

WOMEN PLANNING DRIVE TO SECURE BETTER CHANCES

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. July 24.—(AP)—At the closing session of their biennial convention, members of the national federation of business and professional women's clubs selected Grand Rapids, Mich., as the meeting place for their 1938 board meeting and Kansas City, Mo., for the next biennial convention in 1939.

In a brief statement, Mrs. Earlene White, postmistress of the U. S. senate postoffice, Washington, D. C., new president of the organization, announced a drive to be carried on during the next two years to advance the economic, political and social opportunities of business and professional women.

"After making a tentative plan from the Atlantic City biennial convention," she declared, "we will work actively for the enactment of the Equal Rights amendment to the federal constitution and will endeavor to point out and work against discriminations which interfere with rights of women in work."

"We accept the challenge to encourage the election of more qualified women to congress, and to state and local legislative bodies. We will continue to be pathfinders in new vocational fields for women and to point out the problems of existing fields."

What they demanded was not laws to protect the shop girl against 56-hour week salaries and 12-hour work days, but an amendment to the federal constitution which would for all time prohibit congress, state legislatures and local governing bodies from passing any laws applicable solely to women.

All convention speakers agreed women's next job was to break down what they described as man's paternal and secretly selfish attitude toward woman, but they differed on the best means of accomplishing it.

The federation's board of directors opposed special legislation on the ground labor laws should be based on the nature of the work rather than on the sex of the worker, and a leader of the national women's party, Anita Pollitzer, warned that no long as women are told when, where and how they may work, just as long will they be denied equal pay for equal work and an equal chance of finding work.

Mary Van Kleeck, an industrial researcher, warned that renunciation of special laws would drive the office woman and factory girl further apart in economic philosophy and thereby weaken woman's cause. The girls in industry want labor legislation, she said.

But Miss Gertrude Mallory of Los Angeles urged special laws merely make it hard for women to get jobs and when she moved for a vote on the proposed amendment no dissenting voices could be heard and the chief shouting of opponents.

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RICHEST WOMAN IN AMERICA DIES

BEVERLY, Mass., July 24.—(AP)—The story book career of a small town girl who became one of the nation's wealthiest women was ended today with the death of Mrs. Marshall Field, 84, widow of the Chicago merchant prince.

Pneumonia with which she was stricken three days ago took her life last night at her summer home at Deane's Crossing.

She became the bride of the first Marshall Field at historic St. Margaret's church in London and she was given a pre-nuptial settlement of \$1,000,000.

Field, 70 and a widower when he married, died four months after the ceremony in New York, on January 16, 1906.

His widow, who had no children by either of her marriages, shared in his estate, mostly Chicago real estate valued at upwards of \$200,000,000.

Nineteen-three Cases Of Disease Reported

SALEM, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—Nineteen-three cases of communicable diseases were reported in the state last week, the Oregon board of health bulletin said.

Twenty-nine new cases of tuberculosis were reported, 10 of them being from Marion county and six in Wasco county.

Whooping cough cases numbered 21, scarlet fever 11, chickenpox six, and mumps seven.

Sun-Bathers Rapped By Astoria Official

ASTORIA, July 24.—(AP)—The law put its foot down when Astoria residents complained of women taking sun baths on the pier here with their suits draped about their knees.

"This same thing happens every summer, and if it continues we are going to start making arrests," said Chief of Police John Acton.

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"Strip Tease" Now Listed As Unfair To Labor Practice

CINCINNATI, July 24.—(AP)—"Strip-tease" dancing was listed among unfair labor practices charged against the Clover Fork Coal Co., Harlan county, Ky., in a complaint issued here today by the national labor relations board.

A hearing will be held at Harlan, Aug. 2.

Specifically, the "officers and officials of the company" are charged with having "procured lewd and immoral women to perform free, indecent exhibitions such as strip-tease dances and otherwise to engage in gratuitous lewdness conduct at times when union meetings were scheduled for the purpose of enticing its (the company's) employees from attending the meetings."

Tax Notices To Be Mailed October 1

SALEM, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—Notices involving second-half payments of income, intangibles and corporate excise taxes will be mailed from the state tax commission offices October 1, department heads announced.

Payments for the second half of 1937 will aggregate approximately \$1,600,000, against a total for the year of \$5,000,000. Total receipts for this year will run more than a million dollars above the original estimates, officials said.

Payments for the first half of the year are believed to be larger than ever before.

Didn't Understand So Judge Has Heart

PORTLAND, July 24.—(AP)—Because Fong Choe, elderly Chinese, didn't know what he was doing when he pleaded guilty to a narcotics indictment, Federal Judge James Alger Fee set aside the plea and vacated the resulting federal prison sentence.

Fong Choe will have a chance to plead again next Tuesday when Judge Fee ordered the United States attorney to have an interpreter in court.

