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**HIGHLANDER FOLK
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 [REDACTED] Allard, Tennessee, advises JOSEPH KELLEY STOCKTON born and raised in the vicinity of Allardt, Tennessee and is a farmer, joining Socialist Party in 1934, and although not a founder gave some of his land to the Highlander Folk School to erect building, about six months later becoming disgusted with their behavior, asking them to leave, whereupon the school established itself at Monteagle, Tennessee. STOCKTON'S wife ran for Governor of Tennessee in 1936 on the Socialist ticket. Since STOCKTON asked the school to leave, his mail has decreased to only personal mail, but he used to receive American Guardian. STOCKTON has, upon many occasions stated he was friendly toward Russia, but is not disseminating literature or propaganda, is not forceful enough to antagonize people in that vicinity and is not believed to be engaged in unAmerican activities. No criminal record Fentress County, Tennessee.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee dated 10-17-41.

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DETAILS: AT ALLARDT, TENNESSEE

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] In regard to JOSEPH KELLEY STOCKTON, he advised that STOCKTON was born and raised in Allardt, Tennessee and further that he had lived in that vicinity all of his life.

[REDACTED] informed that STOCKTON'S wife was, to the best of his understanding, born in California but she, too, had lived practically all of her life in the vicinity of Allardt, Tennessee. The writer was further advised that STOCKTON has always been a farmer in that vicinity and in 1934 he joined the Socialist Party. [REDACTED] advised that at this time STOCKTON received considerable mail in connection with the Socialist Party.

[REDACTED] further stated that Allardt is an extremely small town, taking in a postal radius of approximately eight miles and serving some eight hundred farmers. STOCKTON, during the year 1934 contacted quite a number of these farmers with the intention of forming a cooperative store in that vicinity but was unsuccessful in getting such a store organized.

[REDACTED] advised the writer that it was along about the same time that STOCKTON agreed to give the Highlander Folk School some of his farm land for the purpose of erecting school buildings thereon. [REDACTED] stated that the founders of this school, to the best of his knowledge, consisted of LYLES HORTON, ELIZABETH HAWES, JAMES DOMBROWSKI, RUPERT HAMPTON and MALCOLM CHISHOLM. [REDACTED] further stated that he knew definitely that STOCKTON was not a founder of the above school and that in all probability STOCKTON was contacted by PETER HORTON or DOMBROWSKI who is connected with the Socialist Party.

[REDACTED] stated that the above mentioned persons came to Allardt and there started erecting a building on

STOCKTON'S farm, which they intended to use as a school. [REDACTED] said that these individuals, while they were in Allardt, were doing the actual labor on this building themselves, and were living on the premises.

Besides the above mentioned persons, there were two or possibly three other women, whose names he did not know, whose names he did not know, who were also living on the STOCKTON'S farm and also that ELIZABETH HAWES had married an organizer for the CIO Hosiery Workers. [REDACTED] did not know the name of this CIO organizer.

[REDACTED] further advised the writer that after the above mentioned people had been on STOCKTON'S farm for approximately six months, he asked them to leave because they were living with each other's wives and one of them, just which one he did not know, was living with the wife of one of STOCKTON'S hired hands.

[REDACTED] advised it was after this that the above mentioned persons proceeded to Monteagle, Tennessee and erected a school there, adding it was his understanding that they were presently engaged in the operation of this school.

[REDACTED] further stated that in his opinion this school was composed entirely of Communists and he was surprised to read in one of the newspapers that MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT had given money toward the support of this institution. He said it was his understanding that it was the purpose of this school to teach labor organizers and added that during the time they were at Allardt they did very little of anything and spent most of their time on the outside of the building with few clothes on.

[REDACTED] said it was his opinion that STOCKTON was not a founder or organizer of this school, but being a very generous individual was only trying to help them and started by giving them a place to erect the necessary school building. The writer was further advised that STOCKTON'S wife ran for the Governor of the State of Tennessee in 1936 on the Socialist ticket and that

both STOCKTON and his wife had contacted various individuals around Allardt requesting that they attend an address being given by EARL BROWDER.

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[redacted] further stated it was only last week that STOCKTON told him he was "friendly toward Russia" and [redacted] advised the writer that although he could not remember any direct quotation made by STOCKTON, with the above exception, that STOCKTON gave him the impression that he thought the Russian system of Government was good.

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[redacted] said that STOCKTON had on numerous occasions tried to get him to read books on Russia and advised that the only one he could remember was a book written by a former Lieutenant-Commander of the United States Navy by the name of SEALEY.

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[redacted] advised the writer that at the present and for the past two years or so, STOCKTON has received only personal mail, whereas he used to get a lot of literature of a Socialistic nature, the only one of which [redacted] could remember was a paper by the name of "American Guardian" which is published at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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The writer was further advised that STOCKTON does not have any meetings at his house and has never been heard to make, to the best of [redacted] knowledge, any un-American statements.

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[redacted] described STOCKTON as follows:

Name	JOSEPH KELLEY STOCKTON
Address	Allardt, Tennessee
Age	66
Height	5'8"
Weight	225
Build	Stout
Hair	Brown - bald
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Farmer
Political affiliations	Socialist party
Scars and marks	None noticeable
Nationality	American

etc
[redacted] described MRS. JOSEPH KELLEY STOCKTON
as follows:

Address	Allardt, Tennessee
Age	60
Height	5'6"
Weight	115
Build	Slim
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Light
Political affiliations	Socialist

etc
[redacted] advised the writer that in his opinion
[redacted] member
of the American Legion, whose father had lived in that
town all of his life and whose loyalty to his country was
unquestioned, be contacted for additional information
concerning STOCKTON.

etc
[redacted] American Legion
member, upon contact at the Post Office advised that
while the above mentioned school was carrying on in Allardt,
Tennessee a number of the persons connected therewith would
ask him to attend Norman Thomas's lectures which he was
giving at Allardt, but added that they did not pass out
any literature of any description.

etc
[redacted] advised that it is his opinion that
STOCKTON is in favor of the type of Government in use
in Russia, but none of the statements made by Stockton
concerning this matter could be recalled. [redacted]
advised that STOCKTON is not forceful enough to antagonize
the people in that vicinity and further that he gives no
evidence of being engaged in unAmerican activities.

AT JAMESTOWN, TENNESSEE

one
[redacted] Fentress County,
Tennessee, upon contact advised that STOCKTON has no
criminal record in that county, and further that he
enjoys a good reputation except for the fact that he
is reported to be a Socialist. [redacted] further stated

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that in his opinion STOCKTON was born and raised in Fentress County and added that approximately twenty years ago, STOCKTON served as County Trustee, but since that time has been engaged solely as a farmer. [REDACTED] further stated that STOCKTON does not distribute any literature at the present time, and the last literature which he did distribute approximately five years ago was a paper called the "American Guardian".

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[REDACTED] further advised the writer that he had never heard STOCKTON or heard of STOCKTON making any unAmerican statements and in his opinion STOCKTON is a harmless individual.

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Report of Special Agent ██████████
Memphis, Tennessee dated 1-8-42

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Will contact the Governor of the State of Tennessee and see whether he recalls the Americanization Committee for the State of Tennessee having turned over to him relative to the Communistic Activities of the Highlander Folk School of Monteagle, Tennessee. Will obtain any pertinent information therein in the event the file is located.

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United States Department of Justice
Knoxville, Tennessee
January 19, 1942**

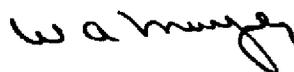
Director
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Washington, D. C.

RE: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of January 2, 1942. Please be advised that MYLES HORTON, Director of the HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL at Monteagle, Tennessee, has agreed to furnish this office all copies of "The Highlander Fling". It will be noted that this publication is issued quarterly instead of monthly as previously reported. Please advise by reference to Vol. # and No. # of any issues of the "Highlander Fling" which you desire in order to complete the Bureau files. This office will make every effort to obtain all back issues, as well as securing all future issues of this publication.

Very truly yours,



W. A. MURPHY
Special Agent in Charge

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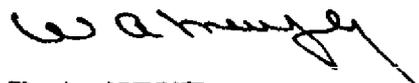
Dear Sir:

There is being enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a program and card announcing a musical program sponsored by the Washington Committee for the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee, on Friday evening, December 6, 1940, at Pierce Hall located at Fifteenth and Harvard Streets Northwest, Washington, D. C.

The original program and card, which were obtained from C. H. KILBY, Secretary to the Manager of the Consolidated Coal Company, at Tracy City, Tennessee, are being maintained in the files of the Knoxville Field Division.

No information has been received which would indicate that the sponsors listed on this program are connected with the school in any way.

Very truly yours,



W. A. MURPHY
Special Agent in Charge

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Highlander School Benefit

Friday, December 6, 1940

Orchestra \$2.50 Balcony \$1.50

Enclosed Check \$..... for..... tickets
Cash \$.....

Orchestra Balcony

Money is payable to Highlander School and send to Charles Hamby,
419 Crivens Hill, Washington, D. C.

The Washington Committee for the

Highlander School

Monteagle, Tennessee

PRESENTS

"America Was Promises" Archibald MacLeish

"And they lynched him
on a tree" Words—Katherine Garrison Chapin
Music—William Grant Still

A ballad poem for a chorus

Solo Louise Burge

Voices Washington Choral Society

Dr. Louis Potter, Director

Howard University Glee Club

Prof. Roy W. Tibbs, Director

Hazel Shulze, Accompanist

Mountain and Workers' Ballads Zilphia Horton

Negro and Folk Songs Houdie Leadbeatter (Leadbelly)

Friday Evening, December 6, 1940

AT EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK

PIERCE HALL

FIFTEENTH AND HARVARD STREETS NORTHWEST
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SPONSORS

Miss Mary Anderson
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RESERVATIONS—Charles Handy, 609 Carpenters Building
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Since the seating capacity is limited kindly make your reservations as early
as possible. See enclosed card.

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February 8, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Knoxville, Tennessee

RE: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 19, 1942, in the above entitled matter, which referred to Bureau letter dated January 2, 1942, and advised that Hyles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, has agreed to furnish your office with copies of their publication "The Highlander Fling."

[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Carson _____
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No person by the name of [REDACTED] at Berea College or in the town of Berea. Indices checked against all names submitted and case located against [REDACTED] Covington, Kentucky and [REDACTED] Lexington, Kentucky. Indices checked with negative results relative to [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Knoxville, Tennessee, dated 6/1/41.

DETAILS:

AT BEREA, KENTUCKY:

Chief of Police EARL THOMAS HAYES advised that there is no one by the name of [REDACTED] connected with Berea College and that there is no one by that name in or about Berea.

The indices of the Louisville Field Division were checked against the names submitted and the following names are listed in our files:

[REDACTED] *b7c*

[REDACTED] *b7c*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Knoxville, Tennessee
January 28, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

MYLES HORTON, Director of the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, at request of this office, sent a report of the Executive Council meeting held January 12, 1942 and the 1941 annual report of the Highlander Folk School consisting of 25 pages to this office. The contents of these reports are being submitted in summary form. The originals are being retained in the files of the Knoxville Field Division.

The Highlander Folk School Executive Council met January 11, 1942, the following members being present: Chairman, PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, Executive Secretary, Tennessee IUC; BERNARD BORAH, Southern Director, District 50, UMWA; MATT LYNCH, American Federation of Hosiery workers organizer and Highlander alumni representative; LUCY MASON, CIO public relations representative; JOE DOBBS, chairman organizing committee, Chattanooga Central Trades and Labor Council. Seven members of the Highlander staff were also present, and visitors included Reverend and Mrs. FLEMING JAMES, St. Luke's Seminary, Sewanee, Tennessee; BETHEL JUDD and MARTY WATKINS of District 50, UMWA; HARD COX, president, UMWA local, former, Tennessee. At this meeting the Executive Council proposed to the Office of Civilian Defense that the school be used as a southern training center. The suggestion came from the Highlander staff and has the endorsement of the state CIO. The Council also outlined a tentative program for 1942 which will make the school available for civilian defense training at any time. Approval was given for a summer school for the Southern Automobile Workers, sponsored December of 1941 by RICHARD DEVERALL, educational director, International UAW - CIO; and a special District 50 UMWA school March 30 to April 12. The extension program in New Orleans and Memphis are to be continued. An extension of the teaching and secretarial staff was authorized, and plans were made for a tenth

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anniversary celebration to be held at the school at the end of the summer term. It was reported that in response to a recent communication in support of the Murray Industry Plan, the president of the CIO wrote: "It is of considerable significance to have the support of your school, in view of the widespread influence which it exercises among the working people of the South." At this meeting the annual report of the Highlander Folk School prepared by JAMES DOMBROWSKI was presented. This report is summarized as follows:

TO THE FRIENDS OF HIGHLANDER

The energies of Highlander will be directed to the defeat of the Axis and the destruction of Fascism. A proposal that the resources of the Highlander Folk School be used as a defense training center for Union leaders received the endorsement of the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council's executive board on January 4, 1942. It is expected to be approved by A.F. of L. and Railroad Brotherhood Unions. If approved by Washington, this program will receive the major emphasis in 1942. Total enrollment for the year 1941 was 252 students, including 156 who attended week-end conferences. A notable accomplishment was the extension work done by Miss MARY LAWRENCE in New Orleans and by HARRY LASER in Memphis. Other extension work was done in many other parts of the South. Craft work in the community was expanded under direction of MARIA STENZEL. The Summerfield Cooperative continued to thrive. JOAN PAYNE, director of the Nursery School, had a successful year. Our alumni now occupy places of leadership and responsibility in unions throughout the South.

SPRING TERM

The Spring Term for Workers, May 12 - 24, 1941, was attended by 14 full-time students and 14 part-time students, from five southern states, representing eight international unions. Week-end conferences on southern problems brought 81 additional persons to the school representing 23 national unions from all branches of labor. The regular staff was composed of MARY LAWRENCE, ZILPHIA HORTON, and JAMES DOMBROWSKI. This staff was supplemented by lecturers that included JOHN T. JONES, director of Labor's Non-Partisan League; WILLIAM HAVES, Regional Director, Wages and Hours Administration; HOLLIS V. REID, legislative representative of the Railroad Brotherhoods and Chairman of the Tennessee Commonwealth Federation; PAUL P. CHRISTOPHER, executive secretary of the CIO in Tennessee; LEWIS JONES, A. F. of T., Fisk University; WILLIAM DUNTON, chairman Atlantic Industrial Union Council and

member of UAW; MARGARET LAMONT, writer; WALTER RAUTENSTRAUCH, Professor of Industrial Engineering, Columbia University; and ALTON LAWRENCE, southern representative of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

SUMMER TERM

The six-weeks summer session, August 18 to September 22, 1941, was attended by 16 students from seven states and one foreign country. Louisiana had 5 students, Tennessee 4, District of Columbia 2, 1 each from Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, and New York. Five week-end conferences were attended by a total of 156 representatives. Conference leaders were RICHARD DEVERALL, educational director, UAW; ALLEN McNEIL, southern director, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union; FRED PEPPER, regional director of the CIO, New Orleans; JOE DOBBS, chairman of the organizing committee, Chattanooga Central Labor Union; YELVERTON COWEERD, regional CIO director, Birmingham; ALTON LAWRENCE, southern representative, Labor's Non-Partisan League; and BETHEL JUDD, of the United Automobile Workers. Special conferences were conducted for the recently organized Ford local at Memphis, textile workers, and an Axe Handle Workers Industrial Union in the neighboring county. Discussion groups were led by Dr. FLEMING JAMES, Dean of Theological Seminary, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee; GEORGE STONEY, Farm Security Administration; WILLIAM LAVES, Wage and Hour director; PAUL CHRISTOPHER, Tennessee Industrial Union Council; and FRANK COFFEE, Social Security Board. Other speakers were MIKE SMITH, Tennessee director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; M. C. ANDERSON, IUM and SW representative; HUGH RANKIN, UMWA district representative; O. S. BAXTER, sub-regional director of SWOC; MATT LYNCH, American Federation of Hosiery Workers; FRED SCHEIDE, United Textile Workers of America; ROSAMBE WALKER, Retail and Wholesale Clerks, Philadelphia; JOHN DEUCHE, CIO representative, New Orleans; FRANK ALLEN, IUM & SW, Bessemer; EDWARD WOODS, International American Newspaper Guild representative, Birmingham; VIRGINIA FOSTER DUBB, vice-chairman of the National Committee to abolish the Poll Tax, Alexandria, Virginia.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The third annual workshop for writers was held July 28 to August 9, 1941 and brought together 12 students from six southern states and from Illinois, New York, and the District of Columbia. This workshop was under the direction of the Highlander Folk School staff with LEON WILSON as director. Fiction was taught by MARY LAPSLEY, former teacher of creative writing at Hood College, Maryland. The majority of the students wrote and finished at least two stories each. CHARLES FERGUSON, associate

editor of the Readers' Digest, LEALEN JONES, faculty member of Missouri State Teachers College, HENRY ZON, Washington Bureau manager of the Federated Press, H. C. NIXON, of Vanderbilt University, WILLIAM R. McDANIEL, regional technical consultant on the WPA writers program were guest speakers during the session. The following served as sponsors: WILLIAM S. KNICKERBOCKER, editor of the Sewanee Review; JULIA COLLIER HARRIS, of Chattanooga; PAUL GREEN, MILLON BRAND, BABETTE DEUTSCH, and GENEVIEVE TAGGARD.

