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WANTED--\$1,000 Right Away

Comrades, shall we drift this year or shall we steer straight for the Socialist Republic? Shall we fit out our Socialist Party craft, which is to take us there, with the best of equipment so that we may make the trip with speed, or shall we attempt the trip with a short crew, a leaking hull, and without compass?

It's for you to say, Locals of our party. Shall 1917 be a "work year" for all of us? Shall it be a year of "I don't care" or a year of "do and dare?"

The state office must have \$1,000. If the state office is to be of any good to the state party, \$1,000 is needed quick to begin the extremely necessary work of organization.

There are at least 30,000 Socialists in this state who are not dues paying members of our party. That's just 30,000 too many outside the fold. We want to plan a campaign that will land some thousands of these squarely into our dues paying ranks. And locals already organized must receive encouragement and help, so that they stay organized.

To do these things we must place state organizers in the field. To place state organizers in the field money is needed. Give the state office \$1,000 and we'll work wonders.

Local Cleveland says: "Here's \$50."

Local Cleveland no more than heard of the plan of the State Executive Committee to call for a \$1,000 Organization Fund, than it right up and says: "Here's a little start." Read this—

Dear Comrade State Secretary:

Here's a check for \$50.00, donated by the Central Committee of Local Cleveland, to head the state organization fund.

The members of Local Cleveland know that the movement in the state has gone downward,—not because of adverse condition, nor because it was impossible to keep it growing after the splendid start we had made,—but because no effort has been done. The members of Local Cleveland know this because the membership of Local Cleveland has never decreased during the past

ten years. We have kept on working no matter what the conditions we faced, and we have, as a result, kept on growing.

Our donation is made because we want to help build up in the state a big, militant, fighting organization, which will keep on growing until it sweeps capitalism out of existence. We hope that those locals which are able,—and every live local should be able to spare something for this work,—will make liberal donations, and that the \$1,000 fund will reach double that sum when it is all in.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. RUTHENBERG,
Secretary Local Cleveland.

A little start, did we say? No, it's a big start. It's one-twentieth of the whole amount asked for.

And now how about your local. ALL THAT WE ASK IS THAT YOU TAKE UP A HAT COLLECTION AT YOUR NEXT MEETING. Will you do it? And will some member of your local arise just before the collection is to be taken and say: "Comrades, let's be very generous this once. Let's not stick so close to a dollar that we lose sight of Socialism."

All right then. The state office is waiting to hear from you. All remittances will be acknowledged in next month's "Ohio Socialist." See to it that your local comes in under the wire with its share before February 10th. Send remittances to A. Wagenknecht, State Secretary, Socialist Party, 1291 Cook avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

The state secretary wishes to take this means of thanking Comrade O. G. Van Schoyck for his valuable assistance in giving information about the state work and in helping to move state office equipment to Cleveland.

We are workers in a mighty big cause. Let's act big. Let's do big things. Let's be magnanimous. Let's be generous. Come forward with the \$1,000! And another thousand after that!

A WHOLE YEAR--10c

The last state convention and the membership by referendum vote decided that this paper secure second class mailing privileges so that it may be mailed direct to the homes of the party members.

Second class mailing privileges have been applied for and will undoubtedly be secured, but even then we can not mail it direct to the homes of the party members unless these party members subscribe for it.

Has your local made an attempt to secure the subscriptions of its members? Have you, who are reading this, subscribed?

At only 10c a year every member who attends your next local meeting can certainly afford to take it. Yes, and at only ten cents a year your local can vote out of its treasury a sufficient sum to subscribe for every inactive member of your local, every member in arrears with dues.

For, depend upon it, this paper is going to be a monthly whistle which will be heard all over the state, calling the slaves of capitalism to give a little of their time to the quest for Socialism.

DANGER

No member admitted to the party in this state is constitutionally a party member unless he has affixed to his dues book for the month in which he joined an INITIATION STAMP.

These initiation stamps should be in the possession of every financial secretary. They cost 25c each and must be bought from the state office.

Locals and officers who disobey the state constitution in this regard are placing in jeopardy the entire party career of new members. Some day these new members will be nominated to fill some state office or will be elected to attend a state convention, and will be disqualified from serving because no initiation stamps appear in their dues books.

Do not endanger a new member's party standing or his future usefulness to our organization. Supply every new member with an initiation stamp when he or she joins the party.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE JOB

Unusual Amount of Work Accomplished at Its Recent Meeting The Pace Set for Intensified Activity

The start has been made. The State Executive Committee at its recent meeting decided, in discussion and action, to have the State Socialist movement "get a move on." A doubling of the activity of all Locals will reduce the time to reach our goal by years. The State Executive Committee calls upon the party membership to get into harness and strike two blows where but one was struck before. Locals should give their full and prompt attention to communications sent them by the State Office which pertain to the call for action launched by your State officers.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

State Executive Committee, December 30, 31

The meeting was called to order about 2 P. M., Dec. 30, by the state secretary and Comrade Chas. Baker was elected chairman for the session.

