

Grocery Stores Consolidated At Grass Valley

By Mrs A. F. Balzer

Arch Cantrall and Kenneth Crews bought the Grass Valley Market from Mr and Mrs Jerry Coyle and Alton Coyle the first of the week and will take possession Monday, February 2. Alton Coyle and Ivan Blagg bought the store two years ago from Herman Ziegler and about a year ago Ivan Blagg sold out to Jerry Coyle.

Mr and Mrs Roy Hogue and his grandmother, Mrs L. W. A. Mick of The Dalles, spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Marcus Eslinger and Mrs Jo Hogue.

Mr and Mrs Harold Owens and Mrs Olan Stark and Mr and Mrs Ross Fields motored to Kent Saturday evening for a surprise party at the home of Mr and Mrs Harry Young, celebrating the birthday anniversary of Mr. Young. The evening was spent playing cards and refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mr and Mrs Tom Alley took Mr and Mrs James Easter to The Dalles Saturday when Mr. Easter left by plane for North Carolina where he was called on account of the serious illness of his father. They met Mrs Easter's sister, Mrs Dick Salvadore and daughter of Portland who accompanied them home to stay until Mr. Easter returns.

Ester Hartley is the new owner of the Grass Valley theater having bought it from LeRoy Stegner last week, who has operated it for the past two years.

Frank Pike left Saturday in his Luscombe plane for Hermiston on business and to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs I. D. Pike, and his sister, Mrs Louis May and family. He will fly to Pendleton before returning home the first of the week.

Little Orville Blaylock and Gene Cantrall are confined to their homes with the chicken pox.

Mr and Mrs A. J. Brown of Shaniko were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs John Block.

Mr and Mrs Fred Kurilo of Portland are the parents of a daughter, their second, born January 19 at St. Vincent's hospital. Mr and Mrs Matt Simon are the baby's grandparents.

Mr and Mrs Earl Olds and John and Barbara Alley were business visitors in Redmond Saturday.

Mr and Mrs A. W. McLeod went to Moro Sunday to spend the day at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs George Kruger. Other guests were Mr and Mrs Arvin Wagonblast and son of The Dalles. Mr and Mrs David McLeod and daughter, Corliss McLeod and Mr and Mrs Arthur Bucholtz and family.

Fire broke out in the store room at the back of the C. & C. food store Wednesday morning. Arch Cantrall and Kenneth Crews are the owners. The building is owned by R. J. Baker. Mr and Mrs Frank Pike and C. W. Fields were the first to notice the fire and turned in the alarm about 8 o'clock. The volunteer fire department soon had the fire under control with most of the damage in the store room, although the smoke and water did some damage in the main store. Cause of the fire has not been determined. The loss was covered by insurance.

Quite a number of Grass Valley people attended the funeral of Eugene Norton of Kent in The Dalles Saturday and also the graveside services at Kent. Ed Alley is back on duty at the Wagon Wheel after an absence of two months when they were in Kansas visiting their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Wayne Karnes.

Mr and Mrs Jesse Helver entertained friends with a turkey dinner Sunday. Guests included Mr and Mrs Lester Wilson, Mr and Mrs Norris Glikson, Mr and Mrs Bill Jefferies and Mr and Mrs Earl Olds.

Harold Dobbins, government trapper flew in from Pendleton Sunday evening on business here for a few days with trapper Jim Jones.

Friday evening the high school girls had their supper about 6 o'clock at the Odd Fellow hall in Grass Valley and then attended the basketball game here. After the game Mr. Young and the high school boys and girls returned to the hall where they spent an hour dancing. Mr. Young and the boys left and the girls settled down for their slumber party chaperoned by Mrs. LeRoy Wright of Moro. They all reported having a wonderful time although they didn't get much sleep.

Mr and Mrs Fred Peters and Mrs Glenn Perry were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr and Mrs Frank Bayer motored to Tygh Valley Wednesday evening to visit Mr and Mrs Willis Brittain and all attended the basketball game at Maupin.

