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MOVIES ENJOYED AT APRIL MEETING

Members attending the regular meeting on April 7 were treated to enjoyable entertainment in the form of several technicolor talking pictures and refreshments, which had been arranged for by the Hospitality Committee.

Immediately following the regular business session the meeting room was blacked out and two reels of talking pictures dealing with the subjects of Old Age Pension and Survivor's Insurance and the Operations of the Employment Service were shown.

Mr. Becker, representing the Social Security Field Office, was present to answer the many questions directed to him by the members dealing with the subjects covered by the pictures.

A large number of newly obligated members also remained to see the movies and partake of the refreshments.

CHINA RELIEF

At the meeting of the Central Labor Union on Monday, April 20, the delegates were addressed by John B. Colpoys, United States marshal and former president of the C. L. U. He spoke on United China Relief, following which he was instructed to act as chairman of a committee to be known as "Labor's China Relief" for the purpose of soliciting funds for this worthy cause.

A national campaign is now being conducted by a committee, with local committees assisting in every state and city. The local committee, of which Dr. Wilson Compton is chairman, has asked labor to assist, and the Central Labor Union responded by giving \$50 from its treasury and the delegates contributed \$77.88 at its meeting on April 20. The C. L. U. has requested all locals to contribute to this worth while cause.

Spring Dance Planned For May 16 To be Held at Hotel 2400

Since our last regular meeting on April 7 many members have expressed a desire that we hold a spring dance this year in accordance with our usual custom, and have shown so much enthusiasm towards such an affair that the Executive Committee at its last meeting proceeded with tentative plans for a spring dance, subject to the approval of the membership at the May 5 meeting.

Vice President Terneak was designated to serve as chairman of the Arrangements Committee and Brother Terneak will, of course, appreciate the help and suggestions of any members who desire to serve with him in arranging for our party.

From a preliminary report made by Brother Terneak we may be assured that

the arrangements are working out fine and that no members will want to miss the party.

The dance will be held at the Hotel 2400 Sixteenth Street on Saturday evening, May 16, from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m. Tickets will sell at the customary price of \$1.10 per person, including tax.

American and Latin American music will be furnished and will be of the finest, so come out and enjoy the music and the dancing. Come out and learn the rumba, conga and samba. This dance will be on the night club idea, tables around the floor, etc. Doesn't that sound tempting and different—you bet it does, and it will be. So for a spring frolic get in line and attend your union dance. Get the good neighbor policy going in your union. Talk it up.

Our union has only one big social affair during the year, so we feel sure that every member will want to be present at this dance.

You may procure tickets from your shop stewards as well as members of the committee. Buy your tickets early. Come and bring your friends and let's have a lot of fun together.

BOONE WINS JACKPOT

The jackpot, now stream-lined and most effective, caused much enthusiasm among the members on the night of April 7. Harold Boone of the Machinists' was the first winner of the \$2 in defense stamps.

Under the new jackpot rules now in effect the jackpot consists of \$2 in defense stamps and the winner's name is drawn at the meeting from the names of members present at the meeting whose current dues have been paid. Each member attending is requested to fill out a card and the card drawn at the close of the meeting indicates the winner of the \$2 in defense stamps, which are payable to such member after the Financial Secretary approves the winner as having paid the current month's dues.

I want . . .
FIGHTING DOLLARS



America must be strong.
Every man and woman must
contribute their strength to the
strength of America at war.

Some are carrying guns—
some are flying planes—some
are giving their blood on ships
at sea.

YOU on the home front must
buy those guns—those planes—
those ships. *That must be your
contribution to freedom under
fire!* **BUY DEFENSE
STAMPS AND BONDS TO-
DAY—buy them with every
penny you have to spare!**

**WE Need CHINA—CHINA Needs US—
Give to CHINA RELIEF**

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF OFFICE WORKERS' LOCALS

Our local has recently received a letter from Brother William Collins, director of the American Federation of Office Employees International Council, Brother Collins advises that "We have the promise of Mr. Green that he will call a national conference in the very near future, at which time the representatives of the local unions will have an opportunity to discuss and plan for a national policy for Office Workers." This is indeed encouraging news.

