UCC Retention 'As Is' Asked

Resolution Opposing Labor Amendments Adopted at Forum Held Here

Salem, McMinnville and Albany business men attending an Associated Employers' forum on the state unemployment compensation system adopted a resolution at the chamber of commerce here yesterday afternoon recommending features of the law be left as they now are. Approximately 60 attended the afternoon hearing.

Retention of the experience rating idea and the seasonality features of the jobless benefits act was urged by Ralph H. Campbell, assistant attorney general and counsel for the unemployment compensation commission. He asserted elimination of these features, to be proposed to the legislature by the CIO and the AFL would weaken the law, which he declared was an insurance act and not a wage subsidy or a relief measure.

The purpose of the conference was explained by Dan Hay, Salem, executive manager of the Associated Employers of Oregon. C. T. Haas, Portland, gave an analysis of organized labor's proposed changes in the compensation act. The duties and functions of the commission were outlined by L. O. Arens, a member of the commission.

Virgil L. Sexton, Salem, commission supervisor of research and statistics, dealt with the merit rating system, while Fred W. Packwood, Portland, stressed "the federal viewpoint of social legislation."

The Salem meeting was the second in a series of five parleys. Others will be held at Eugene Wednesday, Marshfield Thursday and Medford Friday.

It also was proposed to hold another forum in Salem early in September, when legislators from this section of the state would be asked to attend.

Good Peas Coming From Joseph Area

Some of the finest peas ever produced in the state are coming out of the Joseph area, Frank McKennon, chief of the state agricultural department plant industry division, declared upon his return here yesterday from eastern Oregon.

McKennon said approximately 500 acres of peas are being harvested in the Joseph section with three carloads moving daily. The growers lost seven carloads by hail damage during the past week, McKennon said.

Hot and dry weather in Union county has caused a reduction in the production of Austrian winter field peas there.

'Grapes of Wrath' Source Mentioned

BEAUMONT, Tex., July 23—(AP)—The Dies investigating committee heard new details here of asserted communistic inroads into California's moving picture circles and state federal governments.

Communists controlled a WPA theater project in Los Angeles, the committee was told, and inspired a play based on the same notes which formed the theme of John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath."

Presenting the plight of migratory workers was a particular program of California communists, the witness, Miss Rena Marie Vale, told Chairman Martin Dies.

Miss Vale, 42-year-old former prize-winning scenario writer, said she worked a year on the WPA play, "Sunrises in the West," which bore a remarkable similarity to "Grapes of Wrath."

She said material was obtained through communist channels from San Francisco Research society which had supplied the same information to Steinbeck.

'Tobacco Road' to Close in Gotham And Take to Road

NEW YORK, July 23—(AP)—The drama critics have waited six years, eight months and a few odd hours and minutes for this:

Tobacco Road is going to bid Broadway good-bye.

Yes, it's true. Jeeter Lester and the other Georgia Crackers will quit the great white way August 17. Mike Goldreyer said so today and he's the astonishing show's press agent.

Up went the critics' noses that night of December 4, 1933, when Jack Kirkland's dramatization of Erskine Caldwell's pithy novel was first performed here.

Then they looked down their noses and predicted a speedy end for the vehicle. But they did the same for Abie's Irish Rose, which didn't fold exactly on one night, either.

On August 1 the Road will have piled up 2847 performances—530 better than Abie's record. But Tobacco Road is not dead yet. It's going to go on—and on—on the road. It will open its road show season in Buffalo, September 16.

Painting Project Ordered Stopped; Held Maintenance

PORTLAND, July 23—(AP)—State WPA Administrator E. J. Griffith Monday halted a $91,861 painting project to improve lighting conditions in 1300 Portland public school classrooms.

The Portland building trades council protested that the project was a means of handling "purely maintenance" work on the WPA wage scale.

Griffith ordered a survey to determine whether the work should be classed as maintenance or capital improvement.

Gothic Motif Marks Design of New Church Here

This is the architect's vision in sketch form of how the new First Congregational church at Cottage and Marion streets, to be constructed soon, will look.

New Congregational Church Edifice Designed, Marion and Cottage Site

An attractive building of Gothic inspiration, constructed partly with stone and partly half-timber and stucco, is called for in the plans for the new First Congregational church structure. Construction is to start soon on the Marion and Cottage street site, where the old residence building that occupied the property is now being wrecked.

The church is to be 99 by 82 feet, with the main entrance from the Marion and Cottage street corner. A squared-off tower will rise 34 feet on the chapel portion.

