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EDITORIAL

by James Thrasher

FIRST CHICKEN HOME

The first chicken of the CIO "compromise" with its Communist element seems to have come home to roost in Bridgeport, Conn.

There a local of the United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers has had its charter revoked by the general executive board. The charge: expelling 27 members on charges of communism.

It may be remembered that this "compromise" settlement came about at the national CIO convention last fall after the internal fight over communism had threatened to bust wide open. President Murray commissioned a group of CIO executives, evenly divided between right and left-wingers, to draft a resolution. Their resolution stated that CIO members "resent and reject" communistic interference in union affairs.

Mr. Murray evidently thought that this mild dose of reproof would be palatable to both sides, yet strong enough to keep any symptoms of serious discord from showing. That may yet prove to be the case. But if this present situation in Bridgeport foreshadows coming events, it will take more than resentment and rejection to scare the Communists away from where they aren't wanted.

The UERMW is and has been for some time a union of notoriously left-wing leadership. Many of its members do not share the leadership's political views. There is a group within the union which is trying to oust the national officers because of their alleged communistic leanings. Thus far the group claims less than a tenth of the national membership. Its efforts at the last UERMW convention got nowhere.

The Bridgeport local elected a plane of anti-Communist officers in December. Early this month the executive board refused to seat a woman who had run for office in November on the Communist ticket. The membership upheld the board's action. A few days later the board expelled the 27 members for communistic activity.

In revoking the local's charter the national executive board ignored the convention's resent-and-reject resolution. It ignored the local's authorization of its board to oust members who also held membership in the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, Columbians, or any other subversive groups.

Instead, the board cited the national's and local's constitutions which forbid discrimination against members because of nationality, race, religion or political belief. Undoubtedly the board was entirely correct according to the letter. Constitutional guarantees are stronger than resolutions.

The national board's action seems less correct from the standpoint of justice and democracy. It has surely aided, comforted and promoted communism within the CIO. It has obviously ignored the freely expressed wishes and democratic action of the local union.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—Bill Batt has decided to go home. If the familiar moniker doesn't register, the full handle is William L. Batt, a Hoosier boy who went to Purdue and rose to be president of SKF Industries in Philadelphia, and a big shot in Washington for the last eight and a half years.

For the first couple of years he was just here part-time as a member and later as chairman of the Business Advisory Council in Commerce. Mr. Batt was one of the first of the dollar-a-year men to come to Washington when the going got tough back in June, 1940. As near as anyone can determine, he is the last to leave.

If there are any others, they're either lost in the files of the Archives building or they're crawling into the cracks of the marble halls. All the others have long since folded up and gone back where they came from. At one time there were supposed to be 536 dollar-a-year boys around the place—and one dollar-a-year woman—Alice Marble, the tennis champ. She had some kind of an advisory job around the Office of Defense, Health and Welfare Committee—whatever that was.

ANYWAY, the dollar-a-year boys and others who worked without compensation got so thick around Washington that they were considered a sort of sixth column. The old Truman Committee finally investigated them and War Production Board Chairman Don Nelson had to put out a traffic regulation, telling them what they could and could not do, so they wouldn't get in everybody's way. That sent a lot of them home mad.

Others got fired because they were no good. Some got sent on missions to the dog house—which was London. Still others went home disgusted with government. They came down here full of patriotism, and nobody appreciated them. But not Bill Batt. He stayed on to see her through.

He moved his family to Washington and they moved in on Washington society. No function was complete without the Batts. His two boys entered the Army as privates and won commissions.

In the six odd-years—they were odd all right—that Mr. Batt lived in Washington, he had over a dozen odd jobs. Any time there was a job nobody else wanted—Batt seemed to get it. From being a member in the Raw Materials Division—nothing personal of course—in the National Defense Advisory Commission, he became N. D. A. C. chairman. Then he was deputy director of O. P. M. under Bill Knudsen. At Pearl Harbor time he was serving as a member of the British-American-Soviet Lend Lease Commission in Moscow. And so on.

In his early days in Washington Mr. Batt showed a willingness to make a speech at the drop of an invitation. He had a pretty hot ghost writer and the first thing anybody knew, Bill Batt, the industrialist, emerged as a flaming liberal. When the ghost writer got promoted, Mr. Batt's speeches changed in nature, but not in number.

THERE is no space to record all his Washington jobs. He ended the war as vice chairman of W. P. B. But he didn't go home.

