

Auto Workers Defy Hoffmann; to Invade N. J.

Salem Leading In State Mat Tournery Race

Qualifies Dozen. Matmen With Oregon City and Benson Tied at Six

76 Matches Are Run Off First Night, 30 on Tonight's Sked

By PAUL HAUSER
Salem's high school wrestling team dominated the preliminary rounds of the state high school wrestling tournament last night and made its chances for a championship look rosy as it placed 12 of its 19 wrestlers in the semi-finals, slated to start at 7 o'clock tonight.

Salem's representation of 12 in the semi-finals was six more than its closest rivals, Benson of Portland and Oregon City, each of which put six men through the preliminary and quarter-final brackets Benson is the defending champion.

One of Salem and one Benson wrestler in the 115 pound class yet have a chance to work their way into finals when they meet in a rematch engagement as the feature event of tonight's show. Tom Mio of Salem and Nishikawa of Benson, both Japanese boys, are the pair and were so evenly matched that their quarter-final match last night had to be called a draw after they went through three overtime periods with neither gaining an edge.

Eight Others Are Still in Running
Hill Military academy placed four wrestlers in the semi-finals while Franklin of Portland and Corvallis placed three and Sandy, Newberg, Albany, Chemawa and Parkrose one each.

To put things through the quarter-final stage 76 matches were run off last night in nearly four hours of wrestling. Two matches were kept going all the time and the same procedure will be used in the semi-finals.

A slate of 30 matches is tonight's program with the ten final events scheduled to go on at 8 o'clock.

Scout Fund Drive Goal Is Revealed

Charles S. McElhinny will head a 1937 boy scout finance drive in the Clatsop county district March 25. The district committee headed by Dr. B. F. Pound decided at its monthly meeting at the chamber of commerce last night. The 1937 budget for Cascade county will be \$1500, \$1100 above last year's, it was announced.

Vance Geologician Chief

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(P)—The election of A. D. Vance, on the staff of the Portland city engineer's office, as president of the Geological Society of the Oregon Country was announced at a banquet of the organization here tonight.

Horseplay Features Initial Night Session, Lower House

Taking their cue from the mock "third house" session of the night before, members of the house of representatives first frolicked and then revolved against overwork in the first night session of the session. House leaders ordered the session last night in an effort to clean up the 93 bill calendar with which it started the day.

McKinley School Cash Box Looted

For the second time in two weeks McKinley grade school was broken into Thursday night, apparently by the same marauder who Monday night entered the principal's office and stole a small amount of change.

Entering entrance by breaking a pane of glass from rear door and then opening the door from the inside, the burglar took \$1.55 from the office of Principal Dorothy Rea. The amount was approximately the same as stolen Monday night. The same means of entrance was used the first time.

The two burglaries at McKinley were possibly the work of the burglar who on February 11 looted the principal's office at Leslie junior high of nearly \$100 in cafeteria and candy counter funds.

Program for Financing Library and New Office Building Is Worked Out

Repayment of Remainder on Present Structure, New Loan From Accident Fund With Federal Aid Are Proposed; Committee to Scan Idea Today

AT the meeting of the ways and means committee this morning to consider the state building program a concrete plan will be presented for the purchase of the blocks lying north of Court street for additions to the state capitol grounds, and for the erection of a state library.

Spanish Blockade Difficulties Seen

Each Nation Is Required to Rule Separately, Control Shipping

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(P)—European nations trying to set up an international blockade around Spain faced unexpected difficulties tonight.

Decision of Russia and Portugal not to join a naval blockade of Spain with four other powers at first promised a clear-cut way for the others to launch the program.

Then it was recalled that it would be necessary for each of the 27 nations in the neutrality combine to take separate measures to require shipping to comply with the control scheme.

Some nations, it was pointed out, presumably can meet the situation with existing government regulations, but Great Britain rushed preparation of a bill ordering ships bound for Spain to call at "control ports" or "anchorage" before entering the zone.

Informed sources said tonight it might be impossible to have the full details of the neutrality program in effect by the March 6 deadline, but expressed hope it could be made substantially effective then.

Relief Load Will Drop This Spring

Heavy Demand Upon State Fund Noted in Winter; Weather Is Factor

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(P)—Blair Goudy, state relief administrator, predicted today a reduction in the relief load in April, with the opening of seasonal employment.