The committeemen present were Comrades George Bundy, E. L. Hitchens, Jas. J. White, Tom Clifford, Charles Baker, William Paterson. A letter was read from the only member absent, Scott Wilkins, informing the committee that he could not attend the meeting an account of illness. State secretary was instructed to acknowledge this communication and send regrets of the committee.

Report of State Secretary

COMRADES:—

In making this report permit me to place especial emphasis upon the need for intensified activity on the part of the state office thru its executive committee. Work must be planned that will renew interest in perfecting our state organization. We must survey the field of organization accomplishments and defects and remedy the latter where possible and encourage and commend the former. We must make plans which will strengthen our party and gain for it increased power.

The state locals and their memberships will increase their interest in the state organization to a considerable extent if the officers it has elected to take charge of the State work propose feasible plans for the upbuilding of the party—plans in which all who desire can take part, plans that have a definite object in view and which terminate successfully.

Keeping busy counts for a good deal. Activity is contagious. A live state office and live state officers can dispel much of the apathy

prevalent in so many state locals. Just as the best local movement is found where local members are constantly busy doing something for Socialism, so the best state movement can be found where locals are called upon to constantly lend their assistance to better the state organization.

As a beginning toward this building up movement, permit me to place before you the following outline of a campaign to reduce the immense number of party members in arrears with their dues in our state locals.

Outline of Campaign to "Make the Bad Ones Good."

The object of this campaign is to reduce the large number of delinquent members, reported to this office every month by the state locals.

The report of the average local shows nearly as many members in bad standing as are in good standing. The reports of quite a number of locals show many more members on the rolls who are in arrears with dues as there are paid up. The last report for the state total 3540 paid up and 5511 on the rolls.

How to get these delinquent members to pay their arrearages has been a problem which has been much thought and written about. Eventually we must conclude that there is but one way to do this and that is by putting on our Socialist working clothes and getting to work.

This plan then has nothing sensational about it. It is only a plan for work. It will, I think, educate those members now in bad standing to the necessity for regular and prompt dues payments. It will show them that they are retarding the Revolution by their negligence in this matter.

It will also prove to the locals that an effort in any direction that is well planned and concerted will

bring expected results. And just as important is this, that it will give our state locals to understand that the state office is ready and anxious to serve them in all ways within its power.

The plan is this:

1 To issue a call to all state locals inviting them to enter this campaign, and requesting that they send the names and addresses of all bad standing members to the state office.

2 To write and have printed a series of four communications, the first to be a card mailed delinquents by local officers; the second to be a letter mailed the delinquents by the state office; the third to be a card mailed delinquents by local officers; the fourth to be a letter mailed delinquents by the state office. These mailings should take place a week apart.

3 To have all locals taking part in this campaign call a special meeting upon a date immediately following the last mailing, the only purpose of this meeting to be the division of the bad standing members among the good standing members, giving every comrade attending this meeting the duty of collecting back dues from at least one delinquent before the next local meeting. Those delinquent, more than a year in arrears and unable to pay up, should be induced to rejoin.

4 Have every member who was commissioned to see a delinquent make a report at the next regular local meeting. Have locals send a report of the success of the campaign to the state office. Have the local elect a regular dues collecting committee, to which committee the financial secretary should give a list of bad standing members every month, which members it would be the duty of this committee to visit every month.

A party member should never be allowed to be in arrears with his dues more than one month. Just as soon as he owes a month he should be written to. Right after he is written to he should be visited by the dues collecting committee. If we can get the local financial secretaries, the local organizers, and the dues collecting committees to do their duty in this respect, then our state organization will show an efficiency such as is needed if we are ever to win against capitalism.

As I said, this plan is but a plan for work. We must work, we must induce others to work, we must secure the help of every Socialist whether that help is much or only

the little that comes with the regular payment of dues.

State Organization Finances

At the first of the month, when I took office, the bank balance amounted to \$153.50. There was owing the state office at that time about \$44.00 by several state locals. The state office still owes \$45.45 to Comrade Clifford, the deficit incurred upon his lecture tour as candidate for governor.

Up to now the executive committee has probably never seen the advisability of keeping separate all the permanent funds. For instance, there should now be in the Convention Mileage Fund a total of \$63.51; in the Organization Fund a total of \$43.37. If we further deduct the amount which should go to the State Committee Meeting Fund and the 20 cents from each individual stamp sold for an Organization and Propaganda Fund, the General Fund would suffer a woeful deficit.

The question is, how can the income of the state office be adjusted so that there shall be always enough money in the General Fund for routine expenses and yet not deplete the other necessary funds. Up to now all balances have been reported without separating them into their respective funds. I suggest that hereafter we at least report the amounts in the Convention Mileage Fund, and in the Organization Fund, the latter for which one cent per stamp was set aside at the last convention. Constitutionally we should, of course, separate all special funds from the general fund, but it may be best at this time to wait and watch the monthly condition of the General Fund with only these two funds eliminated, and probably by the time the next state convention meets constitutional amendments can be proposed which will adjust these funds so that each will contain the money necessary for its purpose.

