



Idle Miners—"No contract, no work" is the byword among these miners in Neffs, Ohio, as they drink beer to pass the time away. They promise an immediate return to work "when we know what we're working for." Until then neither troops or the Taft-Hartley law will get them into the ground is their pledge. (Acme Telephoto)

Farmers Union to Hold State Meeting in Salem Feb. 21

The 40th annual convention of the Oregon State Farmers Union will open at Salem Tuesday, February 21. The session is expected to last for three days.

Convention sessions will be held at Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, with a public meeting Wednesday evening, February 22 at Waller hall on the campus of Willamette university. President at all sessions will be President Ronald E. Jones of Brooks.

This year, for the first time, the annual meeting of the Oregon Farmers Union Cooperative association will be held jointly with the state organization. Reports by officers of both organizations will be given on the opening day and election of officers and directors of both organizations will be held February 23.

President James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union will attend the convention February 22. He will address the delegates at the morning session. At noon, he will speak at the regular weekly luncheon of the Salem Rotary club; and that evening will speak at a public meeting at Waller hall on the Willamette university campus.

Governor Douglas McKay will also speak at the morning session, February 22. He will be the only outside speaker.

February 21 will be "junior day," with the annual meeting of junior members scheduled for that afternoon. John Bollinger, newly appointed manager of the Oregon Farmers Union Cooperative association, will be the speaker at the junior banquet that evening.

Convention delegates will be confronted with a number of matters for decision.

The board of directors of the cooperative are planning to recommend that the co-op be made an "open" organization. At the present time only members of the Oregon Farmers Union can be members of the cooperative.

Resolutions on the Brannan plan, the CVA and legislative re-appointment are also slated for discussion.

Keel Laid for Biggest Ship

Newport News, Va., Feb. 9 (AP)—A giant crane gingerly laid the keel Wednesday for the largest passenger liner ever built in the United States.

The vessel, which may be christened the S.S. United States, will be 980 feet long, with a beam of 101 feet and a gross tonnage of 48,000.

A crane raised the 108-foot keel assembly, weighing 55 tons, and set it gently in place. Three small plates were quickly bolted onto it.

The ship is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 1952. It will be operated by the United States Lines between New York and English Channel ports.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. won the contract to build the ship with a bid of \$67,350,000 last May. Additional costs are expected to push the total to about \$70,373,000.

The ship will carry 2,000 passengers and a crew of 1,000. Converted to a troopship, it could carry 12,000 men and their equipment.

Harry's Talk a Snap Beside Job of Feeding Party Faithful

BY ARTHUR EDSON

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—At 7:45 p. m., on the night of Feb. 16, a green light will flash in the national guard armory here, and 550 waiters will dash out.

Thereupon, 5,200 diners, faithful democrats who are affluent enough to shell out \$100 a plate, will start chomping away at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

It sounds easy, written that way.

But President Truman, who only has to make the main speech, has a snap compared with the chore of getting the dinner arranged.

At least, that's the view of Mayflower and Statler hotel officials, who are splitting the catering job for the big feed.

The hotel people have a heap of statistics and assorted data to prove their point.

To begin with, there's the geography problem.

The armory is a monster of a building in southeast Washington. The food will have to be cooked in the hotels four miles away.

Then there's this additional worry: The night before the banquet Georgetown and George Washington universities will be using the armory for basketball.

So, lurking along the sidelines, the job of feeding 5,200 people intent on the game as any

cheerleader, will be a group of cleaning people, table-setters, uppers and other functionaries. The moment the final whistle blows, they'll spring into action.

By daylight the last traces of basketball will be scrubbed from the big hall, and 520 tables will have been set up.

At 10 a. m., the table linen and the silverware will begin to go on the tables. By 4 p. m., the food will begin to arrive, to be kept warm on 12 special charcoal burners.

A special fleet of buses will bring the waiters, the 75 captains, the 50 stewards.

Then at the great moment, Jack Weschler, the maitre d'hotel for Statler, or Max Steiner, the ditto for Mayflower, will push the button that will light the special light, and the dinner will be on.

The job of feeding 5,200 people calls for considerable equip-

ment, of course. Such as: 16,000 salad plates, 11,000 teaspoons, 1,100 ice buckets, 25,000 ice cubes, 1,100 ash trays, 5,200 wine glasses, etc.

And once the dinner is over, the hotel people aren't through either.

They have to hustle right in and clean the joint up. An automobile show moves into the armory the next day.

Fruitland Mothers' Club Planning Play

Fruitland—The February meeting of Fruitland Mothers' club was held at the home of Mrs. Arnold Aarude with 14 members and one guest present. Mrs. Ben Newell is president of

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