Instead he became vice chairman of Civilian Production Board. That agency likewise folded under him, but he had another job as chairman of the Inter-Agency Policy Committee on Rubber.

It was only when he recently completed a big report on that subject that he decided he really must go home.

Mr. Batt was decorated by the British government on one of his junkets abroad, and his own grateful American government hung a Medal of Merit on him a while ago. It hardly seems enough. After all, as a dollar-a-year man, he has earned only a little over \$6.50.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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Costly Collar



Geraldine Du Bois has an expensive "collar" as she displays two live chinchillas, most costly of fur-bearing animals, on their recent arrival in Chicago. They are pioneers of an attempt to raise the South American rodents on commercial basis in the Windy City.

Take the Laughter by Karen DeWolf

I SHE told herself it was silly to be scared just because Mona was late, but she pressed her nose against the cold glass and stared out through the aycamore trees and the rain. The street car stopped at the corner. Its windows made nice squares of yellow light, and against them Sherry could see the two people who got off—a man and a woman. She felt a little flutter of expectancy and held her breath, but the woman waited for the car to pass and crossed the street. Sherry had been kneeling on the davenport. She slid down with a despondent thump and then remembered that the springs were precarious. She eased her feet to the floor and sat staring at the pleasant room. Suppose "anything" had happened to Mona! But even in her small moment of anxiety the room comforted her. She had cleaned it that morning—their whole tiny house for that matter—and it was nice the way the polished furniture gleamed, she thought, and by the firelight and shaded lamps you couldn't see that the rug was worn nor that things didn't match. She looked around with a soothing sense of pride. This was her house! Her very first home of her own to care for as she chose. Would she ever forget that day two weeks ago when she had found the little cottage among the trees with a For Rent sign on it? Not an apartment, but a real entire house, with a front door and a back door and a fireplace. That there were seven other identical ones burrowing back into the hill had not mattered. She had been excited and a little out of breath when she knocked on the manager's door. The woman had said, "Oh, two girls," in a tone that made Sherry feel that she shouldn't be. "Do you have much company?" Sherry had said, "Oh, no," but had not added that that was because they did not know anybody yet. "But we have a cat." The manager had said, "That's all right," very unexpectedly. "The boys at the end have three and a dog." Sherry loved the boys at the end. SHE had told Mona about it that night in their one room and kitchenette with maid service. Mona had studied a long scarlet and glamorously kept fingernail and said, "Oh, a bungalow court!" Sherry had said, "But it isn't like that at all! You'd hardly notice the other houses through the trees. It's just like—well, sort of like a fairy-tale village!" Then she told her about how you stepped off the street and all of a sudden you were in an ancient garden, and Mona had reminded Sherry about the ancient part when she saw the plumbing. But she had been sweet about the long ride almost to the end of the car line every night, and Sherry did not mind the walk to the grocer's. In the end they took it. Sherry had written home for some of her own things, and when they came she had spent an ex-



Mona slipped off her wet coat. Her eyes sparkled and her cheeks were flushed. "George Brothers brought me home," she said. "I'll tell you all about it while we eat."

hausting but glorious day moving all the furniture around and trying different effects. She had hung pictures and wired lamps and hemmed curtains, and that night, after a hastily got together dinner before the fire, Mona had reluctantly admitted that while the house was not exactly her sleek, sophisticated type, it was cozy. Sherry had called it "Hidden House" from a book she had read once, and the two had settled down to normal routine. Mona had a job in an insurance office so she left early every morning, and she did not eat any breakfast because it took thought to maintain her pantherish thinness. So Sherry slept late, rushed or dawdled through her chores as the mood moved her, read, wrote or just dreamed stories as she chose. As long as she had her tiny allowance from home it was pleasantly easy to put off the looking for a job day. Sometimes she had felt a little shiftless and guilty about it, but tonight she sat and watched the fire and was glad she had wed.

They had not bought any logs, yet, and she was burning pieces of boxes she had broken up outside the kitchen door. They made nice kindling for a neat pile of manuscripts. Sherry watched them burn with pleasant satisfaction. They were not worthy of her. It was funny what you had thought was good when you were very young. Besides, the trunk the stories had lived in could be used to better

advantage when the house was so chary of closet space. And now that she had decided this morning that she was going to write—really work at it instead of just tossing off the little things that came to her—what was the use of keeping material that she wouldn't have a soul see anyway?

