...d People Feted ...ions Luncheon

...e Lions club for its ...mas party Wednesday en... the blind of the com... work for the blind being ...ect of Lions International. ...guest was given a box of ... from the club, the guests ...ing Art Williams, Gene... Worden, Mr. and Mrs. A. ...gman, Mr. and Mrs. Al ... Miss Mabel Knowlton, ...d Johnson, David Robbins, ...e Howard, Walter Garrison, ... Rogers. The committee on ... for the blind was in charge, ...d by Dr. J. D. Tye, and ... Bronaugh acted as master ...emonies in introducing the ... and in presenting the

...nouncement was made that ... is due before the next ...ture seeking to have all ... persons carry white canes. ... group expressed favor for ... plan.

...during music for the day ... numbers on the musical ... by P. Waldo Davis, accom... by his son, Herschel ...

...s Goes On

... Vance H. Webster, pastor ... First Baptist church, was ... speaker, his topic being, ... the War Cannot Stop ...mas." It is not appropriate ...d "Merry Christmas" greet... to the boys undergoing hard... in the foxholes, it is not ...propriate to say "Merry Christ... to parents who have lost ... this year, nor is it appro... to extend such greeting ...ung women who have just ...ved those telegrams inform... them of their husbands' ..., the speaker said.

"... something deeper than ...ions that makes Christmas, ...ever," Dr. Webster said, and ...d you cannot stop Christmas ...e it is in the hearts of ... and because you can't ...kindness and thoughtfulness ...e spirit of giving. "Now, ... than ever, the spirit of ...mas is needed," he con...

...ror To Talk

... Earl Snell will be in Eu... to speak for the Lions club ... Wednesday, this to be an ... meeting for all interested ...aring Snell. Kiwanis club ...bers will be guests, since ... regular meeting falls on ...day, Christmas day, and they ... not be meeting on schedule. ...gram committee for the month ...nuary as announced by Oluf ... Hougium, president, includes ... Samuel H. Tyler, Glendon ...son, Elmer Oberg and Russell ... Evans.

...red G. Knox and Stanley Wil...son were announced as new ...bers, the two to be initiated ... 1.

...e stile floor is the easiest and ... place to INSULATE.—Twin ..., 689 High.

Around Oregon—

By Associated Press

Annual meeting of the Oregon Council of the American Pioneer Trails association will be held in Portland, Dec. 29. . . . B. E. Maling Inc.'s 372 employes at Hillsboro voted to affiliate with the AFL Cannery Workers union. . . .

The state liquor control commission served notice it would not purchase any of 15,000 cases of imported wines still standing on Oregon retail shelves. . . . Oregon smokers, who lost a full carload of cigarettes in a freight train fire in Montana, were advised that a substitute truckload is coming up from San Francisco.

Funeral services were held in Portland today for Wallace McCamant, former state supreme court justice and Portland attorney. . . . R. L. Dustan, 21-year-old Sherwood farmer, was fined $50 at Portland on a charge of selling milk without a permit. . . .

A 4000-foot dike built in 1892 on the Willamette river near Portland is being removed by the port of Portland to improve navigation.

Smiling Irishman Won't Smile At This

NEW YORK—(U.P.)—James J. McDonald had the birthright today to be an Irishman, the God-given right to be happy and the license to sell automobiles, but the state supreme court said he couldn't do business as "The Happy Irishman."

That, said the court, was treading on the toes of non-Celtic Leland Holzer, who sells automobiles under the legally-approved title of "The Smiling Irishman."

"Happy" McDonald once worked for "Smiling" Holzer and sold so many cars he went into business for himself as "The Happy Irishman." Holzer claimed this was a trespass on his good name

A third car dealer, presently trading as "The Laughing Irishman" wasn't commenting.

Court Of Honor Date Set Ahead

Because of the Christmas holidays, the January Boy Scout court of honor for the Lane district has been set ahead one week to Thursday, Jan. 11, Walter H. Banks, chairman of the Oregon Trail council advancement committee, announced today.

Ordinarily scheduled on the first Thursday of each month, the advancement award meeting was changed at the request of scoutmasters whose regular troop meetings are on Monday, Banks said, and who found it necessary to cancel two regular meetings before the court of honor.

