

Let me say this about that

—By Gene Klare



Harry, Joe & Don

THE LABOR HONOR ROLL compiled by the Northwest Labor Press adds three more names in this issue: Harry Bridges of the Longshore Union; Joe Edgar of the Teamsters, and Don Weil of the Bakers.

Bridges and Weil both died on March 30, 1990, and Edgar died on April 11, 1990.

BRIDGES SUCCUMBED at age 88 of emphysema at his home in San Francisco, the city where he had lived for decades. The Australian-born Bridges had left home at age 16 to work as a seaman on a freighter. Three years later he jumped ship in San Francisco after arguing with the ship's captain over his ill-treatment of seamen. Bridges joined an American union, the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and began working on freighters flying the Stars and Stripes of the United States.

In 1922 Bridges returned to the Bay Area and left the sea for a job working on the docks as a longshoreman. He became a spokesman for the workers and an advocate for the International Longshoremen's Association, a union based on the East Coast. He led a successful organizing campaign at the beginning of the Great Depression and by 1933 the S.F. longshoremen received a local union charter from the ILA. But the shipping companies refused to negotiate with the new local union.

IN THEIR FIGHT for recognition, the longshoremen shut down the San Francisco waterfront in the summer of 1934 and stevedores at other Pacific Coast ports, including the Portland area, followed suit. Employers were determined to break the strike and leaned on city officials up and down the coast with the result that police were told to break-up the picketing. Strikers' blood was shed in San Francisco and elsewhere, including Portland, on Thursday, July 5, 1934, a day that continues to be observed as Bloody Thursday.

In 1937, Bridges led his ILA local out of the American Federation of Labor and into the militant new Congress of Industrial Organizations. This resulted in the formation of a West Coast International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, the ILWU, with its headquarters in San Francisco. In recent years, the ILWU changed its name to International Longshore and Warehouse Union to reflect the presence of women in its membership.

JOSEPH M. EDGAR of Portland, a longtime leader in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Joint Council 37, died of cancer at age 71 on April 11, 1990. The eulogy at his well-attended funeral, in a Mormon Church in Southeast Portland, was delivered by then-Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, a friend of Joe's since Neil's days as mayor.

Edgar was secretary-treasurer of Drivers and Warehousemen's Local 162 from 1962 until 1983 and again from 1986 until his death. He was president of Teamsters Joint Council 37 for many years. Council 37 serves IBT local unions in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Before he was elected as a full-time union officer, Edgar was a truck driver for Safeway.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

JOE EDGAR'S civic service included membership on the governor-appointed Port of Portland Commission.

Another contribution by him was being a leader in a campaign to pass a bond measure for the Portland School District.

Edgar considered labor newspapers important for disseminating information to union members and also making the general public aware of union gains for workers. He thought that Portland labor editors should meet regularly to exchange information and ideas. In the late 1960s he urged Emory Huntoon, editor of the Oregon Teamster, and me, then-editor of the Labor Press, to form a labor editors association and invite other editors to join. At that time there were four labor newspapers published weekly in Portland — Oregon Teamster, Oregon Labor Press, The Woodworker of the International Woodworkers of America,

and The Union Register of the Western Council of Industrial Workers. The editors of the four labor papers began meeting monthly over lunch at a union restaurant.

DON WEIL, a secretary-treasurer of Portland Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 364, is the third unionist being honored posthumously in this issue. He died of a heart attack at age 78 on March 30, 1990.

Donald Irving Weil was born on March 25, 1912 in East Orange, New Jersey. His family moved to Portland when he was a youngster. In 1930 he was a member of the first graduating class of Commerce High School, which later was renamed Cleveland High. He soon went to work in a bakery plant.

BY 1939 Weil was elected secretary-treasurer of Local 364, a post he held until retiring in 1973. His skill as a negotiator of collective bargaining contracts was noticed by the Bakery and Confectionery International Union. As a result, he was called on to help negotiate national industry-wide contracts.

Weil's hobby was collecting antiques. His wife, Grace, whom he met when she was working in a Nabisco cracker plant in Portland, collected buttons and became an expert on the subject.

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DAN FADDIS, retired director of apprenticeship and training for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48, died in Portland on Nov. 25, 2006 at the age of 81. He had retired in 1993 after 29 years as director of the IBEW #48/ National Electrical Contractors Association training program.

Daniel Leslie Faddis was born in Portland on Feb. 12, 1925. He graduated from Jefferson High School and Oregon State College. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II on ships operating in the Asiatic Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean. In 1946, he married Lee Crawford.

HE STARTED working as an electrician out of Local 48 in 1954.

His survivors include his wife, Lee; sons Dan., Rick and Scott; and three grandchildren.

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NOAH DAVIS, a 50-year member of Portland Plasterers Local 82, died peacefully in his sleep on Nov. 18, 2006 at his home in Mesa, Arizona. He was 78.

He was born on July 12, 1928 in Nauvoo, Alabama. He served in the U.S. Army Transport Command after World War II and during that time he met and married Colleen Ryan, his family reported. They raised five children.

He remarried and retired to Prineville with his wife Carolyn in 1985. The move to Mesa was made in 2003.

His family said he had worked for over 30 years as a plasterer in the Portland area.

Noah's eldest son, Terry, preceded him in death. He has four surviving children: Don Davis, Kevin Davis, Melanie Landeros and Shawn Davis; plus 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



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