

Willamina Townsend Delegate Gives Report on L. A. National Convention

(Editor's Note: The following article is the official report of Mrs. Chas. McNeill, delegate, as given to the Willamina Townsend club on her return from the national convention in Los Angeles recently.)

Delegates to the third annual Townsend plan convention rallied 35,000 strong Sunday afternoon at the Memorial Coliseum for the official opening. As five bands played, the vast audience rose to its feet and sang the national anthem. Robert Townsend led in the flag salute.

In a short address before his invocation, Dr. Ralph Walker, noted divine, paid high tribute to Dr. Townsend for his humanitarian principles. Madame Mamie Stark added to the deep sentiment surrounding that simple but stirring opening. She sang a musical number interpretation of the "Lord's Prayer." Her rich resonant voice gave a solemn touch to the occasion.

Gov. Frank Merriam welcomed the delegates and pledged his support to the pension party's founder, Dr. Francis Townsend, as follows: "California greets you. This is Dr. Townsend's home state and the program started which spread to all the states in the union. A few months after the plan was started I supported it and I have no regrets or apologies for having done so.

"One should possess good reasons to justify approval and adherence to such a cause. You may have more than I. I place first protection for the latter years of life.

"That the plan is nation-wide in its application is my second reason for favoring it. No state can adopt and successfully operate such a system from its own resources alone. There must be a unified system which extends equal privileges to every citizen of the republic. This feature is of the far-sighted and important provisions of the Townsend plan."

Dr. Townsend was introduced by his son, Robert C. Townsend, who said the Townsend plan is rapidly interesting youth as well as the aged.

When Dr. Townsend came to the platform, he was greeted with a wild demonstration which lasted at least ten minutes. Flags, hats and pennants waved as the crowd rose to its feet en masse. His subject was "The Townsend Plan as an Interpretation of the Constitution." He said, "Let us discuss the Townsend plan and its platform in the light of the governmental purposes expressed in the preamble to the constitution of the United States.

"The first plank proposed in our platform takes up the matter of taxation and demands that as a matter of justice a rational system of taxation be adopted by the federal government in lieu of the multiplicity of taxing systems now in use.

"None can deny that unjust and unfair taxation can do more to disrupt a union and make it difficult to maintain than any one other blunder of government.

"Business men are going to unite behind the Townsend program. Our program contains the essential ingredient of business success.

"To build a buyers' market—to convert an army, now nearly 50,000,000 strong, that has lost its ability to buy into an army of liberal buyers whose demands for goods and services can be added to the demand we now have is the task before us."

He was interrupted by rounds of thunderous applause by his listeners as he drove his point home.

After many notables were introduced there followed a glamorous pageant of early California life, announced by that noted actor, Robert Rawlinson. The cavalcade was led by the Long Beach mounted police troop with Markely Musical Maids band of San Diego. Then in succession came mounted riders, buck board buggies, Victoria carriages, stage coaches, Escondido band, 15 girl riders, a covered wagon, two camels, two elephants, a band, 15 boy riders, Townsend South Gate band, Mexican musicians, cowboys and cowgirls, 40 Mexican and Spanish entertainers on foot, Townsend kitchen band from Portland, Ore., a drill team of 35 men, chariots and clowns, and last but not least in the cavalcade was the new Townsend party mascot. He was neither a donkey or an elephant, and from the way he "cut capers" I do not think he is going to be very slow.

The closing number was very impressive. A group of 2,000 young men and women marched to the center of the coliseum and formed the letters T and P, standing for the Townsend plan. When the letters were completed a mighty cheer of approval arose from the thousands of

assembled delegates and Townsend enthusiasts.

It was not too late in the afternoon when the crowds poured out of the coliseum. Veterans of the Townsend movement declared they had never seen a more colorful gathering of Townsend followers.

It had rained a little on Saturday. The weather was cool and cloudy Sunday afternoon. The Californians called it "unusual" weather.

