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More Gains For Labor

It should be remembered that when the Taft-Hartley law was passed, the CIO-PAC organization announced that it would fight to defeat every member of Congress who voted for it.

Since that time 147 members who supported the Act have come up for re-nomination, and 137 of them have won. And only one of the 10 who lost represented a major northern industrial district, where CIO-PAC supporters are supposed to be strong.

This certainly indicates that the rank and file of union labor, like the rank and file of the voters at large, doesn't servilely follow the orders of the big-shot union officers. And there is plenty of reason why it should not. The leaders denounced the Taft-Hartley Act as a slave labor law, which would make the most ruthless exploitation of the worker both possible and inevitable. Yet what has actually happened?

Some of the principal labor groups have made some of their greatest gains since the law was passed. Soft coal is a prime example. The new contract gives the miners an extremely liberal pension plan. It further increased pay—even though the miners received the highest wage of any comparable group before the new contract. The short working day remains in effect. Every benefit the miners had before the Taft-Hartley Act, was retained, and more are now enjoyed.

Workers in steel, automobile and other big industries have also won new gains. To say that the Taft-Hartley Act has in any way weakened labor is to deny the obvious truth.

Apparently the members of Congress who voted for the Taft-Hartley Act benefited labor, and the workers know it.

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WRITE IT IN YOUR LITTLE BOOK

Well, write it in your little book
And don't forget the page,
That everyone who is a crook,
Regardless of his age,
Can never rise to heights sublime
Without a single doubt,
Nor live in manhood's sunny clime,
Unless he turns about.

Yes, write it in your little book
That only truth can stand.
And then quite often take a look
At this small page so grand,
And see how well you measure up—
How deep and full and high—
And if you lack a single cup,

O, write it in your little book—
Your little book of life—
That God must live in every nook,
Lest evil like a knife,
Would cut from you salvation's gems—
The pearls of greatest worth—
Then take your soul's sweet diadems
When you shall leave the earth!

KEEP ME TENDER

Keep me tender, blessed Jesus,
In my heart and in my mind,
In my soul and in my spirit
As I mingle with mankind,
That my life may be a blessing
While I journey on my way,
And that I may sense Thy presence
When I kneel to Thee and pray.

Keep me tender, Holy Spirit,
Lest through hardness I should sin,
For the enemy so heartless
Seeks and seeks to enter in,
So that I should lose compassion
Toward my fellows on life's road,
And become a morose critic,
Helping none to bear life's load.

Keep me tender, O dear Father,
So that I may shed some tears
Over sinners and backsliders
Who have failed across the years;
Yes, that I may smile in mercy
On my brothers who are weak,
And be loving, kind and gentle
When I look at them and speak.

Keep me tender, God of glory,
Always in my inner life,
So that as I deal with others
I may never kindle strife
That would bring a great obstruction
'Twixt my soul and heaven's throne,
And would hinder Thee from saying,
"I will crown thee as My Own."

Fire At State Road Is Costly

Elkin, August 19.—Two State Road families Friday night watched their living quarters go up in smoke.

A building containing two apartments and a filling station was totally destroyed in the blaze.

The filling station was operated by Homer Moody, who with his family occupied a second-floor apartment. A first-floor apartment was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Flake Hone.

The building was owned by E. L. Golden, State Road, who estimated the damage at \$20,000. He had no insurance on the structure.

This week the Moody family is readying its house nearby for early occupancy. A tenant recently vacated the house which is located between the homes of two of Mr. Moody's brothers and near the home of his father.

The fire spread so rapidly that nothing was saved from the Moody apartment. Furniture, personal belongings and \$1,200 in cash, kept on hand for change, were lost. From the Hone apart-

13th Anniversary Social Security

The 13th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act occurred on Saturday, Aug. 14, it was pointed out by Mr. Louis H. Clements, Manager of the local Social Security Administration field office in Salisbury, N.C. This law was designed, among other things, to provide workers and their families the protection of social insurance and, since that day in 1935 when the law was signed by the President, it has become a vital part of the lives of millions of Americans by giving workers a way to build protection for themselves and their families. Since 1937, when the system of old-age and survivors' insurance went into effect, Mr. Clements stated, more than two billion dollars have been paid to retired workers and their families and to the survivors of workers who have died. Mr. Clements, manager of the office

presented several articles were snatched from the flames.