ANOTHER street car rumbled up the street and Sherry flew to the window. What would she do if Mona wasn't on it? Her panic surprised her. Mona must be on this one! But before the street car came in sight a Cadillac roadster stopped at the entrance to the court. It was glistening with rain and the twin windshield wipers were working systematically. By the light of a street lamp Sherry could see Mona get out. She thanked the man at the wheel with gracious coolness and started toward the house. Sherry ran to the door and held it open.

She said, "I've been worried to death, darling! I couldn't put the chops on till you came or they'd have been done to a frazzle." Mona slipped off her wet coat.

She said, "Well, put them on now, honey. I had a cocktail and I'm starved!" Her eyes sparkled and her cheeks were flushed. She went into the bedroom.

"Will you rush them?" she wanted to know. "George Brothers brought me home. I'll tell you all about it while we eat." (To Be Continued)

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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HILL COUNTY BUSINESS HAS REMARKABLE GROWTH

WILLSBORO, Tex. (UP)—A Hill County business founded five years ago with \$1,650 capital stock closed its books at the end of 1946 with assets totaling \$45,000. And the owners of the establishment—all 249 of them—have discovered that it is easier to get ahead with others than it is to get ahead of them.

This is the report made by Henry Markwardt, manager of the Farmers Cooperative Stores, Inc., at Malone.

Markwardt is head of a business that has grown from one small store until it now occupies the majority of a city block in Malone. He admits that through these portals pass the best customers in the world—and most of them are his bosses.

The Farmers Co-Op stores in Malone are owned by farmers of the community. The production of agricultural commodities is the only requirement requisite to purchasing stock in the enterprise.

The stores are chartered under the Cooperative Marketing Act

passed by the Texas Legislature during the depression era.

In the four stores, Malone farmers can purchase groceries or chicken feed; she laces or tractors; blue denims or heating plants. And for each dollar spent customers since 1942 have received refunds of eight cents as a profit dividend at the end of the year.

Sales have climbed steadily since the store was founded, Markwardt stated. In 1942, the year the enterprise opened, \$32,725 in sales were recorded. This jumped to \$104,146 in 1943; \$136,303 in 1944; and \$161,804 in 1945.

An all-time high mark was established in 1946 with \$192,572 coming into the cash register.

A record is maintained of the purchase made during the year by each customer. It is from this total spent that cash returns are computed.

A. L. Hutchison, a farmer living near Malone, has been president of the cooperative since its formation. His original investment in common stock was \$32. At the end of 1944 his stock had been increased through dividend payments to \$114.91.

During 1945 Hutchison spent \$768.16 in the Co-Op stores. A profit refund of 7 1/2 per cent or \$57.61, was authorized for

customers. A stock dividend of eight per cent, or \$9.19, was declared.

Of the total \$66.80 earned by Hutchison, \$32.33 was paid him in cash and \$34.17 added to his stock, increasing his interest value to \$149.38.

A board of directors, meeting monthly, administer the cooperative. Prices charged are in accord with those in other stores.

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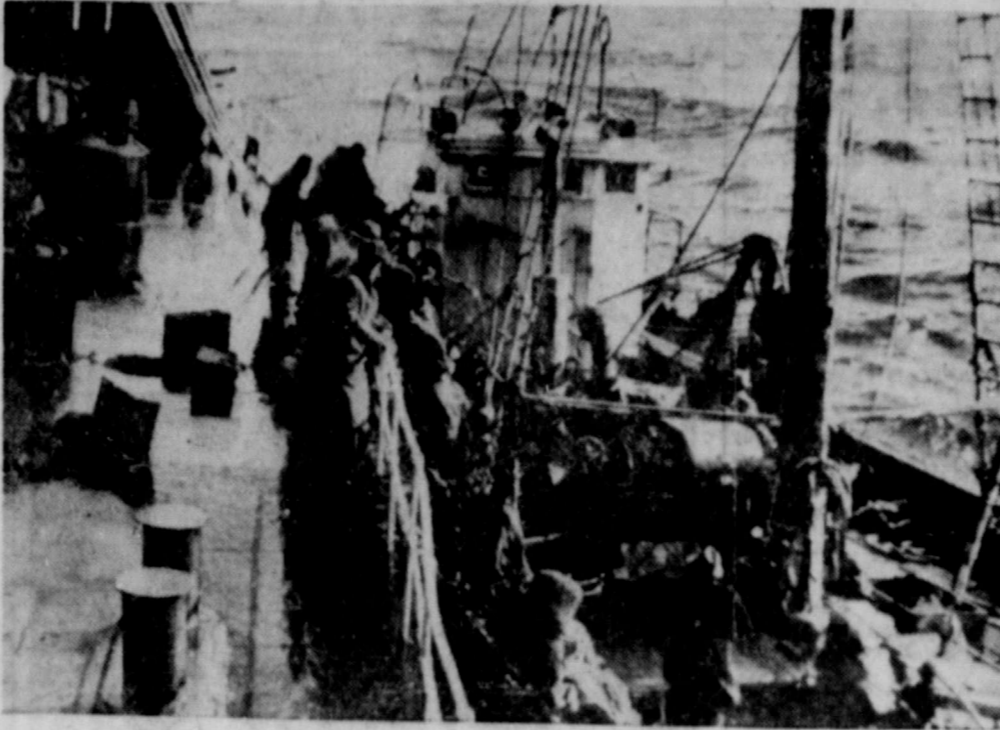
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Model Method



