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### Post Office Clerks Launch All Out Drive For Large Increases In State Membership

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Federation of Post Office Clerks, while meeting in conjunction with the late Autumn meeting of the Federation in Gastonia on December 4th, formulated extensive plans for an allout membership drive during the remaining months before the next state convention which is presently scheduled to convene in Charlotte during the second or third week of

All members of the Committee were present for the session and locals which can bear the exstate President Jack Garner an- pense of sending a delegate dinounced that with the beginning rect. campaign on January 15, the fig- Federation are held bi-annually ure at which to aim would be and the 1950 convention is sched-

drafting plans for the campaign.

A state membership of 1200 was reported at the 29th convention of the state organization which convened in Asheville on June 10 and the aim of a 300 member increase was considered by the Committee to be well within a reasonable estimate.

Around 2.000 post office clerks are employed in post offices of · the first three classes within North Carolina and of these, approximately 1,800 are members of the National Federation. Heretofore the principal membership of the state organization has National and state Federations. been composed of clerks employed in the larger offices throughout the state and increased effort is to be made to interest clerks in the smaller offices to affiliate their locals with the state organi-

Membership in the State organization, it was pointed out, en- been instructed to inform the Lotitles members of the smaller of-1 cals and members-at-large within receive no such direct repreresen- regarding their membership in tation except through state af- advance.-Dec., Tar Heel Fed.

filiation as there are few of such

of the annual Bring-A-Brother Conventions of the National 1500 mention in the state Feder- uled tasks held in Cleveland, Ohio, ation. Franklin F. Overman, National dent Garner and other members State Representative, was also of the Executive Committee as present at the meeting and as- well as the National State Repsited the state President and other members of the Committee in President are anxious that all eligible for membership in the National Federation will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the State Federation in regards to national convention representation.

The state President and members of the Committee agreed that every post office of the first three classes through North Carolina would be personally visited during the Bring-A-Brother campaign by one of the state Federation officers and every post office clerk will have an opportunity to affiliate himself with both the

The National per capita tax is \$5.40 per year and annual membership in the state Federation is \$2.00 per year which comes to a total of \$7.40 per year for membership in both the state and national organizations.

The State Vice-Presidents have fices to have representation at their territories as to the time National conventions of the Na- at which they plan to make their tional Federation. In most in- personal visits in order that such stances, such offices and members members may make arrangements

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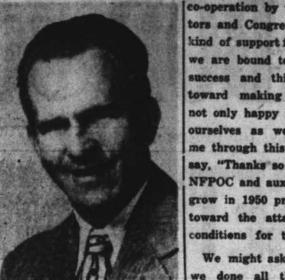
**Vice-President** 

Heel Fed arrives another year responsible for our part of the Time who has his own way of No. 375 will do a splendid job taking care of the months and with their part of it. Each local years because here we are be- and member at large must reginning another year. A year spond by planning to send delewhich will bring us our National gates or attending themselves. and State Conventions.

The State Convention will be to represent you.

coming conventions belong to Before another issue of the Tar every member, so we must all be be ushered out by Father work. We are certain that Local Send your full quota of delegates

held in the beautiful city of Char- Your convention or delegate lotte N. C. We are looking for- fund should have been started. ward to a grand time. First of If not, plan some way to send we offer congratulations to your delegates. No local can af-No. 375 and Auxiliary of ford to not be represented as it be who will be our hosts is going to be an extremely inter-June, and pledge to them our esting convention. Pay your State and assistance with dues now and take an active part responsibility. There are in your Federation. These dele-



MR. CURTIS

gates you send are the Legislative body of our organization.

A new year of greater opportunities is before us. How successful a year it will be depends to represent you.

made remarkable progress in both complishments.

co-operation by writing our Senators and Congressmen. With this kind of support from our Auxiliary, we are bound to meet with some success and this will contribute toward making the whole year. ourselves as well. Please allow me through this medium to again say, "Thanks so much." May the NFPOC and auxiliary prosper and grow in 1950 progressing steadily The federation selected the week toward the attainment of better of October 9, 1950, for the annual conditions for those who toil.

We might ask ourselves, "Have we done all that we could to further the interest of our Federation." "Have we been fair and gracious toward one another?" by the Puritans. The book was What are we going to do about entitled "Bay Song Book." 1950? Why don't we resolve:

To never overlook a prospective member; to do our share toward on each officer and member. We increasing the membership. To must have full team work, devo- forget the mistakes of the past tion to the cause for which we are and press on to greater achieveorganized, and willingness to give ments for the future. To stand some of our time by attending loyally behind and co-operate meetings regularly, co-operating with your officers during the comfully with the officers you elected ing year, so that 1950 will be our "Banner Year" for increased During the past year we have membership and constructive ac-

membership increases and legisla- Special wishes for a Happy tion. Our Auxiliary women helped New Year to our great publicawin our victory. They demon- tion, its Editor and those who strated their influence and willing toil with him.-Dec., Tar Heel Fed.

#### California LLPE Sets Spring Meet

San Francisco.-The California State Federation of Labor has called a state convention of California's Labor's League for Politinot only happy for others but for cal Education immediately after March 29, closing date of the primary filing period.

Each local, council and labor league affiliate will be entitled to one delegate.

convention to be held in Santa Barbara.

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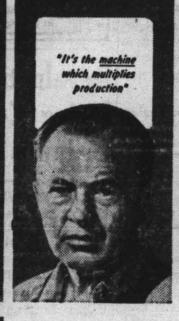
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