The business sessions were held in the Shrine auditorium, June 20 to 23 inclusive.

Mr. Charlebois read the convention's call. To the cradle of the second emancipation to the birthplace of human right. You and you delegates are hereby called for the third national convention of the Townsend national recovery movement.

"Moments of events in our national economic life and the life of our great cause, which has spread throughout America. Demands that we convene once again to formulate a purposeful and strong national policy, to re-dedicate ourselves to the great task which falls upon us all, that of educating our fellow citizens to a new and more equitable social order."

Captain Russell R. Hand, who was attached to the Washington bureau during the last session of congress and who has been active in the movement since its inception, then delivered the keynote speech. His subject was "Where There Is No Vision, the People Will Perish." Declaring that the plan's objectives are "economically sound, morally right, socially desirable and financially possible." Capt. Hand said in part, "Each year we observe the birthday of a man who struck the shackles of physical slavery from an entire race in our own country. The struggle for emancipation of all the people, every where from serfdom of that sort is not ended. Even as Abraham Lincoln ended physical slavery by his proclamation of emancipation seventy-five years ago, he clearly foresaw and accurately foretold the rise and growth of a form of bondage more insidious, more cruel and more relentless than that from which he had freed the colored race. The economic servitude, the thralldom of poverty which bears down now so heavily upon our fellow countrymen

"History is repeating itself. However, in our country we have been more fortunate than have been the people of earlier times. Whenever in our history conditions, economically and politically, have reached crisis proportions, a leader has always shown us the way out.

"It is not only eminently fitting—it is a tribute which his herculean labors have so richly earned—that we now pause in recognition of the great service to his day and generation of your devoted friend, and mine, Dr. Francis E. Townsend."

Capt. Hand was interrupted many times during his speech. He wound up by saying, "Let's go to town with Townsend."

At the close of the first session the delegates assembled in aisles of the auditorium and marched out singing the Townsend anthem and waving banners and placards.

At the second session of the convention, T. B. Charlebois, chairman, declared that our organization is the most active and strongest of its kind that America has ever known, and listed the following major convention objectives: First, absolute determination of the national policies of the Townsend organization for the ensuing year. Second, to lay plans for expansion of our educational program into every community of the United States and to accelerate our program of congressional district organizations. Third, to determine and decide upon those candidates for the house of representatives and for the senate of the United States to the end that our representatives in both bodies may be the most effective, and to endorse where possible those candidates for re-election who will agree to support the general welfare act. Fourth, to revise the manual of the Townsend national recovery movement. Fifth, to reaffirm our faith in our organization, in ourselves and in our bill, the general welfare act. Sixth, to outline plans for a more closely knit Townsend organization in every congressional district through an effective, representative advisory system.

Charlebois, after reading sections of the text of the general welfare act, received loud demonstration and his frequent references to the founder and leader provoked further ovations.

A stirring address was given by Hon. Ralph Brewster, U. S. congress-

sional representative from 3rd district of Maine, who said in part, "The Townsend plan invites the thoughtful consideration of every American who is concerned about preserving the American way of life. A balanced budget, fiscal security, equitable taxation, proper care for those in need, and opportunity for the young are what America desires.

"The American situation is worldwide."

Brewster's speech was loudly cheered.

The wildest demonstration to be witnessed was touched off Wednesday when L. W. Jeffrey, convention chairman, and national vice-president, strode up to the microphone and made a fighting denial of rumors which he said had been circulating to the effect he was "plotting" to depose Dr. Townsend as head of the national organization. He said, "Many rumors have come to me that I am seeking to replace our own leader and gain complete control of our program. For the sake of the record, I want to make my position clear. If we are going to be successful in the enactment of our plans we must be good soldiers and learn how to march. If we are to have an army instead of a mob, we must have a general. As far as I am concerned, there can be only one general—Dr. Francis Townsend."

A very interesting talk was given by a young lady 20 years old. She said, "Shall the young people wait to bring children into the world until the republican and democratic parties finish their platform?" Her talk was well received.

