

SMITH EXPLAINS THE LABOR LAW

Advises U. S. Chamber That Collective Bargaining Is Here To Stay

The 2,000 business men attending the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce last week in Washington represented big business in its largest sense. The notable session was divided in interest into five sections, one of these being the most important subject of "Industrial Relations". The guest speaker was Representative Howard W. Smith, of the Eighth Virginia District of Virginia and Chairman of the Special Committee of Congress investigating the National Labor Relation Board.

Those who have taken it for granted that Judge Smith was an enemy of the Wagner Labor Act, and of the principle of collective bargaining generally, were more or less astounded to hear the distinguished speaker state "that the Wagner Act can work", and that "collective bargaining is here to stay".

Quoting directly from the New York Post of May 2, the following interesting narrative presents Judge Smith and his investigation in true perspective as friendly alike to labor and to business:

"Yesterday afternoon there were six sectional meetings for the delegates. They were assigned to discuss (1) the consumer movement; (2) government control (or lack of control) of natural resources; (3) the effect of war on trade; (4) state supervision of insurance; (5) industrial relations; (6) the whole field of transportation.

The chief speaker for No. 5 was Rep. Smith of Virginia, author of Smith amendments to the Wagner Act and chairman of the committee investigating the NLRB.

On the programs of the other sections were some of the country's outstanding experts.

But Smith was the man who drew the crowd. The program makers apparently hadn't realized what a drawing card he would be; otherwise, they wouldn't have assigned his section to the Rose Room on the top floor of the Washington Hotel.

The turnout to hear Smith taxed the Washington's elevators far beyond capacity, and Chairman B. C. Heacock (president, Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill.) almost failed to get in himself. He had to bribe a hotel employee to take him up in a freight elevator.

Some 600 other delegates fought their way into the Rose Room, and the meeting started at 3:08 instead of 2:30.

The five other meetings were pretty thin, with only 1,400 delegates to divide among them in competition with all the cocktail bars and sight-seeing tours.

But those who went to hear Smith weren't disappointed. He isn't exactly an orator; rather, he is a word artist. The first thing he told them was, "The Wagner act can work." Then he said: "Collective bargaining is here to stay, and you might as well make up your mind to that whether you like it or not."

Nobody seemed to like it very much, but that didn't bother Smith. He paused to bawl out flash-lighting photographers in the nicest way. He said he didn't want to interfere with a photographer's work, but he wished the photographer would hurry and get through because he was just a country boy and wasn't used to that sort of thing.

That got him his first big hand. Then he explained his amendments to scattering applause.

Then he gave the NLRB as presently constituted the works and assured his hearers that under current rulings they might have to pay as much as 10 years' back pay to people they had never even hired.

Smith had a point there because he was able to cite two cases in which the NLRB has ordered firms to "re-instate with back pay" men who allegedly were refused employment because they belonged to unions.

"In other words," said Mr. Smith, "you can be ordered to re-instate somebody who never was instated in the first place."

(That issue is still in the courts.) When Smith wound up he got an ovation of which a candidate for President would be proud. Chairman Heacock tried to get the audience back to order, but it took him a long time. When Smith started back where he came from (the House of Represent-

GREENWICH SCHOOL GETS FLAG



Photos by Grady Cooper

Miss Virginia Polen, past councilor of Prince William Council No. 4, Daughters of America, presenting the flag which is being received by Miss Joyce Leach, president of the S. C. A. The ceremony took place at the school last Wednesday evening.

FLOWER SHOW IS SUCCESSFUL

Seventy-Five Exhibits Entered By Local Contestants

The garden section of the Woman's Club of Manassas, held a most successful and lovely flower show, on Thursday of last week, in the Parish Hall, here.

All classes were well filled, and some beautiful and artistic arrangements were shown, those desiring special mention, being the white flowers in white containers, in this class, Mrs. Robert Smith was the winner.

The miniature arrangements, which are rapidly growing into a favorite class, also had some sweet and original entries, first place in this class, being given to Mrs. Margaret Lewis.

Judging from the numerous, and lovely specimen tulips on display, this flower is being grown quite extensively, by local gardeners, and some keen competition was given here. First place in the tulip collection was awarded to Mrs. Lewis.

Another attractive and unusual class, was for foliage arrangements, a new one this year, Mrs. O. C. Martell, getting a blue ribbon for her arrangement.

Altogether there were seventy-seven exhibitors and a large number of guests and visitors dropped in during the afternoon to view the exhibits and partake of tea, which was served by a committee of garden section members, headed by Mrs. Harvey Steele, the recently elected chairman of this active group.

