

- CITY NEWS NOTES -

WHAT'S DOING

Monday
8 p. m.—Public forum on post war reconstruction, sponsored by Rotary club, circuit courtroom, courthouse.
8:15 p. m.—Choral Union concert, McArthur court.

Tuesday
12 noon—Rotary club meeting, Calum hotel.
8:15 p. m.—Toastmasters' club meeting, Eugene hotel.

Frank McCollough, Lorane, received lacerations on the forehead early Sunday when hit over the head with a quart bottle by a man at Seventh and Willamette by a "John Doe soldier," city police report. Police are looking for two men believed involved. With McCollough at the time of the attack was Hal Andrus, 209 Polk street, according to police.

Mrs. Guy Gordon and Mrs. L. E. McClock have returned to Eugene, following a visit in Eugene with their daughters, Miss Carolyn Gordon, Miss Margaret Ann Gordon, and Miss Patricia McClock, students at the university.

Two reported Monday by the city fire department were at Sixth and Olive, where a car seat caught on fire, and 859 Jefferson, where a car caught on fire Saturday, and at 340 Eighth avenue east, Sunday morning.

A sailor, who was home on a short furlough after being in the navy for 15 months, watching at one of the observation posts on his second night home.—A.M.M.

The basement of Booth-Kelly building, Fifth and Willamette, was entered Sunday morning by an intruder who opened all the water faucets and valves in the boiler and flooded the basement, Duke's cafe told city police Sunday.

TNT class of the Church of Christ at Elmira will hold its potluck supper Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lois Poole. Mrs. Florence Feregee, Mrs. Lois Poole and Mrs. Ruth Taylor, the new officers, will have charge of the meeting.

Earl Albert Gillott of Wicopee was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of the selective service act and was in the county jail Monday awaiting the arrival of a federal officer from Portland.

L. J. O'Neil, Rt. 2, has told city police of the theft of a hat, overcoat, flashlight, and papers from his car parked Sunday at Broadway and Charnellton.

Last dogs are reported by Mrs. H. H. Banks, 2231 McMillan, black and white spotted, missing; and D. C. Grove, 150 High, who lost a white and "cow" colored spaniel.

A. E. Dunning, 1442 Twentieth avenue east, had a set of tools stolen from his truck recently, he told city police.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Boyd have returned to Duluth, Minn., following a two weeks' visit with Mr. Boyd's mother, Mrs. Allie L. Boyd, in Eugene.

A county crew returned work on the Lowell bridge over the Willamette Monday and expects to have it ready for use again in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Summers of Clatsop visited in Eugene last week-end, attending the Oregon-FAC basketball games and visiting Mr. Summers' brother, John Summers.

Mr. Charles Broili has returned to Ashland from Eugene, where he visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Croome.

Victor Sweet of Eugene has moved to Roseburg, where he is employed by the Southern Pacific company.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wharton of Roseburg spent the week-end in Eugene, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steinmetz.

Arrested on charges of drunkenness the past weekend were Robert Metz, Gordon Fettes, Charles Goss, and Phil Sheridan.

The Salvation Army advisory board will hold its annual meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p. m.

The Gilesons will hold their

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Green Ridge Lumber Company is Sold

Sale of Green Ridge Lumber company to Claude A. and Alden

L. Potter is being announced by W. V. Chapman, Eugene, former owner. The new partnership will be known as the Potter Lumber company. The Green Ridge company was

organized in 1934 by Mr. Chapman and William Zimmerly, with the sawmill located north of Cottage Grove in Lynx Hollow and loading docks and planer at Walker. Zimmerly died last Nov-

ember following an accident in the logging woods. The Potter brothers are former owners of the Red Fir Lumber company at Harrisburg and moved to Eugene about a year ago.

Chapman, who has been in the lumber business in Oregon since 1920, has announced no plans for the future.

DALLAS, Tex.—Monthly gifts of flowering plants, donated by Dallas garden clubs through Red Cross camp and hospital service, brighten the wards in military hospitals here.

Montgomery Ward's Statement TO THE NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

February 27, 1943

National War Labor Board
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

A National War Labor Board panel has recommended that the Board issue another order against Montgomery Ward and Co. imposing upon Wards' six large stores in Denver, Detroit and New York City:

1. A form of closed shop, called "maintenance of membership," together with a check-off of union dues from wages.
2. Compulsory arbitration of any question the union wishes to raise.