WORK CAMP

The fourth summer work camp that took over the Highlander plant during the month of July was sponsored jointly by the International Student Service and the Highlander Folk School. The staff consisted of Mr. and Mrs. ASA STARKWEATHER, of the Fieldstone School; HARRY LASKER, DILLARD KING, EMIL WILHELMETZ and JAMES DOMBROWSKI. Part-time staff members were ZILPHIA HORTON, MARIA STENZEL, and LEON WILSON. Seventeen college students spent the month of July in hard manual labor and intensive study in the social and economic problems. The morning was devoted to manual labor, the afternoon to a study program of the mountain community which provided the material for a careful study for the major problems of the South. Field trips were made to a TVA dam, a national forest, a textile center in Alabama, a Federal home-stead project, and a blast furnace. Evenings were spent in folk dancing and singing. FRAN SEARS, Swarthmore College, LEONE REIBER, Vassar College, and HOWARD SAMUELY, Cornell University, particularly praised the work of this work camp.

JUNIOR UNION CAMP

Twenty-three boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 attended Highlander's second camp for children of union members during the two weeks from June 9 to June 23, 1941. ZILPHIA HORTON and MARGARET BRYAN were the directors. Folk dancing and singing, arts and crafts, hiking and games featured the program. HARRY LASKER "taught" the campers by telling them a serial story about a union boy every night around the campfire.

NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School was opened May 12, 1940 and was conducted through Christmas of 1941 under the direction of JOAN PAYNE, of Pleasantville, New York, a senior at Sarah Lawrence College. Miss PAYNE was permitted to spend the last two months of the college year at Highlander to direct the Nursery School, receiving credit for such

work on her degree at Sarah Lawrence College, conferred in absentia. This school was attended by 20 children representing 17 families in the community and was conducted in the nature of a kindergarten.

GIRLS CLUB

Fourteen girls of the community met once a week at the Nursery School cabin under the leadership of Miss PAYNE. The purpose of this group was to bring together the young girls of the community, helping them to learn to work and play together and bringing them into a closer relationship to the community and the Folk School.

SUMMERFIELD COOPERATIVE

The Summerfield Cooperative held meetings every week throughout the year in the homes of the seven members. Educational programs were a part of all meetings. Rummage sales were held and sewing was done.

CRAFTS

Under the direction of Miss MARIA STENZEL the program of crafts has been expanded. Classes were held in wood carving, pottery, drawing, dressmaking, children's classes, clay modeling, and shadowgraph. At a Christmas party 62 children attended and received gifts from MYLES HORTON.

TRAVELING LIBRARY

A traveling library in the county was started in the beginning of the year by MARY LAWRENCE. A mimeographed news bulletin containing an original cartoon and labor serial, "Johnnie Workman", and discussions of issues of special interest to miners were on this program. A total of 728 books were circulated, of which 343 were for children, 148 for adolescents, 212 for adults, and 25 of which were labor books. The school also conducted classes in instruction in Sacred Harp songs, square dancing, and fiddling.

During the summer HARRY LASKER organized a study group at Larger, Tennessee, which met on Thursday nights for two months at the homes of DOLPH VAUGHN and GEORGE BONE. Discussions were conducted on social and legislative problems which included poll tax, Wagner Act, social security, Wage and Hour Law, and the proposed tax bill.

EXTENSION PROGRAM

At New Orleans

One of the most successful organizing drives in

the South is that in New Orleans where 10,000 workers have been brought into the Union. Early in the year Mr. FRED PEIPER, regional director of the CIO, called on Highlander to assist him in setting up an educational program to instruct these new union members in the techniques of collective bargaining and in sound union principles and practices. MARY LAWRENCE, who had done extensive work in Louisville, Kentucky and Alcoa, Tennessee, was assigned to New Orleans. Miss LAWRENCE taught several groups composed of union officers and union men with an average attendance of between 75 and 100 between April 10 and May 9, 1940. Four local officials were selected by the Industrial Union Council to attend the Highlander Folk School spring term, May 12 to 24, 1941. Seven New Orleans students who were sent to Highlander Folk School for intensive training were of considerable assistance to Miss LAWRENCE.

At Memphis, Tennessee

A strong labor movement has brought thousands of new men into the union at Memphis, almost all of them with no previous experience in the labor movement. Plans were made with the assistance of PAUL CHRISTOPHER, executive secretary of the Tennessee IUC, and members of the Highlander Executive Council for the provision of an educational program. Enthusiastic support was received from RICHARD DEVERALL, educational director of the United Auto Workers Union, and the program was launched in the south-wide UAW-CIO educational conference in Memphis in October. HARRY LASKER, of the Highlander staff, was placed in charge. Seven classes were organized with an average attendance for the week of 60, and in this way hundreds of workers were reached. A mimeographed paper for the Industrial Union Council was started and a mimeographed ten-page pamphlet entitled "This Union Business" and a fourteen-page pamphlet entitled "The CIO--Yours and Mine" were published and a lending library started.

OTHER UNION VISITATION AND EXTENSION WORK

Highlander Folk School was represented at the state conference on democracy, Nashville, Tennessee, February 22, 1941; the Berea Student Labor Conference in March; Conference of Southern Mountain Workers, Knoxville in the spring; Nashville board meetings of the Southern Conference on Human Welfare and the Tennessee Commonwealth Federation; Moulders and Mounters national convention, Chattanooga, July; United Textile Workers of America national convention, New York; CIO national convention, Detroit, November.

Visits were made to a great many local unions and services of too varied and extended a nature to be itemized were

rendered. From July through September one staff member spoke at 23 union meetings, conferred with 24 organizers, contacted 27 international unions in 14 centers.

PUBLICATIONS

"The South Tomorrow", "We Know the Score", and "Cumberland Capers" were published by students. Four numbers of the "Highlander Fling" were printed. An illustrated pamphlet on the school was published. Articles about Highlander appeared in the February issue of Social Work Today. The Bulletin of the World Association for Adult Education, London, England, contained an article on Highlander in the August number. The Litterateur, magazine of the Chi Delta Phi honorary literary sorority, published "A Bit About Highlander"; by RUTH BURKE, in November. JOAN PAYNE wrote a story about Highlander for the Sarah Lawrence alumnae magazine. ZILPHIA HORTON contributed some material on dramatics for workers to the book on Workers Education, published by the John Dewey Society, published by Harpers. This is the most comprehensive work on the subject that has been done. Professor THEODORE BRAFIELD, of the University of Minnesota, was the editor. HARRY LASKER wrote two pamphlets for local unions in Memphis. MARY LAWRENCE wrote a basic work for new unionists, "How to Build Your Union", published by the New Orleans Industrial Union Council.

PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

The Highlander Folk School has improved its grounds and buildings in expectation of expansion.

PERSONNEL

Staff members who continued their services through the year are HYLES and ZILPHIA HORTON, MARY LAWRENCE, MARIA STENZEL, LEON WILSON, JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI. Those who left were Miss CLAUDIA LEWIS, Miss LOUISE KONKLING; WILLIAM BUTTRICK spent the year at the University of Florida completing his undergraduate work begun at Duke. Additions are HARRY LASKER, JOAN PAYNE. DURWARD McDANIEL will be added next year.

ALUMNI NOTES

There follows a list of alumni which are reported in this annual report by their names and the union which they represent. The following alumni are listed: ED BLAIR, J. D. BRADFORD, MAXTON CHAMPION, WILLIAM GILLIS, BETTYE GOLDSTEIN, ALVIN GREEN, CHARLES HARDY, DILLARD KING, MATT LYNCH, DURWARD McDANIEL, DON MOORE, MARTIN KNOWLTON, FRANCES MOSER, BARNEY MOREL, ERIE SCHEIDT,

TELE VANLANDINGHAM, J. R. WATERS, PAUL WILSON, EMIL WILLMETZ.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report of the Highlander Folk School shows income for 1941 of \$12,667.52, of which about a third was received from 348 individuals, a third received from funds and foundation, and the balance received from tuition, unions, churches, schools, sale of literature, miscellaneous appeals, etc.

Expenses for 1941 were \$13,948.76, of which approximately a third was spent for house maintenance, a third for staff personnel and travel, and the balance for administrative and miscellaneous and capital improvement.

Very truly yours,


W. A. MURPHY
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: ^Q HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 30, 1941, at Knoxville, Tennessee, in the above-captioned case, and to the undeveloped lead to all Field Offices contained therein.

The attention of the Bureau is directed to Bureau Bulletin #6, first series, January 21, 1942, page #12, paragraph #7, concerning unnecessary undeveloped leads.

Inasmuch as the undeveloped lead set out in the reference report is of a general nature, no further action will be taken by this office on such lead.

Very truly yours,

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LOUISE GRATHAM DICHMAN, former Secretary of Highlander Folk School, not located at Chicago, Illinois by [REDACTED]. She formerly lived with a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Chicago, and in September, 1941 allegedly returned to her parent's home in New York. *b7c b7D*

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Dear Sir:

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For the Bureau's information there are being forwarded herewith copies of the "Highlander Fling" which have been secured during the course of an investigation in this matter, which include the issues emanating from that institution from 1938 to date.

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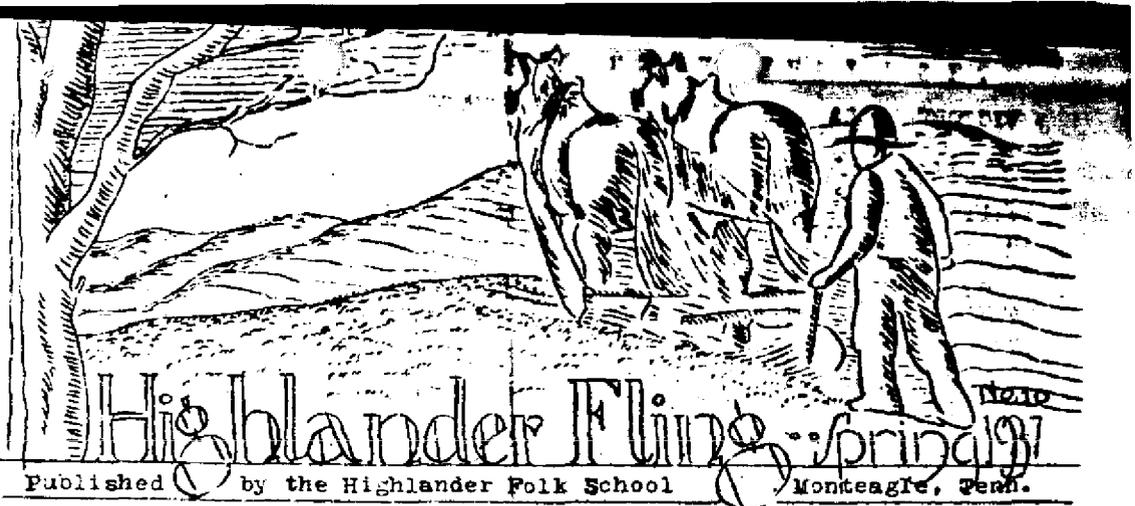
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BROADCAST FROM H.F.S. TO ENGLAND MARCH 13th

The British Broadcasting Company is arranging a broadcast to England direct from Highlander Folk School (HFS) March 13th from 4:20 to 4:50 PM Eastern Standard Time. (5:20 Monteagle time and 9:30 London).

The program will consist of mountain ballads, many of English origin handed down in an oral tradition from colonial days; Sacred Harp singing, another form of folk music; folk songs of sharecroppers; tall stories; square dances; and contemporary ballads showing the effect of industrialization on folk music.

Ralph B. Tefferteller, director of recreation at HFS and a specialist in folk music, will have charge of the program. A feature of the program will be the "tall tales" of Wiley Oakley, of Gatlinburg, known far and wide as the "Roaming Man of the Smokies". Wiley is an official guide in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and probably knows the mountains as well as any person.

Two agencies of the Federal Government will have recording equipment at HFS at the time of the broadcast to make permanent records of these folk songs.

Watch your local papers for further announcements. The British Broadcasting Company is negotiating with a national chain to carry the program.

SUMMER TERM MAY 10 - JULY 3

The fifth annual summer term at HFS will open May 10th and run for eight weeks. The courses are designed to give practical training in trade-union problems and in the work of the co-operative movement. Scholarships covering all expenses are available for students unable

"GUMBO" ON TOUR OF UNIONS

"Gumbo", a play written and produced by students at HFS, was presented before union groups in this section in the week of March 1st. The title of the play refers to the heavy black mud of the Delta country, and the play itself is based on the struggles of the sharecroppers to organize a union. Two members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, students at HFS, supplied the historical material. In Atlanta, the play was sponsored by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the United Automobile Workers Union; in Sherwood by the Linc Workers Union in Laager by the Hod-Carriers, Local #930; and in La Follette by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. The play was directed by Elphin Horton.

Rafters' BALL IN KNOXVILLE

An old mountain custom of floating logs down the rivers in the Spring of the year will be commemorated on March 20th at a "Rafters' ball". R. B. Tefferteller of HFS will call the sets for square dancing. Some of the old dances in use in the early days of Tennessee will be used.

SHERWOOD EDDY VISITS HFS

Sherwood Eddy and Sam Franklin of the Delta Co-operative Farm visited HFS during the Winter Term and spoke to the students. Other visiting lecturers were Joe Dobbs, president of the Chattanooga Central Trades and Labor Council; Dr. Moultrie Quarry

VICTORY AT LA FOLLETTE

Charlie Handy, a member of the class of 1936 at HFS, has done a brilliant job at La Follette, Tenn. in organizing a local of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America among the shirt workers of a run-away shop. A thousand workers from two shops were on strike. One of the shops has settled granting a wage increase and a closed shop. Of conditions before the strike, Charlie writes, "I have pay-envelopes for \$3.50 for two weeks' work. Work from dark to dark. The stores had agreements with the shops to check off accounts. As a result of the check-off I saw a check yesterday for 12. The girl earned 37.00 but all but 12 went to the store." The strikers had the complete support of the United Mine Workers.

Zilphia Horton, of the HFS staff, ~~will be at La Follette until the opening of summer school helping with the office work and setting up a program of workers education.~~

FEUDAL CONDITIONS IN CLEVELAND

Since the Civil War Cleveland, Tenn. has been controlled by the Hardwick family. The Hardwicks own a half dozen industrial plants, two hotels, the banks and local newspaper. The city judge is a Hardwick son-in-law, and the Commissioner of police is a Hardwick. Four members of the family had declared incomes last year of \$29,000 or over. Clothes made by Hardwick employees are sold to them at the Hardwick Woollen Mills Store, and checked off their wages, thus as at La Follette workers often receive pay-envelopes of noughts. Some workers after eight months are still classified as "beginners" and draw \$4 and \$5 a week. When industry all over the country is raising wages, Hardwicks cut wages. The workers came out on strike in the men's garment plants. Franz Dantel was called in from the ACWA. The strike was called off when the union failed to get a majority support. It was not failure. Hundreds of workers learned for the first time what a union is. Sooner or later Cleveland workers will learn that it is only through unions that workers can secure the treatment deserved by dignified American men and women rather than be treated as so many "hands".