Our membership will recall that the A. F. of L. convention, meeting in Seattle last October, unanimously approved a strong recommendation for a national or international union charter for office workers. A delegation of office worker union representatives appeared before the A. F. of L. executive council at its meeting in Washington last January and discussed this matter with the executive council and emphasized to the executive council the need for a more effective National Council of Office Workers Unions or for an international charter.

There are now more than 150 federal locals of office workers chartered by the A. F. of L. throughout the country, probably embracing in their total membership somewhere between 14,000 and 16,000 members. We feel that much good can be accomplished by bringing representatives of these various locals together for a national conference to discuss and plan a national policy for office workers and their A. F. of L. local unions.

Our local has also recently received a letter from Brother H. B. Douglas, general organizer of the A. F. of L., and, incidentally, a member of our local union and the only organizer on the A. F. of L.'s general staff whose craft is office work. Brother Douglas suggests that the proposed national conference should be held in a central location and not later than August 1, 1942. Sufficient time should be allowed so that the various locals can pre-

pare to meet the financial expense of sending delegates to this conference. It is also important that this conference be held before the regular 1942 A. F. of L. convention so that whatever plans may be formulated may be effectuated before the convention date.

Our local union heartily endorses the idea of a national conference as proposed by Director Collins and we also heartily endorse the suggestions of Brother Douglas that such conference be held prior to August 1 and at a centrally located city so that all locals may have an opportunity to send their delegates.

Our local went on record at its regular April meeting in this regard and instructed our Secretary to write to President Green and urge him to fix the date for this conference in the near future and not later than August 1 and that the same be held in a centrally located place. We urge our sister locals to begin planning for such a conference and to get themselves in a position so that they will be able to send delegates to the same when it is officially scheduled by President Green.

We are indeed pleased to learn through Director Collins of President Green's promise to call such a National Conference for we are certain that the results of such a conference will be highly beneficial both to the American Federation of Labor and to the many thousands of its office worker members.

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORTS APPROVED

The April 7 meeting heard the reports of our Auditing Committee covering the six-months period from October 1, 1941, through March 31, 1942, and covering the six-months period from April 1, 1941, through September 30, 1941.

The reports of the Auditing Committee were presented by Brother Bernard Green, a member of the committee, and were signed by Auditing Committee Chairman Martin Joynt and Brothers Dutch Eberts and Bernard Green, members of the committee.

**NEXT
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, May 5, 1942

8:00 P. M.

Chantilly Room

HAMILTON HOTEL

BOWLING LEAGUE COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The inaugural season of the Federation Ladies Bowling League ended in an exciting finish the evening of April 16. Three teams, which had been nip and tuck for top honors for several weeks, went into the final games with the result of a single game the deciding factor in the final result.

The teams in the League are composed of members of Office Employees Union No. 11773.

The final standings of the teams were:

	Games Won	Games Lost	Total Pins
Fire Fighters	48	33	35,196
Machinist Clerks	47	34	37,039
Machinists Stenographers	47	34	35,712
A. F. of L. No. 4	42	39	34,629
Sheet Metal Workers No. 7	42	39	34,241
Machinists No. 3	41	40	34,002
Postal Clerks	38	43	34,301
A. F. of L. No. 6	35	46	34,546
Feds	33	48	34,679
Sheet Metal Workers No. 8	32	49	34,627

On Saturday, May 2, the members of the league are holding a banquet and dance at the Hay-Adams House, at which time the trophy and prize money will be awarded. Members are looking forward to this last get-together before disbanding for the summer.

Officers of the league for the 1941-42 season were Elna Fenton, president; Rita Mann Pitts, secretary; Helen Richardson Thompson, assistant secretary; and Anna Marie Wilkinson, treasurer. A vote of thanks is due these officers for their assistance in inaugurating and carrying to a successful conclusion the first season of the league.

"The first year is the hardest," they say, but the keen interest displayed by every team and every individual member and the very evident pleasure derived by the members indicate that the work of the officers was well repaid. Many new friendships were formed during the course of the friendly rivalry, the spirit of team-ship was strengthened, and every member who participated enjoyed the season thoroughly.

The officers and members of the League hope to have a "bigger and better" league as time goes on, and they extend an invitation to other members of OEU No. 11773 to join them for the 1942-43 season.

Don't forget—Spring Dance—May 16.