Wards objects to the proposed order for these reasons:

1. The War Labor Board is without authority. Congress, the only law-making authority under the Constitution, has not empowered the Board to order any employer to adopt these requirements.
2. The War Labor Board, by ordering a closed shop in this case, will be furthering disrespect for constitutional authority. The Board is attempting to assume a power to make rules and laws by executive fiat alone. The public is being deceived into believing that the Board's orders have the force of law, when in fact they have no such effect. Employees are being confused and deceived into believing that their government desires them to join labor unions when in fact the national policy as declared by Congress is that employees are free to join or not, as they wish. Thus the Board is destroying the very essence of democracy, the right of the people to make laws through those whom the people elect for that purpose.
3. The War Labor Board, by promiscuously granting some form of the closed shop, is destroying the laws constitutionally enacted by Congress. The National Labor Relations Act endorses, guarantees and encourages the process of collective bargaining. The orders of this Board, however, have led the unions to abandon collective bargaining. The union in this case has rushed to the War Labor Board in the conviction that the Board will grant more than it could obtain through collective bargaining, the procedure which Congress has sought to protect and encourage. Other unions are following the same course. Thus the Board, by this proceeding and by its policies as proclaimed in other proceedings of this nature, is nullifying the public policy of the nation as declared by Congress and set forth in the National Labor Relations Act. Laws passed by Congress, the only law-making authority under our Constitution, can not legally be repealed by executive decree.
4. The proposed order would require Wards to violate the law. It would require Wards, first, to interfere with the free choice of its employees to resign from the union; second, to give support to the union by a check-off of union dues; and third, to discriminate against employees if they resign their membership in the union, all in direct violation of the National Labor Relations Act.
5. Wards operates in a highly competitive field composed of one million seven hundred fifty thousand retail establishments. It is unfair to impose burdens upon Wards and not upon those with whom it is in

competition. If the retail industry is to be subjected to the closed shop and arbitration requirements, they should be legislated by Congress and applied uniformly against all retail establishments.

6. The proposed order would require Wards to surrender to outside arbitrators the final decision on all matters which the union may wish to treat as grievances. Thus Wards' sixty thousand shareholders would be deprived of the right to direct, through the management they select, the affairs of the corporation they own.
7. Under this "maintenance of membership" form of closed shop, employees are not free to resign from the union without losing their jobs. Wards is compelled to discharge every union member who fails to maintain his union membership in good standing (non-payment of dues, etc.). "Maintenance of membership" is the starting phase which inevitably leads to the full closed shop and a labor monopoly.
8. The proposed order violates the fundamental principles of liberty. Liberty requires that an employee be free to join, to refuse to join, or to resign from a union without losing his job. Liberty requires that an employer be free to employ the person best suited for the work.
9. Wards has consistently defended these principles of liberty. In times of peace, Wards successfully denied all demands for the closed shop in any form. Two years ago the Teamsters' Union, in an effort to force a closed shop, maintained a vicious seven months strike against Wards' retail stores and mail order houses on the Pacific Coast. Two mail order houses and six retail stores were forced to close, forty-three other stores were picketed, and Wards suffered damages exceeding two million dollars. Employees were slugged, customers abused, and property destroyed. The railroads, the express companies, the truckers and finally the United States Post Office obeyed the demands of the union and, with total disregard for their obligations to the public and in violation of law, refused service to Wards and its customers. Nevertheless, Wards, while announcing its willingness to bargain and to contract with the union, refused to compromise the principles it was defending. The strike did not end until the union, in writing, withdrew its demand for a closed shop.

Even if the War Labor Board had the authority which it lacks, it should not, in time of war, when sacrifices are demanded of all, grant to any union a privilege it could not have obtained in time of peace.

Wards has no quarrel with legitimate union practices. However, Wards strongly opposes the War Labor Board's illegitimate attempts to sabotage our laws and to socialize all industry, ostensibly as a part of the war effort.

Wards desires to continue to obey the law, to preserve constitutional government, to maintain management by ownership, to remain competitive, and to leave its employees free to belong or not to belong to a union as they wish.

In accordance with these principles Wards must reject any proposals which require it to enter into contracts which it believes to be illegal, or to surrender principles which it considers to be fundamental. In so doing, Wards is taking the course which good citizenship requires.

MONTGOMERY WARD AND COMPANY
(Signed) SEWELL AVERY
President

Townsend News

(From Official Townsend Headquarters)

TOWNSEND NEWS
Lane county Townsend association clubs hold a meeting each Saturday evening at 7:15. This Saturday business only. Refreshments follow the meeting and at 9 o'clock, old time dance. Clubroom open to public week days from 1 to 5 p. m.

Monday Meetings
Coburg, Stoelzig home, 8 p. m.
Mapleton club 1, Beck's float house, 8 p. m.
Cottage Grove, Townsend hall, 7:30 p. m.
Eugene, club 2, H. L. Wastel home, 1453 High street.

Tuesday
Alvador, Community hall, 8 p. m.
Junction City, club 1, Townsend hall, 8 p. m.
Glenwood, club 9, Glenwood school, 7:30 p. m.
Eugene club 1, Silver Spray hall, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday
Harrisburg club will hold a pie social at the Kreiger home. A cordial invitation to all. Ladies bring pies.

Friday
Eugene club 7, Dave Haggart home, 171 Monroe.

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