Mr. King then introduced a resolution as follows: "To the Third National Convention Inc., assembled. Whereas, from time to time an emergency may arise or develop where a liberal interpretation of the rules in the manual must be made, therefore be it resolved that the power to interpret the manual and to waive any of the provisions be and is hereby conferred upon our able leader and president, Dr. Francis E. Townsend."

The adoption of the motion was voted unanimously.

Hon. Martin L. Sweeney of Ohio gave a wonderful address. Citing millions of youths being cared for through SERA and CCC and other governmental relief agencies, he declared, "We've either got to feed 'em or fight 'em—that's the trouble with our relief system today. Maybe that is a radical statement but it is true and it is time somebody told the people the truth."

Dr. Townsend gave the closing address, "Let Us Go Forward to Victory." It follows:

"It has taken us four years to acquaint the people of the United States with our program, but from now on if we want to get results quickly, we will have to change our tactics. We must reach the persons in the union who have not been educated to our plan. Especially those in the southern states. Also we must make manifest to the people in Washington just what our idea of Americanism is—the Townsend plan. We certainly do not want CCC, WPA and such governmental functions we recognize as "American institutions." We do not believe in such foolishness.

"We must have organized state machines. If we could compel the democrats and republicans to adapt our policies, we could rap our state parties, but, in my opinion, they are never going to do it."

He said that the Townsend party is not to be tried in any state but California at the present time. He made a plea for us to remain loyal to the plan and that we would win. His speech was applauded many times.

Chairman Jeffrey officially closed the third national Townsend convention with these remarks, "I know you are going to carry out to conclusion the program you have laid out and that it will not be long until a bill embodying the principles of the Townsend plan has been enacted into a national law."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their condolences and flower offerings at the funeral of our father and brother, Magnus Baunach. Also the American Legion Post for their splendid services.

Rosetta Baunach
Delmar Baunach
Raymond Baunach
August Baunach

Miss Beth Whitcomb of Forest Grove and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ball of Portland were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stiles left for Tacoma last Thursday for a week's visit with their son, V. C. Stiles.

Cassidy Will Build Shed at Gilbert Creek Schoolhouse

Louis Cassidy was the successful bidder and was awarded the contract to build a woodshed at the school in Dist. 97. He is now busy getting materials on the ground.

Don Mosser and Chauncey Robins left Monday night of last week for a trip to Alaska. Don Mosser says, "As things were getting pretty hot around home, we went north to get cooled off."

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Pearson were out to church Sabbath.

Mrs. Bostwick was out on Sabbath to church. Also Mr. Beach, who is visiting Mrs. Bostwick.

(Last Week)

Jesse Gearhart is busy clearing around the schoolhouse and hauling wood for the coming winter for school district No. 97.

Fred Lew, Cassidys and Tibbetts went to the coast over the weekend to dig clams. They returned Sunday night. Ed's car certainly looked as if it had been digging clams or something. Oh, boy!

Don Mosser and O. B. Manley hauled hay Sunday afternoon.

Don Mosser helped Andy Kershaw in the hay Friday.

Harold Brown and wife were dinner guests at Jesse Gearhart's Saturday.

Mrs. Asa Smith and Dexter were callers at the Manley home Sabbath morning.

Mrs. Manley called on Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Bob Brown Monday afternoon.

