



H.J. Parkison
1908 to 1911



W.A. Marshall
1911 to 1912



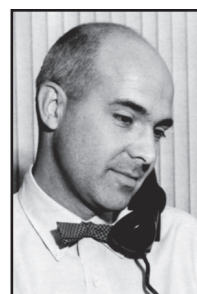
A.H. Harris
1912 to 14



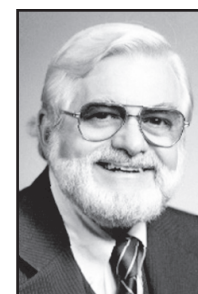
C.C. Rynerson
1914 to 1939



Gene Allen
1939 to 1951



Jim Goodsell
1951 to 1965



Gene Klare
1965 to 1986



Michael Gutwig
1986 to date

... 5 editors in the last 106 years

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In the parlance of the printing trades, they were “boomers.” That probably accounts for some of the turnover among early-day Labor Press editors.

But the turnover was about to come to an end. In 1914, to succeed the second Harris, came the return of C.M. Rynerson, who’d served fleetingly in 1911. His health restored, “Ryney,” as he was called, settled in for a long run.

Rynerson ran the Labor Press

for 25 years — from 1914 to 1939. With Rynerson at the helm, the newspaper gained stability, weathering financial and labor politics ups and downs. He kept the paper afloat during the Great Depression of the 1930s. A Republican, he sought elective office without success, and also ran for president of the state labor federation. He left the paper in 1939 when Gov. Charles Sprague, publisher of the Salem Statesman, appointed him to the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Gene Allen, who succeeded Rynerson, was a college-educated Teamsters Local 255 business agent who, at age 24, was the youngest editor in the Labor Press’s history. While editor, Allen was elected to the Portland School Board, serving from 1942 to 1954. He chaired the Multnomah County Civil Service Commission, and was president of Office and Professional Employees Local 11. A year after leaving the editorship he was elected as a Republican to the Oregon State Senate. He later went into the restaurant business. Allen passed away in 1991 at age 76.

James W. Goodsell, son of a Methodist minister, veteran of World War II, and a Democratic activist, took over as editor in 1951. A former print and radio journalist in Portland and Astoria, he modernized the Labor Press’ typography and won many awards for journalistic excellence from the International Labor Press Association. Mayor Terry Schunk appointed him to the Portland Dock Commission, and he was active in the City Club and Urban League. He was a member of Machinists

Lodge 63. Goodsell resigned in late 1965 to become a foreign trade executive in the United States Department of Commerce. He died July 15, 2006 in Twisp, Washington, at the age of 86.

The next editor, Gene Klare, had worked for Goodsell three years before succeeding him. Klare was a veteran of the Portland newspaper strike, having been a pre-strike Oregonian reporter. He worked for the strike-born Portland Reporter. He’d also been managing editor of dailies in Pocatello and Boise; owned a small weekly; ran a one-man public relations agency, and served as a sergeant in the Marine Corps. He’d been president of the Portland Newspaper Guild, chaired the Multnomah County Civil Service Commission, was president of the International Labor Press Association, and was active in Democratic politics and served on city and state civil rights commissions. Until his death in 2008 at age 81, Klare was a member of Office and Professional Employees Local 11.

Portland native Michael Gutwig, the current editor and man-

ager of the Northwest Labor Press, took over in October 1986 at age 29, after working as a reporter, sports editor and advertising manager for the Central Oregonian (not associated with the Portland Oregonian) in Prineville.

A graduate of Parkrose High School in Northeast Portland, Gutwig was sports editor of his high school newspaper, The Equestrian, and later was sports editor for the Mt. Hood Community College newspaper, The Advocate.

The son of a Painters Union apprenticeship coordinator, Gutwig worked summers as a “helper” in the drywall and insulators trades. After obtaining an associates degree in journalism technology at MHCC, he completed a drywall finisher apprenticeship training program. He continued freelance writing in the Portland area before taking the newspaper job in Central Oregon.

Gutwig introduced the Labor Press to desktop publishing. He also embarked into the World Wide Web, where articles from the Labor Press print edition are posted online at nwlaborpress.org.

Portland Labor Press
Devoted to the Cause of Industrial Freedom | Informed by the Federated Trades Assembly
1900

Oregon Labor Press
1914

OREGON LABOR PRESS
1946

Oregon LABOR PRESS
1960

Oregon Serving the Pacific Northwest *Washington*
LABOR PRESS
1986

NORTHWEST LABOR PRESS
1987 to date

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