New York models have recently been complaining of wolfish tactics by some of their clients, but Selene Mahri, Manhattan's top model, knows how to fend them off. Her advice to sister models: "Charge them \$40 an hour. At that price your time is too valuable, and they'll keep their minds on their work."

Crew Rescued From Sinking Schooner



The crew of nine of the sinking fishing schooner, Catherine L. Brown, right, wait to be taken aboard the tanker Calusa, which lies alongside off Cape May, N.J. All were rescued before the schooner, from Gloucester and Boston, Mass., sank. (NEA Telephone).

Proposal Would Stop Hold-Over Of Athletes

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—A new semester rule in the University of Texas Interscholastic League which would eliminate the practice of holding over high school students for athletic competition has been proposed by a special committee of the League's Advisory Council.

The new rule says that the eight semesters of eligibility shall begin with the first semester the student enrolls in high school and close at the end of the eighth

consecutive semester.

Enforcement of the rule would be comparatively simple, since the date the student enters high school would automatically guide officials in determining the number of semesters in school.

R. B. Norman, principal of Amarillo senior high school, is chairman of the committee, and members serving with him are R. B. Sparks, principal of the Robert E. Lee high school, Goose Creek; and E. T. Robbins, superintendent of Taylor public schools.

According to information in the current Interscholastic League, complaints against the practice of holding over students are: (1) It is a form of over-emphasis violat-

ing the basic reasons for the contests; (2) Places emphasis on winning rather than participating; (3) Denies regularly-promoted students the opportunity of participating because of their inability to compete against players old enough to be college freshmen; (4) It results in unethical tactics amounting to a form of dishonesty.

Settlement Unlikely
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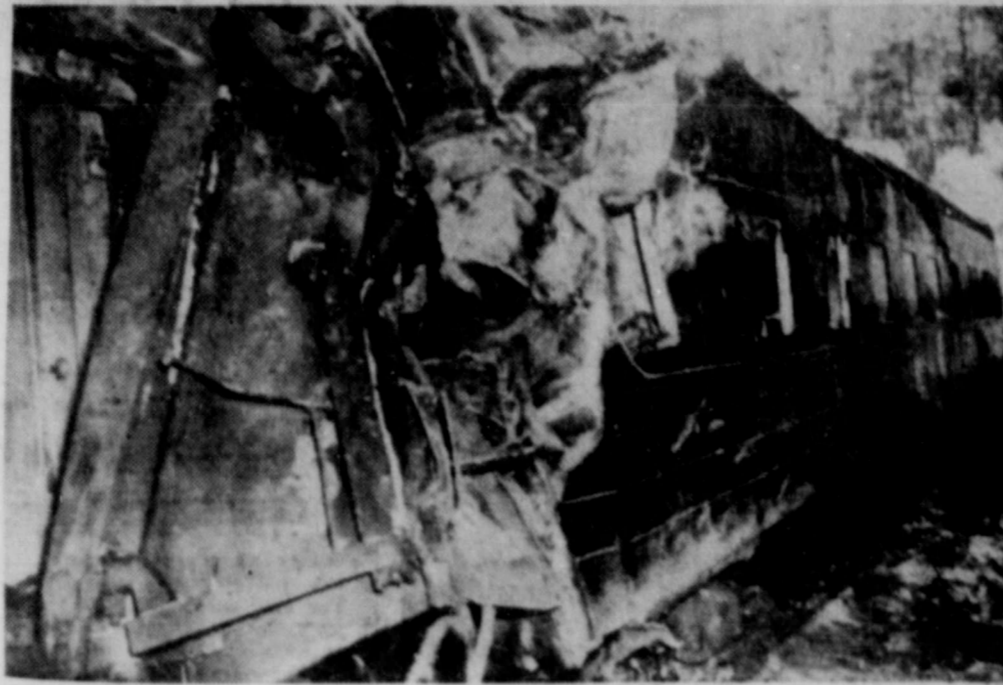
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Ice Cream Co. Is Installing New Equipment