Organization and Propaganda

A state organizer should be placed in the field just as soon as the state executive committee thinks finances will permit. The amount of work there is to do in the organization field is impossible to imagine by anyone except a state secretary, and he does not have to imagine—he knows.

To assist locals in their desire to do something for the cause by giving them the services of a state organizer at stated periods is another way of creating activity and strengthening the party member-

ship. Locals must be shown how to do propaganda work, how to hold entertainments and debates, how to conduct their business meetings, how to keep accounts. And as more locals become proficient in these matters, more members will join and less will drop out.

In this connection what does the committee think about calling for a fund to be used to buy an automobile for the state organizer. To me there seems to be excellent opportunities in such a move, and I think the fund could be easily secured if the comrades were told how useful an automobile would be to an organizer.

As to propaganda. As soon as weather permits there should be toured in the state no less than three good lecturers, who will hold outdoor or hall meetings, as occasion warrants. These lecturers should have subjects which constitute a consecutive course study in Socialism. They should be toured about a month apart and should try to reach every local in the state. Such a tour should pay for itself and will if well advertised.

Office Equipment

The office equipment of our state party consists of six chairs, two dilapidated desk chairs, two ordinary kitchen tables, an antiquated book-case and a good typewriter. The desk which the Columbus office contained was so old that it was coming apart at the joints, and upon second thought I sold it for two dollars. A stove the state office contained was also sold by me for \$1.50. A duplicator, which I thought could be repaired for use was included in the fixtures which I shipped to Cleveland. This machine has not been in use for years and it may be necessary to buy a new one, for a duplicator is very essential to state office work.

This, together with a small supply of literature, constitutes all the property the state party has. It will be seen that the state office is very inadequately furnished with necessary conveniences and needs with which to accomplish the work it must do.

I therefore recommend the purchase of an office desk, a filing cabinet, a duplicator, and if finances allow, an addressing machine, which will be much needed for the mailing of the Ohio Socialist Bulletin.

An improved filing cabinet is very essential to the office work, and constitutes probably the most immediate need. The lack of one for these many years has meant

the loss of records to the state organization which should have been preserved, for it is greatly upon the activities and the building the organization has done in the past that we plan for and build the future.

Other Matters to Consider

There are these other matters, outside of the correspondence and charters to be issued, which should be given some consideration, even if decision is not rendered at this committee session.

When shall the state convention be held and shall the state office arrange a state picnic for the purpose of helping to finance the organization and propaganda work of the party and to place into the convention mileage fund enough money to cover delegates' railroad expenses, about the same time?

Locals have been circularized for the purpose of securing subscriptions for the Ohio Socialist Bulletin. As soon as enough subscriptions are in, second class mailing rates will be applied for. Wrom do you wish to act as editor of the bulletin? Shall this monthly paper be called "Ohio Socialist Bulletin," or "THE OHIO SOCIALIST?"

What can be done to give new locals a better start? As a rule, all they get from the state office to begin business with is initiation stamps, dues books, charter. What is lacking mostly is account books or card file, business meeting instructions, propaganda recommendations, social suggestions, leaflet upon the duties of local officers.

Where shall state headquarters office be located. Up to now the location has been but temporary. Although I wrote the committee for opinions in the matter, I eventually decided to wait until this meeting before finally acting.

This, then, concludes my report to this session of your committee. After we launch into the work we will plan, these reports, I hope, will take more the form of successes attained rather than but criticisms and recommendations.

Fraternally submitted,

A. WAGENKNECHT,
State Secretary.

It was agreed that the report be considered seriatim.

Motion by Comrades Bundy and Hitchens that the plan to "Make the Bad One's Good" be applied to only those who are three or more months in arrears with dues. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Patterson and Clifford that plan be endorsed as amended. Carried.

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Motion by Comrades Patterson and White that hereafter the convention mileage fund and the organization fund be reported monthly to the members. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Clifford and Hitchens that the state organization issue a call for a \$1,000.00 organization fund, this money to be used to place organizers in the field. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Comrades Hitchens and White that the committee take under consideration the advisability of purchasing an automobile to facilitate the work of a state organizer and that locals be asked to give their opinions relative to this plan. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Hitchens and Patterson that the state secretary be authorized to procure a new duplicator, a filing cabinet, and that the purchase of a desk and other office equipment be left to his discretion. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Clifford and White that the state secretary act as editor of the "Ohio Socialist Bulletin" for the coming six months. Carried.

Motion by Comrades White and Hitchens that this monthly bulletin be known hereafter as "THE OHIO SOCIALIST," and that second class mailing privileges be applied for under that name. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Clifford and Bundy that "The Ohio Socialist" be about 7 1-2 by 10 1-4 inches in size and that it be a four page paper. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Bundy and Patterson that list of speakers usually published in the state paper be dropped because of the necessity for economizing on space, and that locals desiring speakers write to the state office for same. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Hitchens and Patterson that the state secretary be requested to write a leaflet to be used to guide newly organized locals in social, propaganda and organization activities. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Bundy and Patterson that the state secretary supply all newly organized locals with materials necessary to begin their work, and that same in conservative amounts be supplied gratis. Carried.

