



The 1950 poster for use in connection with the drive to employ more handicapped workers has been released by Vice Adm. Ross T. McIntire (MC), USN, Ret., Chairman of The President's Committee on National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. Prominently displayed on Post Office trucks and in store windows across the country, the poster emphasizes "ABILITY" as being all-important in considering workers for any given job. New York artist E. F. Wittmack drew this year's poster for "NEPH" Week-October 1-7.

## FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK

Beginning Monday and lasting for one week the Nation's business firms will observe National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. There are an estimated one million unemployed physically handicapped persons. veterans and non-veterars, who can be added to work-force, according to statistics compiled by the President's committee, working in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor. In August 1945, the 79th Congress authorized National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week and designated the first week in October for its annual observance. Since then, the idea of NEPH Week has developed into a year-round program. Today many private organizations and thousands of public-spirited organizations and thousands of public-spirited - individuals are co-operating with local, State, and Federal government agencies in organized and continuous effort for the reabilihtation, and employment of the physically handicapped. Much has been accomplished. Much remains to be done. Looming ahead for 1950-51 are:

## **Charlotte Banker Heads** Dimes Drive

Frank Phillips of Charlotte has accepted the state chairmanship of North Carolina's 1951 March of Dimes campaign, it was announced from State headquarters in Ghapel Hill last week. His appointment was made by Basil O'Connor of New York, president of the National Foundation. Mr. Phillips succeeds Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, retiring chairman of the annual fund-raising drive. Mrs. Phillips Russell will con-

tinue as director of organization with State headquarters at Chapel Hill.

In accepting the appointment, Chairman Phillips said: " Since 1934, the year of the

first President's Birthday ball, the people of North Carolina have generously supported the fight against infantile paralysis, contributing a net total of \$4,626,839. Of this amount, \$2.202,790 was forwarded to the national headquarters. However, since the outbreak of the 1944 polio epidemic in our State, the national headquarters of the foundation has advanced to our county chapters the sum of \$3,394,237. In other words, in spite of the splendid fund-raising drives . in the State, we still have received \$1,-191,447 more from the national headquarters than they have received from North Carolina.

"North Carolina has not yet been able to contribute one dime to the foundation's great program of research into the causes and prevention of infantile pa-ralysis. And it is to this re-



**Boost Union Label Bread** 

Left to right-Raymond F. Leheney, Mona Freeman, Paramount star, and Dan Conway, vice president, Bakers' International Union.

Raymond F. Leheney, secretary-treasurer, AFL Union Label Trades Department, presents Mona Freeman, Paramount star, with the first Union Label bread to be sold in Southern California. Proudly looking on is Dan Conway, vice president of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, who inaugurated the Union Label Campaign during Union Label Week.

Tobin Calls On U. S. Labor To The Billingsville school for Ne gro pupils will be enlarged. **Guard Against Spiraling Prices** 

Huston, Tex .- Inflation is the greatest danger facing American labor at home today, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told the 69th convention of the American Federation of Labor. He search program we all must lunk urged self-restraint against an

In the September 30 election, Charlotte and Mecklenburg voters are asked to approve the investment of \$5,-325,000 in city and county school 'improvements.

The money will be borrowed by the county government through the issuance of long-term bonds and repaid in annual installments.

Division of the bond fund on a basis approved by the city and county school boards will provide \$3,550,000 for. school improvements within the city system, and \$1,775,000 in the rural districts.

Neither board maintains that

these amounts are sufficient to problem is less acute, or will be finance a program covering all lo- less acute when the current building program is completed. Howcal school needs.

However, the proposed invest- ever, many of the present buildment represents the maximum ings are antiquated or in bad reamount which may be borrowed pair, entirely unsuited to a modat this time under debt limit re- ern instructional program, and strictions as interpreted by the lack facilities which are essential to the proper education of tocounty attorneys. day's children.

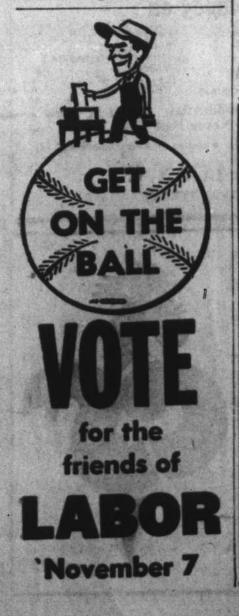
Hence the program as out-How much would it cost to lined is an emergency program. supply all the needed expansions? to meet critical school needs Estimates vary. On the basis which must be relieved now. of a detailed survey of the city With its \$3,500,000 share of the school system, school planning bond fund, the Charlotte school specialists of the Engelhardt firm commission hopes to build eight found present and developing new elementary schools, two ju- needs for a \$14,883,000 program. nior high schools, one senior high City school authorities figure that school, and to enlarge two exist- a bare minimum of \$9,000,000 ing units. must be invested in school ex-

In the northeast section, ele- pansions by 1955 to accommodate mentary schools will be built for present and future enrollment. white pupils in the Merry Oaks The county school studies are neighborood and in the Charlotte still short of the conclusion Country club area, and a junior stage, but it is anticipated that high school erected in Chantilly, several million dollars will be The Billingsville school for Ne- needed.

Will the bond issue now pro-In the northwest section funds posed relieve the present over-

will be invested in a new elemen- load in city schools? tary school for white pupils to Not entirely. On the basis of relieve Parks-Hutchison; and in \$1,000 a pupil for new space aca senior high school for Negroes in the Double Oaks neighborhood. commodations, city school officials would need at least \$4,000,000 to Improvements in Southeast Charlotte will include a new elementary school, white, in Sedge-field; and enlargements of the Myers Park High school. Myers Park High school.

