

Heart Attack Fatal to Chief Of AFL Electrical Workers

PORTLAND — J. Scott Milne, 37, who rose from secretary of his electrical workers union here in 1910 to president of the 625,000 member union in 1954, died at his farm home near here early Wednesday. A heart attack was responsible.

Milne, whose office as head of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is in Washington, D. C., had been vacationing here.

Milne had been the union's president since April, 1954, succeeding Dan J. Tracy. Tracy retired but died in Washington last March. Milne was named a vice president and member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor last May. Milne, born at Vancouver, lived much of his life at Portland.

He was vice president of the union for the West Coast area many years and later became international secretary-treasurer. His wife, Doris, and a son, Scott J., were with him in Portland. Another son, Robert, had remained in Washington.

Jury Convicts Medford Man

MEDFORD — A circuit court jury Tuesday convicted Eugene H. White, 37, of second degree murder in the bludgeon death last March 2 of a fellow lumber mill worker.

White, a resident of Medford, was accused of striking Eugene Birk, 32, of Phenix, Ore., on the head at least twice with a 2x4 stick in a fight resulting from an argument over rest periods.

White based his defense on temporary insanity. He contended that because of epileptic seizures he was not fully responsible for his actions.

The trial began a week ago Monday and the jury deliberated the case nearly 12 hours.

White is married and the father of three young children.

U.S. to Take Part in Greek Trade Fair

WASHINGTON — The United States government will participate in the international trade fair at Salonica, Greece, for the first time in the fair's 20-year history, the Commerce Department announces.

The department said an area of 26,000 square feet of roofed space and 15,000 square feet of open space has been reserved for the U. S. pavilion at the fair, which will be held Sept. 2-24.

They added that prospects are

Job Placements More Than Double in Last Three Months

SALEM — Job placements by the state employment offices have more than doubled in the last three months, reaching 8,987 in June for the highest total in nearly three years.

The State Unemployment Commission said Wednesday that unemployment is running at about one-fourth to a third of the level of 90 days ago.

(for the best balance in Oregon's summer labor market in several weeks.

Jobless pay claims are running less than 8,000 a week.

Much of the employment rising has been in basic industries with demand growing for skilled and semi-skilled labor, the commission reported. Lumber and logging operations hired 1,282 in June through the state employment of-

ice, compared to 457 in April and 723 in June of 1954.

Over 50,000 farm jobs were filled in June.

There were 1,176 unfilled job openings on the employment office files on July 1, compared with 621 the previous year.

Berry, pea, cherry and other early harvests have created temporary shortages in some parts of the state, mainly in Western

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