Scoutmasters will have until Tuesday, Jan. 9, to complete boards of review and to have court of honor applications at the Boy Scout office for the Jan. 11 court of honor, Banks stated.

Removal Of Beavers From Reedsport Planned

REEDSPORT—(AP)—Complaints that beavers' dams are interfering with the closing of tide gates along the Umpqua, Smith, and Schofield rivers, resulting in flooded land, are being investigated here.

Fred Sankey, state game commission beaver control expert here touring ranches, said many of the beavers would have to be taken from the district.

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MONTGOMERY WARDS' REPLY TO THE WAR LABOR BOARD

December 18, 1944

National War Labor Board,
Washington, D. C.

Your telegram of December 14, demanding that Wards comply with the war labor board's order covering Wards four Detroit stores, was obviously intended to give to the public the false impression that wages are the major issue.

The board knows very well that Wards has offered to adopt the minimum wage rates recommended by the board. The board knows very well that Wards' policy is to pay wages as high as or higher than those paid by other employers in the community for similar employment. The board did not base its wage recommendations upon the survey of competitive rates made by the bureau of labor statistics. R. Davis, chairman of the war labor board, deliberately attempted in his December 16 press release to mislead the public into believing otherwise. Wards' only objection to any of the board's wage recommendations has been in those instances where the board has arbitrarily demanded that Wards substantially increase its rates above those of its competitors in the highly competitive retail field.

The board knows very well that the real issue arises from its attempt to impose upon Wards a closed shop in the form of maintenance of membership, together with the check-off of union dues from wages. Wards has refused to agree to any form of closed shop, or compulsory union membership, because the closed shop violates the American principles of liberty and freedom. The board is well informed as to Wards' position.

Mr. Davis is quoted in the press as threatening the cancellation of Wards' priorities, the denial of scarce materials to Wards, and the seizure of its business if Wards does not comply with the board's demands. These are the tactics by which the board has coerced innumerable employers into granting special privileges to labor unions.

The board knows very well that its orders cannot be legally enforced by such punishments. Congress, which is the sole law making authority under our constitution, omitted from the war labor disputes act all provisions which would have given board orders the force of law. Congress included in the original draft of the law a section which would have made board orders enforceable in the courts. Congress later removed this provision upon the written request of Mr. Davis, who asked that board orders be left as "mere declarations" which no one could be compelled to accept. Mr. Davis' express reason for his request was that the board would then not be "subject to court review of its decisions."

The board knows very well that its orders are consequently unenforceable. The court of appeals of the District of Columbia has held, at the request of the attorney general acting as counsel for the board, that orders of the war labor board are merely "advice" which no one has any legal duty to obey. The court held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the war labor board is not defying a command of the government and that, since the orders are merely advisory, no government official has the right to impose punishments on those who do not comply. The supreme court has refused to alter this decision.

The board knows very well, since its orders are legally unenforceable, and since congress has not authorized any punishment for those who reject the advice of the board, that the reprisals with which it threatens Wards are necessarily illegal. The president of the United States knew this when he recently explained to Mr. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians why that union could not be compelled to obey a board order.

Wards has violated no law, nor denied to any union a privilege to which it is legally entitled. Wards has many times informed that board that its closed shop demands would require Wards to violate the national labor relations act. Wards cannot in good citizenship accept the board's advice, and give to the union special privileges which Wards believes to be not only unfair and uneconomic, but illegal.

The time has come for the board to cease its threats of reprisal upon those who reject its advice. The board's policy of granting special privileges to unions has led to a breakdown of collective bargaining and has encouraged strikes in time of war. The board's disregard of the facts and its pretense of an authority which it does not possess have destroyed the confidence of labor, industry, and the public. The usefulness of the war labor board in the settlement of wartime labor disputes has been destroyed.

The best interest of employees and employers and the welfare of the American people, demand that congress face the realities of the country's need. The great problem of wages and the closed shop in time of war should be governed by law and must be solved by congress.

If the board desires a further hearing, Wards, as always, will be happy to attend.

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