During the strike Rev. T. B. Cowan, of the Third Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga and President of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen; and Rev. Dr. Jarnette, Congregational minister of Saddy,

TEACHERS PICKET IN ST. LOUIS

The Secretary of HFS attended the national convention of the Progressive Education Association in St. Louis and was a member of the panel in the discussion of rural schools. With Leo Huberman and several members of the American Federation of Teachers he walked the picket line of the ILGWU at the National Underwear Company. One of the strikers made \$5 a week and paid \$2.50 for a room. She could afford only two meals a day, spent 10¢ for lunch and 15¢ for supper. She had not had a good hot dinner for months. Naturally the strikers were weak and undernourished and many were sick, but in spite of that fact they were putting up a courageous fight for decent conditions and a union.

The Secretary also talked to the auto workers at the Chevrolet plant and visited the office of the ACWA.

ORGANIZED LABOR DEFENDS HFS

On February 6 the Chattanooga News published an article that has aroused widespread indignation. The article was based on a report furnished by Lyle Stovall of the American Legion, and said to have been made by "someone" about two years ago. The report was used by certain big business interests in the state in an attempt to prevent the local community from securing a Federal grant for a self-help co-operative.

A resolution passed unanimously by the Chattanooga Central Trades and Labor Council placed organized labor squarely behind the school and denounced the article, saying that "such attacks on the Highlander Folk School (are) indirect attacks on the Chattanooga labor movement and the organized labor movement in general...the school is doing a commendable piece of work in the interest of labor in this section...we express confidence in the conduct of the school and in the quality of its work."

A strong letter of protest was sent from our own community signed by over 200 people. Other letters were received from Dr. Alva Taylor, Dr. Albert Barnett of Nashville; Dr. Schultz of Morris, Roland Wank, Knoxville, Dean Frank Foster of Tusculum College; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Norman Thomas, Margaret and Corliss Lamont, Rev. Abraham Nightengale, Rev. T. B. Cowan, from the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding workers.

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LABOR CANDIDATES WIN IN GRUNDY COUNTY

Unions of Grundy County entered politics for the first time this year and endorsed candidates for county offices in the Democratic primary held June 4. When the ballots were counted all but one of the endorsed men had won. The victorious labor candidates were: Roy Thomas, for sheriff; Charles Adams, for roads commissioner; J. L. Rollings, for superintendent of schools; and Lawson McCarver, for register.

Back of these men was labor's Political Conference of Grundy County. This group had its beginning in a mass meeting of labor delegates from Marion and Grundy counties at Mtwell, Tenn., April 24. Myles Horton, Highlander's educational director, took part in the promotion of this and other meetings, which resulted in the formation of political conferences in both counties. These bodies were modeled after the Hamilton County Conference, whose members helped to launch the new groups.

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First State Conference of Labor And Progressive Forces Is Held

The first state legislative congress made up of labor and progressive delegations was held at Nashville, May 14 & 15. A fifteen-point program was adopted and a permanent legislative committee set up.

Myles Horton was among the signers of the call and was present at the conference. He took with him delegates from nearby locals of IOWA and Hod Carriers Union.

STAFF MEMBERS KEEP BUSY AT HIGHLANDER

Friends of the School are probably interested in knowing of the things that staff members do while resident terms are not in session. We present here brief sketches of staff activities in recent weeks, not as a complete bobedule, but as a sample of some of the work which keeps the staff busy the year around.

James Dombrowski

Jim left Monteagle late in April, traveling to Atlanta and then to Greenville, S. C. There he spoke to a study group being organized by Elizabeth Haws, sub-regional director of TWOC.

Proceeding to Raleigh, N. C., Jim attended a conference of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. Then on to New York. He visited friends of the School, sold tickets to the Highlander benefit program, and spoke at the party May 2. Moving to Washington, Jim spoke on the benefit program there May 4. He was back at School May 6 and into his usual occupations of office work and gardening.

A strike developed at Chattanooga, and Jim was on hand May 25 to speak to a meeting of TWOC members.

He is now busy writing a study of the southern mountains on a fellowship from the Rosenwald Fund.

Myles Horton

Myles has been active in political organization among unions of Grundy and Marion counties. As a result of the effective cooperation of local unions, successful political action has been taken for the first time in this area. Myles represents the Highlander local, and is a member of the Central Committee

HIGHLANDER'S O.K. MOVIE IS RELEASED

Benefit Parties Are Held Along With First Showings Of New Film

"People of the Cumberland", a two-reel sound moving picture produced by Frontier Films, was shown to the public for the first time on May 2 at the New School for Social Research, New York City.

This was made the occasion for a gala party for the benefit of Highlander Folk School. In a meeting presided over by Leo Huberman, the film showing was followed by speeches from Jim Dombrowski, secretary of Highlander, and Max Lerner, editor of the Nation. The audience then heard music and tall stories from natives of the Smoky Mountain area taken to New York for the occasion. The evening was concluded with a square dance called by Ralph B. ("Teffy") Tefferteller of the Highlander staff.

A similar party was held in Washington on May 4.

A private showing of "People of the Cumberland" was held at the White House

STAFF KEEPS BUSY (cont. from page 1)

Before returning to School May 11, Myles spoke to textile locals at Durham, Lumberton and Fayetteville, N. C., and McColl, S. C.

After two weeks he left on another trip. Having spoken to tenant farmers and labor groups in Arkansas and Tennessee, he arrived at Johnson City for the state convention of the A.F. of L.

He is now holding classes in a YMCA-YWCA Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C.

William Buttrick

While other staff members were away, Bill was left to hold the fort and do the office work, early in May. At that time he was also making a number of trips.

He spoke to local 930, Hod Carriers Union, at Leager, Tenn., on April 29. The next two days he attended Conference meetings in Coalmont and Chattanooga. On May 3 he took members of the Hod Carriers Union on an organizing trip to Tracy City, to contact WPA workers. Next day saw Bill and the Hod Carriers making a trip to Beershebe Springs to revive a WPA workers local, and distributing leaflets for Bakery Workers Union, local 25, which had been locked out at Tracy City.

Driving to Huntsville, Alabama, May 6, he attended a Constitutional Convention of unemployed which set up the Alabama State Federation of WPA Workers. Next day Bill spoke to the Convention; then drove to Coalmont, Tenn., that night to attend the Central Committee of the Grundy County Political Conference. He is a member of the Committee in Myles's absence.

After a trip to New York in May, Bill is back at School doing office and community work, and writing an economics course in spare moments.

Ralph Tufferteller

Tuffy started northward late in April with a car load of mountain musicians to fill a number of speaking and entertainment engagements.

First stop was at a girls' finishing school, Chatham Hall, Chatham, Va., for a concert, dance and speech. There were two parties in Baltimore, for the Friends' Festival and the YWCA girls. A speech and dance for Philadelphia Normal School came next on the program. Then there was a party at New Jersey State College for Women, New Brunswick, N. J.

On the afternoon of May 1, Tuffy and his troupe performed in the New York World's Fair Preview, and that night they had charge of a program for the New York Folk Festival Councils. The next day they provided entertainment for the Highlander benefit party, and two

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Since his kidnapping in Tupelo, Jimmie Cox has been working for the cause of civil liberty. He and Joseph Gelders talked with the LaFollette Committee and were received at the White House by Mrs. Roosevelt, who invited them to spend May 29 at Hyde Park. He hopes to promote a southern civil liberties convention.

Ruth Culberson has a WPA job in Guthrie. In spare time she is helping with an educational program for hosiery workers and a reorganization of the Workers Alliance local.

Iva Bryan and Johnnie Hines are active as organizers for the ILGWU.

Fred Ramsey directed members of his union in a production of the Highlander play, "Labor Spy". He writes: "We have got 123 new members in our local."

Kathleen Denning writes that she is taking part in the dramatics program of her ILGWU local.

Hattie Jo Riles has made a speech about Highlander before the WPA directors since her return to Hattiesburg.

Jackie Leche has been organizing for the Retail Clerks (and helping to publish a shop paper for the Brotherhood of Teamsters).

BRIEF

Our friends and neighbors for many years, members of the Kilgore family have moved onto the School grounds, becoming part of our staff. Alf is in charge of the farm, while Vern resides over the house and kitchen.

HPS REVIEW and LET SOUTHERN LABOR SPEAK, latest Highlander publications, tell about our winter term and the activities of students and visiting speakers. Each sells for 25¢. ILGWU educational department has ordered 50 copies of LET SOUTHERN LABOR SPEAK.

Twenty students will come to Highlander June 24 for two months of work and study under auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

The School has purchased the Barton cottage back of the playground and leased the house next door formerly occupied by the Miller family.

Emory University Glee Club visited Highlander April 15, en route to Nashville. The boys ate lunch and sang a few

THE HIGHLANDER FLING

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL, MONTEAGLE, TENN.
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SPEAKERS FEATURED AT RESIDENT TERM

Built around the 17 full time resident students, the summer term at Highlander brought more than 300 workers and union officials to the school during the six weeks period. Opening with a Fourth of July celebration featuring S. H. Dalmryple, international president of the United Rubber Workers, as the principal speaker, the summer session continued to feature the speeches of visiting officials and conferences with southern leaders. Carloads of rubber workers from Gadsden, shirt workers from Nashville, textile workers from Dalton, and other groups with a growing interest in the school and its services, came to Monteagle during the term. Here they consulted with their leaders, met new friends and fellow workers, and took part in the musical, educational and recreational programs being conducted as part of the resident school work.

The classes and regularly by summer students included Labor Education, by William Buttrick; Union Methods, by Myles Horton; Economics, by William Buttrick; and Chouteau Dyer, Journalism, by Zilphia Horton; Labor History, by Myles Horton; Labor Law, by Myles Horton; Labor Organization, by William Buttrick.

Students' activities after supper was a part of the daily program. The singing group began to take part in leading songs themselves. Everyone was encouraged to learn how to lead the singing, so that he or she might promote group singing in his own community.

The workbooks class was conducted with the cooperation of the William Z. Foster Memorial Fund, which provided the materials.

Students learned to make charts, posters, cartoons, and mimeographs. The drama group was a part of this program, and Miss Barnberger assisted the group in planning the preparation and production of original skits and plays.

Students were also engaged in organizing. District leaders were

ALL ABOARD!



Field trips are fun. But they mean also physical hardship and financial expense. Going to Dalton, Ga., summer students left one day at noon on the truck shown above. Picnic supper was eaten off the back of truck between matinee and evening performances. Return trip up the mountain ended at three o'clock the next morning.

Highlander Group Presents Programs For Unions; Makes Extension Trips During Summer Session

Field trips for participation in labor activities were made to Laager and Nashville, Tenn., and Dalton, Ga., by staff and students during Highlander's summer session for workers.

Before 600 striking textile workers, members of TWUA, a play created by the Highlander students, was presented in a Dalton Theatre, July 21. The program also included demonstrations of folk dancing, a talk by Myles Horton, and the singing of labor songs, led by William Buttrick. The entire production was under direction of Zilphia Horton and Chouteau Dyer of Highlander's dramatics department. Both matinee and evening performances were given. The final meeting closed with a speech by Ralph Gay, local organizer for the Textile Workers Union. Zilphia Horton remained at Dalton over the week-end to lead singing at a mass meeting and on the picket lines.

Two other original plays were given before the Amalgamated Clothing Workers local at Nashville on August 4. One was a musical comedy written by Zilphia Horton, "Lolly-Pop Poppa," which portrays the paternalism of employers and

students' collective action in drama class, was based on knowledge which they had gotten in economics class. Reports from the Amalgamated leaders are that several new members joined up as a result of the meeting and program that night.

A union picnic at the scene of the cooperative gardens operated by people in Grundy county was the occasion which took the group to Laager August 6. There, local members of the United Mine Workers, Hod Carriers and Workers Alliance, with their families joined in a program of music and speaking. The Highlander group was accompanied by a number of visiting union officials, including Clyde Mills, Southern Director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and organizers Mike Smith and Bill Poythress.

The cooperative gardens are worked by union families who will share the produce at harvest time. Money for seed and fertilizer was furnished by Highlander Folk School. Two garden projects are running in the county: 5 families are cooperating at Laager and 19 at Altamont. The Altamont people have had to work in the face of bitter opposition from anti-union forces, which was carried

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE ESTABLISHED IN COUNTY

Working people of Grundy County have already begun preparation for the 1940 elections by the establishment of a county unit of Labor Non-Partisan League.

Following previous organizational work and preparations of a constitution by a committee of county leaders, including Myles Horton, delegates met at the Tracy City courthouse, August 20, and set up the Grundy County Committee of the League.

The constitutional convention was a model of labor unity, including delegates from the Workers Alliance, United Mine Workers, and two A. F. of L. unions; Hod Carriers and Teachers Federation.

Alton Lawrence, southern director of Labor's Non-Partisan League Matt Bunch, district representative of the Mine Workers, Mike Smith of the ACWA, and Paul Ragon, president of Chattanooga CIO Council, were among the visiting speakers. Officers elected for the coming year are all members of the UMWA: John Cleek, chairman, H. L. McCarver, vice-chairman, and Leo Geary, secretary-treasurer.

Three resolutions were passed by the forty delegates, one endorsing Estes Kefauver as candidate for Congress in the Third District, another urging other groups in Tennessee to form units of Labor's Non-Partisan League, the third approving the New Deal program and declaring support of New Deal candidates in all county, state, and national office.

SCHOOL FOR WRITERS HELD AT HIGHLANDER

Fourteen young writers from a over the East gathered at Highlander this summer for the first specific writers' session to be held here in the history of the school. This marks a pioneering move in workers' education and a significant unity between labor and progressive forces. The Summer Workshop for Student Writers, sponsored jointly by Highlander and the League of American Writers, opened for a two weeks period on August 21.

Volunteer teachers were brought to Monteagle by the League. Lillian Barnard Gilkes, journalist and literary authority, and chairman of the

BOOKS

In Jobs for All (Alfred A. Knopf, \$2.00) (London: Ezekiel) proposed that government help business make jobs by underwriting program of expansion. The author believes that lower prices, larger output and planning of production would bring back prosperity under the profit system.

Chester M. Wright, A. F. of L. publicity agent, describes the labor movement for the general public in a well-written little volume, *Here Comes Labor* (MacMillan, 50.68). One of a series called "The Peoples Library," this book is a fine example of clear, simple and appealing literature. But it is naturally not an objective report, and unfortunately tends to be a defense of William Green and his fellow-rulers of the A. F. of L.

ZILPHIA HORTON EDITS
SONG BOOK FOR UNION

A book of workers' songs, collected and arranged by Zilphia Horton, Highlander's Director of Music, and sponsored by Roy R. Lawrence, Vice-president of the Textile Workers Union of America, is out this

press. The book, entitled *Labor Songs*, contains sixty-four of the most popular songs sung by union workers in the South. There are introductory statements by Emil Rieve, president of TWUA, Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and John L. Lewis, CIO. It is published by the TWUA's Southeastern office, which is under the direction of Mr. Lawrence.

Issued from the press of *The Highlander*, Winston-Salem, N. C., this new publication is printed on a combination of unmarked paper and sound in a two-color cover. It is priced at 50¢ for single copies, with a reduction for quantity orders. Townships should be directed to the TWUA office, Atlanta National Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Student Reunion
Set for November

The following Thanksgiving is the date set for a reunion of all Highlander students. The staff is asking all who have been students at the school to return for that purpose. A program of fun and fellowship will be presented for the get-together. This is the first homecoming program attempted at the school, and it is expected to furnish a number of opportunities for social activities and exchange of views on labor problems in the various

Summer Program Has
Reached 2,000 People

Approximately 2,000 people, representing 21 international unions, were reached directly by various phases of Highlander's summer program since July 1, according to calculations by Myles Horton, educational director. Horton's estimate includes the work in Grundy County, field trips, institutes, resident term, visitors. Ten of the organizations represented are a part of the CIO, eight belong to the A. F. of L., and the remainder are unaffiliated.