Fendall-Rogers-Sitton Clan Holds Reunion on Sunday

The annual reunion of the Fendall-Rogers-Sitton clan was held Sunday at the Johnston park which is located on a part of the Chas. E. Fendall donation land claim. Mrs. Johnston is a granddaughter of Mrs. Fendall. 89 people gathered at the park, most of whom were descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Fendall, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Sitton and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Rogers. Basket lunch was served at one o'clock and the rest of the day was spent visiting and a ball game between the married men and the single men which resulted in a victory for the single men. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fendall, Mr. and Mrs. Fendall and two children, Miss Ruby Fendall, Miss Lois Sitton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Fidele and Mrs. Ella Stephen, all of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kuykendall and Miss Lena Sitton of Yamhill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher of Canby, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Ray of Newberg, Mrs. Pearl Sitton and her children, Gordon, Margaret, Kenneth and Fred, Mrs. Margaret Sitton, Ebb Sitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sitton and their children and Fay Carter of Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sitton and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Hamblin, Mrs. Effie L. Braley, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sitton and their daughter, Miss Anne, all of McMinnville, Miss Helen Stephenson of Salt Lake, Utah, who is visiting Miss Sitton, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fendall and their son, Bill of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor and their son, Devere of Alsea, and Miss Margaret Yates of Shedd, Mrs. Lou Wilson of Eddyville, Mrs. Dorothy Hamer of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Val Fisher of Grand Ronde, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neely, Howard Brown and his cousin, Mrs. Martha Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bockes, all of Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lady of Gopher Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Roxie Mendenhall and Harold and Glen Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Mendenhall, Mrs. Ernest Mendenhall and her three children, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fendall and Scotty Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston all of Willamina, Mrs. Ethel Borden, Willows, Calif., Hugh Stephens, San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Johnston, Los Angeles Cal., Mrs. Ida Beegle, Mrs. Ethel Weir, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Alice Stephens, Cedar Mills, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Fendall and children and Miss Ruby Fendall of Portland spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fendall. Mrs. Fendall and the children remained for a week's visit.

Miss Lois Sefton of Portland, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Roxie Mendenhall, returned to her home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bartel and children were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bartel.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson and Mr. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Rilda Steigleder of Portland called at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Fred Johnston, Thursday on their way home from Cannon Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Johnston of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Ida F. Beegle of Inglewood, Cal., and Mrs.

Ethel Weir of Phoenix, Ariz. are visiting at the home of Mr. Johnston's brother, Fred Johnston, and with Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, were Portland visitors Monday.

To W. E. Fendall of Portland went the honors of being the oldest member present, and to Rodney Fendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fendall for the youngest member.

Fern District Lady Returns From McMinnville Hospital

Mrs. Otto Debrick, who has been a patient in McMinnville hospital, returned home last week. Her sister, Mrs. Hugh Walker of Dallas, has been caring for her. She is slowly gaining.

Miss Roberta Blanchard is visiting in Seattle. She went home with her uncle, Perry Bradley, and his family, who visited at the Blanchard home over the Fourth.

Callers at the Stuart home Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Will Spival, Wilbur and Mrs. Belle Freeborn of Amity and Mr. and Mrs. H. Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newbill attended the family reunion at Dallas Sunday. A large crowd was out.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blanchard and Florence and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stuart spent Sunday at the coast. It was cold and foggy over there. Quite a change from the valley temperatures of the past week.

Byrd Koelsing spent the weekend with his parents in McMinnville.

Mrs. Chas. Ray and Mrs. Wm. Ray were shopping in McMinnville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Ray McLaughlin and Betty of Carlton visited at the Benjamin home Monday evening.

Engineer Advises Use of Electricity for Heating

The use of electricity for heating bathrooms, kitchens and other small rooms offers an immediate and encouraging field for efforts directed toward developing greater home electrification, believes William B. Bruere, formerly a TVA consulting engineer who recently joined the Portland General Electric company in a similar capacity.

Electric heaters offer advantages of flexibility and convenience which, coupled with low initial cost, bring them easily within reach of the average electric service customer, Bruere states. "Very satisfactory equipment can be installed to heat a room, such as a bathroom, kitchen or bedroom, for from \$20 to \$60, with thermostatic controls that make possible maximum comfort and at the same time guarantee an economical use of current."

Electrical heating of this kind fits very well into the modern scheme of building homes with a maximum regard for convenient and comfortable living, and many different styles of both portable and built-in heaters are on the market. Bruere foresees a wide acceptance of them in this territory as soon as the public at large can be informed as to their use.

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