Motion carried that the committee adjourn for one hour.

EVENING SESSION

Comrade Tom Clifford elected state chairman by acclamation.

Motion by Comrades Patterson and White that granting a

charter to Local Convoy and membership-at-large to Geo. E. Allen of Painesville be concurred in. Carried.

Comrade Baker made report for the committee elected to transfer the state office from the former state secretary to the new state secretary. Report accepted.

Communications

From Scott Wilkins enclosing his resignation as member of the national committee. Motion by Comrades Bundy and Patterson that the vacancy be filled by this committee. Amended by Clifford that this committee name the comrade who received the next highest vote upon the last national committee referendum, to fill the unexpired term of Comrade Wilkins. Amendment and motion as amended carried.

(Note: This places Comrade Marguerite Prevey of Akron in that office to fill the unexpired term).

From S. W. Mahaffey of Conneaut, inquiring about the revocation of the charter of the old local and stating a committee from Conneaut may appear before the state executive committee. Laid over until appearance of committee.

From C. Tolbert, secretary of the new Local Conneaut regarding same matter. Same action taken.

From Comrade Tom Clifford, containing financial report of his tour as candidate for governor, which tour shows a deficit of \$45.45. Motion carried that report be accepted and that state secretary liquidate indebtedness as soon as finances will allow.

From Comrade Edw. S. Smith of Warren, suggesting several helps for locals, such as a card file of members and method of keeping local accounts. Motion carried to thank Comrade Smith for his good suggestions for local accounting and that same be put to use.

From National Office asking information as to how to use fund it has on hand which is designated for work among women. Motion carried that this committee suggest that this fund be used for general propaganda among women. From Milwaukee Leader asking support. Filed.

From "Songs of Freedom" Sales Co., asking for a list of local secretaries. Motion carried to grant request.

From Everett Prisoner's Defense Committee asking for similar list. Granted.

From Comrade H. M. Wicks, Socialist lecturer, applying for a tour of the state. Motion carried that

he be informed that no routings would be undertaken at this time but that the committee would gladly consider his application in the spring of the year.

From the Rip-Saw giving Ohio the privilege of five Kate Richards O'Hare dates. Filed.

From W. A. Ward requesting a list of local secretaries so that he might apply for speaking dates. Motion carried that state secretary secure information as to his party membership, and that if he is a party member list of secretaries be sent him.

From Comrade Fred G. Strickland reporting his speaking engagements. Filed.

From Comrade Ross D. Brown, the negro Socialist speaker, asking for a list of local secretaries so that he might apply for dates. Granted.

From Comrade Jack Carney requesting routing. Motion carried to send him a list of local secretaries and that he make application for speaking engagements direct.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 9 A. M., Dec. 31.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Comrade Wm. Patterson elected chairman for the session.

Motion by Comrades Hitchens and Clifford that the next state convention be held in Cleveland. Carried. Hitchens, Baker, White and Clifford voting yes; Patterson and Bundy no.

Motion by Comrades Baker and White that the state convention be held July 20, 21 and 22. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Baker and White that the state executive committee kindly request Local Cleveland's co-operation in holding a state picnic at the time of the state convention, the net proceeds from same to go to the state organization and to be used to defray the mileage expenses of the convention delegates. Carried.

Further Communications

From Comrade John Brandstetter, secretary Hamilton County Campaign Committee entering complaint against Comrade J. C. Madden of Continental. Motion by Comrades Hitchens and Bundy that the Hamilton County Campaign Committee be notified that if it desires to prefer charges against Comrade Madden, it must do so in a constitutional manner, and that these charges must be preferred in the local where Comrade Madden holds membership. (Note sections 8 and 11 of article 14 and section 1 of article 21).

Letter and resolution from Local Cincinnati, T. M. Hamerschmitt, secretary, regarding the People's Power League and constitutionality of party members holding membership therein. Motion by Comrades White and Clifford that Local Cincinnati be informed that if the People's Power League is a political party then no Socialist Party member can hold membership therein without losing his membership in our party, but that such members in such event must be placed under charges and on trial in the local, for the constitution gives the executive committee only the power to make investigations and hold trials when locals are charged with violations, locals having full jurisdiction over members. Carried.

From Comrade L. C. Coy of Alpha and Comrade J. A. Bradley, secretary Greene County executive committee for a new charter for Local Xenia be granted and that Comrade Baker be delegated to attend the Local Xenia reorganization meeting on Jan. 8th. Carried.

Motion by Comrades Baker and White that Comrade John Brandstetter and Local Cincinnati be notified that the state executive committee is not prepared at this time to shoulder the expense and the work of promoting a referendum for the purpose of amending the Ohio election laws and recommend that this question be referred to the coming state convention. Carried.