This estimate does not include staff activities in June, during which Myles and Zilphia Horton were on the staff at the Blue Ridge, N. C., Student Christian Conference, attended by 500 young people. In the same month Zilphia taught music to 100 YWCA girls at their Southern Industrial Conference.

SPEAKERS FEATURED (Cont'd)

the United Mine Workers, Alabama; Edward F. Callaghan, TWUA director for Tennessee; Ed Johns, hosiery organizer, Chattanooga; Pauline Galloway and Bernard Borah, ACWA organizers, Greensboro, N. C.

The list of labor leaders who spoke at Highlander continues with R. R. Lawrence, southern director of the TWUA; CIO representatives Yelverton Cowherd of Birmingham and T. J. (Brush) Smith of Nashville; Alton Lawrence, southern director of Labor's Non-Partisan League; and Lawrence Rogin, educational director of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, who presented a program of sound movies, including the Highlander film, "People of the Cumberland."

From the Amalgamated Clothing Workers came Elizabeth Hawes, New York; Mike Smith, Knoxville; Griselda Kuhlman and Bill Poythress, Nashville. The Textile Workers were represented by Joe Dobbs, Chattanooga; R. H. Brazzell, Nashville; Lucy R. Mason, Atlanta; Ralph Gay and Tommy Sparks, Dalton; Herbert William, Alabama director; and C. E. Earnhardt, Georgia director.

Legislation affecting unions was explained by: Frank Coffee, Social Security Board; Warren Woods, National Labor Relations Board; Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, J. O. McMahon and L. Goodman, of the Tennessee Public Welfare Department; and Dr. Malcom Little and Dr. J. Herman Daves, of the TVA.

Other speakers were: Dr. Arthur

STUDENT SPEAKER



Bill Gillis, High Point, N. C. textile worker, practices "Public Speaking" on fellow students. Students this summer thought the training in speaking and parliamentary procedure so important that they wanted more than just the class periods. So they initiated the custom of allowing one student to give a short talk during the evening meal, thus giving everyone more opportunities for speech-making.

Hosiery Conference

Is Held at School

Seventy-six workers, organizers and officials of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers jammed the Highlander Folk School and overflowed into two Monteagle hotels for the union's week-end conference July 1 and 2.

Lawrence Rogin, national educational director, came from Philadelphia for the event. Second vice-president Edward F. Callaghan and organizers Bill Frazier, Matt Lynch, Ed Johns, and Frank Bradshaw were present. Workers were drawn from the union's branches in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.

Worlds who is now preparing a book on the New Deal; Rev. John B. Thompson, University of Oklahoma; and Dr. Willard Uphaus, of the Religion and Labor Foundation, who was accompanied by a traveling seminar of 15 ministers, teachers and students.

The resident summer students came from seven international unions and the Y.M.C.A., about one third of them being members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

WITH THE ALUMNI

Cecil Holmes, president of the United Rubbers Workers local at Gadsden, Alabama, was with us for the Fourth of July. He told how he had stopped a company union movement by circulating a mimeographed leaflet among the workers. Cecil learned how to do typing and mimeographing at Highlander last winter.

Matt Lynch, American Federation of Hosiery Workers organizer, is in charge of the union office at Nashville, where the workers have won great victory at the Se-Ling hosiery plant.

Dillard King and Lewie Vaughn were delegates to the constitution convention which set up the Grundy County unit of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Horace and Margaret Bryan returned from Texas for the two weeks' session of the League of American Writers. They report widespread violations of the Wage and Hour Law in Jack Garner's territory. "The only enforcement in the pecan industry is what the union compels," said Horace.

Christine Eversole Benson has been doing volunteer work at Paducah, Ky., for the ACWA and ILGWU. She was in charge of a campaign which succeeded in stopping the sales in local stores of garments made by open shop manufacturers.

Highlander alumni around the Louisville - Lexington - Winchester area in Kentucky are holding regular meetings to coordinate their work and report progress to each other. They recently journeyed to Cincinnati and presented a program of plays and music learned at Highlander, before an audience of striking clothing workers. The group includes Hazel Sargent, Katherine and Elizabeth Crim, Zola Spiegel, Lillian Sargent, Bill and Peggy Flannagan, Jackye Kwallek. They are planning to incubate 100 hen eggs and present the new-born chicks to Highlander.

Bessie Poythress writes that both mills and WPA projects are closing down in Mississippi. *Telesforo Ovic do* reports the same thing in Texas. It looks like the southern Tories are beginning in advance of 1940 their campaign to starve the people into

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NEXT TERM OPENS MARCH 25; SPECIAL COURSES OFFERED

Southern workers—men and women in the labor movement—are being accepted as students for another resident term to open March 25 at Highlander Folk School.

A six weeks' program of education and recreation is offered to the students, who will have an opportunity to take part in the informal class work and to meet and hear many outstanding leaders of the South.

As usual, the school is arranging to have leaders in the fields of labor, education and government assist with the program. Under the general title, "The Awakening South," there will be weekly addresses by various members of speakers. Labor leaders will hold panel discussions to be held on Saturday afternoons throughout the term.

As this paper goes to press, the following are among those who have accepted positions to speak: Allan Howard, Director of the C.I.O.; Frank P. Graham, international president of the Aluminum Workers; Robert Cruden, publicity director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; M. J. Crawford, Birmingham Director of the C.I.O.; Frank McMillan, of the Workers' Defense League; Roy Lawrence, Southern T.W.U.A. Director; Dr. J. H. Daves of the T.W.A.; Dr. Charles Johnson

of Fisk University; Frank Coffee of the U.S. Social Security Board. Others have been listed for prospective visits, but not yet scheduled.

Robert Cruden, publicity director of the United Rubber Workers, will spend a week at the school to offer special training in union publicity, April 1-6.

Recreation and Trips

Highlander will have the services of John Morgan, field worker for the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers, for at least two weeks of the session. Mr. Morgan is an expert recreation leader and will offer a program of folk games, music, dancing and to observe and if possible take part in union activities of this region.

As in the past, students will be given opportunity to take field trips and to observe and if possible take part in union activities of this region.

Class Work

The regular Highlander staff will be in charge of classes which cover such subjects as Union Problems, History, Economics, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Law, Journalism, Dramatics, Social Science Workshop. In the class periods students exchange ideas and experiences and discuss their problems under the instructor's leadership.

The staff decided to hold resident terms in the spring and fall this year instead of winter and summer. This leaves the summer free for special short sessions, institutes and conferences.

And the mountain trembled once again to the voice of Ralph ("Teffie") Tefferteller, returned for the reunion, and the stamp of dancing feet, as Teffie led the alumni and friends in one of his famous old-time square dances.

Matt Lynch of Nashville was chosen as president of the Highlander Alumni Association, and Mrs. Christine Benson, of Gilbertsville, Ky., as secretary-treasurer. The executive committee elected by the group consists of these two officers and the following: Jackye Kwallik, Lexington, Ky.; Daisy Harris, Nashville; and



Soon this bell will be calling all hands to meals and meetings as the 1940 spring term opens at Highlander. The bell ringer above is Mrs. A. E. Kilgore, one of the school's neighbors.

"DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH" THEME OF CONFERENCE

With "Democracy in the South" as its program theme, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare will open a three-day meeting at Chattanooga, April 14.

The Conference was established in the fall of 1938 with a meeting in Birmingham attended by 1500 delegates. Mrs. Roosevelt and Justice Hugo Black were among the speakers at the Birmingham sessions. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, was elected chairman of the organization.

The program committee for this year's meeting is headed by Leon Jourolman, Tennessee Commissioner of Railways and Utilities. The program outline includes the following topics: Religion and Democracy, Rural Life in the South, Constitutional Rights and Suffrage, Children in the South, Industry in the South.

Each southern state has a committee or state council to carry on the business of the organization. Myles Horton, Highlander Folk School educational director, is a member of the Tennessee committee.

Headquarters of the Conference are at Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, where Howard Lee, executive secre-

Welfare Group is Making Study of Grundy County

Of great interest to all those who live in Grundy County or are concerned in any way with the plight of its jobless people is the study of the county just begun by the American Association of Public Welfare, under the direction of Mrs. Gay Sheppard-ardson of Washington.

A committee of Grundy County citizens has been set up to work closely with Paul Savage, Tennessee Commissioner of Public Welfare, who has been promoting the survey. Labor is represented on the committee by Clyde Boyd, of Palmer, a member of the United Mine Workers.

A complete survey will be made of the county's economic and social assets, liabilities and possibilities. This project is the kind of thing Highlander has been advocating as a step toward long range planning to relieve the unhappy condition of Grundy County.

SOME EVENTS OF THE FALL AND WINTER

Led by Southern Director John Martin, a group of ILGWU members from Atlanta and Chattanooga met for a week-end institute at Highlander in September.

William Buttrick was one of the speakers at the Conference on Democracy in Tennessee, held in Nashville Nov. 4-5 under sponsorship of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. He discussed "Workers' Education in Tennessee."

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STUDENTS AT REUNION FOR ALUMNI ASS'N

Calm and serious business combined to make a pleasant and profitable session of the first student reunion, held at Highlander Folk School.

Students who returned swapped ideas and brought out many useful ideas while discussing educational problems. Alton Law, southern representative of Labor's Non-Partisan League, led a dis-

Weekly Discussions

Schedule of Panel Discussions to be held during the Spring Term, every Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

March 30 Organizing Methods
April 6 Union Publicity
April 13 Political Action
April 20 A.C.W.A. Staff
April 27 Labor Legislation

Highlander cordially invites any of its friends who can attend to come to these discussions.

Labor Organizes Political Body on Statewide Basis

A further step toward statewide political organization for labor was taken in December, when the Tennessee League for Progressive Democracy was set up at a Chattanooga convention of workers and union leaders.

The organization was formed as a unit of Labor's Non-Partisan League, whose Executive Vice-President, E. L. Oliver, came to the city to address the delegates. Officers elected are William Turablazer, president, Edward F. Callaghan, vice-president, Paul D. Ragon, secretary.

The Monteagle local of American Federation of Teachers sent delegates who were active in the convention, William Buttrick serving as temporary secretary and Myles Horton as chairman of the nominations committee.

SOME EVENTS

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Myles Horton attended the CIO national convention in San Francisco and spent two months in California telling people about Highlander.

Zilphia Horton has spent the winter organizing for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Nashville.

The school has been helping lime workers at Sherwood, Tennessee, make plans for a union medical cooperative. J. D. Bradford, a Highlander alumnus, is president of the A. F. of L. local there.

James Dombrowski was a delegate to the United Christian Conference on Democracy, at Cleveland, Ohio, January 23-25.

Mary Lawrence has been holding educational classes for teamsters and other union workers in Louisville, Tennessee, for two months.

We are fortunate to have on hand now a beautiful collection of colored slides (to be projected on a screen), taken of the children at the nursery school. There are also a few slides of the community and of activities at Highlander. Groups interested in having these pictures shown at their meetings should write to Jim Dombrowski. It might be possible for a staff member to show the films, if the distance to be traveled is not too

POLL TAX FIGHT GAINS NATIONAL ATTENTION; CASE AROSE IN GRUNDY

Initiated in Grundy County, with the help of Highlander staff members, the court battle over poll tax requirements for voting is moving into the spotlight of national interest.

Henry Pirtle of Tracy City, county seat four miles north of Highlander Folk School, did not pay his poll tax last year. For this reason he is denied the right to vote by Tennessee laws. But for a special election to choose a representative to Congress last fall Pirtle asked the Federal court at Nashville to intervene against election officials who withheld the ballot.

Legal Arguments

The case is now before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and is expected to continue on through the Supreme Court before the battle ends. The legal argument of Pirtle's appeal is based on the contention that a state does not have power to tax a federal function and by doing so the state infringes upon the sovereignty of the United States.

Pirtle is backed by the Civil Rights Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which has

retained Crampton Harris of Birmingham as legal counsel.

Double Attack

The Committee, whose Chairman is Mayor Maury Maverick of San Antonio, is making a double-barreled attack on the poll tax evil. A bill designed by the Committee has been introduced in Congress by Representative Lee Geyer (Dem., Cal.). If passed into law, it would prevent any state from making payment of poll taxes a requirement for voting for federal officials.

Millions of workers in the South will find themselves able to exercise their own free choice in elections if this campaign succeeds—millions formerly denied the ballot or "voted" by political bosses who paid for their tax receipts.

Joseph Gelders of Birmingham, secretary of the Civil Rights Committee, has been raising funds to help support this fight by the sale at one cent each of stamps for use on the backs of letters. Each stamp bears the slogan: "Abolish Poll Taxes! Free America First!"

MATTERS FINANCIAL

Last summer Highlander's Plymouth coach was limping so badly we decided it had to have a thorough overhauling. After being hauled off the Tennessee River ferry by a tractor because the worn out clutch wouldn't pull, Bill Buttrick arrived with the car at a Chattanooga garage—to be informed that the total repair bill would amount to \$140. And that was the end of the car's service to Highlander. It was left with the dealer in exchange for a credit of \$275. Now unless we buy a new car before May first we shall lose the credit. Who will supply \$500 to pay the auto dealer?

Highlander has a motion picture film—PEOPLE OF THE CUMBERLAND—known as one of the outstanding documentary films in

Claudia Lewis spoke on her work at Highlander at the conference of the National Association for Nursery Education in New York last fall. She also gave two lectures at the Bank St.

country. It has been preserved for posterity by the deposit of a copy in the United States Archives at Washington. But we have no means of showing it to anyone ourselves. A used 16 mm. sound projector would be welcome. A new one costs \$500.

Yes, things do wear out. There is the mimeograph machine. After years of hard service it still grinds out copy—but for sure we think it is on its last legs. A new, modern duplicating machine is one of our important needs.

People wear out too. An auto wreck and several illnesses have taken a heavy toll of time and energy from the staff this winter. Hospital and doctor bills still remain to be settled.

Then there is the plumbing. What the frigid weather did to our plant . . . but we won't go into the horrible details.

Highlander must have funds immediately to meet the costs of the Spring Term. We can continue our work only if everyone who is interested in what we do will contribute every dollar possible to the support

WITH THE ALUMNI

Christine Eversole Benson se news that is real news. The An bamated in Paducah is giving series of six broadcasts over local radio station. These free ppearances are in the form of sl on the meaning of the Union.

Maxton Champion has been appoied regional supervisor in no Georgia for the WPA Worker Service Program.

Cecil Holmes reports a great vict for the rubber workers in Ga den. The NLRB handed down favorable decision in the case t. had been pending for 2 years.

Hilda Hulbert writes that she is p ducing a "practical union so book which will contain "fo proof accompaniments."

Johnny Sullenger and Dora M Brooks report that they recent put on "Lolly Pop Poppa," a mu cal comedy skit by Zilphia Horto for the A.C.W.A. in Paduca Dora Mae's Glee Club is still goi strong.

Bernie Schmidt, of the Steel Worke Organizing Committee, is helpir with a newly organized Worker Educational Club in Covingto Kentucky.

Telesforo Oviedo, after leading strike of the Pecan Workers : which he was assaulted and inj ured, writes that he is now o of work and expects to go bac to Mexico.

Billie Bailey, ILGWU organize finds time to write a play eve though she has to take time ou to get her car rewired "as a resu of stooges whacking into it leavin me without lights, and gas line ut connected."

Adeline Harris writes that she ha thought of the "good old Publi Speaking course" a number o times lately. She has been partici pating in panel discussions ar ranged by the Teachers Union.

The song book put out for thei ACWA local by Katherine and Elizabeth Crim, who learned mim eographing here in the summer o 1939, is an achievement. It wou be hard to find a mimeographed booklet that could surpass this ou in the attractiveness of its set-up and the neatness and skill of exc ution.