Virtually all counties have made heavy demands upon the state relief budget, in meeting demands created by severe weather conditions, sickness and termination of work projects.

Expenditures in January for old age, blind and public assistance totaled \$479,839. The relief committee approved \$263,226 for direct relief in March.

Co-op Introduces Mandamus Asked Child Labor Vote

TOPEKA, Feb. 26.—(P)—Twenty-one senators and three representatives, opponents of the resolution to ratify the child labor amendment to the federal constitution, petitioned the state supreme court today for a writ of mandamus ordering the resolution killed.

Chief Justice John S. Dawson granted the plaintiffs a stay of certification of the resolution and set the case for hearing next Friday afternoon at the close of the February term.

The resolution was declared adopted by the senate February 15, with Lieutenant-Governor W. M. Lindsay casting the deciding vote, making a 20-20 tie.

At the time the lieutenant-governor cast the vote, Senator Coleman (R., Johnson), who had opposed the resolution challenged the presiding officer's right to a voice in the measure and served notice he might carry the case to court.

Two Measures To Aid Cities' Finances Lose

5 Per Cent Liquor Levy, Diversion of Highway Funds Both Fail

One Held Sales Tax and Other Plan Opposed on Policy Basis

The house yesterday turned thumbs down on two measures which would have brought additional revenues to cities. One was the so-called Portland police fireman pension bill, which would have placed a 5 per cent tax on hard liquor sales in the state. Funds would have been distributed to other cities from the tax for general purposes. The other would have diverted \$500,000 of highway funds for the use of cities.

"Cities have been put to an additional expense to enforce the Knox liquor control act," declared Representative Alber, Multnomah-Clackamas, in opening the debate on the pension-revenue tax.

"It is only fair to put the expense on the persons who are buying liquor. At present it is borne by real estate taxes."

"The mayors of many cities came here and cited the crying need for this money. Other cities need it for other purposes."

Farnsworth Term Is 4 to 12 Years

Former Naval Officer Is Excoriated by Judge as U. S. Betrayer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—Years in prison stretch before John S. Farnsworth, former American naval officer, charged with delivering fleet secrets to the Japanese.

As a warning to others who might be tempted "to sell out their country," Justice James M. Proctor fixed his sentence today at from four to a dozen years.

Had his crime occurred in wartime, the justice said, death would have been the penalty.

Farnsworth, gray-haired and broken at 43, listened listlessly as the court denounced him for communicating naval secrets to two Japanese naval attaches formerly stationed in Washington.

Farnsworth previously had thrown himself upon the mercy of the court, his attorney announcing he would not contest but likewise would not dispute the charge. He tried vainly later to change his plea to "innocent."

Officials said the former officer would be transferred in a few days from the District of Columbia jail, where he has been since his arrest last summer, to the federal reformatory at Lorton, Va. Parole authorities will determine how much of the sentence he must serve.

Japanese Losses Heavy In Battle Near Mukden

TOKYO, Feb. 27.—(Saturday)—Twenty-five Japanese and six Manchukuo officers and soldiers were killed and eleven wounded in a battle with 300 bandits near Mukden, Manchoukuo, last Monday, said word reaching here today.

Late Sports

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 26.—(P)—The Pacific Lutheran cage team from Tacoma built up a 26 to 12 half-time lead tonight and went on to wallop Albany college 34 to 22.

HOW EMPLOYER WINS SIT-DOWN STRIKE



Tips to other employers bothered with sit-down strikes may be offered by Walter L. Fry, president of the Fry Products company of Detroit. When his workers sat down, Fry sat down also, in the comfortable manner shown above. It wasn't but a day or so until the strike was over.

Penny Ante Helps Restore Amity in Sit-Down Dispute

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(P)—A brief sit-down strike at the principal shoe company in Brooklyn was ended today, after a night of poker playing between the 17 strikers and their employers.

The poker had nothing to do with the strike or its settlement, except as a means of passing the time.

Herman Baldowsky, an executive of the firm, said he invited the strikers into his office, where they could be more comfortable. Somebody produced a deck of cards and the game was on, with several non-playing strikers as kibitzers.

It was only a penny ante game, but efforts to learn who won were met with the reply: "Who do you think would win?"

Finally the strikers agreed to return to work pending arbitration of a dispute that arose when a cutter complained against handling a new model shoe on a piecework basis.

