

"UNION MAID"



"Nix-nix! L.L.P.E. is a much better buy!"

The Charlotte Labor Journal this week is reviving its Union Label Department, in order that interest in Union Label products may be revived. Back during the war years this feature was dropped because of lack of interest and also due to the fact that so many of the older workers were engaged elsewhere in the war effort and local correspondents were few. However, the old-time spirit is being revived on a national scale, and much material is being received.

Considerable material is being furnished the labor press by the Union Label Trades department of the American Federation of Labor. Each year this department conducts a Union Label products show for the benefit of manufacturers of Union Label products, the union members themselves and the public in general. The late I. N. Ornburn headed this department of the AFL for many years and after his demise Matthew Woll was named to succeed him. Mr. Woll has been doing a wonderful job of promoting Union-Made goods throughout the country and has set aside the week of September 2-9 as Union Label week. During Union Label week celebrations will be held throughout America, taking various forms—all for the American labor cause—which is responsible for the high labor standards and prosperous conditions in our land today. The slogan is "Go UNION—Buy LABEL!"

Charlotte Typo Auxiliary Makes Report On Labels

Mrs. Radford B. Alexander, wife of Radford B. Alexander of The Charlotte Observer composing room, who has been named to the post of vice chairman of the Woman's International Typographical Union, this week has furnished the Labor Journal with a report on Union Label conditions in Charlotte. Mrs. Alexander is also Label Chairman of the Charlotte Women's Auxiliary, Local 107 and has been very active in Promoting Union Label activities in Charlotte for the past two years. Her report follows:

Our first thought in our Auxiliary and our home is the Union Label. In our city it is hard to find the label on products, but we know what products are Union Made and will buy them. On all printed materials that we receive that do not bear the



During the period of September 2-9, celebrations for Union Label Week will be held throughout America. The ceremonies will take various forms but they will all be for the same great cause—the American labor cause—which is responsible for the high labor standards and prosperous conditions in our land today. To maintain our high living standards, we are inaugurating a general crusade to urge all consumers to patronize only firms that display the Union Label, Shop Card and Button. "Go UNION—Buy LABEL!" is our motto.

MATTHEW WOLL, President, UNION LABEL TRADES DEPARTMENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

MEXICO TOUR
Houston, Tex. — Delegates to the AFL 69th convention opening here September 18, may arrange a special post-convention tour to Mexico by communicating with George A. Wilson, secretary Houston AFL Trades and Labor Council.

The tour, leaving San Antonio by way of Missouri Pacific and National Railways of Mexico, includes 5 days in Mexico City with side visits to Taxco, Puebla and other historic spots.

Rates for the all-expense trip may be obtained through Mr. Wilson.

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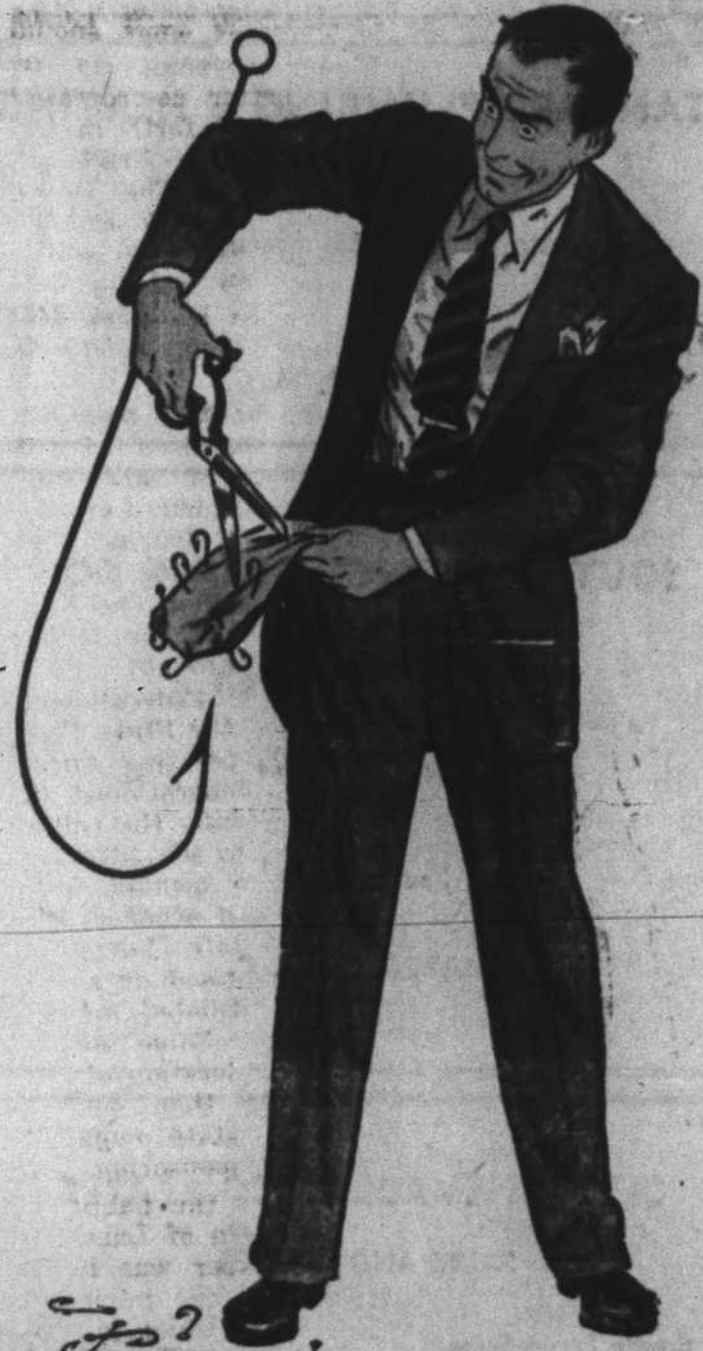
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Union Label, we place a sticker and return them to the sender soliciting his co-operation in having his printing done in a Union Shop where he can get the Union emblem at no additional cost, and at the same time make a valuable contribution to elevating the living standards of workers in the printing industry of our city.

