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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 on each officer and member. We must have full team work, devotion to the cause for which we are organized, and willingness to give some of our time by attending meetings regularly, co-operating fully with the officers you elected to represent you.

During the past year we have made remarkable progress in both membership increases and legislation. Our Auxiliary women helped win our victory. They demonstrated their influence and willing

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 not only happy for others but for ourselves as well. Please allow me through this medium to again say, "Thanks so much." May the NFOC and auxiliary prosper and grow in 1950 progressing steadily toward the attainment of better 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?" What are we going to do about 1950? Why don't we resolve:

To never overlook a prospective member; to do our share toward increasing the membership. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements for the future. To stand loyally behind and co-operate with your officers during the coming year, so that 1950 will be our "Banner Year" for increased membership and constructive accomplishments.

Special wishes for a Happy New Year to our great publication, its Editor and those who 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 Political 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.

The federation selected the week of October 9, 1950, for the annual convention to be held in Santa Barbara.

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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 all-out 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 June.

All members of the Committee were present for the session and state President Jack Garner announced that with the beginning of the annual Bring-A-Brother campaign on January 15, the figure at which to aim would be 1600 members in the state Federation.

Franklin F. Overman, National State Representative, was also present at the meeting and assisted the state President and other members of the Committee in 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 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 organization.

Membership in the State organization, it was pointed out, entitles members of the smaller offices to have representation at National conventions of the National Federation. In most instances, such offices and members receive no such direct representation except through state affiliation as there are few of such locals which can bear the expense of sending a delegate direct.

Conventions of the National Federation are held bi-annually and the 1950 convention is scheduled to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, during the late Summer. President Garner and other members of the Executive Committee as well as the National State Representative and the National Vice President are anxious that all members across the state who are 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 National and state Federations.

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 been instructed to inform the Locals and members-at-large within their territories as to the time at which they plan to make their personal visits in order that such members may make arrangements regarding their membership in advance.—Dec., Tar Heel Fed.

PITCH-N-TAR

By STANLEY G. CURTIS, Vice-President
Before another issue of the Tar Heel Fed arrives another year will be ushered out by Father Time who has his own way of taking care of the months and years because here we are beginning another year. A year which will bring us our National and State Conventions.
The State Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Charlotte, N. C. We are looking forward to a grand time. First of all we offer congratulations to Local No. 375 and Auxiliary of Charlotte who will be our hosts in June, and pledge to them our co-operation and assistance with this big responsibility. There are

many plans to be made. These coming conventions belong to every member, so we must all be responsible for our part of the work. We are certain that Local No. 375 will do a splendid job with their part of it. Each local and member at large must respond by planning to send delegates or attending themselves. Send your full quota of delegates to represent you.
Your convention or delegate fund should have been started. If not, plan some way to send your delegates. No local can afford to not be represented as it is going to be an extremely interesting convention. Pay your State dues now and take an active part in your Federation. These dele-

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"Above everything it's reward for individual initiative and enterprise"

"It's our right to choose the work we like"

"It's the machine which multiplies production"

"More than machines it's our philosophy of more goods of better quality at lower costs plus higher wages"

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