Geisha Girls Are Latest to Strike

Collective Bargaining Is Demand of Entertainer Guild; Will Fight

OSAKA, Japan, Feb. 27.—(Saturday)—Eighty Geisha, famous dancing and singing girls of Japan, today staged a walkout unique in this strike-ridden world.

The issues were similar to those vexing American industry—the girls complained they were not permitted to organize for collective bargaining—but the methods were such as could be used only in Japan.

The eighty marched to the top of a mountain near Osaka and there occupied a well-known Buddhist temple, the Gokusoji, and declared they would wage a fight to the death if their demands were not granted.

"We are not cheap goods for sale! We will fight to the death!" some of the girls told reporters.

The girls complained their managers were exploiting them and would not permit them to join the Geisha guild.

Previously these same geisha had trouble with their managers when they refused to rehearse for the annual presentation of the famous Ashira dance, which belongs to the quarters of licensed vice rather than the geisha resorts.

Robinwitz Return Here Now Sought

District Attorney Lyle J. Page is preparing documents for extradition of Louis Robinwitz, now being held at Oklahoma City, Okla., on a fugitive from justice warrant issued here in connection with the killing of Rev. Joseph Scherbring, Sublimity Catholic priest, of \$100 in a false diamond deal last year, he disclosed last night.

"Robinwitz is under indictment here on a charge of larceny of \$1300," Page said. "We will send the extradition papers and then send an agent after him if authorities in Oklahoma will release him."

Several other attempts to extradite Robinwitz on other charges have been denied, Page said he had been informed.

West's Second Sit-Down Ends In Quick Time

Northrop and Leader of Strike Agree; 343 to Plead on Tuesday

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 26.—(P)—Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, tonight defied Governor Harold G. Hoffman's attack on the sit-down strike as a method of industrial unionization with the verbal order to "move out of the way."

"If we have to sit down to save lives, we are going to sit down," he declared at a mass meeting which formally launched a committee for industrial organization membership campaign in highly industrialized northern New Jersey. Unionization of the 3,700 workers in the Ford Motor company assembly plant at Edgewater was his immediate objective.

Hoffman had stated he would use "if necessary, the entire resources of the state to preserve the rights and property of its citizens."

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—(P)—Some 200 sit-down strikers peacefully evacuated the Northrop aircraft factory today as 343 indicted strikers arrested at the nearby Douglas plant were arraigned.

Superior Judge Charles W. Fricker ordered the Douglas employees to return to court next Tuesday to enter pleas, which their counsel said probably would be "not guilty."

The Northrop workers came out after Chief Deputy District Attorney William Simpson and President John K. Northrop visited them in the plant.

Simpson warned them they would be indicted as the Douglas strikers were unless they evacuated this afternoon. Northrop invited them to return to work Monday, and promised to deal with their elected representatives on their strike demands.

Northrop conferred privately with the leaders, He and Charles Hollinshead, strike strategy chairman, shook hands before the workmen and addressed them.

(By The Associated Press)
Automobile, aviation and steel processing fields furnished principal developments on the nation's widespread strike front today.

An estimated 30,000 men were idle.

Tear gas used to eject 61 sit-down strikers from the beleaguered Fawcett metallurgical plants in North Chicago, Ill.

Disputes between company union men and members of the National Automobile Workers union caused a six-hour shutdown of Fisher Body and Chevrolet Motors plants in Jamestown, Wis.

At Groton, Conn., 147 stay-in strikers who were forcibly removed from the electric boat company's yards obtained a one-week's continuance in their trespassing cases.

Red Hills Grange Wins in Contest

LIBERTY, Feb. 26.—The Red Hills Grange was the winner, by a narrow margin, in the district one-act play contest to select an entrant for the finals in the Fossombroni Grange county-wide competition to be held at Silverton on March 2.

The Red Hills play was "Tommy Says Hello," and was directed by the lecturer, Mrs. Grant Teter. Roberts Grange was second, with its play "Sam Fickler's Tourist Camp."

Ballade of Today

By R. C.

"What's all the shooting for?" is asked as sit-down strikes spring up apace. "For many years in peace we basked, of labor troubles scarce a trace."

On Grant and wrong, an answer clear appears to solve this puzzle vast, but mighty issues center here, the world has broken with the past.