

Lumber Firm Votes Reported In Favor of Union Shop Plan

SPRINGFIELD—Max Gardner, financial secretary of IWA-CIO Local No. 5-246 announced Saturday that several recent elections in local lumber firms resulted in approval of the union shop.

The vote in each of the concerns was on the following question: Do you wish to authorize the union named below (IWA-CIO Local No. 5-246) to enter into an agreement with your employer which requires membership in the union as a condition of continued employment?

Five Concerns
This proposal was favored, according to Gardner, at the following concerns: Al Clements Lumber Co., Eugene; Boyer Lumber and Coal Co., Monroe; J. P. O'Neill Lumber Co., Eugene; Fall Creek

Box Manufacturing Co., Fall Creek; Fall Creek Lumber Co., Fall Creek; Northwestern Forest Products, Inc., Eugene; Don Bar Lumber Co., Eugene.

These elections are required according to Gardner, under the Taft-Hartley law, before April 1, if union shop is to be included in any negotiations.

Cheshire Vote
Another recent election was held at Van Deuse-Johnson Inc., Cheshire, in which a proposal to be represented by the IWA-CIO Local No. 5-246 was approved by a majority of three.

A union shop election will be held at that firm on Monday, as well as at the Blue River Lumber Co., Eugene, according to Gardner.

Veterans May Attend Night School Classes

War veterans who have not received their high school diplomas are eligible to attend courses at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School under the city school's general education development program, Lloyd Gillett, director of the program, has announced.

Classes for a new six-week term are scheduled to begin Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high school. They will be conducted each Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

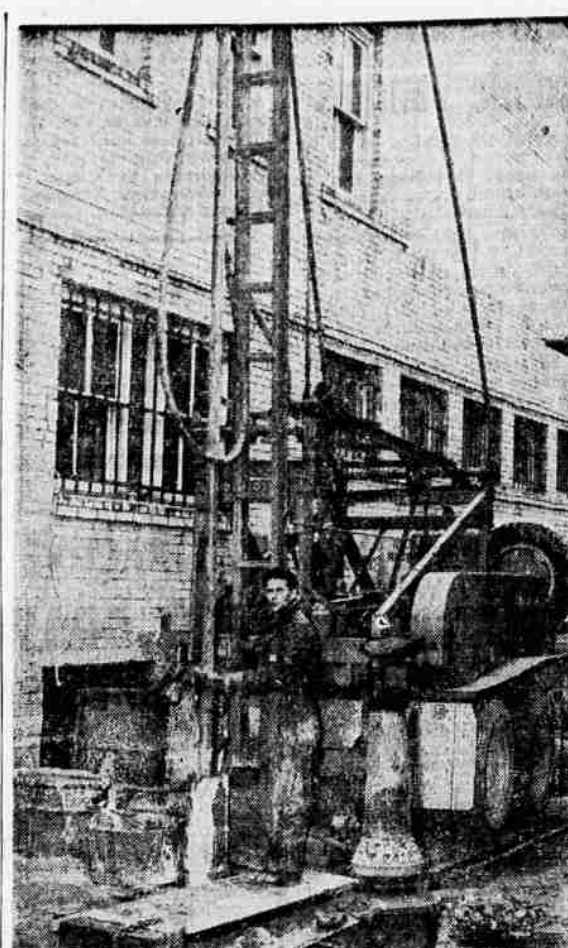
However, Gillett said, veterans who feel qualified may apply to take the general education development examinations without the necessity of taking the course.

If successful in the tests, they will be given their diplomas just as are persons who pass them after attending the night classes. Arrangements for taking the tests can be made at Room 8 in the city hall. To enroll in the regular course, applications should be made Monday night at the junior high school.

Firemen Report Friday Activities

A burning gasoline can and a fire in the tank of a gas motor scooter were extinguished Friday afternoon by city firemen in a call to 2360 Emerald. Damage was nominal.