In buying our clothing we buy the products that are Union Made. If these are not available, we request the merchant to purchase them for the union families in the future. So far we have been greatly encouraged by the offer of co-operation from local firms. We also endeavor to support candidates running for office who are in favor of the workers.

One of our most outstanding achievements for the year is a report from the Ways and Means Committee which committee ordered and sold three orders each of three dozen each of Union Labeled ties. That meant 108 Union Labels.

At Christmas time we sold Christmas cards which were Union made and made a nice clearing on them and the Union Label.

We are mindful of what the Union Label stands for and know that with Union Label we will get the best quality in what we purchase and that it is a fair deal for the workers. We will continue to work with our I. T. U. for more Labels and a stronger Union.

Mrs. Radford B. Alexander, Local Label Chairman W. I. A. 107, and International Vice Label Chairman.

Local Woman Writes Poem On Union Label

The following poem, written by Violet Milliner, of Charlotte, in memory of the late I. N. Ornburn, who for years was chairman of the American Federation of Labor Union Label Trades department, after Mrs. Milliner had read a book on the life of Mr. Ornburn and the activities of the Label Trades department under his excellent leadership, is reproduced for readers of The Labor Journal. Mrs. Milliner is a writer of other poems and has made contributions to many periodicals during the past several years, many of which has won for her wide acclaim as a poetress.

THE UNION LABEL
By Violet Milliner

A long time ago I read a poem, It was called the song of the shirt; It told of plying a needle and thread In darkness and dirt, And those who labored wearily said "We earn scarcely enough to buy our bread."

From the dark of dawn Until the dark of night, With never a moment For warmth and light, Then a voice cried— "This shall not be, "There must be a way to set men free."

So the word union, Such a small word to write, Became a symbol of justice and might. You no longer read of the darkness and dirt, Of the hunger and despair, Sewed into every shirt.

The day is coming—may it not be long. Perhaps in the next decade When everything produced by the hand of man Will bear the Union Label "Union Made."

Declare your independence by buying Independence Bonds.

Vic Vet says

JUST MARRIED? BETTER NOTIFY YOUR V-A REGIONAL OFFICE RIGHT AWAY IF YOU'RE A GI BILL STUDENT OR TRAINEE BECAUSE YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A HIGHER SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

ASKS HOUSE KILL KNOWLAND RIPPER

Washington.—Rep. Walter A. Lynch of New York, in a rare letter to House colleagues, asked them to support his motion to recommit the conference report on the Social Security Bill with instructions to include permanent and total disability insurance and knock out the Knowland amendment which wrecks workers' rights and protections.

Congressman Lynch did not support the conference report because it does not include the provision already voted by the House to insure against disability but it does include the Knowland ripper.

"It is quite possible that a simple motion to recommit will be offered, or a motion to recommit with certain instructions, but without reference to the Knowland amendment," Mr. Lynch said "Either of such motions will be designed to freeze the Knowland amendment into the bill and will be definitely aimed at undermining the entire employment insurance program and should be defeated."

HOUSTON DEFEAT

Houston, Tex. — The National Housing Conference called the defeat of public low-rent housing in a referendum on July 22 "a major American tragedy." The vote was 35,141 to 22,060.

The conference said: "The Houston fight was a major American tragedy."

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