazoo indicates there is still a housing shortage.



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California LLPE Sets Spring Meet

San Francisco.—The California State Federation of Labor has called a state convention of California's Labor League for Political Education immediately after March 29, closing date of the primary filing period.

Each local, council and labor league affiliate will be entitled to one delegate.

The federation selected the week of October 9, 1950, for the annual convention to be held in Santa Barbara.

Clerks Pact Speeds Shopping; Praised

San Francisco.—A strikeless wage negotiation which enabled Christmas shopping to proceed uninterrupted was negotiated by the AFL Retail Clerks Local 1100 for 6,500 members in large downtown department stores.

The agreement provides \$2.50 weekly increase for nonselling employees; establishment of a \$15 minimum guaranteed commission on top of regular wages each month, and a greater measure of union security. The 6-year contract may be

reopened on wages, hours and welfare benefits.

The San Francisco Call-Bulletin editorialized:

"San Francisco downtown department stores and the AFL Clerks union have added a refreshing and, indeed, exemplary note to local labor-management relations

... there was no hot headed recriminations, no hurling of strike threats and no angry exchanges.

"Let's hope that the methods in this case, methods whose effectiveness has been proven by results, will set the pattern for all of our labor-management discussions in the future."

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