The Shelton Ice Cream Co., has recently installed part of some new equipment and announces the arrival of a new large refrigeration compressor today, which will greatly increase their efficiency and capacity. Delivery is expected in a few weeks of their new 40 qt. freezefreezer and 200 gallon per hour homogenizer, which will increase the quality of their products. A new Ford ice cream truck was delivered in October. Mr. Shelton states he has just installed a novelty brine tank with a capacity of 100 dozen popicles etc., per hour, and has received a quota of 8 new ice cream cabinets for the month of March. It is possible that the plant will begin the pasteurization of milk after the ice cream department is properly adjusted. Open house will be held sometime in March, definite date to be announced later, at which time the public will be invited to see this modern ice cream equipment in operation.

Beauty Shop Announces Move To New Location

Mayme Lee Rogers and Lucille Angus have announced the removal of their beauty shop from the Arcadia Theatre building to the Paramount Theatre building. The new shop faces North Austin street and has been redecorated for the beauty shop. The new location is much more spacious and the owners feel that they will be able to serve their patrons in a more efficient manner in the new shop. They have extended an invitation to their patrons to visit them in their new shop. More than 90 per cent of the fish and game animals in Wyoming are on federal land, either in national forests and parks or on the public domain.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Boyce House

A few Irish sayings: Young people don't know what age is, and old people forget what youth was. Many a defect is seen in the poor man. In spite of the fox's cunning, his skin is often sold.

An editorial, "Politicians and Glass Houses," from the Nolan County News:

Some state officials, in and of Texas, continue to talk about the bureaucrats in Washington. They overlook the fact that there exists in Austin—or in the capital of any state—bureaucratic probably as vicious as those they condemn in Washington, only those operating in state capitals may be on a lesser scale than those existing in the national capital.

Nearly every community in the state has had some experience with the bureaucrats that exist in their state capitals. Any project planned by a community which may rely on and require state participation, usually requires the community to engage in a bit of political feigning to attain.

Too often the accepted practice has been for a community to send a delegation to the state capital to see the particular department involved in the proposed plans. The delegation is made up of the most influential persons in the community. They go armed with a "brief" to back up their requests. If the delegation is "in-



fluential" enough, their "brief" will be given "favorable" or "due" consideration.

No matter how well known the community's problem may be—nor how beneficial it may be to the entire state, chances are that the particular state department's interest in the program will be in proportion to how much political influence the community, or its delegation may have.

There are few instances of a substantial financial aid from state departments without requests are made by a delegation of citizens. Before we can cast stones at the bureaucrats in Washington, we ought first to consider those living in glass houses in our own state capitals.

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Garden Lore

by Ethel Brookes Gilmore
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No flower has a more colorful history than the flag. According to tradition it was the blossom used by Cleopatra on the fleur-de-lis, a heraldic device. On this device there was the representation of a lily presented by an anhel to the monarch at his baptism. The three fleur-de-lis of his shield, being the sign of the Trinity.

The great authority Newton considered it to be the figure of a flag in blossom and it was used instead of a scepter at the proclamation of the Frankish kings. A decoration of flags was also used on scepters, seals, and robes of the Merovingian, Greek, Roman, German, Spanish, and English kings.

Possibly its first appearance as a symbol of royalty was seen on the Egyptian six sphinxes. There it is perfectly sculptured in the head dresses. Since the twelfth century, the fleur-de-lis has been employed as the sign of French royalty.

We who live close to wooded spots were given a rare sight this week, that being a flight of early meadow larks that stopped over a few days to feed. These larks are different from the ordinary field lark. Seem to be less afraid of mankind and they hunted for every seed that still clung to the honeysuckle vines.

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