Odean Ernestvedt, member of the State Committee of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, brought his bride to Highlander for the re-union last November, and the newlyweds have been spending

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Students' Reunion Set For Nov. 22-24

Highlander is looking forward to seeing old friends again at the annual alumni reunion scheduled for Nov. 22-24. Homecoming week-end is a very special occasion, and we are planning a program that should provide food for fun and thought.

Friday evening will be devoted to the cause of renewing old friendships. A program of general entertainment is planned. More serious business gets under way Saturday morning, with reports of the activities of Highlander, and of alumni in the field of workers education.

Following lunch William Buttrick, economics teacher, will lead a discussion on the world situation and its relation to labor. A rousing game of volley ball, and a favorite sport, will round off the afternoon and work up healthy appetites for the banquet Saturday night. Impromptu entertainment and singing, followed by folk dancing, is on the evening program.

Sunday morning a report will be made of the C. I. O. convention, after which there will be a discussion on labor and politics.

Last item on the week-end program will be a consideration of how the Alumni Association can assist Highlander, and what students can do to help each other.

A farewell sing after Sunday dinner will officially end the program.

FASCIST LEADER ATTACKS SCHOOL

The latest attempt to discredit Highlander by shouting "red" and "fifth columnist" is a forty-two page pamphlet "The Fifth Column in the South," written by Joseph P. Kaup, of the Constitutional Educational League. A large part of the pamphlet is devoted to Highlander. A facsimile check to Highlander for \$100 is prominently displayed. Kaup is the author of a pamphlet "The Fifth Column in Washington" which according to the NATION, November 2, "attempts to prove that every New Dealer from the President down to the most humble clerk is a Communist by conviction and a fifth columnist by choice."

Columnist John Temple Graves II writing in The Asheville Citizen-Record (Continued On Page Two)



WORKER-STUDENTS enjoying the peace and beauty of the mountains. These four, who attended the fall term at Highlander, stop at "Eagle's Cliff," a few miles from the school, to have a look at the valley below.

Busy Fall Term Trains 27 Students In Better Unionism

The fall term for workers, which closed Oct. 26, brought 22 regular and five special students to Highlander for six weeks of resident study. These students, together with the 203 visitors who came during the session represented 28 international labor unions.

The students came from ten states and Mexico. Federico Salazar, Mexican electrical worker, was sent to Highlander by the Pan-American Union as part of a program of exchanging students between the two countries. He is a member and officer of the labor union for his industry, Sindicato Mexicano de Electricistas.

The Eleanor Roosevelt scholarship, announced earlier this year, was awarded to Ed Blair, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers local at Nashville.

In addition to the regular classes in history, economics, union problems, dramatics, parliamentary law, union publicity, there were weekly panel discussions on problems of interest to labor. The discussion on organizing was chaired by Edward F. Callaghan, vice president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers. Rev. Edsworth Smith, pastor of the Chattanooga Third Presbyterian Church, led a panel on cooperatives. The panel on national defense was led by Yelverton Cowherd, Birmingham regional C. I. O. director and past commander of the American Legion in Alabama.

William Eaves, regional director for the U. S. Wage and Hour

Division, gave an important discussion of the enforcement procedures for the wage and hour law. Copies of his speech were distributed to the press and public from Mr. Eaves' Nashville office, and his remarks were met with much interest from the students here and the general public.

Bernard Borah, southern director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, taught a class on contracts. Also assisting with classes were Paul Christopher, secretary of the Tennessee Industrial Union Council, and Alton Lawrence, southern representative of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Other speakers during the term included Lucy Randolph Mason, Public Relations representative for the C. I. O. in the South; George Bass, of the United Rubber Workers; Elmer Brown, president of the New York local of the Typographical Union; Virgil Conner, editor of the Southern News Almanac; Orville Mastin, cooperative expert; Gerald Harris, Sr., president of the Alabama Farmers Union; Dr. Lillian Johnson, donor of the Highlander Folk School property; John Schuller, Southern representative of the United Retail and Wholesale Employees of America; Roy Reynolds, president of the Chattanooga Printing Pressmen's Union; Joe Gelders, secretary of the Civil Rights Committee of the Southern Conference of Human Welfare; Dennis Nelson and Preston Valien of Fisk University, and Margot Gayle of the Women's Committee on Abolition of Poll Tax.

Capital Leaders Plan HFS Party

Mrs. Francis Biddle and Mr. Archibald MacLeish will give readings from their poems as the feature event of a Highlander benefit at Pierce Hall, Washington, D. C. on the evening of Dec. 6. The program will include the singing of folk ballads and workers' songs by Mrs. Zilphia Horton and short talks by Myles Horton and James Dombrowski of the Highlander staff.

The benefit is being arranged by the Highlander Washington committee composed of Mr. Malcolm Ross, chairman; Mrs. Clifford Durr, vice chairman; Dr. Elizabeth Webb, secretary; Mrs. Michael Straight, assistant secretary; and Charles E. Handy, treasurer.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will head the list of patronesses and will attend. Other sponsors are Mrs. Cordell Hull, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Carmody, Hon. and Mrs. Lee Geyer, Miss Kathryn Lewis, Miss Mary Anderson, secretary and Mrs. Harold Ickes, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, Mr. and Mrs. Corrin Strong, Hon. and Mrs. Benham Baldwin, Hon. and Mrs. John Coffee, Hon. and Mrs. John Collier.

SCHOOL RECEIVES NEW ENDORSEMENTS

Space does not permit us to print the many endorsements and friendly letters that have come to Highlander in recent months.

As we enter the ninth year of service as an educational and cultural center for southern workers we are happy to know that never before has the school enjoyed such widespread support.

Labor Leaders:

John L. Lewis wrote on Oct. 10, "I should like to take this occasion to commend the work of the Highlander Folk School, and to endorse its program and objectives. I think that the school is performing a noteworthy task in the field of liberal and useful education, and that real recognition is due for the generous and effective support which it gives to the struggles of labor in the South."

Dr. George S. Counts, president of the American Federation of Teachers, "I have every confidence in the Highlander Folk School as an institution thor-

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NASHVILLE BANNER SLANDERS WORKERS

The Nashville Banner does not like organized labor. It does not like labor schools. In September the Banner sent its reporter, Mr. Richard Battle, to Grundy County to get a story about the Folk School. The article raises the old "red" issue again and also announces the amazing discovery that bankers, manufacturers, and anti-labor employers do not like Highlander. Mr. Battle does not quote our neighbors. In fact he does not seem to think highly of mountain people in general, for he speaks of them with frank contempt. "The country people, the residents of cluttered cabins and untidy shacks," is his way of describing these proud and sturdy Americans. As a matter of fact anyone who knows the mountain people knows that their cabins usually are models of tidiness and neatness. We wonder what Mr. Battle's house would have been like had only \$50 a year cash income, which is all that thousands of mountain families receive.

Mr. Battle could not find a single person sympathetic to the folk school, he writes. Yet we have the following signed statement from a neighbor to whom Mr. Battle had just told him that most of the mountain people in the community just considered the Folk School as a part of the community and working for the benefit of all at the time.

"Miss Macomber, for 12 years to be in the folk school of our community, a well known and respected citizen, books and papers, a Rosenwald Fund grant. I am glad to say that I know of much good work done by the Folk School in our community, both in an educational and altruistic way. They have proved their friendship especially to the poor and needy." Mrs. C. R. Starr, president of the P. T. A., wrote.

"Mr. Garrison is that they are an asset to the community." Rev. Charles L. Widney, rector of the First Baptist, Gowanee, wrote.

"The people of the community have made a noble judgment in supporting and consecrating the Folk School."

"The community as they honestly believe it can best be served." And Dr. J. H. L. Lusk, rector, editor of the Gowanee Review, said.

"The Highlander Folk School is doing an important and indispensable service in its community. Its relief assistance, its intelligent scrutiny of political and social conditions of the community, its removal of the more intolerable conditions of living, its help in the discrimination

Fall Week-End Institutes

The annual institute for hosiery workers from Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia was conducted this fall by Larry Rogin, educational director of the AFHW, and members of the Highlander staff. Hosiery union officials stated that this institute was the most successful in the history of the Tri-State organization.

Dr. Ellsworth Smith, cooperative expert and pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, led an Institute on Cooperatives participated in by rural and urban leaders.

Representatives of 22 labor organizations gathered for a LNPL Institute directed by A. A. Hartwell of the national office of the League and Alton Lawrence, Southern representative.

The final week-end Institute was on Workers' Education and was conducted by the Highlander staff for Business and Professional, and Industrial YWCA secretaries from five southern states and the D. of C.

GUEST NEWS

Mrs. Virginia Durr, vice chairman of Highlander's Washington Committee, and Barbara Price, secretary to John L. Lewis, stayed with us for a week.

Dr. Lillian Johnson, donor of the Folk School property, visited us for a week during the fall term.

Paul Christopher, secretary-treasurer of the C. I. O. in Tennessee, was guest of honor at the Farewell Banquet.

N. A. Zonarich, president of the Aluminum Workers of America, came by for an afternoon shortly after the term.

ate and derogatory journalistic exploitation of the Highlander Folk School's ideals and activities by zealous newspapers which are alarmist in intention not only tend to jeopardize the good work of the Highlander Folk School but increase suspicion of a free press in America." And from Henry M. Thompson, merchant of Tracy City, our County seat, comes the following. "After spending 48 years with the people of this section, I think I know quite a lot of what has, and is going on here. . . I have been to the school on numerous occasions, have had ample opportunity to find out if they were Communists or were teaching that theory in the school, and will state that I have never seen or heard one thing that would lead me to believe they were anything but a group of Americans trying to help the people of the Cumberland enjoy more of the American way of life."

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oughly devoted to the interests of working people and the cause of American Democracy." Edward S. Callaghan, second vice president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers and southern director, "After a number of years with having contact and personal visits to the Highlander Folk School we have found it to be the most outstanding of its kind in the United States."

Nashville Trades and Labor Council:

In September when the Nashville Banner carried an unfriendly article the Nashville Trades and Labor Council passed a strong resolution, "Resolved: That the Nashville Trades and Labor Council in its regular meeting, Sept. 25, 1940, expresses regret at the dissemination of the groundless rumors against the Highlander Folk School; that the Council regards attacks on the school as a part of the basic opposition toward the labor movement in general; that the Council expresses confidence in the fundamental soundness of the objectives of this labor school; that the resolution be sent to the press."

John Dewey:

"When the Highlander Folk School was founded, I wrote that I regarded it as one of the most important social - educational projects in America. The achievements of the school in the past eight years confirm my original judgment.

The organized labor movement is one of the most important, if not the most important, bulwark of democracy. Helping southern unions to educate an intelligent native leadership, and in promoting a better understanding of collective bargaining, the Highlander Folk School is making a considerable contribution of democratic institutions."

Ministers:

Rev. Eugene Smathers, Big Lick, Tenn., Presbyterian minister, author of a pamphlet recently published by the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen on the church and the community. "In this day when democracy is on the defensive it is exceedingly important that every group in our population be accorded its rights. This includes labor's right to organize and to have schools which prepare its leaders for their task in a democracy. The one labor school which is doing this task well in the South is the Highlander Folk School."

Rev. Marshall Wingfield, pas-

FASCIST LEADER (Continued From Page One)

zen, October 31, has some interesting biographical data on the author of these pamphlets. "Kamp has a record a mile long as a fellow-worker with Fascists in America. . . . Keeping in mind that the only Fifth Column in this war which has betrayed any country has been composed of Fascists, it is interesting to read that until 1937 Kamp edited the pro-Fascist magazine THE AWAKENER. On his staff were Harold Lord Varney, Fascist propagandist, and Lawrence Dennis, author of "The Coming American Fascism." When the AWAKENER suspended publication, Kamp wrote to a follower, "The work will be carried on by the Constitutional Educational League" (Kamp's present vehicle) . . . Kamp was one of the sponsors of the Hotel Biltmore meeting at which General Moseley was asked to ride the white horse for an American Fascist putsch."

Leaders of the Constitutional Educational League were subpoenaed by the LaPollette Committee and ordered to bring all records. The day before Mr. Kamp loaded the records in his car and disappeared. In his testimony before the Committee Mr. Chester A. Hanson, Secretary-treasurer of the Constitutional Educational League, stated that the purpose of the League was "education pertaining to the Constitution." Testimony developed the fact that the Constitutional Educational League had nothing to do with the Constitution or with education.

Testimony before the Committee also showed that the League sold 40,000 copies of a pamphlet, "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" to the Republic Steel Company which were distributed wherever steel workers were trying to organize. The south was flooded with these pamphlets during the campaign of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee in 1937.

tor First Congregational Church of Memphis, moderator of Tennessee Conference and Historian-in-chief of Sons of Confederate Veterans, " . . . the school is doing an excellent and much needed work in its area."

Y. W. C. A. Secretary:

Miss Josephine Abrams, industrial secretary, YWCA, Knoxville, Tenn., "The school is doing a fine piece of work not only for the students but also for the community as a whole. I only wish there were more places doing similar work."

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'Crusaders' Seek To Close HFS

The Highlander Folk School is a hotbed of communism—the Russian flag is saluted at the end of every class and the students sing "Keep the Red Flag Waving"—the school is against the U. S. government, publicizes the poverty of Grundy County, and has a demoralizing and disintegrating effect on the county generally.

These and other charges of the same kind were cooked up by C. H. Kilby, a petty official of the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co., and made the excuse for a nighttime mass march on the school last November 12th. "Just a plain peaceful business visitation," announced Mr. Kilby. But the

Crusaders, especially when from the other side of his mouth this swaggering little man declared: "It is the duty of every community afflicted with un-American groups to act."

Friends of labor, of democracy, and of plain law and order sent protest after protest to Kilby and his satellites commencing in a message from Francis Cooper, governor of the state.

At the seventh hour the victory was assured.

Kilby now set up a puppet organization called "The Grundy County Crusaders" this to be the main body of Grundy County and planning for it (falsely) was a list of organized labor, the Boy Scouts, the United-Teacher Association, and his own fraternal order, The Order of United American Mechanics. Slogan: "No War but Americanism." Sole purpose: to get rid of the Highlander Folk School.

So far the Crusaders have conspicuously not spoken the voice of Grundy County but only listened to the voice of Mr. Kilby who, if he lived in Detroit, would give Father Coughlin a run for his money.

Kilby and other leading Crusaders were invited as they consented to a round table meeting with representatives of the school also to the effect that some of the Crusaders might this

conference. The conference, however, resulted in an apparently friendly session, both sides agreeing that another conference was desirable. Later the Crusaders stated that their

means the school's council recently

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON

February 1, 1941.

My Dear Mr. Dombrowski:
I am sending you the same amount as I sent you last year as my contribution toward a scholarship in the Highlander Folk School.

I have had the school checked by people in whom I have absolute confidence and am convinced that the newspaper attack and the groups which have been opposed to you are not opposed to you because of any Communist activities but because they are opposed to labor organization and, therefore, labor education. This seems to me a most unwise and shortsighted attitude and, therefore, I am continuing my support. I hope this spring to come down to see the school myself.

Very sincerely yours,
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

In renewing her scholarly contribution of a hundred dollars, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote us this letter with a memorandum authorizing its publication.

National C. I. O. Endorsement

The C.I.O. convention meeting in Atlantic City unanimously approved a resolution, November 22nd, endorsing the aims and program of the Highlander Folk School. The endorsement was introduced by William Turnbull, President of the Tennessee Industrial Union Council and District 19 of the United Mine Workers of America, and bore the personal signatures of five international union presidents, four vice presidents of the C. I. O., and practically every southern director present. The convention condemned efforts to "discredit and defame" Highlander "as an attack on the progressive labor movement of the South."

proposed second conference—to a man the Crusaders failed to acknowledge receipt of the invitations.

We would like to think there is no danger in the activities of such a creature, but whether he is himself aware of it, there is in his manipulation of the sons of this and the daughters of that, the pattern of real Fascism. The Kilbys and their sponsors will not rest until they have broken up not only America's schools for labor, but American labor as well.

