

FAITHFUL

Because they have an independence based on the knowledge that through their organization they are able to sell their services at decent wages, members of Organized Labor are good citizens and are community builders. In the first place they have learned in their struggle to better their conditions and raise their wages the value of co-operation. One of the primary principles of unionism is co-operation. Those who do not know how to co-operate for the general welfare of the whole, are not members of Organized Labor.

Community building and community advancement are also based on co-operation, and the ability of the individuals involved to work together for the good of the whole.

Because they have learned this fundamental lesson and have reaped some of the benefits from it, members of Organized Labor lead the list of home owners. They have pride in their homes and in their communities, and are always ready to step out in front to take an active part in the things that will make their communities a better place in which to live.

Good citizens are not bred by low wages and deplorable working conditions. Good citizens and good community builders are not to be found in the ranks of the disorganized. All of the fundamental principles of Organized Labor are in keeping with good citizens and good fellowship.

Loyal Trade Unionists are a distinct asset to any town or city because they are builders, and they have already learned to co-operate for the general welfare.

Wherever Trade Unionists are given a definite part in civic affairs, you will find a town or city that is an attractive place in which to live.—Exchange.

IT HELPS

Eastern Visitor: "Has the advent of the radio helped ranch life?"
Pinto Pete: "I'll say it has. Why, we learn a new cowboy song every night, and, say, we've found out that the dialect us fellers have used for years is all wrong."

YES, WHAT?

"I hear they're starting a new campaign against malaria."
"Good Heavens! What have the Malarials done now?"

ASK THE COP, HE KNOWS

The policeman's son was learning music.
"How many beats are there to the bar in this piece of music, dad?"
"Fancy asking a policeman a question like that," said the boy's mother.
"If you asked your daddy how many bars there were to the beat, he might have been able to tell you."

Communism sets class against class and Nazism and Fascism set race against race. All these isms are contrary to old-time Americanism.

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"The American Federation of Labor has proven the nation's most powerful stabilizing influence, and has contributed more than any other organization of men to the advancement of America's men, women and children."—I. M. Ornborn, chief executive officer A. F. of L. Union Label Trades Department.

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AVERAGE WAGE IN THE UNITED STATES BELOW \$900

Workers covered by the national old age insurance system, which extends to practically the entire industrial population, earned average wages of only \$890 in 1937, the first half of which was comparatively prosperous the Social Security Board revealed last month. Inclusion of wages not covered by the Social Security Act would probably bring the year's average for these workers to about \$975, according to a statement made by John J. Corson, Director of the Board's Bureau of Old-Age Insurance. During that year, wages totalling \$26,825,366 were credited to 30,157,694 individual accounts.

Broken down by region, the study revealed that the East North Central States had the highest average wage, \$1,020, followed by \$1,013 in the Middle Atlantic States, \$902 in New England, \$893 in the Pacific States, \$778 in the West North Central State, \$754 in the Mountain States, \$676 and \$671, respectively, in the West South Central and South Atlantic States and \$603 in the East South Central States. Workers in Michigan, with an average wage of \$1,102, had the highest average, those in New York ranked second with \$1,042, and those in Illinois third with \$1,029.

IS THERE A LOAFER IN YOUR HEN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—M. Sullivan trading as More Egg Company, Philadelphia, Pa., will cease advertising that use of his product "More Egg Tonic" will enable one to "keep hens laying all winter" or double egg production or that it "makes layers out of loafers," according to a stipulation entered into with the F.T.C. to discontinue misleading representations.

Yankee students gulped goldfish surrounding small countries.

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East Durham Good Report In Am. Federationist

EAST DURHAM.—Both tobacco workers' unions pay sick benefits to their members. The machinists union has signed a closed shop agreement with the Wrights Machine Shop reducing their hours from 50 to 40 a week with the pay to remain the same. Among the colored tobacco workers employment is decreasing. The Durham Central Labor Union is sponsoring the annual Merchants and Manufacturers Parade of Progress. We will receive something like 20 per cent of the gross receipts which should give us from \$800 to \$1,000.—W. M. Barbee, in American Federationist for May.

THERE IT STARTED

Joe: "So you and those neighbors are not on speaking terms any more?"
Bill: "No. All diplomatic relations have been suspended."
Joe: "How did that come about?"
Bill: "He sent me a box of axle grease and told me to use some on my lawnmower when I started at 6 o'clock in the morning."
Joe: "What then?"
Bill: "Then I sent it back and told him to use some of it on his daughter's voice when she sings at 11 o'clock at night."

ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES IN BAKING INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Speaking recently on the organizing activities of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America, Mr. A. A. Myrup, International Secretary-Treasurer, said, "our organization attempts to secure decent working conditions; it wants to provide for the workers in the baking and confectionery industry, male and female, the means needed to lead the life of a human being."

SENSITIVE

A tramp was sleeping behind the bunker of a golf course when the club secretary, prowling around, kicked him none too gently and ordered him to clear out.
"And who are you?" demanded the tramp.
"I'm secretary of the club," said the official.
"Well," replied the tramp, "that's no way to get new members."

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