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"JOHNNY" GREEN

That which was mortal of Buford L. Green was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery Monday afternoon, but the spiritual side of his life will linger on as a brilliant experience of friends and loved ones. "Johnny" Green, as he was familiarly known to his fellow workers on The Charlotte Observer, died Saturday night, suffering from the effects of a stroke. He was a true Christian; he was in character the man every man could exemplify and feel secure in the thought that when life's work is o'er he had an abiding place with the Angels in God's House. The trials and tribulations of printers and journalists, sometimes put them to trying tests, but "Johnny" Green was adept at casting discord aside. His material problems, and those problems encountered throughout his inventive career were solved quietly and thoroughly.

Mr. Green was the inventor of the Semigraph typesetting machine which was put on display several years ago in Charlotte, New York, Asheville and other American cities. On this canny mechanism he had labored for perhaps a quarter century. Mr. Green was a Linotype operator and also a skilled machinist on these machines.

Several years ago Mr. Green suffered a heart ailment and had to discontinue working upon his machine, but he had hoped to be able to further perfect it when his health had sufficiently improved. To his associates this experience alone seems sad, but if his life is to be taken as a model for friends to use we know he would not want to see us holding sad memories due to his misfortune.

The Labor Journal extends deep condolence to Mr. Green's family, to his friends, and to his brother members of Charlotte Typographical Union.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS

North Carolina leads the country in the amount of goods given for overseas relief through Church World Service in the first half of 1947. Exactly 510,000 pounds of clothing, shoes, bedding and other vital supplies have been contributed by North Carolina people for the relief of need abroad since January 1, 1947. North Carolina also holds the lead in the per capita giving of its citizens. Individually, North Carolinians have given more than the people of any other state.

Results of the State-wide drive for relief clothing in Tarheelia continue to flow into the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland. Weekly, towns and cities all over the State add tons of goods to their record of giving. The week of June 22, 51,000 pounds of clothing, shoes, bedding and other relief supplies were received at the Center.

On a tour of the New Windsor Center recently, Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, watched the processing of clothing which is carried on at a rate of 180 one-hundred-pound bales a day. Mr. Arnold declared that the packing and shipment of clothing through New Windsor was being done with efficiency and speed.

The successful North Carolina drive, which was headed up by Rev. Henry G. Ruark of the University Methodist Church, Durham, has inspired other states throughout the nation to launch similar campaigns for relief supplies. These are to be held during the coming winter and next spring.

The need for clothing throughout this fall and winter will be intense, according to relief workers in Europe. The clothing shortage has reached a crisis as, with factories destroyed or without raw materials, homes burned and bombed with all surplus clothing in them, and with continual hard wear and inadequate cleansing, the few clothes people had are worn to rags. The only supply of clothing to which these people can turn is the surplus of American homes.

Adding to the contribution already being made, Mr. Arnold has announced that initial plans are now being made for community-wide collections of relief materials throughout North Carolina next spring and winter. By then, thousands of destitute people will have received help through the generosity of North Carolina people this year. North Carolina has led the nation as the first to undertake State-wide drive for Church World Service.

UNIONS URGED TO FORM COOPERATIVES

The American Federation of Labor called upon its members to establish co-operative stores, credit unions, and factories as the only effective means of reducing prices.

Citing the need for lower prices and increased purchasing power for workers to maintain "full production" and "full employment," the AFL's Labor's Monthly Survey declared, "By organizing as consumers in co-operatives we can mobilize our buying power to achieve these goals."

The AFL report said, "We cannot afford to wait. Almost every AFL member spends at least \$800 a year on living necessities. These dollars, spent in co-operative stores, will fight for fair prices and good quality. Our 7,500,000 members, buying in consumer co-operatives and saving in credit unions, can be an immense power for good."

"The AFL has repeatedly said that the forces of competition would reduce prices when enough goods are produced to meet the demand," the Survey said. "But today many factories are cutting production while prices hold at high levels."

"This year's experience has proved, beyond a doubt, that talk alone will not bring prices down. There has been no significant decline in the general level of either industrial or consumer prices this year."



AFL 1947 Convention Calendar

(Following is a list of conventions scheduled for this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. This list is not complete. Additional will be announced later.)

July 14—Washington State Federation of Labor—Seattle.

July 4—Int. Assn. of Protective Retail Clerks—San Francisco.

July 14—Bro. Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen—San Francisco.

July 21—International Union Stove Mounters—Kalamazoo.

July 21—Int. Stereotypers and Electrotypers—Montreal, Can.

July 28—Railroad Yardmasters of America—Portland, Oregon.

*Aug.—Nevada State Federation of Labor—Ely.

Aug. 4—California State Federation of Labor—San Diego.

Aug. 5—Iowa State Federation of Labor—Keokuk.

Aug. 11—North Carolina State Federation of Labor—Wilmington.

Aug. 11—United Garment Workers of America—Oshkosh, Wis.

Aug. 11—Int. Bro. Teamsters, Chauffeurs—San Francisco.

Aug. 16—International Typographical Union—Cleveland, Ohio.

Aug. 18—International Photo Engravers Union—Chicago, Ill.

Aug. 18—Wisconsin State Federation of Labor—Green Bay.

Aug. 18—Utah State Federation of Labor—Provo.

Sept. 8—Amal. Ass'n Street and Electric Ry.—Los Angeles.

Sept. 8—International Chemical Workers—Washington, D. C.

Sept. 8—Nebraska State Federation of Labor—Hastings.

Sept. 8—Kentucky State Federation of Labor—Bowling Green.

Sept. 9—Connecticut State Fed-

eration of Labor—Undecided.

Sept. 9—United Ass'n Plumbers and Steamfitters—Undecided.

Oct. 6—International Asbestos Workers—Undecided.

Oct. 20—Commercial Telegraphers Union—Los Angeles.

Nov. 17—International Automobile Workers—Milwaukee.

Dec. 6—International Bill Posters—Chicago.

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