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AFL ENDORSES MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN

PRIZES TOTALING MORE THAN \$15,000 WILL BE AWARDED BY LOCAL FIRMS

J. P. White Honored At Typographical Banquet Buick Roadmaster Sedan Tops Gifts

Given Emblem For 50-Year Printers' ITU Membership

John P. White, for fifty years an active member of the International Typographical Union, was honored at a banquet by Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338 on January 9 at the Ship-Ahoy Restaurant, at which time the honor guest was presented with a 50-year membership button and a handsome gold watch and chain. The button came as a fitting reward from the International Typographical Union and the watch and chain were the gifts from members of the Charlotte local who have been associated with Mr. White for the past 23 years. Mr. White is production manager of The Charlotte Observer.

The occasion had been in the making for several weeks, and the committee on arrangements, headed by President J. T. Primm of the local union, provided an excellent program for the occasion. President Randolph of the International Union was an invited guest, but at the last moment, due to illness, he wired that he could not be present. Guy L. Billingsley, a trustee of the ITU Union Printers Home, from Washington, D. C., dropped all assignments and accepted the committee's invitation to be present and deliver the main address, followed by presentation of the 50-year emblem and other gifts to Mr. White. Mr. Randolph was present at similar exercises 10 years ago when Mr. White and James M. Felmet, deceased, were awarded the 40-year buttons for continuous ITU membership.

The banquet was opened with the invocation by Rev. James Garth and President Primm then introduced Roy Cashwell as the toastmaster for the occasion, who in turn introduced His Honor, Mayor Herbert H. Baxter. Brother Cashwell, at the outset, demonstrated that he is no novice as a toastmaster, and added spice to the ceremony with his natural wit. The Charlotte publishers and the proprietors of local union printing establishments were special guests for the occasion.

P. H. Batte, general manager of The Observer, read a telegram from Curtis B. Johnson, Observer publisher, congratulating Mr. White for his "fidelity and efficiency." T. L. Robinson, publisher of The Charlotte News, and J. E. Dowd, vice-president and general manager of The News, lauded his "friendly interest in the newspapers and the union."

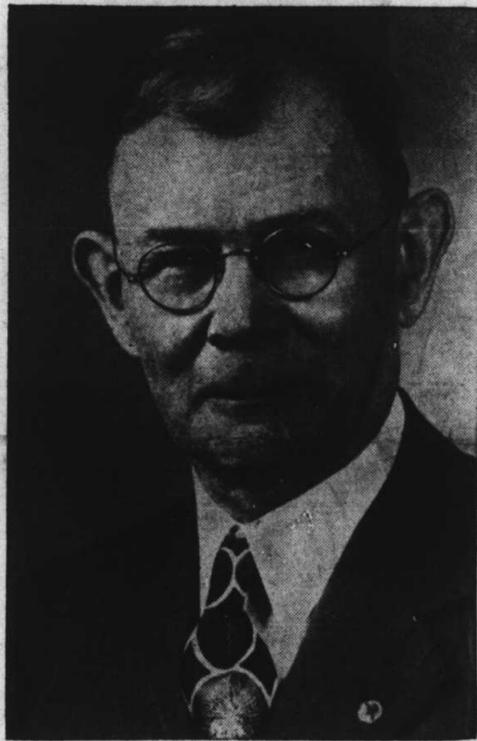
Others who added tributes included Everett Bierman, assistant manager of The Observer; Mayor H. H. Baxter, O. N. Burgess, secretary-treasurer of the Virginia-Carolina Typographical Conference; Ernie Hathaway of Richmond, Va., vice president of this tri-state conference; Jord H. Jordan, president of Herald Press, Inc.; Henry A. Stalls, publisher of The Charlotte Labor Journal, and William Witter, its former publisher; City Councilman Claude L. Albea, who is past president of Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338, now president of Charlotte Central Labor Union; Byron Luna, proprietor of Carolina Linotyping Co.; Mrs. Byron Luna, president of the auxiliary of Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338; Mrs. Hugh M. Sykes, past president of the auxiliary; and Gus Travis, Observer columnist.

Mr. White, visibly moved by the speeches, spoke briefly. "I have tried to practice the Golden Rule in its entirety, without any reservation," he said.

"My experiences in the past have had me in many cracks, and I have always managed to get out, but gentlemen, this is one time I have not words to express my gratitude for the beautiful tribute you have paid me, other than to say I thank you from the bottom of my heart." The "better half" who shares this honor with me and who has traveled along the road with me all these years also thanks you," Mr. White said.

Mrs. Hugh M. Sykes was in charge of the musical program and she and her quartet led in songs which were fitting and beautiful for the occasion. About 200 people attended the banquet.

Gus Travis, Charlotte Observer humorist and philosopher, was an invited guest and gave a special humorous after-dinner speech which kept the audience in an uproar.



JOHN P. WHITE

Honor guest at Charlotte Typographical Union banquet, January 9 at Ship-Ahoy Restaurant. He is production manager of The Charlotte Observer and a City Councilman. Mr. White received an emblem from the International Typographical Union during the ceremony.

Green Urges Labor To Do Its Utmost

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has fully endorsed the plea of Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, for a record-breaking 1949 March of Dimes campaign.

In a letter to Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Green urged "every member of unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor to give his utmost support to this splendid cause." The labor leader recalled that "stricken children of many members of the American Federation of Labor again have been helped along the road to recovery through chapters of the National Foundation."