Kilby yammers that the coal company is a hundred per cent for organized labor and that it has nothing to do with this attack on the school. While it is true that since the N. I. R. A. days the company has recognized the miners' union, Grundy County miners have not forgotten that the T. C. C. was formed during a

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HFS Executive Council Formed

To increase Highlander's contribution in the field of workers education, an executive council of southern educators and labor representatives has been formed to work with directors of the school formulating the programs and policies.

The council met at the school December 14th and 15th, surveyed the achievements of the year, and contributed valuably in setting up the program for 1941. Members of the council are:

- Bernard Borah, Southern Director Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.
- Roy Reynolds, President Printing Pressman's Union, Chattanooga.
- Lucy Randolph Mason, Public Relations Representative of the C. I. O.
- Edward S. Callaghan, Vice-President and Southern Director American Federation of Hosiery Workers.
- Paul R. Christopher, Executive Secretary Tennessee Industrial Union Council.
- George Tittler, United Mine Workers of America, District 50.
- Dr. Albert Barnett, Professor of Theology, Scarritt College, Nashville.
- Matt Lynch, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, and Chairman H. F. S. Alumni Association.
- Alton Lawrence, Southern Representative Labor's Non-Partisan League.
- Dr. George Mayhew, Professor of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.
- Joe Dobbs, Plumbers Union, A. F. of L., Chattanooga.

Highlander Benefit

The program for the Highlander Washington benefit on December 6th consisted of the reading of "America Was Promised" Archibald MacLellan; a ball poem "And They Lynched Him on a Tree", by Katherine Garrison Chaplin, sung by the Washington Choral Society and Howard University Glee Club mountain and workers' ballads sung by Zilphia Horton; and Negro folk songs sung by Houd Leadbetter (Leadbelly).

The sponsors were Miss Ma Anderson, Hon. and Mrs. Benha Baldwin, Justice and Mrs. Huj Black, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Coffey, Hon. and Mrs. John Collier, Hon. and Mrs. John Collier, Mi Harriet Elliot, Hon. and Mrs. Lt Geyer, Hon. and Mrs. Leon Herderson, Mr. Sidney Hillman, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary and Mr. Harold Ickes, Dr. Mordecai Johnson, Miss Kathryn Lewis, Mr. Howell Moorehead, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Miss Hilda Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Corrin Strong, Dr. and Mrs. John Studebaker, Hon. and Mrs. Jerry Voorhis.

Highlander's Washington committee is composed of Rev. Ernest A. DeBordenave, Mrs. Charles Collier, Mrs. Clifford Durr, Mr. Charles Handy, Rev. A. T. Mooligan, Miss Mary Price, Mrs. Malcolm Ross, Mrs. Michael Straight, Miss Elizabeth Y. Webb.

The New York Committee gave a theatre benefit on January 12th using Marc Blitzstein's new play "No For An Answer." All tickets were disposed of and the benefit was highly successful. A 16-page illustrated pamphlet on Highlander was prepared by the committee and advance copies were distributed at the theatre.

- Sponsors of the benefit were:
- Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Askew, Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Bowles, Mrs. Ethel Clyde, Mrs. Henry Epstein, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick V. Field, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fillman, Miss Margaret Frohnkecht, Mr. and Mrs. William Gaston, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gellhorn, Mrs. Daniel S. Gillmor, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harlow, Jr., Miss Gloria Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Corliss Lamont, Mrs. William Lescaze, Mrs. D. Ellis Litt, Mr. Marshall MacDuffie, Jr., Mrs. Samuel Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Perera.

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Highlights Of 1940

STUDENTS—

(a) Resident Terms: The enrollment of the Spring Term was 18, the Fall Term 27. Fall Term students represented nine international unions and came from nine southern states and Mexico.

(b) Special Session: Junior Union Camp for the children of Nashville Union members, 13 members; Southern Writers Workshop for college students and workers, 18 students; Work Camp for America for college students and workers, 26 members.

(c) Institutes: Tri-State Conference for Hosiery Workers, 40 attending; Informal conference on workers education for Business, Professional and Industrial Secretaries of the Y. W. C. A., 11 in attendance from five southern states; Labor's Non-Partisan League 101 attending from southern states; Consumers Cooperatives, 11 attending for tri-state area. Total attendance, 272.

PANE DISCUSSIONS DURING RESIDENT TERMS: Staff of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America discussing "The Southern Scene," leader, A. C. W. A.; "Organizing Method," leader, Hal Gibbons, Director, Southern District, Louisville; Political Action by Labor," leader, Alton Lawrence, Y. W. C. A.; Labor's Non-Partisan League; "Labor Legislation," leader, Dr. Addison Cutler, Y. W. C. A.; "Organizing," leader, Edward S. Callaghan, Y. W. C. A.; "American Federation of Hosiery Workers," "Cooperatives," leader, Rev. Ellsworth Smith, Y. W. C. A.; "Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga," "National Young Men's Christian League," Y. W. C. A.; "National Director, C. I. O. Birmingham."

COMMUNITY. (1) Helped community organize quilting cooperatives. (2) Pottery kiln with cooperative members, started a clay pottery. (3) Nursery school set up into its own school. (4) Junior groups for community center. (5) Sacred Harp singing class started.

PUBLICATIONS. (1) "OUR HIGHLANDER FLING" started on 1/15/40. (2) "WHAT IT MEANS" started on 2/1/40. (3) "SOUTH OF THE MOUNTAIN" play on the political situation. (4) "ON THE FRONTIERS OF FIELD AND FACTORY" (5) Reports of student committee on Union Problems. (6) "The Youth Organization" (7) "The Highlander Fling."

ADVERTISING. PUBLISHED: (1) 1/15/40. (2) 2/1/40. (3) 2/15/40. (4) 2/22/40. (5) 3/1/40. (6) 3/8/40. (7) 3/15/40. (8) 3/22/40. (9) 3/29/40. (10) 4/5/40. (11) 4/12/40. (12) 4/19/40. (13) 4/26/40. (14) 5/3/40. (15) 5/10/40. (16) 5/17/40. (17) 5/24/40. (18) 5/31/40. (19) 6/7/40. (20) 6/14/40. (21) 6/21/40. (22) 6/28/40. (23) 7/5/40. (24) 7/12/40. (25) 7/19/40. (26) 7/26/40. (27) 8/2/40. (28) 8/9/40. (29) 8/16/40. (30) 8/23/40. (31) 8/30/40. (32) 9/6/40. (33) 9/13/40. (34) 9/20/40. (35) 9/27/40. (36) 10/4/40. (37) 10/11/40. (38) 10/18/40. (39) 10/25/40. (40) 11/1/40. (41) 11/8/40. (42) 11/15/40. (43) 11/22/40. (44) 11/29/40. (45) 12/6/40. (46) 12/13/40. (47) 12/20/40. (48) 12/27/40. (49) 1/3/41. (50) 1/10/41. (51) 1/17/41. (52) 1/24/41. (53) 1/31/41. (54) 2/7/41. (55) 2/14/41. (56) 2/21/41. (57) 2/28/41. (58) 3/6/41. (59) 3/13/41. (60) 3/20/41. (61) 3/27/41. (62) 4/3/41. (63) 4/10/41. (64) 4/17/41. (65) 4/24/41. (66) 5/1/41. (67) 5/8/41. (68) 5/15/41. (69) 5/22/41. (70) 5/29/41. 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Former Students Organizing

Here are the current organizing and negotiating activities of Highlander students:

Cecil Pegues, member of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, recently organized the Dixie Metal Products Company of Bessemer, Alabama, a tough job to judge by previous attempts at unionization there. Currently he is negotiating a contract for the new union. Cecil is also business agent for the Wholesale Local of the Birmingham Retail Clerks.

An election was recently held and won by the TWUA at the Louisville Sanitary Wipers Company. Lil Yaden, Highlander 1940, was the winner in the two week organizing that brought on the victory. Lil Yaden is a board member of the TWUA, Local 2.

Ed Blair, who attended Highlander on the Eleanor Roosevelt Scholarship is organizing for the Automobiles. At the successful Chevrolet strike in Atlanta he was in charge of the entertainment on the picket line and in the strike tent.

John Bate is organizing for the International Cement, Paper and Gypsum Workers (A. F. of L.) in Knoxville.

John Bate, organizer and President of the Highlander Alumni Association, is back in Tennessee after several months of activity in Mississippi.

John Bate, TWUA, was one of the negotiators at the Mountain Mills, Lumberton, N. C., which secured wage increases ranging from 5 per cent to 15 per cent. John's Union has acquired a new hall.

Other Alumni Activity

Billie Bandy's local ICGWU, in Atlanta, now has a hall. Billie is chairman of the union's educational program and sends the following information: "We are classes for white members and for negro members in union procedure, parliamentary law and public speaking, history of trade unions and the I. W. O. and study of garment manufacture. In the recreation line there are bingo games, dancing lessons and Mr. I. Q.'s, and for white members and colored members. Plans are being made to extend the classes to Georgia, where there are many former alumni.

Mary Lorraine was elected regional secretary of her Nashville Branch Local lost her job, and is

Tennessee Commonwealth Federation Organized

Accepting the challenge of John B. Thompson, chairman of the Southern Conference For Human Welfare, that "all men are to be judged in their devotion to real democracy by their willingness to defend and extend it in times of emergency," the Tennessee Conference on Democracy meeting in Nashville on Washington's birthday organized the Tennessee Commonwealth Federation.

The purpose of this organization is "to join in common cause all men and women, including those who labor on the farm, in office, mine, mill, or elsewhere, for concerted independent political action."

H. V. Reid, legislative representative of the Railroad Brotherhoods, was made chairman and an executive board was elected from the C. I. O., A. F. of L., the four Railroad Brotherhoods, and liberal groups who had jointly sponsored the conference. Mrs. Ruth Cutler, 1018 Cotton States Bldg., Nashville, is the Federation's Secretary.

By resolution the Federation condemned the "Grundy County Crusaders," pointing out that the Crusaders' attacks on labor people and labor institutions constitute a threat to democracy and national unity.

Bernie Schmidt (summer '39) is the new secretary of the Highlander Alumni Association, and editor-publisher of the "Alumnus," official organ of the Alumni Association. Mary Lorraine has replaced Bill Buttrick as Alumni Corresponding Secretary.

Pirtle Case Goes to Supreme Court

The Henry Pirtle poll tax case will be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court this spring by the Southern Conference For Human Welfare and the United Mine Workers of America. The case has been in the courts since September, 1939. Pirtle, a resident of Grundy County, Tennessee, objected to paying for the right to vote and sued three election judges and the Attorney General of Tennessee. On March 6th, 1941, the Sixth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave a decision in favor of the poll tax.

With the poll tax fight taking on national interest, there have come many requests for copies of "South of the Ballot," the anti-poll tax play written by Highlander students.

BEREA CONFERENCE

Staff members and alumni took part in a Labor-Student Conference, held last month at Berea, Kentucky, and sponsored by the Y. W. C. A.

Myles Horton of Highlander and Dr. Arthur Raper of the Farm Security Administration were the principal speakers. Singing was led by Zilphia Horton. Entertainment highspot was the play put on by Bernie Schmidt, former student, with a cast from the Steel Workers Union of Cleveland, Ohio. Other Highlander alumni present were Jackye Kwallek and Lillian Sargent, of Lexington.

RECENT ENDORSEMENTS

The United Mine Workers, local 7708 in Grundy County, and the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union are among the organizations which have recently endorsed Highlander.

National LNPL Director To Speak

John T. Jones, National Director of Labor's Non-Partisan League and President of District 16, U. M. W. of A., has accepted Highlander's invitation to speak to the spring term students. As legislative representative of the C. I. O., Mr. Jones has been carrying on the fight for passage of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Bill.

A large number of labor people from Tennessee and adjoining states are planning to be present Sunday, May 18, when Mr. Jones will speak.

Robert Cruden, URWA, to Teach

Robert Cruden, publicity director of the United Rubber Workers, will join the teaching staff for the spring term. Mr. Cruden was here last spring. We are happy to have him come back.

THE HIGHLANDER STAFF

On the way back from the Berea Student-Labor Conference, Myles and Zilphia Horton stopped at Lexington to visit the many alumni there. Jackye Kwallek arranged the meeting. Present were Mrs. Adams and Pauline Adams, Lil Sargent, Zola Spiegel, Elizabeth and Bob Hall. Pauline Adams and her Junior Union put on an original play.

Mary Lorraine spoke to the Atlanta Workers Education Conference in December on "Education in Local Unions." She returned in January to attend the Southern Conference of the Textile Workers. During the Christmas season she addressed the executive board of Branch 10, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Reading, Penn., who contributed to the school; and on February 3rd she outlined the school's program for the Goodwill Furnace Workers Union of Wrigley, Tennessee, another contributor.

SCHEDULE FOR 1941

- May 12-24 Two week term for union workers.
- June 7 and 8 Institute for American Federation of Hosiery Workers.
- June 9-21 Junior Union Camp.
- June 30-July 28 Work Camp for America.
- July 28-August 9 Writers Workshop.
- August 18-September 27 Six week term for union workers.



Mary Lorraine, HFS teacher, shows Pearl Allen a point about union publicity. Others in the group are Lloyd Davis.

SPRING TERM FOR SOUTHERN WORKERS

2 Weeks'
Short
Course



May 12
to
May 24

WHAT FORMER STUDENTS SAY:

"My term at Highlander helped by teaching me the principles underlying unionism and by giving me contact with the labor leaders throughout the entire southern region."—C. M., University of Virginia.

"Studying at Highlander aided me in my work as grievance committeeman and precinct worker in politics."—J. P., a North Carolina Textile Worker.

"I learned to conduct union meetings, lay out posters and pamphlets, and got a clearer view of how and why unions are formed."—N. H., a Hosiery Worker, North Carolina.

RECREATION

● Students should bring old clothes and shoes, for the sessions are not all studywork. There will be hiking through the Spring woods and along the bluffs, night campfires for a supper in some far gorge. Volleyball, baseball, and horseshoe pitching are favorite after-class sports. Singing and square dancing are indoor activities. Highlander has its own mountain band; students who can play anything portable are urged to bring it with them.

THE COURSES

● Among the courses are public speaking, parliamentary law, union publicity, mimeographing and poster making, labor economics and history, union problems, dramatics, and singing. The men and women who teach these subjects have had organizational and educational experience with unions. In addition to the regular classes, there are always timely discussions led by prominent labor officials and representatives of the Federal Government.

STUDENTS

● Training at Highlander is given to industrial, professional and rural workers, both men and women. A recommendation from the student's local organization is required.

COST

● Full cost of the two week course is \$15. A few scholarships, covering all or part of the expense while at the school, are available.

Enrollment for the Spring term is now going on—those interested should write at once for application blanks.

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PLANS LAID FOR WRITERS SCHOOL

Highlander will hold its third annual workshop for student writers July 28 through August 9. The session will be under the direction of the school and is being sponsored by Paul Green, William S. Knickerbocker, Julia Collier Harris, Millen Brand, Babette Deutsch and Genevieve Taggard.

The Teachers

Teachers will be specially assembled for this session. In charge of short story and poetry will be Mary Lapsley, novelist, magazine writer, and former teacher of writing at Wood College.

Charles W. Ferguson, an associate editor of "The Reader's Digest" and author of "Fifty Million Brothers" and "The Confusion of Tongues," will teach non-fiction writing, including the special subjects of radio journalism and the picture story.

Leah N. Jones, formerly of the Carolina Playmakers and a play-writing student of Paul Green and Frank H. Koch, now a faculty member of Missouri State Teachers College where he directs the annual Midwestern Folk Drama Festival, will teach play-writing.

Guest Speakers

A number of well-known Southern writers, Harry Harrison Kroll, James Still, Ida L. Moore, H. C. Nixon among others, have written that they will visit the school during the Workshop, their plans permitting at that time.

Those interested in enrolling should apply at once to the Workshop Director, Leon Wilson. Total cost of the session, tuition and board included, is \$30; one week, \$15.

JUNIORS CAMP AT HIGHLANDER

Twenty-three boys and girls between the ages of eight and fifteen have completed the second annual Junior Union Camp for Workers' children at Highlander, which was held during the two weeks following June 9.

