

Unemployed "Employables" Prove Polk County Problem

Dallas—An increasing number of unemployed "employables" is giving rise to a grave problem for the Polk county welfare commission, according to Mrs. Mabel Dalo, in charge of the office. More and more able-bodied men out of work are seeking assistance from the welfare office, but the funds are not available for them, she states. In a surprising number of cases these men are not covered by unemployment insurance.

33-Year Woman Becomes Man

New Brunswick, N.J., Nov. 19 (AP)—A strange new adventure in life has begun for a 33-year-old woman—she has become a man.

Dr. Charles F. Church said yesterday that the former Edna Genecki of nearby South River has been changed into Ed Genecki—at "her" own request—by an operation at an out-of-state hospital.

Genecki lived his first 33 years of life as a girl and woman. He graduated from Rutgers university and later became a junior executive at Johnson and Johnson company here—all as a woman.

But "Edna"—though considered a good-looking coed by Rutgers classmates—had deep doubts as to her rightful place in nature's scheme, Dr. Church said.

She found she had to shave every day, and she had unusually strong hands and arms for a woman.

Finally, Dr. Church said, she came to him for advice. Dr. Church sent the troubled woman to leading medical authorities. They agreed that she was predominantly male and with her full cooperation suggested an operation to complete the transformation to a normal man.

The new Ed Genecki will be coming home next week. He'll take up his old job where he left it and take a new place in the community as a man.

Neighbors and co-workers have been told of his change. They all want to help Ed lead the normal life that was denied to Edna.

Medical authorities explain that cases like Ed Genecki's occur about once in every 150 births. In most similar cases, however, one sex overcomes the other tendency, and the dominant sex is established naturally.

Sometimes, though, the struggle between the two sexes goes on in later life—as it did in Ed Genecki's.

Are Flying Saucers Fact or Mirage?

Alexandria, La., Nov. 19 (AP)—A young businessman who wants to find out whether flying saucers are fact or mirage said today he is having a hard time getting 10 witnesses together for a convention.

Adras Laborde got the idea of a "flying saucer witness" convocation last summer and began writing letters to people who said they saw the peculiar objects flitting across the sky.

Laborde set Dec. 10 for the meeting here and said he would hold the convention if he could get 10 people to come.

So far he has only two reservations.

Wife of Lebanon Man Obtains Warrant

Lebanon—City police have arrested Selmer Brown, Lebanon, on charges of assault and battery, according to Chief of Police Cliff Price. Charges were preferred by Brown's wife who signed the complaint, Price said.

Others running afoul of the law this week were four arrested during the mid-week, three on speeding charges and one for drunkenness, the chief reported.

Arrested were William H. Winstead, Carl E. Roth and Perry Brown, all of Lebanon, on speeding charges, and James Neville, on a drunk charge.

Golden Rule Class Holding Yule Dinner

Monmouth — The Golden Rule class of the local Christian church's Bible school held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. Lundeen. In the absence of the president and secretary, Mrs. R. B. Swenson presided and Mrs. Nellie Smith acted as secretary. After the business meeting a short program was enjoyed. The hostess served refreshments at the close of the afternoon. The December meeting is to be the annual Christmas party at the church with a covered dish dinner at 7 o'clock.

Fire District Nominates Officers

Harold A. Rosebraugh, Marvin Seeger and William R. Berndt have been nominated as directors of the Salem-Liberty Heights rural fire protection district to be voted on December 13.

At the same time the question of establishment of the district will be voted on in the area just south of Salem.

Petitions asking that the names of the three men be put on the ballot at the December 13 election have been filed with the county clerk, each signed by about 25 residents of the proposed district.

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Will Try Harry Bridges—After four days of painstaking questioning, these four women and eight men were selected from a panel of 125 to try longshore leader Harry Bridges and two of his aides, Henry Schmit and J. R. Robertson, on perjury and conspiracy charges in San Francisco. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Rae Strause, Mrs. Abbie Stevenson, Edward O'Mahoney, John Joseph Carey, Glen Leo Christensen, Charles H. Williams. Back row, from left: Miss Anna D. Lundgren, Henry W. Chipp, Curtis S. Gibbs, Mrs. Myrtle Murray, Albert F. Buckman and Yick Kurn Wong. (Acme Telephoto.)

Short Week for Schools in Salem Set for Next Week

Next week will be a short one for the Salem public schools due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Class work will be suspended Wednesday afternoon and will not be resumed until the following Monday.

A few of the schools, including senior high, will conduct Thanksgiving assemblies Wednesday. Parrish will hold an all school mixer Wednesday afternoon.

Films Offensive Bishops Declare

Washington, Nov. 19 (AP)—The chairman of the Catholic bishops committee on motion pictures said yesterday that American and foreign films reached "the lowest ebb of moral offensiveness" this year.

Bishop William A. Scully of Albany, N.Y., said that the Catholic Legion of Decency, established in the early 1930s, "has found the product of the past year, both foreign and domestic, morally the most offensive in numbers and quality in the history of this organization."

Of 467 feature-length pictures it reviewed in 1949, he said, the legion found almost 24 percent "morally objectionable in whole or in part."

Of the domestic films, he added, close to 19 percent were objectionable, while the legion found 47 percent of the foreign films offensive.

Top English Honors Given Turner Pupils

Turner—Mrs. Edna Frazer, head of the department of English at Turner high school, announces that four students had won top ratings in English classes, and were the first students to win the Civil Drama festival awards. These students are: Senior, Katherine Hal; junior, Lawanda Norton; sophomore, Maxine Baxter; and freshman, Paul Scheele.

The faculty and students at Turner high school purchased four reserve tickets for the Civil Drama Festival, to be held in the Salem high school auditorium. It is planned to award these reserve tickets to top English students from each of the four classes in high school.

Two-Headed Parking Meters

Klamath Falls, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Klamath Falls became the first Pacific northwest city to install "two headed" parking meters yesterday and scores of tickets were issued to puzzled parkers. The meters are designed to serve two cars instead of one and were spaced for every other parking zone.

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Farm Prices Down One-fifth

Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 19 (AP) Prices received by farmers are already down one-fifth from the postwar peak and they may decline another 10 percent in 1950, the secretary of agriculture said today.

Secretary Charles F. Brannan in arguing for his production payment plan of supporting farm returns declared it was needed to maintain an expanding economy on which prosperity for agriculture and industry depend.

Bureau of home economics surveys show one-third of the families with lowest incomes bought over a third more meat, poultry and fish than in 1942, Brannan said in an address prepared for delivery at the annual convention of the National Grange.

"The increase for milk was almost one-third and for citrus fruits about one-half," the secretary continued. "This increased market can be maintained if retail prices are not pushed too high and if consumer purchasing power is maintained."

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Keizer School Notes

By DARLENE AUSTIN The Red Cross representative made 200 nut cups for the Tuberculosis hospital. On November 4 the Red Cross representatives had their pictures taken.

Mrs. Mean's room won the record for the most parents present at the PTA meeting in November.

Mrs. Mehner's room placed first and Mrs. Breedlove's room placed second for the insurance drive.

Keizer school has 20 new library books.

Mrs. Rogers Hostess Hopewell — There were 23 members attending the Hopewell United Brethren church Missionary society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rogers. Mrs. Richmond Horton had charge of the devotionals and the lesson. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Geisler.

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