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Social Hour Arranged by Hospitality Committee Proves Successful

A feature of the meeting of OEU 11773 held on December 2 was a social hour following the business meeting. Chairman Irene Brungart announced that games and refreshments had been arranged, and all members present were urged to remain after the meeting and enjoy the social hour. A number of members took advantage of the entertainment which had been provided by the Hospitality Committee, and it was quite evident that they enjoyed themselves fully.

It was noticed, however, that not many of the newly initiated members remained, probably due to the fact that each of them felt that she or he would be a stranger among a group who were already acquainted. The committee wishes to point out that the purpose of the Social Hour is not merely to provide entertainment for the members, but is also planned with the express purpose of helping new members to become acquainted with the other members of the union. There is no better way, as we all know, to get acquainted than through engaging in social activities together.

The Hospitality Committee hopes that the newly initiated members will remain after the meetings in the future, so that we can all become better acquainted. Remember, this is YOUR union, and the meetings are yours. We want to enjoy the social hour together, just as we all profit together from the business meetings.

A poll was taken of members present at the December meeting, to learn what activities seem to be attractive to the members as a group. A dramatic club, a glee club, and recreation in the form of games, cards, etc., appear to be the most popular forms of activity.

A number of members voted for a debating club, others expressed a desire for a bridge club, others wish to have an educational program occasionally, and still others would enjoy a bowling club. (Evi-



May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it every success as a reward for your effort.

—Your Officers.

dently the members who voted for a bowling club are new members who have come into the union since the bowling league was formed last Spring, and are not aware of the fact that there is such a league. These members who are interested in bowling are being informed about the league, and it is hoped that it will be possible to do something about forming a bowling club for these members.)

For the benefit of members who arrange with someone to call for them after the meeting, the committee would like to point out that the social hour following the meetings will last until about 10:30.

**NEXT
REGULAR MEETING**
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1942
8:00 P. M.
Chantilly Room
HAMILTON HOTEL

NEW YEAR'S PLEDGE

During the new year, I shall

1. Attend union meetings regularly, take an active part in my union, pay my dues promptly.
2. Respect the unfair list of my Central Labor Union by refraining from patronizing any firm appearing on that list.
3. Insist on union labels and shop cards whenever purchasing goods and services.

TACOMA LOCAL MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS

Tacoma Local 20360 announces that it is now located in its new office in the new Labor Temple on the corner of South 15th and Market Streets, Tacoma, Washington.

Jack Pot Now \$8.00

At the December meeting the name of Brother James Davis was drawn for the jack pot which then stood at \$6.00. As Brother Davis was not present at the time of the drawing, the jack pot now stands at \$8.00 for the January drawing.

Keep 'em Flying--Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

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A. F. of L. Grants \$5 Per Week Increase

Business Representative Probey reports that more than 100 members of our local benefit by the \$5.00 per week blanket increase effective January 1, 1942, among the office employes of the American Federation of Labor. This increase will help to offset the rising living costs in the Washington area. A. F. of L. President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany by their action in granting this increase have shown their recognition of the increased living costs now being felt by all workers in the nation's capital and have set an example for other employers to follow.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member,

The kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented

That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings

Or stay home on meeting nights?

You should be there with the rest

To help them get what's right!

Do you take an active part

And help your Lodge along?

Or are you merely satisfied

As one who "just belongs?"

Do you ever go to visit

A member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few

And talk about a clique?

Come to our Union meetings

And help with hand and heart!

Don't be just another member;

Take an active part!

Think it over, Sister, Brother,

You know right from wrong!

Are you an active Member

OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

(From literature of Brotherhood of
Railway Clerks)

A. F. of L. Executive Council Urged to Consider Office Workers International Charter at January Meeting

The regular December meeting of our local, after hearing the full report of our convention delegate, instructed the officers to write each member of the A. F. of L. Executive Council requesting the council to consider this matter at its regular January meeting and to hear from a representative of our local at that time. The full content of the letter sent on December 23, 1941, to President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, and all members of the Executive Council follows:

Dear Sir and Brother:

At the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Seattle, Wash., during October of this year consideration was given to five resolutions presented to the convention in connection with the establishment of an international union of office workers. These five resolutions were all referred to the organization committee of the convention and the report of the organization committee in connection with these resolutions was unanimously adopted by the convention.

The organization committee's recommendation, which was unanimously adopted, was as follows:

"These five resolutions are upon the general subject matter of a 'national organization for office workers.'

"Your committee concurs in the intent and purpose contained in all these resolutions, and recommends that they be referred to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor for further consideration and investigation, so that the question of jurisdiction, maintenance and support, etc., may be established before a national or international union charter is granted to office workers.

"The committee further recommends that this be done by the Executive Council at the earliest possible opportunity."

Office Employees Union No. 11773 at its regular December meeting instructed its officers to work toward the establishment of an international union for office workers and directed that the local union request the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to hear from a representative of our local union in connection with the Executive Council's consideration of this matter at its regular meeting commencing January 12, 1942.

Office Employees Union No. 11773 respectfully requests that the Executive

Council of the American Federation of Labor place on its agenda for consideration at its January meeting the matters which were referred to it in the above-quoted recommendation of the convention's organization committee, which recommendation was unanimously adopted. Our local union and its officers stand ready to cooperate in every possible way with the Executive Council and we trust that the Executive Council will give our representatives an opportunity to be heard during the council's January session in connection with this matter.

Cordially and fraternally,

PAUL R. HUTCHINGS, *President.*

Attest:

IRENE BRUNGART, *Recording Secretary.*

UNFAIR LIST OF CENTRAL LABOR UNION

In response to a number of requests the latest revised unfair list of the Washington Central Labor Union is reproduced in full for the benefit of the membership.

Alexandria Gazette
Arcade Pontiac Co.
Arlington Bottling Co.
Bazzuro Engineering Co.
Brinkley's, Inc.
Cafritz, Morris, Co.
Calvert Cafe
Casey's Chop House
Cherner Motor Co.
Coca Cola Bottling Co.
Consolidated Terminal Corp.
Continental Hotel
Covered Wagon
Diamond Back
Dime Messenger Service
Eagle Restaurant
Eddie's Friendly Tavern
Enquirer-Gazette
Gem Theater
George's cafe
Gichner Iron Works
Good Humor Ice ream
Heckinger Co.
Herrmann Bottling Co.
High Ice Cream Co.
Independent
Keystone Auto Co.
Kenyon-Peck Co.
King Cole Room
Kavakos Restaurant
Manhattan Laundry
Merryland Club
Q & S Laundry
Quaker City Linoleum Co.
Remington-Rand
Rickard & Davis
Rose Bros.
Shapiro, Joseph
Shoreham Hotel
Sterrett Operating Co.
Steuart, L. P. & Bro., Inc.
Sun Oil Co.
Tolman Laundry
Walker-Thomas Co.
Warfield & Sanford Co.
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