The main auditorium will seat 230 and the balcony another 40 persons. The Sunday school chapel can also be opened up at the back of the church auditorium. Pews will be divided by a center aisle and two side aisles. Choir seats will be half on each side of the pulpit and will be at the same height as the pulpit. Windows will be of cathedral glass, with a rose window behind the altar.

A social hall in the basement will have a stage and modern kitchen in connection and will seat 200. On the main floor there will also be a woman's lounge and a club room, each with a fireplace. A small kitchenette will open off the woman's lounge. Accommodations are being made for 14 Sunday school class rooms.

Frederick H. Eley is the architect.

This will be the third building for the Salem First Congregational church, which in April sold the building it had occupied since 1905 on the corner of Liberty and Center. The first church building, also on the Liberty and Center street property, was built in 1863.

Only Two Major Fires Spreading

MISSOULA, Mont., July 23—(AP)—Only two major forest fires remained uncontrolled last night of 300 blazes ignited in dry Idaho and Montana timber country by the third serious "dry lightning" storm in two weeks.

Earl Tennant, assistant regional forest service fire control chief, said the ruggedness of terrain hampered efforts to control a stubborn 200-acre fire in the Devil's Washbowl section in the Bitter Root national forest of east Idaho.

A crew of 180 worked in this rocky, gulch-scarred region southwest of Darby, Mont.

A forces of 175 men was reported closing in on a 600-acre fire which roared swiftly through grass and timberland in the Deer Lodge national forest.

Near Lincoln, 50 miles northwest of Helena, a 50-acre fire in the Helena national forest was reported under control.

$200 Is Added to War Relief Fund

The executive board of the Marion county Red Cross chapter met at the Argo hotel Monday noon for a special meeting to discuss the drive for the war relief fund, which closed Saturday night. Milton L. Meyers, chairman of the war relief committee, stated that the local chapter would not take an active part in collecting money to complete the second drive, but voluntary contributions from the public will be accepted.

In the last two days $200 has been collected, leaving a shortage of $1200. Salem responded more than some of the other towns in the county. The largest contribution came from Woodburn, which added $81.39 towards making up the deficit.

Haile Selassie Is In Uniform Again

LONDON, July 23—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Haile Selassie was transformed from a sad civilian exile into the resplendently uniformed fighting emperor of Ethiopia in a quick-change act in the men's washroom of the former Italian Yacht club in Alexandria, The Daily Mail reported today.

The Mail's Alexandria correspondent said the black-bearded little "lion of Judah," having flown from England to Egypt, went under cover of darkness to the yacht club, now a British headquarters.

There, in the washroom, he doffed his sombre mufti for the uniform of an Ethiopian generalissimo, and with a British officer drank a toast in wine left behind by the Italians.

Then he hastened southward to the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan to direct the fight for Ethiopia's freedom from Italy.

"I claim to be the only man in the world who has entertained an emperor in a washroom," declared the British officer.

Highway Officials To Join Caravan

State highway department officials here have accepted an invitation to join the caravan scheduled to start from Forest Grove early Thursday for a trip over the Wilson River highway.

A dinner for the visitors will be held at Tillamook Thursday night. The return trip will be made Friday.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said several stops would be made along the highway.

Ex-New Dealers To Back Willkie

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., July 22—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie has received pledges of support from two former new deal officials—John W. Hanes and Lewis W. Douglas—and suggested in response that they "commence in your own way the organization of democrats and independents of like belief."

Hanes served on the securities commission and later was undersecretary of the treasury. Douglas was President Roosevelt's first budget director.

"We propose," the two democrats wired the republican presidential nominee, "to enlist in your behalf the support of democrats who believe with us that loyalty to country takes precedence over loyalty to party."

Willkie expressed gratification for the message, signed also by Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson of Tulsa, Okla., former president of the Federated Women's Clubs of America. A similar separate telegram came from Alan Valentine, president of Rochester university.

Recognition Issue Denied by Bullitt

HYDE PARK, NY, July 23.—President Roosevelt and William C. Bullitt, US ambassador to France, discussed France and her future Monday after Bullitt asserted there was no question of the United States' recognition of the new French government.

This country's relationship to the new regime headed by Marshal Henri Petain was "exactly the same" as to the old French government, Bullitt said before he and the president renewed their conference.

No question of US recognition had arisen, he added, because "we never had broken off relations." Bullitt, on arriving home from Europe Saturday said he did not think it was right to call the Petain government "fascist." He said he had not discussed with Mr. Roosevelt the question of recognizing the committee of French exiles set up in England after France yielded to the nazis.