Zilphia Horton and Margaret Bryan were in charge of the camp. Zilphia taught folk dancing and singing; Maria Stenzel held classes in arts and crafts. The boys and girls made their own projects.



AT THE TENNESSEE CIO CONVENTION: Left to right: Zilphia Horton; William Turnbull, president, District 19, UMW, and five HFS alumni; Edna Lamb, past president, Local 98, ACWA, LaFollette; Dillard King, fraternal delegate from the Summerfield Cooperative; Paul Winn, vice-president, Local 314, UUMSW, Wrigley; Ed Blair, ACWA organizer, Nashville; Billie Caviness, financial secretary, UCAPAWA local, Memphis.

Twenty-Eight Workers Attend Spring Term

Twenty-eight organized workers, equally divided between full and part-time students, attended the short Spring course at Highlander, May 12 to 24.

Among the representatives of 15 AFL, CIO and unaffiliated national organizations were sugar and construction workers from New Orleans, boatmen and packing house workers from Memphis, and teachers, office workers and miners from eight states. With few exceptions, the students were officials of newly-formed organizations.

The regular staff was assisted by John T. Jones, CIO legislative representative, and Labor's Non-Partisan League director; William Eaves, regional Wage and Hour director; Hollis W. Reid, legislative representative of the Railroad Brotherhood and chairman of the Tennessee Commonwealth Federation; Paul R. Christopher, state CIO secretary; Lewis Jones, American Federation of Teachers, Fisk University; William Denton, chairman Atlanta Industrial Union Council and member of the United Automobile Workers; Margaret Yarnall, writer;

ment, Columbia University; and Alton Lawrence, Southern LNPL representative.

The two weeks' session provided an opportunity for various groups to get together. Eighty-one representatives of 23 national unions from all branches of organized labor met for a week-end conference on Southern problems. Officials of the Tennessee Commonwealth Federation, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and LNPL discussed a concerted attack on the poll tax and anti-social legislation.

People from the community joined the students in evening classes, square dances, singing, ball games and picnics.

The regular six weeks' summer term will be held from Aug. 18 to Sept. 27 for men and women of office, factory, field and mine. A limited number of scholarships covering all expenses are available. The second scholarship provided by Mrs. Roosevelt will

ALUMNI ARE CIO DELEGATES

Miss Billie Caviness, a member of UCAPAWA from Memphis, and a student in Highlander's Spring term 1941, was elected a vice-president of the state CIO body at its second annual convention held in Chattanooga May 31, June 1. Other former students of Highlander attending the convention as delegates were Ed Blair, Amalgamated Clothing Workers organizer and holder of the Eleanor Roosevelt scholarship in 1940; Paul Winn, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, Wrigley, Tenn.; Edna Lamb, ACWA, LaFollette, Tenn.; Zilphia Horton and Dillard King were visitors.

HFS Endorsement

A resolution reiterating the endorsement of Highlander was passed. The resolution took notice of the fact that Highlander had been attacked recently by organizations not identified with the labor movement and said that "any attack on the Highlander Folk School by an individual or organization will be regarded as an attack on the organized labor movement, and such individuals and organizations will brand themselves as enemies of organized labor in Tennessee and the South."

The report of Paul Christopher, executive secretary and treasurer, showed remarkable progress in expanding the organization. William Turnbull, of the UMW, was reelected president.

Sacred Singers Have Meet Here

An all day singing with "dinner on the grounds" was held at the school in April. The songs were those of the "Original Sacred Harp," a choral collection continuously in use in the rural South for 97 years.

Thirty members of the Summerfield Sacred Harp Class participated and were joined by seven veteran Sacred Harpers from Lawrence County, the Tennessee stronghold of this kind of music. Mr. L. P. Oden, speaking for the visitors, urged the Summerfield Class to attend one of the Lawrence County conventions, and the Summerfield group asked the visitors to return.

The Summerfield Sacred Harp Class, directed by Zilphia Horton of the Highlander Staff, has met

A Day at the Nursery School

By JOAN PAYNE, Director

Highlander Folk School reopened on May 12 its nursery school for the Summerfield community, a program which now enters its third year. The director is being assisted by Dorothy Thomas of Summerfield. Twelve children, ranging in age from 2 1-2 to 6 years, are enrolled in the school with five more planning to start within the next few weeks.

By 8:45 each weekday morning there are seven or eight children playing around the school building. One child is a spirited horse pulling a red wagon. Another child is the serious driver. The porch is a house with the preparation of food for the dolls an important task. Around the corner of the house there is a group of children each waiting his turn on the swing. The child already on the swing is performing acrobatic tricks to the delight of the waiting onlookers.

The children, racing around with the other red wagon to which the trailer is attached, have a collision with the "horse and wagon." The difficulties which arise are settled. At 10 the children get ready for milk and crackers. After this there is a quiet time of reading and then a group activity such as a hiding game, music or hiking. By 10:45 the children have returned to the individual or smaller group activities of their own choosing. After putting the toys and materials away, the group comes together for a game, to listen to the victrola, or for a story. At noon the children are on their way home. The day, which is not without its variations, has arisen out of the activity patterns of the children in the group.

Plans are being considered, with the hope that they may soon be carried out, for the extension of the school day until two o'clock with a hot lunch being served at noon.

The New Orleans Program

By LOUISE CONKLING

Mary Lawrence, Highlander extension director, is back in New Orleans where she is in the midst of conducting an educational program under the sponsorship of the Industrial Union Council. Plans have been in New Orleans since about April 1, except for a two week absence when she returned to Highlander to teach at the two week term. Her official of local unions were selected by the extension director, and already they are making use of the Highlander training by assisting with the educational program back home. Lawrie recently wrote "Tonight I meet a general committee with the four HFS kids (apologies to the 12 1/2 Blackie, Blackie, and Alvin—Lawrie didn't know this letter was for publication) as the backbone. They have already given me a great deal of help, and I think they are going to be a tremendous help to me."

The New Orleans extension program began with an Officers' Training School, with 120 attending the opening meeting. Classes in public speaking and parliamentary law, union publicity, labor history and union problems were set up, and were scheduled several times a week so as to give all who desired a chance to attend. The classes in public speaking and parliamentary law has made it advisable in the future to separate the two, and run them both as full length classes.

The last term of the Officers' Training School ended May 20 with a speaker on the National Labor Relations Act; a panel discussion on "Taking up Grievances" with five CIO representatives; and a "Labor's Information, Please" contest.

At present, the New Orleans program is concentrating on an effort to help newly organized locals understand and overcome their problems. Classes in parliamentary law, public speaking, and union publicity have been started for all union members on both sides of the River. A special course for shop stewards and union representatives on "Taking up Grievances" opened June 4. In addition, Lawrie is conducting educational programs for industrial unions. The Inland Boatmen Division of the NMU selected a special group who desire to learn how to give the membership a whole better understanding of their organization. The classes in public speaking and analysis of their contract. Classes in public speaking and parliamentary law are being held for the Transport Workers Union. Other unions have requested special classes.

Lawrie will return to Highlander for the six weeks term, and will be leading another New Orleans delegation with her.

WORK CAMP IS IN SESSION

Works Camps for America, now a division of the International Student Service, is sponsoring a work camp at Highlander again this Summer.

HOSIERY UNION HAS INSTITUTE

The fourth annual Hosiery Institute at Highlander was held June 7-8 under the direction of Travis K. Hedrick, editor of THE HOSIERY WORKER. Leaders from AFHW branches in the tri-state area enjoyed a week-end of recreation and discussion. The convention decisions and organizing problems were considered.

Edward F. Callaghan, vice president and southern director of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, and members of the Highlander staff assisted with the program.

The Sunday morning session was devoted to a discussion of organizing women in the industry. Helen Gregory, discussion leader, urged the building of Ladies' Auxiliaries and Junior Unions for the families of union members and emphasized the necessity for giving women members more responsibility in the union. Miss Gregory, a representative of the Textile Workers Union, is a member of the AFHW.

Plans were made to have a summary of the discussion mimeographed and distributed by Mr. Callaghan's office.

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shows for all to enjoy. Harry Lasker "taught" the campers by telling them a serial story every night around a camp fire.

The Junior Camp, like everything else at the school, was run on a cooperative basis. The children had the responsibility of keeping their cabins clean, washing dishes, setting tables, keeping their clothes in good order, and so on. Large amounts of sleep and good food allowed them to carry a full program and at the same time build good health and gain weight.

Tabulation of the union affiliations of the campers parents showed the following: 13 with the AFL; seven with the CIO; three unclassified.

These workers' children, who came from communities in Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia and Arkansas, returned to their homes with a rich experience in cooperative living. They understand some of the fundamentals of unionism, know how to produce short, simple skits, and have learned to sing the labor songs familiar to union people.

The general purpose of Work Camps for America is: "To provide young men and women with an opportunity to do useful work and to study social issues from personal experience, to encourage a deeper individual concern for the general welfare of the nation, to enlist their wholehearted support for a democracy responsive to the needs of its citizens, to promote mutual understanding among diverse economic, religious, and social groups, and to aid youth in the discovery of a personal philosophy and a social idealism which will help to carry them through the stormy period ahead."

The campers, aged 18 to 24, are drawn from all religious, economic and social groups, the majority coming from the ranks of college students.

NEWS NOTES

Zilphia Horton is teaching music again this year at the YWCA industrial girls' summer session, held at Camp Merrie Wood, Sapphire, N. C.

Jim Dombrowski made a speaking trip through New England during April. He appeared before the Greenfield, Mass., Central Labor Union at its annual banquet, and spoke to students at Mount Holyoke, Smith, and Amherst College.

Myles Horton was one of the speakers at the conference of Southern Mountain Workers which met in Knoxville this Spring.

A 70-acre farm adjoining Highlander has been added to the school's property. It was purchased for the use of the school by Dr. Lillian W. Johnson, donor of the original site.

The Highlander personnel has been expanded by the addition of two people. Joan Payne, who was trained in nursery school work at Sarah Lawrence College, has taken charge of the Summerfield Nursery School. Harry Lasker came to Highlander after his recent graduation from the University of North Carolina.

"Democracy's Drama in the Hills," by Bee Rich, is the story which appeared in the February issue of Social Work Today, describing recent reactionary attacks upon Highlander.

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FIELD PROGRAM BROADENS

With the exception of the eight weeks she spent teaching at Highlander, Mary Lawrence has been in New Orleans since April first. Her program of workers' education, sponsored by the New Orleans Industrial Union Council, will continue until the end of the year.

Special classes have been held for three unions: the Furniture Workers, the Inland Boatmen, the Transport Workers. In addition there have been classes for officers, stewards, and committeemen of five large locals. This particular part of the program has resulted in the starting of departmental meetings in the unions, an increased attendance at general meetings, increase in membership and dues collection, publication of a mimeographed paper by one of the unions. Besides these activities, one or a hundred members attend class each week.

Summer term classes are helping with the program in New Orleans. Summer term students are spending their time to it.

Mr. Deverall has been carrying on the work of printers, news columns, and legislative bulletins. He has also had a reading room, a library, an office, and a tremendous Labor Day parade, the largest in New Orleans.

The book "HOW TO BUILD YOUR UNION" based on the findings of the current program, has been printed and is available from the C. I. O. office.

Commenting, Fred Pieper, regional C. I. O. secretary, says, "We see practical results of the program every day and we are determined to continue it."

In Memphis, the U. A. W. International Conference, Harry Lasker of the Highlander staff began an educational program for the members of the Memphis Municipal Cleaned Practical Union, all C. I. O. locals in the city. There are ten thousand C. I. O. members there, and organizing is continuing rapidly. Ford workers, wood-

workers, and others, who form the backbone of Memphis union membership, are being organized.

United Auto Workers At Highlander



Members of Ford local 903, Memphis, took part in classes, singing, square dancing, September 5, 6, 7, and made plans for the Memphis conference described on this page. In the group are Richard Deverall, U. A. W. educational director; Bethel Judd, International Representative; Ben McCullough, local president; T. G. Vanlandingham, financial secretary. The latter attended the summer term on the scholarship given by Mrs. Roosevelt.

AUTO WORKERS CONFER ON EDUCATION

Carrying out plans formulated at Highlander by Richard Deverall, U. A. W. Educational Director, Bethel Judd, International Representative, and members of Memphis Ford Local 903, The UNITED AUTO WORKERS, C. I. O., held a three day educational conference at the Hotel Chisca, Memphis, the 24th, 25th and 26th of October. A large number of delegates were present from Detroit, Baltimore, Louisville, Atlanta, Dallas, Memphis.

"The union," said Deverall, "is more than simply a slot machine for wages and hours. We can make it the cultural, democratic means of life for the American worker." Special study was given the Ford grievance procedure, setting up of local union educational and recreational programs, publicity and journalism, and housing, rents, and prices.

Principal speakers were T. J. Starling, U. A. W. southern board member; Richard Deverall; Frank Marquart, educational director of Ford Local 800, Detroit; John Edelman, Office of Price Administration, Washington.

Right To Strike

"When management waives the right to profit," Deverall said, "unions will waive the right to strike." Brother Marquart spoke forcefully for adoption of the Murray Industrial Council Plan as the one means in sight for putting the National Defense Program on a sound basis.

HFS Staff Members

Myles Horton, Harry Lasker, Maria Stenzel, Leon Wilson were delegates from Highlander and took active parts in the program. The Highlander film "PEOPLE OF THE CUMBERLAND" was shown with U. A. W. movies and drew a fine response. Plans were announced for a week's school at Highlander for southern Auto Workers, to be held early in 1942.

A number of Highlander Alumni attended the conference, including T. G. Vanlandingham, financial secretary of Ford Local 903, who was awarded the second scholarship provided by Eleanor Roosevelt.

The conference concluded with a mass meeting for Memphis C. I. O. workers, held in Edgewood

Summer Term Features Labor Conferences

One hundred and fifty-six representatives of A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions attended the five week-end conferences held at the school during the regular six week's summer term, August 18 to September 27.

The conference dealt with problems of organizing, education for union members, political action for unions, and labor's part in the National Defense Program. Regular students and visitors alike took part in the discussions. Leaders of the conferences were Richard Deverall, International Educational Director of the United Auto Workers, Yelverton Cowherd, regional C. I. O. director, Birmingham; Alton Lawrence, southern representative Labor's Non-Partisan League; Fred Pieper, regional C. I. O. director, New Orleans; Allen McNeil, southern representative Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

Speakers

Other speakers and discussion leaders were William Eaves, re-

Paul Christopher, Tennessee State C. I. O. Secretary; Fleming James, Dean of the Theological Seminary, University of the South, Sewanee; George Stoney, Farm Security Administration; Frank Coffee, Social Security Board; Joe Dobbs, Chairman Organizing Committee Chattanooga Central Labor Union; O. A. Baxter, sub-regional director Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Chattanooga; Rosanne Walker, Retail and Wholesale Clerks representative, Philadelphia; M. C. Anderson and Frank Allen, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers representatives; Edward Woods, American Newspaper Guild representative; Mike Smith, Tennessee director Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Bethel Judd, United

"Circle Four And Do-Si-Do!"



square dancing alone. The 1941 Work Camp, jointly conducted by Highlander and the International Student Service, had for its main project the clearing of a tract for reforestation. Other projects included repairs to the Nursery School, construction of a potter's wheel. Observation trips to T. V. A. areas, the Cherokee National Forest, and an Alabama textile center were important features of the program.

COMMUNITY AND COUNTY NEWS

With the summer program of residence camps completed, classes are now in progress for the Summer term only.

The quality found clay has been analyzed by T. V. A. technicians; the summer Work Camp built the school a potter's wheel; the kiln has been fired experimentally; members of the Summerfield Cooperative are working hard at pottery making and hope to come out in the spring with a marketable product.

Dillard King and Maria Stenzel are continuing the whittling class of last winter, when the young people of the community learned to whittle rabbits, horses, dogs, and dogs with their pocket knives. Square dancing is again the order of the evening.

The pottery class in pottery at the end of Grundy

In addition to her other activities, Joan Payne is now handling the traveling library. The library is shortly complete a full year of service in circulating books to the adults and children out in the county.