(atives), the demonstration started all over again.

This correspondent, somewhat amazed at the demonstration, asked delegates about their own experiences with the NLRB.

I couldn't interview all the 2,000, but those I did see were divided into these classes. (1) employers of small groups who had never been asked to engage in collective bargaining; (2) those who had signed contracts; (3) those who were still wrangling.

I found a delegate whose badge showed that he was a lawyer from a southern town where I directed coverage of a violent strike 11 years ago. I asked him how things were coming along in his town. He said:

"Swell. Both sides got their lesson in that strike. Then after the CIO came along, they organized the big mills. They signed contracts and there hasn't been a bit of trouble since."

"Is the whole town unionized?" I asked.

"The big mills," he answered. "The rest don't amount to anything. They are just chiselers."

I asked him what he thought of Smith, and he said he thought Smith was a great man.

"The way they're going you can't tell what they'll do to you," he said. And by that he meant the NLRB and the CIO.

So there you have it. A business man with perfect labor relations trembling in his boots about what

RED CROSS TO RAISE WAR RELIEF FUND

Because of the wide-spread and appalling suffering to millions of helpless men, women and children in the invaded countries of Europe. A special War Relief Fund of ten million dollars, is being raised by the American Red Cross.

The purpose of this campaign is to raise a general war relief fund to be expended within the discretion of the American Red Cross to meet emergency relief need, resulting from conflict wherever they may develop. The funds received, "will be applied entirely and exclusively to war relief work and no part will be applied toward the regular activities of the program of the Red Cross, nor to meet the expenses of this campaign".

The quota assigned to the Prince William County Chapter is four hundred dollars, and the chapter is anxious to raise this fund as quickly as possible. Contributions may be sent direct to the chapter, Treasurer, Mr. O. D. Waters, Manassas, Va., or given to any of the following numbers of the executive board, who represent you in your county.

Manassas: Mr. G. R. Ratcliffe, Mr. W. L. Lloyd and Mrs. E. H. Martell.

Brentsville District: Rev. J. R. Cooke, Mrs. E. C. Spitzer.

Soles District: Rev. J. Murray Taylor, Mr. W. Y. Ellicott.

Gainesville District: Mrs. Elizabeth Brower, Miss Loretta McGill.

Dumfries District: Mrs. Maurice Sisson, Rev. A. H. Shumate.

Ocoquan District: Mrs. Harvey Janey, and Mrs. E. K. Garner.

This is a cause in which each individual citizen will wish to participate to the fullest extent of his ability.

Please help, by sending your contribution at once.

GOOD WORK

The Manassas Volunteer Fire Department deserves the gratitude of the whole community for the efficient manner in which they extinguished a fire in the heart of our business area, which for a few minutes seemed likely to become disastrous. The fire, which occurred Wednesday afternoon, was of undetermined origin.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS ENJOYABLE MEETING

The May meeting of the Women's Club of Manassas was held at its regular time, 2 p. m. on Monday at the Parish Hall.

This meeting was presided over by the new officers, for the year 1940, Mrs. Chas. Lynn, president, Mrs. Carper, first vice president; Mrs. Richard Haydon, second vice president; Mrs. Worth Peters, secretary and Mrs. McCall, treasurer.

The members of the various committees for carrying on the work of the club were read. The budget presented to the club for the new year was formerly voted for by the club.

We were much gratified to hear that we had met our pledge to the expense of publication of the "History of Prince William County". This pledge was made possible by the financial co-operation of the civic program and fine arts committees.

Mrs. Lloyd, chairman of the constitutional revision committee, read changes made in the constitution. These were accepted by the club.

Mrs. Hawes Davis, Jr., represented the Junior Club and reported interesting items among which was revision of the Junior Constitution.

Our new president and ex-president, delegates to the meeting of the Virginia Federation at Old Point Comfort, gave most interesting accounts of this meeting to the club.

BULL RUN JUNIORS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Next Thursday being the fourth Thursday, the regular meeting of Juniors will be held on that evening. The State Council meets on Tuesday in Norfolk, Virginia. The Daughters of America meet there Monday. Delegates from the Daughters are Misses Ila Breeden and Virginia Polen, Miss Minnie Smith will go as a member of the State Law Committee.

ATTENDING DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Revs. A. S. Gibson and W. F. Carpenter and Messrs. Paul Arrington and W. W. Wright are in Orange attending the annual diocesan convention of the Episcopal Church in Virginia.

CHORAL MUSIC AT CANNON BRANCH

The Choral Singers of the Manassas Regional High School will sing at the Cannon Branch Church next Sunday evening.