Motion carried that the state secretary write to all locals for a list of Socialists elected to political office and regarding the election of an advisory committee for the purpose of assisting these elected officials in whatever manner possible.

Motion by Comrades Hitchens and Bundy that the state executive committee invite Local Toledo to submit a resolution covering their case against Federal Judge Killits and the system of federal judgeships in general, send same to the state office from where it will be placed before the national executive committee for consideration.

Motion carried that the committee adjourn.

A. WAGENKNECHT,
State Secretary.

Are you Irish? Then subscribe for the "Irish Worker," Jim Larkin and Jack Carney, editors, 1046 N. Franklin street, Chicago, Ill.

COMRADE GOLL SPEAKS RIGHT UP

We here print a few pertinent remarks by Comrade F. W. Goll of Lorain pertaining to that \$1,000 Organization Fund called for by the State Executive Committee. Comrade State Secretary:

Now Comrade, a little exchange of opinion can do no harm, even if it does no good. Have noticed with regret that our party cares more for campaign work than it does for organization work. Since July, 1916, the national office, as well as the state offices and divers campaign committees, have been begging for contributions from locals, branches and individuals, to pay for campaigns in certain districts which we are going to "carry." You have seen the result. Had those thousands of dollars so contributed been used for organizing the unorganized districts, aiding in strengthening weak organizations, by furnishing them with speakers at a reasonable rate, we might possibly have had a few less votes, but we might go into the campaign of 1918 a strong organization, which would sweep the country from Maine to California. Can you tell me how many thousand votes for Socialist Party candidates are appropriated by the old parties at every state or national election because of lack of organization in many districts?

Comrade, it is not yet too late. If a general contribution is needed, the state organization should call for it, and when the Comrades find that those contributions are being used to build up a fighting organization, they will contribute liberally.

This, however, is only the opinion of a common laborer and some of the more educated comrades may differ with me, but I still believe that organization and education is of more importance than campaigns at the present stage of the game.

Yours for organization,
F. W. GOLL.

Local Warren is most fortunate. It is not given every local to have a financial secretary so efficient as Comrade Edward S. Smith. Comrade Smith sent to the state office a copy of a card for a membership file upon which can be placed the dues payments of members for nine years. The state office expects to copy after this plan as soon as it gets time to devise a system for local accounting.

A COMMITTEE THAT WILL "DO"

It is agreed by almost every Socialist that party members know too little about the qualifications of comrades who are nominated for party offices. Because of this it very often happens that comrades very well qualified as propagandists, but very inexperienced in the work of organization, are elected to executive positions in the party for which they are often not at all fitted.

Yet in the absence of this knowledge we have been particularly fortunate in the selection of our present State Executive Committee. As a whole, it is a committee that will execute. Each member of it will bring to the state work a fund of knowledge and information which will register 1917 as a year in which things were done.

There's Tom Clifford, the veteran Socialist, with his fund of experience gained thru years of party activity. There's E. L. Hitchens, now a member of the executive board of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, and who has worked in the ranks of organized labor for many years. There's Chas. Baker, the youngest of the committee, but ripe in his experience as to how Socialist municipal administrations should be conducted, for he's from Hamilton. And there's Wm. Patterson, who is annually and unanimously elected upon the grievance committee of the Toledo Central Labor Council because of his loyalty to working class interests. And a long head is surely needed in Toledo labor circles, for there the class war is intense.

George Bundy brings with him much knowledge of the English movement, for in that country he was a member of the I. L. P. And also, his connection with the defense of the Youngstown "rioters" has gained for him an understanding of the dire need for intelligent political action on the part of the workers. Jas. J. White is president of the Toronto Clay Workers Union, the largest federal labor union in the U. S. And Scott Wilkins, former mayor of St. Mary's, he knows what it means to be a good Socialist mayor in a bad capitalist's town, for didn't the plutes of St. Mary's threaten to hang him?

It's a pretty good executive committee, say we. By January 1, 1918, you'll say so too.

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Do not include matters intended for the State Office in addressing communications to this paper.

Comrades who come to Cleveland, and wish to visit the State Office, can take a Lakewood street car and ride to Cook Ave.

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Report of National Committeeman

Following is my report as National Committeeman for the months of October and November:

Voted for L. E. Katterfeld, of Washington, and Judson Oneal, of Massachusetts, for members of the Unity Committee.

Voted "no" on motion and amendment to hold meeting of National Committee on Dec. 10 or Dec. 17.

Did not vote on motion by Katterfeld to establish a party bulletin, to be known as the Party Builder, to be mailed to all party members.

Fraternally submitted,
 C. E. RUTHENBERG,
 Nat. Committeeman.

Local New York has initiated a referendum looking forward to a national convention this fall. It is intended that this convention make a careful diagnosis of the ailments our party is suffering and prescribe sure cure remedies.

HAS YOUR LOCAL ELECTED NEW OFFICERS?