Mr and Mrs Ted Smith and Wren Hogue arrived Thursday from Chiloquin on business for a few days. The Ted Smith's closed a transaction where by they sold their garage and house here to Tom Garrett, who will rent the garage and house to Joe Ritner who will operate the garage in the near future.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Anderson motored to The Dalles Sunday to bring their son, Dennis, home from the hospital where he spent several days for medical attention.

Mr and Mrs Claud Bayer went to Corvallis Friday to attend the wedding of her cousin returning home the first of the week.

The Baptist Mission society met at the home of Mrs W. F. Schilling Thursday afternoon with thirteen members and guests present. The Rev. Gerald Heskett was the speaker for the afternoon. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mr and Mrs Dean Reynolds and Mr and Mrs Gene Reynolds were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Floyd Flatt of Moro.

William Walter, who spent a week here visiting his sister, Wallace May and family returned to his home last Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Earl Olds were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday. Mrs C. R. Anderson accompanied them to visit her son, Dennis, at the hospital.

Mr and Mrs George Smith and daughter, Judy, went to The Dalles Friday evening to spend the week end visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs W. T. Solvester. Barbara Blaylock accompanied them and spent the week end visiting her cousin, Sharpen Sawtell.

Mrs Alton Coyle took Mrs Jerry Coyle and daughter, Vera June, to The Dalles Saturday morning where they took the bus for Albany to spend two weeks visiting at the home of her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Harvey Cutts.

Mr and Mrs Willard Barnett took their son Keith to The Dalles Monday for medical attention, where it was found he had the chicken pox.

Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap went to Portland Saturday on business for a few days. They spent Sunday at the home of their son, Kendrick Dunlap and family at Carlton.

Mr and Mrs Alfred Kock and Mr and Mrs John Kock returned home Saturday from a two weeks trip to Los Angeles California where they visited relatives and went sight seeing. The latter Kock's left for their home in Cooks, Washington.

Mr and Mrs Frank Payne had as their guests Sunday for an oyster dinner, Mr and Mrs Jerry

Wilson, Mr and Mrs Gordon Lemley, Mr and Mrs Alfred Payne and family, Miss Katie Gelsner, John Bueher Jr., Bill Barry, Loyd Kelly and Hershel Riggs.

Mrs Eben Kee entertained members of the bridge clubs at her home Thursday with a 1:30 dessert luncheon followed by cards at three tables. Mrs Arzell Lemley held high score, Mrs Tom Alley and Mrs Ed Alley tied for second high and Mrs Herma Peters held low for the afternoon.

Mrs Charles Perrigo attended the shower in Moro Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Doris Mat-teer.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Blagg and daughter Marie and Clair Balzer motored to The Dalles Sunday when Mr. Blagg left for Portland on business returning home Monday evening.

Corliss McLeod and Millard Melzer returned home from La Grande where they spent a week on business.

Miss Cassie Holmes came up from The Dalles Friday evening to spend the weekend with relatives. Miss Marie von Borstel and Miss Betty Saxton, students at St. Mary's academy, came up with her to spend the time with their respective parents, Mr and Mrs Ted von Borstel and Mr and Mrs Tom Saxton. They returned to The Dalles Sunday evening.

Mrs Dell Olds, Mrs Grover Young and Mrs John Block were hostesses at a layette shower honoring Mrs Fred Peters at the Odd Fellows hall Wednesday af-

ternoon. Mrs Elton Eskin played several piano numbers after which many lovely gifts were opened. Refreshments were served to about thirty guests.