As quite a number of these fine entertainers are graduating this Spring, this will be one of the few remaining opportunities to here these fine singers who have made such a splendid record for themselves and for their school.

"they" might do to him. And he is typical. Some of the reasons for this attitude will be discussed in a dispatch tomorrow.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS AND CALLS MASS MEETING

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Democratic County Committee was held at the Court House on May 11, 1940, with C. C. Cloe, chairman, calling the meeting to order.

For the re-organization of said Committee, A. J. Arrington, on motion, was duly elected chairman and O. D. Waters, secretary, and upon the election of permanent officers, on motion C. C. Cloe was elected chairman, Wm. T. Sweeney, vice chairman and treasurer, and H. Thornton Davies, secretary.

On motion, duly carried, Allen Barbee was elected a member of the Committee from Coles District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, Chas. A. Barbee, and Chas. H. Croushorn was elected a member of said Committee from Brentsville District in the stead of D. E. Earhart who presented his resignation, which resignation was accepted with regrets.

The following resolution was duly presented and adopted, to-wit:

That, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Convention to be held in Roanoke, on the 14th. day of June, 1940, a mass meeting of Democrats be and the same is hereby called for Saturday, June 1, 1940, at 2:30 p. m. at the Court House in the Town of Manassas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

LOCAL CLUB BOYS PREPARING FOR SUMMER CAMP

Prince William 4-H Club boys and girls are looking forward to the Northern Virginia 4-H Short Course and Camp to be held at Jamestown from Monday, August 5, to Saturday, August 10. An attendance of approximately 250 from Prince William, Louisa, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania and Clarke Counties in Northern Virginia and Elizabeth City, Warwick and York Counties is anticipated. The weeks program will include instruction in agricultural and home making subjects, active games, swimming, vesper and evening camp fire assemblies, tribe competition, and visits to the State Capitol, and points of outstanding historical interest around Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown.

Adult local women and men leaders will accompany the Prince William group. Bona fide club members 12 years of age or over that have project work up to date and are approved by their club officers and leaders may attend. Parents of 4-H club members may obtain further information in regard to the annual camp from their community 4-H leaders or from the County Home Demonstration Agent or Farm Agent.

The total cost for the week, including lodging, meals, bus transportation, hand-work materials and insurance, will be \$6.75 for the entire week. Some of the clubs are raising funds to help toward defraying expenses of delegates to the summer camp.

MISCELLANEOUS SALE
W. C. T. U. will hold a miscellaneous sale, Saturday, May 25, beginning 9, in the M. I. C. Building.

MUSICAL TEA AT NOKESVILLE
There will be a musical tea at Nokesville High School, May 17, at 8. Sponsored by the P.-T. A. The public is cordially invited.

HELP THE RED CROSS

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

At a called meeting of the Democratic Committee of Prince William County, May 11th, 1940, among other business transacted, a resolution was unanimously passed instructing the Chairman to call a mass meeting of the Democrats of this County, to meet in the Court House at Manassas, 2:30 p. m. Saturday, June 1st, to select delegates to the Democratic State convention which will be held at Roanoke, June 14th.

Pursuant to these instructions, I hereby call this meeting, and urge all Democrats to attend.

C. C. CLOE,
Chairman Democratic Committee Prince William County.

TEACHERS HOLD FINAL MEETING

Rev. R. M. Graham Speaks On Education

On Wednesday, May 15, the final meeting of the Prince William County Teachers' Association for the school year 1939-40 was held in the auditorium of the Manassas High School.

Mr. Sigman, the president, opened the meeting with a very nice talk in which he expressed his interest in Vocational Guidance, stating that it is very hard to know just what is the best way to carry this out. He said it seemed to him that teachers give to the pupils the best they can in life and when these pupils get out of school, many of them are numbered with the unemployed. He deplored the fact that some method could not be found to help the pupil to find his true vocation. He gave several interesting examples of boys who had achieved success in a chosen vocation which grew out of childhood interests.

Mr. Sigman introduced Rev. R. M. Graham, guest speaker for the meeting. Rev. Graham gave an excellent talk on "Education" by saying first, that our profession as ministers and teachers is really not a profession but a calling. He insisted that the main purpose of the public schools of today is to develop personality, and urged that this can not be done by any set rules of the teacher. He believes that personality is caught rather than taught and that teachers should not be overworked with extra curricular work to such extent that it impairs their physical condition and hinders them from giving the proper amount of time and individual attention to their pupils.