If your local has elected new officers, please send to the state office the name and addresses of all of them. If the present local officers are to serve for the coming six months, then send us their names and addresses.

We want to keep on file in the state office a complete list of the names and addresses of local officers. We want the name and address of every local organizer, every local recording and corresponding secretary, every local financial secretary, every local treasurer, every local literature agent. It is the intention of the state office to co-operate with all these local officers so that we may build a militant state movement.

Local Cleveland has enlarged its headquarters and now occupies nearly twice the floor space it did before the first of the year. A library, kitchen, several offices and a large meeting hall have been partitioned off. Lectures, suppers, entertainments and dances will follow in close succession, the Cleveland comrades will become better acquainted with each other and as a result the Cleveland local will keep on growing.

B. Stapleton and A. M. Meade organized a local at Convo. F. D. Crain assisted in putting Willshire on the Socialist map as a local. Arthur Schwab and John Savant, of St. Bernard, went out into the capitalistic wilderness and returned with six Socialists, ready and willing to join our dues paying party.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Attention is directed to the increase in dues receipts for the month of December over that of November. A total of \$204.72 worth, or 1861 dues stamps, were sold by the State Office in November, whereas \$272.93 worth, or 2481 stamps, were sold in December. Foreign Branches bought 2074 dues stamps in November and 1911 in December. This brings the total number of stamps sold to 3935 for November and 4392 for December. This is a very gratifying increase. Let's keep it up!

NOVEMBER, 1916.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand Oct. 31.....	\$389 64
Dues stamps.....	204 72
Initiation stamps.....	62 50
Supplies.....	7 80
Miscellaneous.....	9 25
Literature.....	50
Donation.....	75
Foreign Branch Dues.....	103 70
Receipts for the month.....	\$389 22
Grand total.....	758 86

EXPENSES.	
Dues stamps.....	\$130 00
Postage.....	29 39
Supplies.....	1 75
Miscellaneous.....	44 25
Foreign Branch dues to Locals.....	92 76
Salary.....	116 50
Printing.....	168 75
Literature.....	50
Phone and telegrams.....	19 59
Office supplies.....	75
Total.....	\$604 24
Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1916..	154 62

DECEMBER, 1916.	
RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand Nov. 30.....	154 62
Dues stamps.....	272 93
Initiation stamps.....	49 50
Supplies.....	10 43
Miscellaneous.....	3 50
Literature.....	1 70
Foreign Branch dues.....	95 55
Receipts for the month.....	\$433 61
Grand total.....	588 24

EXPENSES.	
Dues stamps.....	\$115 00
Postage.....	9 13
Supplies.....	13 00
Miscellaneous.....	98 97
Salary.....	100 00
Office equipment.....	26 60
Printing.....	3 50
Total.....	\$366 20
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1916..	223 03

The large miscellaneous expense was incurred by moving of State Office and meeting of the State Executive Committee. In accordance with action taken at the last State Executive Committee meeting, the above balance is credited to the following three funds:

Organization fund.....	\$ 33 73
Convention mileage fund.....	75 47
General fund.....	112 83
Total.....	\$222 03

Wm. M. Blackall, clerk to Socialist Judge Horace C. Shank of Hamilton, and local financial secretary, writes that old members are being reinstated now most regularly. That's the start of a come-back for Hamilton.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?

What do you think about supplying one or two of the state organizers we intend employing with a little Ford? A lengthy discussion was had about this matter at the recent meeting of the State Executive Committee. It was finally decided to ask the state locals what they thought of the plan.

Many points can be made in support of the venture. Places away from the railroads could be reached more easily. An automobile attracts a larger crowd when used as a speaking platform. An organizer would be able to carry with him a large stock of literature. He could spend the day visiting comrades, selling literature at retail, collecting dues. Out of the way places could be visited for members-at-large. Then also, there are the questions of upkeep and expense to be considered.

But altogether, we dare say the idea is a taking one. Imagine a little red flivver coming into your town some fine morning, the name of the Socialist Party painted on it in large letters; flying a banner which would read "Socialist meeting in town tonight;" visiting the local comrades, enthusing them; advertising to everybody in fact, that the Socialist Party is doing business in an up-to-the-minute manner. Wouldn't that be great?

Are you in on it? Then stick your hand away down into your money pocket, pull out a fist full of large change and contribute it to that \$1,000 Organization Fund.

TAKE A LITTLE LOOK

Take just a little look at the financial reports for the months of November and December, 1916, printed in this issue. And take another little look at the reports of locals.

Keep yourself posted on everything that's going on in the state. Know the condition of your state organization. Graduate into the class of well informed organization Socialists.

We need more of that kind of Socialists. The kind that not only keep tab on local affairs, but evince an equal interest in what our party is doing in the state, nationally, yes—internationally.

Do you pay dues? Then you are privileged (understand, we said privileged) to read the entire minutes of the recent meeting of your State Executive Committee.