The ambassador had a preliminary conference with Mr. Roosevelt Sunday night in Washington, at which they "just began to scratch the surface." He accompanied the chief executive to Hyde Park to spend three days for intermittent discussions.

County Gets Bill For State Audit

Marion county was presented with an account payable totaling $4385.18 yesterday by the state department's division of audits for work done in auditing different departments of county administration.

Covered by the account were the audit of the sheriff's office, which disclosed a $434.26 shortage; of the tax rolls from 1926 to 1939; balancing and transcribing of the tax roll from 1926 to 1939; and of the criminal department from 1933 to 1939.

Also included was installation of accounting systems in the tax and criminal departments of the sheriff's office, and a listing of foreclosed properties as an adjustment of the county tax roll.

Plans Completed, VFW Dedication

Building to Be Open on Saturday; Post Hears Speakers

Marion post 661, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at its meeting this week completed plans for dedication Saturday of the post's new home at North Church and Hood streets.

The building will be open to the public from 1 p. m. to midnight. Ceremonies will be held at 8 p. m. with State Senator Douglas McKay as master of ceremonies and Major General George A. White the principal speaker. Both are members of the post.

At the meeting talks were made by Colonel Jack Major of Paducah, Ky., and Colonel Charles A. Robertson. Colonel Major, public relations representative of the Union Oil company, was voted a Mexican General's rank, the post's highest honorary degree.

Colonel Robertson told of his military and foreign career and his views on the present world situation, especially in regard to the western hemisphere.

Indians Making Difficult Transition To White Man's Ways, Anthropologist Says, but Hardships Cause Lethargy

The sudden rush of the white man's civilization has virtually overwhelmed the Indian population of the North American continent, Dr. Gordon McGregor, anthropologist of the federal bureau of Indian affairs, told the Salem Kiwanis club yesterday, but the process of assimilation is successfully proceeding nonetheless.

"The American Indian is in a transitional state," the anthropologist, who is teaching in the summer school held on the Chemawa campus, said.

"The whole race is affected by what might be called a 'cultural blitzkrieg,' and from the difficulties of the transition stem most of the Indians' reputation for lethargy and sub-normality."

"The white man's civilization, which is about 50,000 years old, can hardly be thrust upon the primitive, nomadic Indian in two or three generations," he continued.

Dr. McGregor, who holds degrees from Yale and Harvard universities, denied, however, that the effort of the Indian bureau to readjust the red men's culture and society to the demands of modern white civilization had necessarily failed.

"Many of the Indians at Chemawa have been able to make the necessary adjustments," he told, "and there is much hope that others will do likewise."

Prior to Dr. McGregor's address, Fred Lamport, member of the club and delegate to the republican national convention in Philadelphia, recounted briefly the experiences of his trip.

He was particularly struck, he said, by the seriousness of the delegates' attitudes at the convention, and by the general lack of frivolity. He also spoke briefly of the delegation's efforts on behalf of the candidacy of Senator Charles L. McNary for the republican presidential nomination.

Western Writer B. M. Bower Dies

LOS ANGELES, July 23—(AP)—Bertha Muzzy Bower, 68, who as B. M. Bower wrote "Chip of the Flying U" and half a hundred other western novels of some five million words died at the home of a daughter here today.

As the young mother of three growing children, Mrs. Bower began writing western fiction in 1904. Two years later "Chip" was published, to be followed by a flood of novels that met instant popularity.

Born in Cleveland, Minn., she was taken by her parents, Washington and Eunice Muzzy, to Montana as a small child. It was on the range of that state she acquired the experience she capitalized upon later in her western tales.

Man Civilly Dead Permitted to Wed

NEW YORK, July 23—(AP)—A paroled convict forbidden by New York city to marry because he is "civilly dead" won a victory in supreme court today.

Justice Frank E. Johnson granted Fred Traina, 46-year-old garment cutter, a mandamus writ directing the city clerk to issue a marriage license, hitherto refused, and added:

"It seems silly to send a man out into the world from prison, telling him he mustn't do wrong, then telling him he must not do right by marrying."

Traina left Sing Sing prison in 1934 after serving 14 years of a 20-year-to-life sentence on a murder charge. A month ago he was refused a license to marry.

"The law specifically says that a man convicted of murder and sentenced to jail loses all his civil rights and is civilly dead," said Assistant Corporation Counsel Arthur Callahan, opposing Traina's request.

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