This pledged support by labor of the 1949 March of Dimes came after Mr. O'Connor revealed that the cost of aid and treatment alone of victims in the 1948 epidemics—upwards of 27,000 children and adults were stricken in this worst polio year in more than three decades—will exceed \$17,000,000. This cost will continue high in 1949 since treatment in a great number of cases must continue through many months, and in some instances for years.

In his letter, Mr. Green pointed out that labor "this year is deeply conscious of the ravages infantile paralysis has caused throughout the nation." Mr. Green asked Federation members to keep in mind "the services rendered by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in meeting the widespread epidemics" which raged with particular fury in Texas, North Carolina, and more than a dozen other states.

To carry on its fight against polio through research and education, to continue its important work of aid and treatment and to arm against next Summer's expected epidemics, the National Foundation has asked every one to give at least 50 per cent more during the 1949 March of Dimes campaign, January 14-31.



William Green
President of AFL calls on all members to give to utmost in March of Dimes Campaign, January 14-31. Read his statement to National Chairman elsewhere on this page.



J. T. Primm
Brother Primm, president of Charlotte Typographical Union, deserves much praise for the excellent work he and his committee did in arranging for the ceremony in which John P. White was awarded a 50-year emblem Sunday, January 9 at the Ship-Ahoy.

State Mediation Efforts Increased During Past Year

Allbany, N. Y.—The 1,364 mediation cases disposed of by the New York State Board of Mediation during the first 10 months of 1948 represent a 61 per cent increase over the number closed during the corresponding period of 1947, the State Labor Department reported. More than 200,000 workers were involved in the case load.

Two-thirds of the total, 960 cases, were closed following joint mediation conferences or indirect mediation activity. Of 702 cases which were potential stoppages at the time of intervention, only 70 developed into stoppages. In 100 other cases stoppages existed at the time of intervention. Agreements to arbitrate in the event of failure of mediation existed in 158 cases.

The Charlotte and Mecklenburg County March of Dimes committee has about completed plans for launching the 1949 campaign January 14, through January 31st, according to Bill Parker, campaign chairman. Headquarters have been established at 127 East Fourth Street where the final details for the 1949 drive are being perfected. Mecklenburg's quota is \$100,000.

A large list of gifts, donations of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county firms and individuals, is on file at the headquarters office and these gifts will be awarded to the winning contributors when the campaign comes to a close. Topping the list will be a four-door Buick Custom Roadmaster Sedan, which will be awarded the contributor who submits the lucky line to complete the jingle, which accompanies this article. Altogether more than \$15,000 in prizes are to be given away by the donors. An impartial list of judges has been selected to select the contest winners.

Anyone is eligible to compete. All he or she needs to do is add the last line of the four-line jingle, the first three lines of which appear in the accompanying entry blank. The line contributed may rhyme with any of the other three, officials of the contest announced.

The entry then must be accompanied by a contribution to the \$100,000 March of Dimes quota.

All entries should be mailed to March of Dimes Headquarters, 127 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, N. C.

The prizes offered in the jingle contest are:

First—1949 new Buick Sedan, valued at over \$3,000.

Second—Complete Basic American Central Kitchen, installed, donated by A. K. Sutton, Inc.

Third—Complete Laundry Assembly, consisting of one deluxe Bendix washer; one deluxe Standard electric ironer; one deluxe dryer, gas or electric, together with another prize; one hydraulic Kaiser dish washer, all the gift of the Southern Appliance Company, and can be seen on display at Bridges Furniture store.

There are several other prizes. See the sample jingle at the bottom of this column, complete it and let your contribution be in dollars instead of dimes.

The following are the county workers who are assisting County Chairman Mrs. Ralph Miller:

Mrs. Joe Craig, Oakhurst; Hugo Sapp, Davidson; Mrs. Lee Kearns, Long Creek; Berdette King, Hickory Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Byrum Faires, Robinson; Mrs. A. B. Connell, Arlington and Clear Creek; Mrs. Carl McEwen, Mint Hill; Mrs. Lucille Thompson, Mint Hill; Miss Gladys Warnock, Huntersville and Mrs. R. H. Atwell, Cornelius.

Fill in the coupon below, accompany it with your contribution and then send it to the March of Dimes Headquarters right away. You may receive a prize that you will be able to use for a lifetime and at the same time your contribution will play its full share in raising the \$100,000 quota to be used in fighting the dreaded polio during the coming year.

Perhaps there are many people who do not know that there are many polio victims of the 1948 epidemic who are in the hospitals here and throughout the State. The local and national funds were exhausted in providing medical attention for the stricken ones by last fall, and the National Foundation has assigned larger quotas to North Carolina counties this year than ever before because of the great number of polio cases in this State. Your dollars and dimes will certainly be used to aid these victims who remain to be cared for and also others who may be attacked by the disease will require the same careful attention.

Turn your dimes into dollars and march forward doing your part to aid these unfortunate ones!

COMPLETE THE JINGLE AND HELP FIGHT POLIO

Complete this jingle, enclose your contribution and mail to March of Dimes Headquarters, 127 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, N. C.

My contribution is in dollars this time
Instead of the usual dime;
To help polio harder than ever

Because _____

PREPARED BY _____

Address _____