HERE'S SOMETHING OTHER LOCALS MIGHT EMULATE

Local Conneaut has adopted a New Year's resolution which outlines its tactics, organization and propaganda activities in a manner most commendable. Can your local measure up to plans such as these?

Conneaut, O., Jan. 1, 1917.
A. Wagenknecht, State Secretary, Cleveland, O.

Dear Comrade:

Local Conneaut is about out of the turmoils of the past and is making arrangements for active, aggressive work for Socialism.

1 We believe it essential for our permanent growth and effective usefulness in carrying on Propaganda Work that—(a) The membership be thoroughly educated in the principles of revolutionary Socialism; (b) The meeting to be conducted in an orderly way, as becomes thoughtful, earnest men.

2 In addition to the routine work of the Local steps are being taken to make the meetings interesting and instructive—(a) Short speeches on problems of vital interest to men engaged in the class struggle; (b) Systematic reading of sound Socialistic literature followed by comments thereon; (c) Readings, essays, quotations from the revolutionary poets, singing the revolution songs whenever the talent can be secured; (d) A systematic distribution of sound Socialist literature as soon as the local is financially able to do so; (e) The cultivation of a broader and more tolerant spirit of comradeship.

With the above activities now fairly under way Local Conneaut hopes to be able in the near future to give a good account of its stewardship.

CHAS. TOLBERT,

THE LATE LUTHER McKINLEY

The Socialist Movement has suffered a great loss in the tragic death of Comrade Luther McKinley, member of Local Hubbard, who was one of the four unfortunate persons recently killed by an express train at Coalburg, O. Comrade McKinley was a charter member of Local Coalburg and was untiring in his efforts to convert his neighbors and shopmates to the cause of Socialism. He was always on the job, either passing leaflets or getting subscriptions to the Socialist press.

Luther was a loving husband and father to his family, and a faithful Comrade of the Socialist Party, and his whole-souled devotion to the cause of humanity will inspire us to greater activity in the movement he loved so fervently.

SHALL WE MAKE THE BAD ONE'S GOOD

As we write this only one local in the entire state has obeyed Section 3 of Article 21 of our state constitution. And that's Local Sandusky. Hats off to it! But what a sad commentary is this on our state of organization. How lax we are in obeying the will of the state membership as expressed in our party law.

Turn to your state constitution. Read the section referred to. Here's what it commands: "Each local SHALL submit, on the first day of January and the first day of July, a list of the good standing members, a list of members in arrears for three months, and a list of members stricken from the roles during the preceeding six months."

January first is long past. Your local has not sent to the state office these lists as yet. Will you attend to this immediately, please?

It has been decided to initiate a campaign to "MAKE THE BAD ONES GOOD." Make sure to send the state office a full list of all your members who are three months or more in arrears with their dues. As soon as we get these lists we will begin a campaign of correspondence and solicitation which should bring many of these sleepers back into active participation in your local work.

Every local financial secretary who reads this should compile the lists called for and mail them to the state secretary without delay. Every local member who reads this should make sure that this matter receives attention at the next local meeting.

Obey the state constitution! Co-operate with the state office in this work! Let's have team-work in our efforts to build the party. It will get us there the quicker.

"Wilson prosperity will drive them to us in the next four years," writes L. S. Richey of Crestline. Of course it will, but in the meantime Local Crestline, we wager, is going to do a little going after.

Local Canton and its active secretary, T. H. Robertson, are in the midst of a course of Sunday afternoon lectures, given by C. M. O'Brien of Canada. Can we supply your local with a lecturer once a week?

L. E. Conoway, secretary of Local Crooksville is of one mind with us for an increased membership. He assures the state office of the hearty co-operation of his local.

Reports of Locals for Nov. and Dec., 1916.

