

### Bureau of Labor Appointee Backer Of FDR Reforms

Spokane, Wash., May 24 (AP)—President Truman's new secretary of labor, Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Spokane, began clearing up his court calendar today before making plans to leave for the nation's capital.

Feeling seriously over his horn-rimmed glasses, the 50-year-old cabinet appointee told reporters that he was "just as surprised as you are" over the appointment. He said that until recently he had believed his public career was ended with the federal judgeship given him by President Roosevelt in May, 1940.

"I suppose that I should be overjoyed to receive the appointment," the former new deal democratic senator said. "But I am reluctant to leave my present place. I intend to return to Spokane when my service as secretary of labor is concluded."

**Conference Held**

Schwellenbach said that he and the president discussed an appointment when he was in Washington several weeks ago, but denied that anything definite was arranged. At the time, rumors placed him as a candidate for attorney general and secretary of interior in addition to the secretary of labor post.

In appearance, Schwellenbach is almost as common looking as President Truman and dresses even more conservatively. A colorful speaker, he has a booming voice, trained in oratory. He was one of the few senators willing to take on the late Huey Long in a debate and outshout him. A big

man, Schwellenbach is over six feet all and weighs about 200 pounds.

**Wisconsin Native**

A native of Superior, Wis., he came to Spokane with his parents in 1902, when he was seven years old. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and served as a private in the first World War. He practiced law in Seattle from 1919 to 1935, many times representing labor unions in west coast labor disputes.

Schwellenbach was elected senator from eastern Washington in 1934 and was sworn in with Harry S. Truman on the same day in January, 1935. They became close friends.

One of the younger senators elected in democratic landslides in the early 30's, Schwellenbach joined their battles for President Roosevelt's reforms. He supported the supreme court reorganization plan which wound up in a defeat for the president in 1937.

**Backs Labor Act**

Schwellenbach vigorously supported the national labor relations act, the Tennessee valley authority, the reciprocal trade program, and the administration's farm program.

In 1940, he resigned to accept appointment as federal judge for the eastern district of Washington. During his five years in that office, he has made several trips to Washington and always on his return expressed satisfaction that he "was out of the maelstrom of politics."

He said he expected to leave for Washington late in June after an important government case, set for May 28, is completed. He is scheduled to take over as secretary of labor on June 30.

Livestock in Italy has decreased greatly during the war and some valuable breeds developed over a period of years have almost disappeared.

### Powell Butte 8th Grade Graduated

Powell Butte, May 24 (Special)—Last Friday saw the close of another successful year for the Powell Butte grade school after a final week of last minute details.

Tuesday evening, the seventh grade entertained the eighth grade at a dinner party and all members of both classes were in attendance as was Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Reed.

Thursday evening the eighth grade consisting of Raymond Ayres, Kenneth Coffelt, James Riggs, Garrett Iverson, Dorothy Musick, Fae Telfer, Doris Dickerson, Doris Hacker, Twyla Hargan, Jeannette Hudson, Leola Stevens and Shirley Will were presented with their diplomas by C. L. Will, member of the county unit school board. Leola Stevens was valedictorian and Jeannette Hudson was salutatorian. James Riggs gave the class will and Doris Hacker gave the class prophecy. The eighth grade sang its farewell song and the seventh and eighth grade girls sang "Praise The Lord" and Vera Lou Bussett and Doris Dickson played "The Blue Danube" as a piano duet. Rev. Penhollow gave the address. The graduating class and the teachers wore corsages and buttonieres made and presented by the local Garden club.

**Picnic Held**

Friday the pupils all met at the school for their annual picnic and clean up day. Events of the day consisted of three legged races, sack races, egg relay, egg rolling, water relay, and ball throwing contests with candy bars given

as prizes. As a final climax, the eighth grade presented Mr. Lewis with a nice sport shirt. Ice cream was served by the Parent-teacher club.

During the school year just closed, it was found that the pupils of the school purchased \$19,047.40 worth of bonds and stamps.

The Garden club met at the school house Thursday afternoon and decorated the stage and made corsages and buttonieres for the graduation exercises that evening. The next meeting will be June 7 at the church and they will weed and water the shrubs and flowers and clean up the premises.

### Street Whitened By Case of Milk

The "Milky May" isn't confined only to the heavens.

