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Were it not for the labor press the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure a labor paper is a traitor to the cause.
—AFL President Gompers.

LAGGING CAMPAIGN RATHER DISCOURAGING

Unless Mecklenburg county's March of Dimes campaign picks up considerable momentum during the remaining days of the drive this county will not have raised its \$100,000 quota by January 31. If the splendid workers back of the drive were to accept this lack of giving in a pessimistic vein perhaps they would lay down and let the drive end up tallying a huge shortage. But knowing many of the persons connected with the local March of Dimes Staff so well The Labor Journal predicts that this lack of interest will not slow them down one iota in their efforts to raise the county's allotted quota.

Now that we are confident the committee and its workers are out doing their utmost to aid the unfortunate victims of last year's polio epidemic, as well as those who may become victims in the future, by assisting in the raising of funds to be used in caring for the unfortunates, every able man and woman in the county should join in on this Community Campaign and do his or her part to assist every way possible. Who knows when this dread disease may strike, and whom and where?

Caring for Polio victims is an expensive ordeal. Those whom we have in our hospitals at the present time require about \$5,000 per month to maintain them where they may receive the proper treatment. The treatment is of too long duration in most cases, and also too expensive, for the average individual working for a living to afford, but it must be maintained for all alike. Therefore everyone is asked to contribute his full share in order that the lives of children may be saved, and their little limbs and bodies ministered unto.

Men and women of Mecklenburg, rise to the great need of the hour! Demonstrate a greater and more loving community spirit! Give to this very worthy cause until it hurts.

GOMPERS ON RUSSIA (27 Years Ago)

"In Soviet Russia the Bolsheviks are using many words with a new meaning. It has been shown how they sometimes employ the word 'democracy' to mean the reverse of what all civilized peoples and all the labor movements of the world have hitherto meant by the word. So also, after abolishing all the rights of labor and labor organizations and of co-operatives, the Bolsheviks, nevertheless, continue to apply the terms 'trade unions' and 'co-operatives' to the empty shells that remain."

Commodities are designated by brand names and human beings are distinguished by Union Labels!

Top North Carolina 4-H'ers Win Special Recognition

SUPERIOR records in 1948 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts, Dairy Production, Frozen Foods, Field Crops and Soil Conservation programs won five North Carolina club members special recognition. The winners and brief outlines of their records follow:



Warren Mallard H. A. Scott, Jr. Chellie Parrish Paul M. Wagoner James Wright Jackson

Promoting recreational and handicraft work has brought State recognition to Warren Mallard, 17, of Trenton. His record will be judged to determine the eight national winners in the 1948 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program.

Objectives of the program are to assist 4-H members in developing cultural and recreational opportunities in their homes and communities; help 4-H members develop a higher appreciation of rural arts; make 4-H programs more attractive and self-satisfying and teach members to lead recreational activities. Each of the counties having an outstanding recreational program received a \$25.00 cash award, provided by United States Rubber Company.

H. A. Scott, Jr., 17, of Haw River, was the top State winner whose record was considered for sectional and national honors in the National 4-H Dairy Production awards program. During 7 years in club work, Henry completed four dairy projects, he has developed dairy cattle, entered judging and showmanship contests and given many dairy demonstrations. He serves his club as president. As a recognition of his achievements in dairy production, Henry was awarded a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond, provided by Kraft Foods Company.

Learning to freeze foods that make for a tastier, healthier diet has won State 4-H honors for Chellie Parrish, 18, of Benson. Chellie learned much about selecting and processing foods for storing in her home and community freezer by taking part in the 1948 National 4-H Frozen Foods program. She prepared and stored 1,946 pounds of meat and poultry, 193 quarts of fruits and vegetables. She has served her club as reporter and junior leader. She has completed 25 projects during

six years of club work, of which two were in frozen foods. For these 4-H achievements International Harvester has provided Chellie with a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond.

An outstanding youthful farmer, Paul M. Wagoner, 16, of Gibsonville, has won State honors in the National 4-H Field Crops awards program. Paul planted and tended 2 acres of oats, 1 1/2 acres of corn, 1 3/10 acres of wheat, and one of barley this year, and learned much about seed bed preparation, use of fertilizers and approved cultivating and harvesting methods. During seven years in 4-H he completed 20 projects, including five in field crops; made 18 4-H speeches at club, community and school meetings and over the radio; wrote 19 news stories on 4-H tours, camp and special events. He has served his local club as president and vice-president, and his county club as secretary. In recognition of his achievements, International Harvester Co. provided Paul with a National 4-H Club Congress all-expense trip award.

James Wright Jackson, 17, of Godwin, has been named sectional winner as a result of his outstanding achievements in the 1948 National 4-H Soil Conservation program. James planted 3,000 Loblolly pines; seeded three acres of crimson clover for fall grazing, three acres of rye as winter cover for tobacco, and two acres of permanent pasture; and put into practice many other soil saving and building operations. A six-year 4-H'er, James has served his local club as president, leader and vice-president; and his county organization as president and secretary. In recognition of his 4-H achievements, he has been awarded an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, provided by Firestone.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.



TURN YOUR MARCH OF DIMES INTO A MARCH OF DOLLARS—HELP COMBAT THE DREADED POLIO!

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.

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1. Don't attend meetings.
2. If you go, go late.
3. If the weather isn't pleasant, stay home.
4. Don't accept any office; it's easier to criticize.
5. Never approve anything your officers or committees do.
6. Don't pay your dues until you have to.
7. Don't bother recruiting new members.
8. Insist on official notices being sent you, but don't pay any attention to them when you get them.
9. Don't waste any courtesy at a meeting. It's up to your officers to take it.
10. When you don't like what's going on say so, but under no circumstances offer any constructive suggestions.
11. Devote most of your time talking; let someone else do the work.
12. If elected a delegate to a higher body or convention, don't bother about attending meetings.
13. Then you can report when you get home that the organization is in the hands of a political gang and that there is no use trying to do anything about it.
14. Look for hidden motives; don't credit brother or sister members with any ideals.
15. Don't co-operate with any officer or committee; make them co-operate with you.
16. Remember that you know more than anyone else about everything. If they don't agree with you, they're wrong.

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