Second, Rev. Graham made mention of consolidation of schools and gave as his chief reasons against this plan the following:

1. Breaks up home ties too suddenly.

2. Moral influence—Too many immature minds made too mature.

3. Places a heavy burden on the teacher whose duty it would be to visit all the homes of her pupils.

Last, he believes the public school is not supposed to finish a man so he can take over a job, but instead it is to be a foundation affair and not a finishing affair.

The association elected new officers for the year 1940-41 as follows:

President Miss Evelyn Irons, Dumfries High School; Vice President, Mr. W. E. Moore, Haymarket High School, and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Maude Brown, Ocoquan High School.

This meeting of the association brought to a close two very successful years under the efficient leadership of its president, Mr. Frank Sigman.

NEW LUNCH ROOM ON CENTER STREET

As announced on page 8, of this newspaper, a new lunch room has opened on Center Street, in Manassas. Mr. Gene Mooney, of Triangle, is the proprietor, and he appears to have a neat, clean and attractive eating establishment. Mr. Mooney states, for the interest of his patrons, that he does not serve wines and beer.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO HOLD DANCE AT HAYMARKET

Young Democratic Club of Prince William will hold a dance in Haymarket auditorium, Friday, June 21, (10-2). Good orchestra. Admission to all 1940 members.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSOR PICNIC

Mr. Troy Counts Selected As Chairman On Arrangements

Last year at the County Sunday School Convention, a committee was appointed to make plans for a county picnic sponsored by the Sunday Schools. Mr. Troy Counts was named chairman of the committee.

The other members of the committee were Miss Agnes Thomason and Mr. Walter Sadd.

On May 12, 1940, at 2:30 p. m. this committee met with about 30 representatives from all over the county to discuss plans for the picnic.

Mr. Troy Counts acted as chairman of the meeting. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Ledman. Mrs. Walter Sadd was appointed secretary. There was some discussion as to the time and place for the picnic. It was decided by an unanimous vote that a picnic would be held at the Battlefield on August 8, 1940.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee to make further arrangements for grounds: Mr. Troy Counts and Mr. Walter Sadd.

Program Committee: Rev. W. O. Luttrell, Mr. A. B. Rust, Rev. Shumate, Mr. Sam Huff and Mr. Will Kerlin.

Music committee: Rev. John M. DeChant, Mr. Lewis Carper, Mrs. Dennis Baker Mr. L. J. Bowman and Mr. Bittle.

Games and sports committee: Mr. Charley Caton, Mr. O. R. Hersch, and Rev. J. M. Bell.

Tables committee: Mr. Clyde Beane, Mr. Ferris Gue, and Mr. Theodore Ritter.

Water and lemonade committee: Mr. Stagg, Mr. Orin Kline and Mr. John Ellis.

First aid committee: Mr. L. Ledman, Rev. John M. DeChant.

Publicity committee: Mr. W. H. Lamb, Mr. Ray Wood, Mr. Lewis Carper, and Mrs. M. J. Shepherd.

The second Sunday in June and the second Sunday in July were the dates set for the committees to meet for further plans. These meetings will be held at the Presbyterian Sunday School room at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. DeChant dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

DR. STEWART MCBRYDE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FAUQUIER MEDICOS

The Fauquier County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting in the lobby of the Hidden Building at Warrenton, Virginia, on Thursday, May 9, 1940. The meeting was called to order at 9 p. m. by Dr. Stewart McBryde, president.

It was announced at this meeting that the series of Post-Graduate Lectures planned for the Society would begin on Thursday, May 16, at 8:30 p. m., in the lobby of the Hidden Building. The first lecture is to be given by Dr. Oscar Swineford, Jr., assistant professor of Practice of Medicine at the University of Virginia.

He will speak on the subject of Chronic Rheumatism. A very good enrollment for the series is expected. The physicians expecting to attend were urged to report promptly.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was held, all present officers of the society being re-elected for a period of one year. These officers are: Dr. Stewart McBryde, president; Dr. J. Frank Folk, first vice president; Dr. J. R. Allen, second vice president; Dr. William R. Partlow, secretary-treasurer. Dr. McBryde was commended for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the society during the past year.

In view of the fact that the members of the society will meet each week for the Post Graduate Lectures and in view of other medical meetings and conventions which various members of the county society would not meet until fall except in event of special business which might arise.

Dr. McBryde suggested that when the meeting begin in the fall a program of scientific papers should be arranged which would prove instructive to the membership.

Following adjournment of the meeting, refreshments were served by Dr. M. B. Hiden.

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. Dennis Baker will present her piano pupils in a recital May 24, at 8 at the Parish Hall. The public is cordially invited.