Nursery School

Joan Payne plans to keep the Nursery School going until Christmas. She provided the weather saving plan. She has been holding weekly meetings for the young girls of the community and they will help her

parliamentary law, public speaking, publicity.

In Clinton

Maria Stenzel, Highlander community worker, spent the week of October 27th in Clinton, Tennessee, where she organized a recreational program for the Hosiery Workers. The violently anti-union Magnet Mills recently defeated the union in their efforts to become bargaining agent for the Magnet workers. The union spirit is undaunted; organization continues.

Impetus for the program came out of the post-election rally, at which Myles Horton and Maria Stenzel had charge of recreation. Program included decorating of the union hall, poster making, group singing, committee work, start of a square dancing group and organization of a string band.

A Hallowe'en party was the high spot of Sister Maria's week.

Grundy-Marion Conference

Officers and members of two Grundy County UNITED MINE WORKER locals met with Hugh Rankin, UMWA district representative, at the school, October 18th, and worked out plans for an organization campaign among the truckers and sawmill workers of Grundy and Marion counties.

conduct the children's Christmas party at which forty or fifty Summerfield children will say "howdy" to a guaranteed genuine Santa Claus and carry off presents sent by friends of the community and of the school.

PAMPHLET ON ROANE COUNTY

On September 25th two C. I. O. organizers were extended the gracious hospitality of Roane County, Tennessee, company thugs and police. Climax to the brutal torturing was the application to naked flesh of free-flowing Southern tar.

Despite the nationwide publicity given the affair and the C. I. O.'s posted offer of a thousand dollars, county of Roane and state of Tennessee have so far succeeded in failing to make any arrests. Commemorating the county employers' careers of anti-union outlawry (the present case is part of a rich tradition) Paul Christopher, state C. I. O. secretary, is getting out a pamphlet entitled "TERROR IN ROANE COUNTY." Text is the work of Horace Bryan, writer and former Highlander student; the cover is by Maria Stenzel.

(Summer Term Continued)

Auto Workers representative, Memphis; John Bouche, C. I. O. representative, New Orleans; Keng Li, rural Y. W. C. A. secretary from China.

Student Activities

During the fifth and sixth week, on request of the students, a special study was made of state and federal labor legislation. Students made two field trips to take part in union meetings: one to the Retail Clerks of Whitwell,

HFS ALUMNI TO CONVENE

A Thanksgiving banquet will climax the third annual reunion of the Highlander Alumni, November 28th, 29th and 30th. Maria Stenzel, alumni secretary, has received letters from many former students planning to be here for the big week-end. The schedule says discussions, volley ball, dancing.

In response to our call, activity reports are now coming in from all alumni. These will be used in working up a detailed survey of Highlander's first ten years in labor education. The tenth year, 1942, is coming at us head on.

Handle Workers of Sequatchie, Tennessee.

"WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO," a play written by the students to show labor's role in the defense emergency, and calling for acceptance of the Murray Defense Plan, was performed twice for enthusiastic audiences.

Among the full-time students were hosiery workers, inland boatmen, construction workers, a newspaper employee, an auto worker, a postal worker, a federal employee, a student of labor law. Students came from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, Washington, D. C. For the second time the Pan-American Union sent a Latin American worker who came this year from Colombia, South America.



CHARLES W. FERGUSON, an associate editor of the READER'S DIGEST, discusses the 'think-piece' with Kate Bradford Stockton, onetime candidate for governor of Tennessee. Highlander held its third annual WRITERS WORKSHOP this summer. Other teachers were Novelist Mary Lapsley, Playwright Lealon Jones of Missouri State Teachers College. Guest speakers included H. C. Nixon of Vanderbilt University; Henry Zon, Washington Bureau of the Federated Press; William R. McDaniel, director Tennessee Federal Writers Program. Students were writers, school teachers, college students, trade unionists.

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TITLE HIGHLANDER POLK SCHOOL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] Atlanta, advised that JAMES DOMBROWSKI attended school at Emory University several years ago and graduated from that school with high honors. DOMBROWSKI then attended school at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that DOMBROWSKI became interested in the labor movement while attending the Union Theological Seminary. [REDACTED] described DOMBROWSKI as a minister who is imbued with the philosophy of saving mankind. [REDACTED] believed DOMBROWSKI to be a loyal American. [REDACTED] was closely associated with one [REDACTED] from January 1941 until July 1941 in [REDACTED] came under the influence of [REDACTED] at that time but is not at the present active in the Communist party. Both BERNARD BORAH and LUCY RANDOLPH MASON are active labor leaders in Atlanta, Ga.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Knoxville, Tennessee dated December 30, 1941.

DETAILS: On February 11, 1942 [REDACTED] Atlanta, Ga., was interviewed concerning JAMES DOMBROWSKI.

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[REDACTED] He stated that DOMBROWSKI studied for the ministry at Emory University and upon his graduation was considered to be the brightest student.

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ever to have graduated from Emory University.

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DOMBROWSKI, according to [REDACTED] while attending Emory University, organized a choir and took it on a tour of Europe. [REDACTED] stated that DOMBROWSKI was outstanding at Emory University and after graduation from Emory he was placed in charge of the alumni association, and placed it on a sound organizational basis. [REDACTED] recalled that DOMBROWSKI then went to New York City to continue his ministerial studies at the Union Theological Seminary. While attending EMORY University DOMBROWSKI belonged to the Sigma Chi fraternity.

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[REDACTED] stated that DOMBROWSKI was the only son of a Tampa, Florida jeweler and apparently came from wealthy parents.

[REDACTED] stated that DOMBROWSKI wrote a doctors thesis in his senior year at the Union Theological Seminary on the industrial conditions in the South. The story, as related to [REDACTED] by DOMBROWSKI, was that DOMBROWSKI decided that in order to write such a thesis it would be necessary for him to travel in the south and study industrial conditions. Accordingly DOMBROWSKI started on a tour in the South and stopped at the city of Gastonia, North Carolina. At this particular time there was a strike of the laborers at some mill in Gastonia. [REDACTED] was unable to recall the date when this happened but stated that it was several years ago.

Continuing with DOMBROWSKI'S story as told to [REDACTED] on arriving in Gastonia, North Carolina, DOMBROWSKI decided to study the cause of the strike. Approximately two days after arriving in Gastonia a meeting of the town citizens was held, DOMBROWSKI attending this meeting. The people at this meeting were condemning the strikers and DOMBROWSKI arose and made a speech in which he stated that before condemning these strikers and their demands it should be ascertained whether or not their demands were legitimate. The people immediately hurled everything in the building at DOMBROWSKI, according to the story, as told by DOMBROWSKI to [REDACTED]. DOMBROWSKI was placed under arrest and indicted for the filling of a police chief of Gastonia. DOMBROWSKI contacted [REDACTED] by telephone and [REDACTED] went to Gastonia to defend DOMBROWSKI.

[REDACTED] stated that the police chief in Gastonia had been murdered sometime prior to the time of the above related incident and DOMBROWSKI was charged for the murder only as a means to hold him in jail. [REDACTED] stated he he was successful in obtaining DOMBROWSKI'S release.

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[REDACTED] was of the opinion that the above incident made DOMBROWSKI very bitter against anti-union forces.

[REDACTED] advised that he recalls on one occasion he asked DOMBROWSKI if he believed in socialism and the theory of sharing the wealth and that DOMBROWSKI'S reply was "from what I have seen and experienced, I doubt if ever the millenium can be reached under the socialistic system".

[REDACTED] stated that in his own opinion he believes DOMBROWSKI is a preacher at heart who has gone "nuts" on the brotherhood of man. He advised that he has met several of DOMBROWSKI'S associates at the Highlander Folk School but is unable to recall their names. He stated that in his opinion these associates of DOMBROWSKI are a conglomerate group of eccentric individuals.

[REDACTED] advised that he believed DOMBROWSKI was a thoroughly loyal American who believed in the social welfare of human mankind. [REDACTED] was reluctant to express his opinion as to whether or not he believed DOMBROWSKI was a Communist.

[REDACTED] stated he knew little about the Highlander Folk School but advised that DOMBROWSKI claimed that it was a labor school. He stated that those who lived at the Chautauqua Camp generally despised the Highlander Folk School. [REDACTED] indicated that he did not have a high opinion of the Highlander Folk School and its principals which were being taught.

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Both BERNARD BORAH and LUCY RANDOLPH MASON are active labor leaders in Atlanta, Georgia. Both BORAH and MASON were members of the Georgia Division of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare during its existence. The Georgia Division of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was abandoned in the fall of 1940. There has been no indication that BORAH or MASON have been active or have been connected with the Communist Party in Atlanta. No active investigation of the above two individuals is being contemplated by the Atlanta Office at the present time.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Los Angeles files reveal no record of **[REDACTED] b7c**

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED] b7c**
Knoxville, 12/30/41.

DETAILS:

A review of the Los Angeles files fails to reflect any information concerning **[REDACTED]** Hollywood, California, a student at the Spring term of the Highlander Folk School.

It is not felt that investigation concerning this individual is warranted at the present time, and unless specifically requested by the Bureau, same will not be conducted.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

Re: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

On page 8 of the January 26, 1942, issue of "The CIO News" there appeared an article announcing that the Highlander Folk School had offered its facilities to the Office of Civilian Defense to be used as a southern training center for civilian defense. The school stated that its program could be adjusted at any time for defense needs.

The 1941 annual report for the school shows that 475 students had attended classes, half at the Monteagle and half at extension classes in Memphis and New Orleans.

Respectfully,

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Director
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RE: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
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Dear Sir:

The Bureau's attention is directed to the attached newspaper clipping appearing in the Chattanooga News-Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, February 22, 1942, reflecting that a check in the amount of \$100 was received by the Highlander Folk School from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as the first contribution to the school's tenth anniversary scholastic fund. It should be noted further that the publicity indicates a proposal that the school be considered as a southern training center for civilian defense is under consideration by the director, Office of Civilian Defense.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Murphy
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Special Agent in Charge

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MRS. ROOSEVELT PRESENTS \$100 TO FOLK SCHOOL

Tenth Anniversary Observed; Plant, Program Expanded

MONTEAGLE, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's check for \$100, received this week, was the first contribution to Highlander Folk School's tenth anniversary scholarship fund. Ed Blair, who received the Roosevelt scholarship in 1940, is representing the Amalgamated Clothing Workers at Kingston, N. C., and Theo Vanlandingham, awarded the 1941 scholarship, is chairman of the Memphis CIO Council and financial secretary of the United Automobile Workers' Union.

Highlander enters its tenth year with an expanded plant and program. The 1941 report shows the best record of achievement in the history of the school, with a total enrollment for the residence, community and extension classes of 475.

A proposal that the school be used as a Southern training center for civilian defense is being considered, according to a letter from James M. Landis, executive director, Office of Civilian Defense.

THE CHATTAHOOGA NEWS FREE PRESS
CHATTAHOOGA, TENNESSEE
February 2, 1942

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TO THE FRIENDS OF HIGHLANDER

Highlander enters its tenth anniversary year with the nation at war. In 1942 all of the resources of labor and of the country will be directed to the defeat of the Axis and the destruction of Fascism. The energies of Highlander will be geared into that great effort.

A proposal that the resources of Highlander be used as a defense training center for union leaders received the endorsement of the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council's executive board on January 4, 1942. It is expected to be approved by AFofL and Railroad Brotherhood unions. If approved by Washington, this program will receive a major emphasis in 1942.

Highlander stands ready to be of service with an expanded plant and program. The report for 1941 which we present herewith is the best record of achievement in our history. It shows that from April to October there was a continuous succession of resident terms and conferences, with an enrollment as follows: Spring Term, 2 weeks, 28; Summer Term, 6 weeks, 16; Weekend Conferences, 156; Writers' Workshop, 2 weeks, 12; Work Camp, 4 weeks, 17; Junior Union Camp, 2 weeks, 23; total 252.

A notable accomplishment was the extension work done by Miss Mary Lawrence in New Orleans, and by Mr. Harry Lasker in Memphis. Less intensive work was done in many other parts of the south and enabled us to carry the message of unionism to many thousands of workers.

Under the capable direction of Miss Maria Stenzel the craft work in the community was expanded in many new fields. The Summerfield Co-operative continues to thrive. Miss Joan Payne, director of the Nursery School, had a most successful year.

Our alumni now occupy places of leadership and responsibility in unions throughout the south. It is their record of service to the cause of labor which is the ultimate test of Highlander's value. We include a few alumni highlights of the year 1941.

Our expanded program resulted in an increase of about \$2,500 in our budget. Your help in building a Tenth Anniversary Year Fund to help us meet the responsibilities that face us in this critical year of 1942 is warmly solicited.

1. SPRING TERM

The Spring term for workers, May 12-24, was attended by fourteen full time and an equal number of part time students, from five southern states, representing eight international unions. Weekend conferences on southern problems brought eighty-one additional persons to the school representing twenty-three national unions from all branches of labor.

States represented by the fourteen full time students were Tennessee, five; Louisiana, four; Alabama, three; Georgia and Virginia, one each. The United Sugar Workers, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and Brotherhood of Carpenters sent two students, and the following organizations sent one student: United Furniture Workers, United Construction Workers, Inland Boatmen's Division of the National Maritime Union, Agricultural and Packing House Workers (UCAPAWA), Screen Office Workers Guild, Textile Workers Union of America, American Student Union, and the League of Young Southerners.

The number of union officials among the full time students was unusually high, including one president, one vice-president, one trustee, one financial secretary, four recording secretaries, and two committeemen.

Courses included Workers Problems taught by Myles Horton; Public Speaking by Mary Lawrence; Parliamentary Law by Harry Lasker; Dramatics by Zilphia May Horton; Union Publicity by Mary Lawrence; and Labor History by James Dombrowski.

As in previous years the regular staff was supplemented by special lecturers that included John T. Jones, CIO legislative representative and director of Labor's Non-Partisan League; William Eaves, regional director, Wage and Hour Administration; Hollis V. Reid, legislative representative of the Railroad Brotherhoods and Chairman of the Tennessee Commonwealth Federation; Paul R. Christopher, executive secretary of the CIO in Tennessee; Lewis Jones, American Federation of Teachers, Fisk University; William Denton, chairman Atlanta Industrial Union Council and member of the United Automobile Workers; Margaret Lamont, writer; Dr. Walter Rautenstrauch, Professor of Industrial Engineering, Columbia University; and Alton Lawrence, southern representative of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

2. SULLER TERM

The six weeks' summer session, August 18th-September 26th, was attended by sixteen students from seven states and one foreign country. Louisiana led the list with five students, Tennessee four, District of Columbia two, and one each from Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois and New York.

Two students were members of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, the National Maritime Union, United Automobile Workers, and the United Construction Workers; one student represented the following: United Sugar Workers, American Newspaper Guild, United Federal Workers, Workers Alliance, Telegraphers, American Student Union. Three students were unattached. Seven students held the following offices: president, vice president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, secretary-treasurer, business agent. Another student was a committeeman. Since leaving school one student has been elected financial secretary of his local union and president of the Industrial Union Council, and another student has become a full time organizer.

Five weekend conferences were attended by a total of one-hundred-fifty-six representatives, with six AF of L, three independent, and seventeen CIO unions represented. Conference leaders were Richard Deverall, educational director, United Auto Workers; Allen McNeil, southern director, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union; Fred Peiper, regional director of the CIO, New Orleans; Joe Dobbs, chairman of the organizing committee, Chattanooga Central Labor Union; Yelverton Cowherd, regional CIO director, Birmingham; Alton Lawrence, southern representative, Labor's Non-Partisan League; and Bethel Judd, of the United Automobile Workers.

Special conferences were conducted for the recently organized Ford local at Memphis, textile workers, and an Axe Handle Workers Industrial Union in the neighboring county.

Fred Peiper, regional CIO director, New Orleans, and Allen McNeil, southern representative of IUMLSW, conducted a weekend conference on workers' education. For the five New Orleans students, the term was an extension of the educational program started there four months earlier by Highlander.