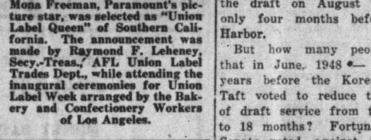
Objectives T. More organizations partici-



or the final prevention of polioto avoid the possibility of "drasmyelitis." Mr. Phillips is vice president trols." tic over-all price and wage con-

of the Commercial National Bank

of Charlotte. TAFT AND THE DRAFT Everybody knows Sen. Robert the draft on August 7, 1941- our belts."



pating in year-round pro-22-or by 3 to 1. 2. Better public understanding

Force. handicapped workers. 4. Improved methods of match-SOCIALISM? ing the worker and the job.

Note to the voters of Harry 5. Encouragement of retention and advancement of the hand- Byrd's Virginia: Your state received more than

6. Better understanding by the \$18.3 million in aid from the handicapped of services avail- Federal Government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949. able. Is that socialism? (Continued On Page 3)

**Red Feather Quiz** 

(Third in a series of questions answered by local labor

leaders which is a feature designed to enlighten the Meecklen-

burg Community concerning the Community Chest and its Red

Is there a local service which prevents and treats

A. L. Gunter, president of International Brother-

hood of Truckdrivers Local No. 71, stated, "Yes.

Services of the Mental Hygiene Clinic are aimed to

prevent the development of mental and emotional ill-

ness through education and early treatment, while

those already ill are treated by modern methods or

helped to get institutional care when it is necessary.

The care of mental patients is a costly burden to the

community, and the intense suffering, both for parents and families, can never be evaluated in terms of

money. This Red Feather Service appeals for public support through your Community Chest."

Mona Freeman, Paramount's pic-

grams.

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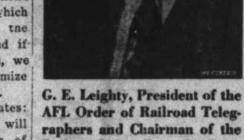
mental and emotional illness?

## Tobin told the delegates that the Government intends to "keep, the lid on the cost of living" but

that it is not yet clear "how far A. Taft (R., Ohio) voted against we will have to go in pulling in

only four months before Pearl "If wage increases which are negeotiated in the period ahead But how many people know can be confined to those which that in June, 1948 - just two are necessary to correct for the years before the Korean war- rise in the cost of living and if-Taft voted to reduce the period further increases are avoided, we of draft service from two years have some chance to minimize to 18 months? Fortunately, the controls." the Secretary said.

Senate voted against Taft and Tobin warned the delegates: for a strong selective service, 66- "The problems which you will have to face, as the leaders of Yet Taft has the nerve to say American labor during this peof the problem and the facts, he has always supported a riod, are not easy. The degree increased employment of strong Army, Navy and Air of self-restraint which the President has asked you to exercise is not going to be popular; it is (Continued On Page 4)



raphers and Chairman of the **Railway Labor Executives' As**sociation, is in charge of rail labor bills before Congress and cooperating generally on the labor union legislative front. ----

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G. E. LEIGHTY

## **Election Year 'Statesmanship'**



In the southwest, scheduled in the Camp Greene cinity of Revolution park. Two unit and the other a junior high school will be built in the York road area.

County school officials intend and for the remodeling and en-

ris Field, Steele Creek, Thomas- now in progress. The new values boro, Hoskins, Paw Creek, Ken- will be reflected on the tax books dall, Oakdale, West High School, after January 1, 1952. Cornelius, Derita, Nevin, Hun- Why not issue city government

and North High School. gram? Negro school improvements will be sponsored in Henderson Grove, Matthews, North Char- improvements in urban and rural lotte, Clear Creek, Pineville, Big areas is solely a responsibility of Pineville, Plato Price, McClintock, Paw Creek, Hoskins, Woodland,

Caldwel,1 Lytle's Road, Smithville, Rockwell, Huntersville, Long Creek, and Davidson. Here are some of the questions

which may be raised concerning the proposed bond issue: How serious is the need for

these improvements? It is critical. An enrollment increase of 3,630 pupils in Charlotte schools during the last five years, and an anticipated increase of 4,500 to 5,000 during the next five years, have combined to create a desperate situation and

a frightening prospect. Are the schools already overcrowded?

Yes. Existing classroom capacity in the city schools is 16,-000 pupils. Yet, about 20,000 pupils are enrolled.

How is this overload accommodated?

By the use of library space. auditoriums, a 'en storage room for classre through double sessions in some instances; an through other makeshift arrangements.

How about the county schools? In the rural areas the overload

ary Why not ask a vote now on schools for white children are the full amount required? County governing heads rule area, in Hoskins, and in the vi- that \$5,325,000 is the maximum

amount which can be borrowed Negro schools, one an elementary for school purposes under the present debt limitation.

Does this mean that the county is in bad financial shape?

Not at all. The debt limitato use their \$1,775,000 bond share tion is based on a percentage of in supplying the most pressing total property worth as listed for needs for new school buildings, tax purposes in 1950. It is common knowledge that the taxable largement of existing buildings, evalution of local properties is throughout the rural system. |less than one-third of their actual Improvement of white schools value. This holds the debt ceilis planned in the districts at ing to a low, unrealistic level. It Clear Creek, Bain, Matthews, is anticipated, however, that this Newell, Oakhurst, Hickory Grove, situation will be eliminated at the Sharon, Woodlawn, Pineville, conclusion of a county-wide, sci-East High School, Berryhill, Mor- entific reappraisal of properties

tersville, Long Creek, Davidson, bonds for the school building pro-

Under existing North Carolina laws, the financing of all school (Continued On Page 3)