LOCALS	Cash Rec'd. Nov. and Dec.	New Members Nov. and Dec.	Paid to date.	Total on Rolls	LOCALS	Cash Rec'd. Nov. and Dec.	New Members Nov. and Dec.	Paid to Date	Total on Roll
Akron	8 80	No	Report		Portsmouth	10 80	No	Report	
Alliance	4 40	..	50	59	Ravenna		No	Report	
Alpha	2 20	1	20	24	Robins	1 10	2		
Ashtabula	18 80	1	131	164	Rootstown		No	Report	
Ashland	4 04	No	Report		Roseville		No	Report	
Aurora		No	Report		Rossford		No	Report	
Barberton	2 20	No	Report		Salem	3 00	No	Report	
Barberton		No	Report		Salttilo	1 20	..	6	10
Bellevue		No	Report		Sandusky	4 40	..	25	44
Belmont	37 60	15	195	217	Sebring		No	Report	
Bethel		No	Report		Seneca Co.	15 35	6	31	42
Bluffton		No	Report		Silverton		No	Report	
Bucyrus		No	Report		Springfield	4 40	No	Report	
Buffalo	2 86	..	10	15	Steubenville		No	Report	
Byesville	4 40	No	Report		St. Marys	2 20	No	Report	
Cambridge	8 60	1	13	36	Sullivan		No	Report	
Canal Dover		No	Report		Thurman		No	Report	
Canton	6 60	..	35	65	Translator's Office	209 66	No	Report	
Chardon		No	Report		Toledo	48 50	3	152	263
Cincinnati	56 90	No	Report		Toronto	6 60	1	25	50
Cleveland	124 50	101	1275	1500	Trimble Tp.		No	Report	
Clyde	1 60	1	7	9	Uhrichsville	7 65	No	Report	
Columbus	12 55	No	Report		Van Buren Tp.		No	Report	
Conneaut	55	No	Report		Van Wert		No	Report	
Conneaut		No	Report		Wadsworth		..	7	9
Continental		No	Report		Warren		..	3	9
Convoy	2 00	8	8	8	Wauseon	4 00	No	Report	
Coshocton	4 40	3	16	39	Wayne Tp.		No	Report	
Crestline	1 98	..	7	12	West Carrollton	4 25	No	Report	
Creston		No	Report		Winchester		No	Report	
Crooksville	2 20	..	11	54	Xenia		1	9	40
Cuyahoga Falls	2 20	..	10	14	Youngstown	1 50	No	Report	
Dayton	38 00	No	Report		Zanesville	4 40	..	7	29
Derwent	2 20	..	3	12	Miscellaneous	6 70	..		
Dennison		1	17	37	TOTAL	\$822 83	190	2520	3484
Dillonvale		No	Report		PARTY SUPPLIES AND LITERATURE FOR SALE				
Dunkinsville	1 77	No	Report		BY THE STATE OFFICE				
East Liverpool	6 55	No	Report		Locals and members are asked to patronize the				
East Palestine		No	Report		state office in ordering literature at retail prices,				
E. Youngstown		No	Report		or supplies. An increase in the receipts of the state				
Elyria	2 70	1	21	21	office will place into our hands more money to prose-				
E. Youngstown (Ukrainian)		..	46	46	cute state organization work.				
E. Youngstown (So. Slavic)		No	Report		SUPPLIES				
Edgerton	3 30	1	5	23	Dues Stamps, each			11c	
Elmwood Place	6 00	..	35	38	Initiation Stams, each			25c	
Fairport		No	Report		Dues Book and State Constitution			3c	
Fairview	5 65	No	Report		National Constitutions, each 5c, 25 for			50c	
Gallion		No	Report		State Platforms, 100 copies for			25c	
Girard		No	Report		Buttons, Arm and Torch, 10 for			20c	
Girard (Finnish)		No	Report		Buttons, International Emblem, 10 for			20c	
Greenfield	44	..	5	16	Transfer Cards, 10 for			10c	
Greenwich	1 98	..	8	14	Rubber Stamp, Arm and Torch, each			20c	
Hamilton	21 50	13	110	193	Letter Heads, per hundred			\$1.00	
Hubbard		No	Report		Envelopes, printed, per hundred			40c	
Indian View		No	Report		Electrotypes, Arm and Torch, each			25c	
Ironton		No	Report		Red Flag Pins, each			25c	
Jacksonville		No	Report		Application Cards, per 100			40c	
Jefferson Tp.	2 00	No	Report		LITERATURE				
Kenmore		No	Report		Communist Manifesto, by Marx and Engels			10c	
Lancaster	2 20	No	Report		Shop Talks on Economics, by Marcv			10c	
Lima	2 95	No	Report		What to Read on Socialism, catalog			5c	
Lorain	8 85	9	29	36	Value, Price and Profit, by Marx			10c	
Lore City (Slovak)		No	Report		What's So and What Isn't, by Work			15c	
Mansfield	6 20	5	20	26	Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Engels			15c	
Marietta		..	4	8	The Class Struggle, by Kautsky			25c	
Marion	2 20	No	Report		Common Sense of Socialism, by Spargo			25c	
Marysville		No	Report		Industrial Problems, by Richardson			25c	
Massillon	8 15	1	36	72	Principles of Scientific Socialism, Vall			25c	
Members at Large	18 00	1	35	22	Socialism for Students, by Cohen			50c	
McLuney	3 00	No	Report		Socialism and Modern Science, by Ferri			\$1.00	
Miamisburg		No	Report		Poverty of Philosophy, by Marx			\$1.00	
Middletown		..	8	13	Theoretical System of Karl Marx, Boudin			\$1.00	
Midvale		No	Report		The supply of literature will be increased as the				
Mt. Vernon		No	Report		demand increases. Next month we hone to advertise				
Newark		No	Report		many additional pamphlets and books for sale.				
New Bremen		No	Report		Send your order to THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF				
New England		No	Report		OHIO, 1291 Cook avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.				
New Philadelphia		No	Report						
Niles		..	6	7					
North Star	3 20	2	5	10					
Norwalk		No	Report						
Norwood	5 80	..	29	52					
Patterson	2 35	No	Report						
Piney Fork (So. Slavic)		No	Report						
Piqua	13 35	11	29	55					