Another Friday call sent a truck to 1386 18th Ave. E. to deal with a fire at 7:07 p.m. No damage was reported at this fire.



WELL-DRILLING a half block off Willamette Street and in the heart of Eugene's business district, is nothing new to these modern operators. With this hydraulic drilling system, Frank Meyers, above, expected to reach 50 feet before meeting water. At last check he was down 135 feet. (Staff photo, Wiltshire Engraving).

Well-Driller Tells of Exploring 'Underground' in Eugene Area

The depths below Eugene are as changeable as a woman, says Lloyd Gordinier, local well-driller, whose firm now is digging for water with a hydraulic drill in the 800 block alley intersection, one-half block from Willamette St.

City Engineer William C. Clubb and Geologist Warren D. Smith agree. Clubb said his office has no maps of the subsurface and that conditions all over the valley are relatively little known; Smith suggested that Oregon compile the logs kept by drilling firms and thus, eventually, have the information for a map.

From Dakota
The Gordinier family came to Eugene from North Dakota in 1905 and their logs now contain a great deal of information on what lies under the local pavement and lawns.

The drills have often brought up sea shells, touched coal, and shuddered at volcanic, igneous rock in the area.

"Once we found a cedar log in sandstone 600 feet below. Pieces of the log taken to the top showed it remarkably preserved. The log was approximately three feet thick."

Gold, Maybe
"Our most interesting experience was in a local cemetery. We encountered a fault formation at 50 to 60 feet down and there discovered a quartz formation about one foot thick."

"A university geology class just happened to be on a trip with us and took samples of it to be assayed. I heard it assayed several thousand in gold."

A brief chat with Dr. Smith, retired from his 30 years at the University of Oregon but an active consultant and one who probably knows more of Oregon's rock setup than any encyclopedia, was in order.

"It may have been genuine or fool's gold, iron pyrites, I did not see the sample. Gold is associated with intrusive rock, diorite. There is an outcropping of this at Creswell butte," Smith said.

Possible
He thought it possible that a tongue of that rock extended out and was buried by later formations. He also observed that at Nimrod you'll find granite but no gold associated with it, yet.

"We've got plenty of gold. We've got enough to bury in a hole in the ground at Fort Knox. What we need is water," he added.

Geology
The study of ground water is a science, this geologist pointed out, adding that it requires years of training to avoid as much guesswork as possible.

"It's comparatively easy to tell where not to drill but not a simple matter to decide where water will be found. You can spend a lot of money drilling in lava rock, and there is plenty of that in Oregon."

The valley fill is the best place for water. This has extended 300 feet in some instances, so Smith's advice is that the average income earner can't afford to guess with conditions like that.

Lloyd heads the Gordinier and Son firm today. Two of his brothers also are in the drilling business, Frank with his own rig and Harold G. operating the independent Atlas Drilling Co.

DELEGATE IS CHOSEN

Mrs. Don Meakins, president of the Parent-Teachers Assn. at Brattain grade school, Springfield, has been chosen as a delegate to the State Social Hygiene Conference at Portland, which will meet Feb. 2-4, at the Multnomah Hotel.

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The porker had gone through the routine at the Mayberry-Chapman slaughter house on Coburg Road; furthermore, he had been dipped into a vat of scalding water in preparation for scraping.

But when they pulled the dipping hooks out of him he still had one kick left. With it, he knocked Charles E. Smith, 2795 Monroe Ave., backward off the platform.

Smith wanted to go home but they made him stay at Eugene Hospital overnight for a check-up.

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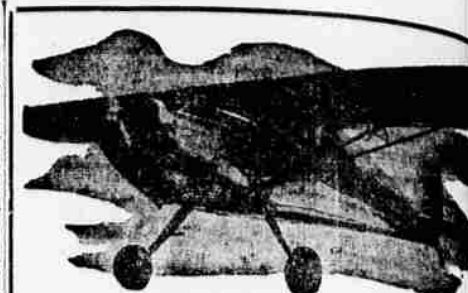
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