Pilchard Fishermen Leaving For South

NORTH BEND, July 24.—(AP)—Coos Bay retained only four pilchard boats today, following the departure of nine purse seiners for Monterey, Calif.

The Arago Fisheries processing plant closed after handling a total of 120 tons. The season's average two years ago was 3,500 tons.

Operators and Master Fish Warden M. T. Hoy agreed that the season here was virtually at an end unless boats can be brought from Alaskan waters. An amphibian plane will be put in service next week directing the fishing boats.

FLORENCE HOVER, formerly of L and R Beauty Shop, is now with Carlisle Beauty Shop, Ph. 404.

DIVORCE LAWS TO BE CHANGED

LONDON, July 24.—(AP)—Husbands and wives hitherto barred from divorce by a stringent English law will be able to cancel their marital vows after the old statute dies early next year.

A divorce reform bill fathered by A. P. Herbert, the humorist-legislator, and enacted by the house of commons yesterday, is expected to become operative in January. Royal assent to the legislation will be given in a brief ceremony in the House of Lords next week.

The bill was hailed by the British press generally today as "the biggest change in social laws of our time."

In addition to adultery, the present law, the Herbert bill establishes these other causes: desertion without cause for at least three years, cruelty, and incurable insanity for five years.

There were more than 22,000 applications for legal separation orders on grounds of cruelty and desertion last year.

The position of the king's proctor under the new regime was the subject of speculation. This officer, under the old law, when armed with sufficient evidence of collusion, could obstruct the granting of final divorce decrees.

Action by the proctor was sought while the divorce action of Mrs. Wallis Simpson, now the Duchess of Windsor, was pending. Francis Stephenson, a law office clerk, entered a charge of "collusion" in her suit against Ernest Aldrich Simpson but withdrew it and made no affidavit.

Stephenson said he had been moved to withdraw the charge when he heard the Duke of Windsor, then Edward VIII, mention "the woman I love" in his abdication farewell address last December.

While the Simpson case stimulated public interest in the divorce question it had no other connection with the reform movement which was a year old before Edward's abdication.

Nudists Schedule Coast Convention In Mid-September

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—(AP)—Persons in the west who believe in going naked part of the time—and there is a small army of them—will hold a convention Sept. 11, 12 and 13, a nudist leader announced today.

At the convention will be discussed problems of individual groups, standards of membership, finance, public relations and other matters affecting nudism, and there will be inter-club games.

Hobart Glassey, a Syracuse University psychology graduate, who is president and founder of fraternity Elsyn, said 11 active nudist groups in California, two in Washington and one each in Oregon and Colorado are expected to send delegates.

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San Diego Traps Drinking Drivers; Squads Halt All Automobiles At Key Points

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—(AP)—The "drunk trap," or blockade, which takes intoxicated motorists off the streets and to jail before there is an accident, is the answer to the rapid increase in traffic deaths, believes Chief of Police George Sears, of San Diego, who originated the idea.

How well the plan operates, Sears said, is shown by the record, which reveals San Diego is one of the few cities of the nation with more than 100,000 population, to show a decrease in traffic deaths during 1937.

For the first six months of 1937 San Diego had maintained its record. Sears declared, pointing to insurance company statistics which show that of 50 cities in the 100,000 to 250,000 population class, San Diego had the least fatalities.

Only 25 persons were killed on San Diego streets during the first six months of this year.

Under Sears' plan squads of officers, each night, are sent into various parts of the city. There are eight men to a squad, all equipped with motorcycles.

Officers are stationed at each entrance to the intersection and every approaching car, truck and motorcycle is halted. The operator carefully studied by the policemen.

All suspected of being in the least intoxicated are ordered to the side of the highway and more exhaustive tests made.

If the driver is found to be intoxicated he is taken to jail and booked.

In the first six months of the year the "drunk traps" sent 339 motorists to jail, but the number is decreasing monthly, from a high of 80 in March to 48 in June.

Sears asserted these figures prove the efficiency of the traps—that motorists hesitate to take "even one little drink before they venture out on the streets, for they never know when, or where they'll run into a drunk trap."

MURDER MYSTERY BAFFLES POLICE

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 24.—(AP)—State police combed central New York highways today for a clue to the mysterious disappearance of Morris B. Close, 25-year-old Rochester scoutmaster, while in Missouri. Authorities puzzled over the identity of a roadside murder victim dead in the missing man's clothes.

The searchers proceeded on the theory that Close, who disappeared Monday while driving from Albany to Rochester, may have been waylaid, robbed of his car and clothing and possibly slain.

The victim, whose bullet-riddled body was discovered beside a highway near Kingdom City, was identified tentatively by prosecutor T. A. Faunce of Calloway county, Mo., as that of Cameron Pledley of Oregon, Mo.

The prosecutor was frankly puzzled, however, by the fact that the murder victim was covered by a coat and blanket which he said had been identified as belonging to the missing Close.

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