The fire is reported to have started in the rear of the filling station about 8:30 p. m.

in Salisbury, says further the payments are now being made to more than two million persons at the rate of more than 42 million dollars a month.

Offices like the one at Salisbury, are located in 475 other towns and cities throughout the country. Through these offices approximately 91 million account numbers have been assigned. These social security account numbers are an important part of the job of keeping workers' wages recorded accurately.

The Salisbury office has been operating since November 9, 1936 for the benefit of residents of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Iredell, Rowan, Watauga and Wilkes counties. In addition to the services available at 301 P. O. Bldg., information and advice may be obtained from a representative of the Salisbury office on the following schedules:

Town Hall, North Wilkesboro, N. C., each Thursday at 9:45 p. m.

Town Hall, Mooresville, N. C., 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 p. m.

The public is invited to call at the local office or at the above stations to discuss any questions about old-age and survivors' insurance.

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Farmers' Day To Be Outstanding Event

On September 14 the Trade Promotion Committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will stage a Farmers' Day celebration that is expected to overshadow any previous one-day event in the history of North Wilkesboro.

The event is held here annually as a day of entertainment for farmers in appreciation of their business, patronage and loyalty during the year, but the event is open for everybody to enjoy.

Last year a combination of circumstances made it impractical to stage a real celebration for Farmers' Day, but this year the committee has gone all-out to make the day an outstanding event.

The day's activities will begin with a mammoth parade at 10 a. m., starting in Wilkesboro and proceeding to North Wilkesboro by way of Memorial Park and over downtown streets here. There will be more than fifty units in this parade and much attention and work will be given the parade in order to make it depict real progress in the community and county.

In North Wilkesboro in Yadkin Valley Motor company's used car lot will be many hilarious and entertaining contests, with valuable prizes for every winner. After this program there will be a barbecue lunch.

J. Melville Broughton, former governor who has always shown much interest in agricultural progress in Wilkes, will address the crowd from a platform on Ninth Street. 4-H boys who won in the timber thinning contest will be awarded their prizes. A string band will give a concert and there will be other interesting features, including the giving away of many valuable prizes given by merchants.

Everybody will want to come to Farmers' Day, because it is a day of entertainment and inspiration.

Babe Ruth Symbol Of American Way

Born in obscurity, Babe Ruth rose to unexcelled heights in baseball, the national pastime. Ruth died last week, and the nation mourns his passing.

The boy who was to become the idol of millions was reared in an industrial school, where he was receiving training to be a tailor. But as a youth his baseball talents were recognized and he was given a contract to play with Baltimore for \$600 per year.

The boy who went from the industrial school to play for \$100 per month, became the highest paid player in the game, earning \$80,000 salary, \$5,000 more than is paid the President of the United States.

Ruth's contribution to the game of baseball helped to blot out the Black Sox scandal and raise the game to national eminence. Millions paid to see the mighty man hit the balls out of the park and the Yankee Stadium, a three-million-dollar park, is a great monument to his ability and contribution to the game.

But of more importance is the fact that the great hero was typically American. He loved children and when disease retired him from the game, and he no longer was on the field to receive plaudits of thousands, he devoted his time as advisor to the American Legion plan of junior baseball throughout the nation. Liberal with his time and means, he was always ready to help the youngsters with every word or act of encouragement.



THE DASHING GENTLEMAN AND THE DASHER

Removing the dasher with a flourish was Father's reward for back-bending, arm-stretching, collar-wilting labor . . . back in the days of making ice cream by hand.

As the cream thickened and the crank got harder to turn, it really took a Man of Muscle to keep the dasher turning.

Today, the daughter who used to watch Father turn that hand freezer whips her home-made ice cream out of the refrigerator as a matter of course . . . just another family chore taken over by electricity.

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