This was proven this morning when a Bend Dairy truck, in the process of making a turn at the intersection of Bond street and Minnesota avenue, cast off a case of milk, completely whitening the intersection of the streets.

The crash and shattering of the glass bottles attracted many spectators, who thought there had been a collision. Brooms and other equipment borrowed from the nearby fire station, cleared the thoroughfare of the broken glass.

**STUDENT IS HONORED**

Prineville, May 24—John Ross of Prineville, has been admitted to membership in Thanos, sophomore men's service honor society, at the Oregon State college in Corvallis, according to word received here today. The local student was one of 20 to be designated for Thanos membership.

The government has set a milk goal of over 120,000,000 pounds of milk for 1945.

### Crowley, Ashwood Pioneer, Tells of Great Chicago Fire

Madras, May 24 (Special)—When Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern and started the great Chicago fire away back in 1871, Dan Crowley of Ashwood was a small 10-year-old boy and he heard the fire bells ringing frantically, warning the people, of what they only knew some time later.

Dan was born in the Windy City, and even yet vividly remembers that the night of the fire he and two other little boys were playing in a new house next to his home. The children heard the bells on the fire engines, and fully expected that they would soon be tearing by, but such was not the case. It was quite natural that they would be drawn to any excitement such as a good blaze. It was recalled that the wind blew that night, and hard.

"We lived on 19th street," said the pioneer, "and we escaped the fire, but I remember people passed by our house all night long. When I woke up early the next morning the sky was all red. I went to the Sister's school, which I attended, but we were dismissed. Another boy and myself decided to go to the fire. We landed right in the thick of it and couldn't get out. Finally, we did escape by getting under the bed of a big wagon over the axles and got across the bridge."

"The next day, though, we were back again and this time we took our play wagons and started collecting things such as pocket knives, marbles and watches which we found in the debris. As we passed along the street people would stop us and say, 'We'll give you a nickel for this or that.' Many times we sold valuable watches not knowing their worth or value. The fire jumped from one side of the river to the other, going up Michigan avenue to Hyde Park, burning all the old wooden shacks as it went. Soon it became necessary for citizens to become special policemen as bomb throwers began starting fires in other sections not yet touched. Two of these men were caught and hung to lamp posts on street corners.

"After the fire, Chicago was built much better. All those who had lots were given lumber to erect a home. Chicago began to prosper and manufacturing started."

Dan left Chicago some years later and happened to be in Vegas, N. M., when the authorities brought in Billy the Kid with two other men. The Kid has been rather highly romanticized in fiction and the movies, but Crowley recalls that he was really quite a gunman. Several attempts were made by the Mexicans to

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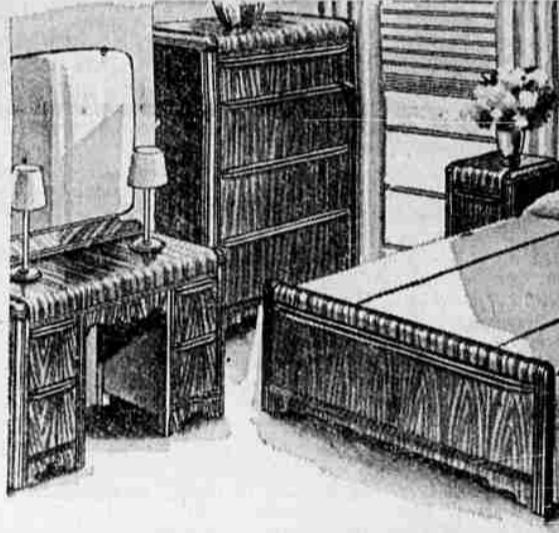
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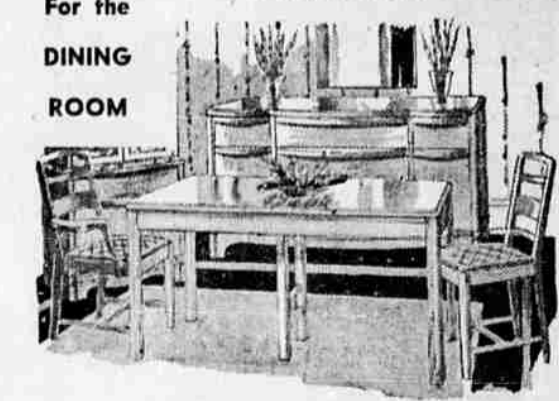


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