



SOCIETY CONCERT DATED—The Roseburg Choral Society will make its first public appearance in concert Tuesday, May 17, in the Junior High auditorium. A preview program will be given at the Veterans Hospital Thursday night of this week for the hospital patients. Numbering 50 members, the society, directed by Charles A. Ricketts, has been holding weekly rehearsals since organizing last fall. The members will be presented in white robes. Most of the program numbers will be a cappella, featuring a variety of classic choral numbers, hymns, spirituals and a novelty selection. (Picture by Master Studio)

Detroit Carpenters' Strike In 1837 Called For 10-Hour Day, \$2 Pay

By HAL BOYLE
DETROIT.—(AP)—Auto town sidelights: This metropolis of the motor car has been one of the most swiftly changing cities in America.

And the reasons workmen give for going on strike here have changed, too. Some 65,000 Ford company workers walked out last week, charging the management had instituted a "speed up."

But Detroit's first strike, called 112 years ago by carpenters, sought labor's classic goals—shorter hours, more pay. That strike was noted by the Detroit Daily Advertiser in its issue of April 4, 1837, as follows: "Yesterday our streets were paraded by a large company of respectable looking journeymen carpenters, carrying standards bearing this pithy couplet: 'Ten hours a day And two dollars for pay.'"

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however. There were only nine strikes in the entire United States in 1837.

The Ford strike today is second to baseball as a conversational topic. Detroit is currently the most baseball-mad city in the country. And the name on everybody's lips is Johnny Groth, the sensational rookie center fielder for the Detroit Tigers.

Fans here regard this wonder lad as Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio wrapped up in one parcel. "If Johnny Groth ran for mayor tomorrow," said one citizen, "he'd win in a walk."

And he probably would. For Detroit is a young man's town. And it worships youth—the way up. Having never seen an assembly line—that web of starding men and moving steel which lies at the heart of American productive genius—I rode out to the Chrysler plant to inspect one.

It wasn't as much like Charlie Chaplin's "Modern Times" as I had expected. It was quieter. Two men picked up a metal frame and placed it on a traveling tread. Two thousand feet and an hour and 20 minutes later the completed car rolled off the assembly line under its own power. In between were some 700 separate operations and 500 inspections. Each of the hundreds of workmen performed only a single task. But for every ten men there was a utility worker able to step in and take the place of any of the ten.

I asked the guide if the only job performed by some men all day long was merely to tighten a certain nut as the cars passed. "No," he laughed. "They usually screw on the nut as well as tighten it." Believing the buyer's market is here to stay, Chrysler is emphasizing "custom tailoring" on its assembly line. In the old days stock cars were modified to meet customer wishes. Employees at the plant remem-

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Glendale Council Discusses City License Measure

By MRS. G. B. FOX
Glendale City Council held a busy session May 2. Most of the business discussed was routine, but time-consuming, as the Council listened to reports and discussed problems.

Jack Dillon filed notice of intention to start a lumber yard in Glendale. Location and date of opening were not disclosed, but it was understood the applicant was to engage in both wholesale and retail business and would handle a full line of lumber and building materials.

A first draft of a city license law was read and discussed. Some provisions seemed too drastic and were whittled down before the bill was sent to the city attorney for setting up in legal form.

Police Chief Orville Miller brought up for discussion the problem of fireworks within the city limits, asking definite instructions either to prohibit or permit fireworks. He pointed out that, while he could arrest for disorderly conduct in disturbing the peace, this seemed scarcely to answer the question. The problem was discussed, but since there were plans for a 4th of July celebration which would include fireworks, the subject was tabled pending a decision on the latter.

Members of the Council made it plain, however, that the police had authority and obligation to make arrests if fireworks were used in such a manner as to disturb the peace and security of the townspeople.

A request for city aid in planning and financing a city 4th of July celebration was made by Ray Cox on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The question was discussed freely but was tabled, pending definite information on prices and types of fireworks displays available.

The meeting was marked by a business-like attention to detail. Councilmen present were Miller, Drake, Mohr, Bayse, Smith and Stephenson. Councilman W. R. Stephenson was elected by the council to fill the unexpired term of M. C. Stevens, who has moved from Glendale. Also present were Mayor Ed Johnson and City Recorder Don Sayer.

ber, however, two cars that required special customizing. One was for the late Edward Bowes, radio maestro. It had a built-in bar. The other was for an Oklahoma oil heiress who wanted a car to match the color of her favorite hair ribbon. It was orchid.

Competition Of Federal Utilities Is Assailed

SALT LAKE CITY, May 10.—(AP)—Criticism was voiced yesterday of competitive government operation of rural electrification systems and power facilities.

The opposition was presented at the opening session of the Northwest Electric Light and Power Association Convention. Dr. Adam S. Bennion, vice president of the Utah Power and Light Company, was the speaker. "Both of these developments can be carried forward without seriously threatening the public utility industry," Bennion said. "On the other hand, they can be

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