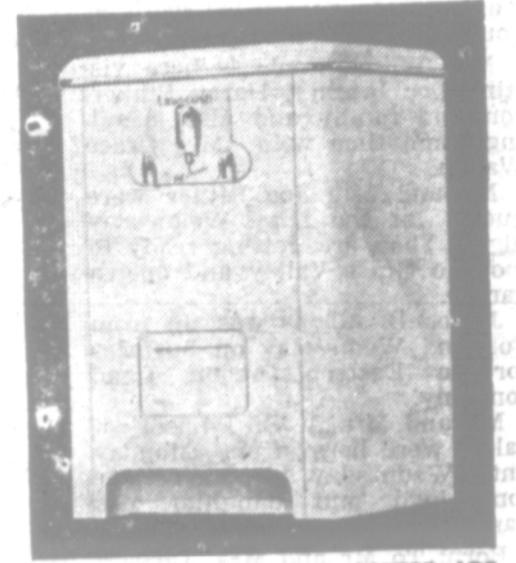
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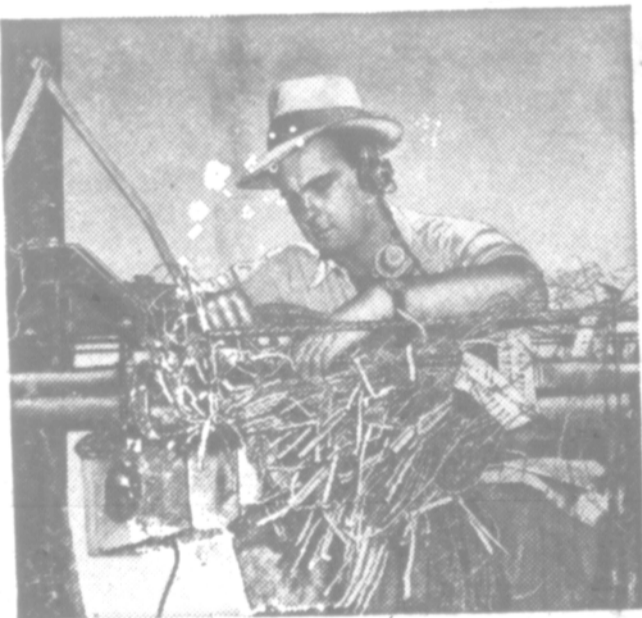
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3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employees, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15 1/2 cents an hour.

This is the same increase awarded 1,000,000 non-operating employees by an arbitration board in September, 1947.

This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and switchmen by agreement on November 14, 1947.

Agreements have been made with 1,175,000 employees, represented by nineteen unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many new working rules not embraced in the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 7% of all railroad switchmen, the other 93% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

Strike Threat
The leaders of these three unions spread a strike ballot while negotiations were still in progress. This is not a secret vote but is taken by union leaders and votes are signed by the employees in the presence of union representatives.

When direct negotiations failed, the leaders of these three unions refused to join the railroads in asking the National Mediation Board to attempt to settle the dispute, but the Board took jurisdiction at the request of the carriers and has been successfully attempting since November 24, 1947, to bring about a settlement. The Board on January 15, 1948, announced its inability to reach a mediation settlement. The leaders of the unions rejected the request of the Mediation Board to arbitrate. The railroads accepted.

What Now?
The unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President.

The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employees, stockholders, and the general public to know that throughout these negotiations and in mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also met every requirement of the Railway Labor Act respecting the negotiation, mediation, and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad

employees, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employees.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 employees than have already been put in effect for 1,175,000, nor will it alter the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or to changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the box shows what employees represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

Compare these wages with what you make!

Here is a comparison of average annual earnings of engineers and firemen for 1939 (pre-war) and 1947. Also shown is what 1947 earnings would have been if the 15 1/2 cents per hour increase, offered by the railroads and rejected by the union leaders, had been in effect throughout the entire year 1947.	Type of Employee	1939 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings with 15 1/2 Cents per Hour Increase
ENGINEERS	Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$3,966	\$6,126	\$6,767
	Road Passenger	3,632	5,399	6,025
	Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,684	5,189
	Yard	2,749	4,081	4,539
FIREMEN	Road Freight (Local and Way)	2,738	4,683	5,268
	Road Passenger	2,732	4,544	5,165
	Road Freight (Through)	2,069	3,460	3,891
	Yard	1,962	3,136	3,553

Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300. Full year 1947 estimated on basis of actual figures for first eight months.

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