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EDITORIALS

OVERWORKING THE GOOSE

At the recent convention of the United Mine Workers, a great deal of discussion centered around future demands that the union may make on the soft coal operators. The indications were that these will include still higher wages, still shorter working days, an increase in vacation payments, and so on down the line.

The desire of any working group to get as much as it can is understandable. However, in the case of the coal miners, this raises the extremely pertinent question of just where the limit may be. At the present time, 60 cents out of each and every dollar taken in by coal producers goes for labor costs. The industry's profits have been moderate. The only way out, therefore, would be to again boost the cost of coal to the consumer—and that is where the danger lies.

Coal, vital as it is, must be sold in intense competition with all other fuels. If the price should become too high, there would be greater use of these other fuels, and a consequent decline in the use of coal. And then the miners' high-wage jobs would decline.

Right now the soft coal miners are the highest-paid industrial workers in the world. They have made spectacular gains, not only in wages but in living and working conditions, and a long list of other tangible benefits. It would be the part of wisdom for them to consider how they may help protect the market for the product that supports them—rather than imperil it with excessive perennial demands.

WHO MAKES THE GAINS?

The radicals' classic complaint against capitalism is that it tends

to concentrate the wealth and income of the nation in the hands of a relative few, at the expense of the many.

That ancient cliché is still in use. Yet the truth is that just the opposite has occurred. The greatest gains in late years have been made by people in the lower and the middle-income groups. As an example, in 1941 there were 4,139,000 families in the \$3,000-\$5,000 bracket—last year there were more than 13,000,000. And, in 1941, only about 1,500,000 families had incomes over \$5,000, while last year the total reached almost 7,000,000.

Last summer a survey was made to find out what classifications of people were better or worse off than in 1930, after making allowance for changes in taxes and living costs. Such representative labor groups as coal miners, railway workers, etc., were all better off, and by a wide margin. But typical groups of executives, and stock and bondholders were worse off.

No economic system in history has done as much as our free enterprise capitalism for the so-called common man. The radicals are trying to hide that fact.

Gibbon Acres News

Elmer Peterson and family from Lone Pine District have purchased a home on Orr Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement, formerly of Table Rock Road Four Corners, now are residents of Gibbon Acres having rented David Misenheimer's home.

Mrs. Vera Hutter left Saturday night for Denver, Colorado, where she will attend the funeral of her mother. Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Hutter and family extend their sympathy.

Lee W. Harrison resigned from the Veterans Administration's Domestic center Camp White, to accept a position with A. D. Harvey and S. C. Watkins consulting engineers Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Squires returned from Idaho where they visited Mrs. Squire's sister and family and other relatives and friends.

GRANGE NOTES

The next scheduled meeting of the Central Point Grange will be Friday, November 19 and will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. There is to be a short business meeting after which there will be a "Harvest Festival" in charge of Mrs. Walter Jensen. Among the displays will be an orchid display from the Hoppe green house. There are gift boxes of fruit to be raffled. There are door prizes for lucky winners. There is a short program consisting of a skit, "The Private Life of Pocahontas," and a Harvest Drill.

All grangers and friends are invited. Those who are not grangers and would like to attend may come at 9:00 p.m.

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A quilt was tied and other baby articles were stitched during the social hour. A short business meeting was held. Mrs. Stella Ayers and Mrs. Bernice Taylor were given the obligation of members. The nominating committee for new officers are Martha Booth, Susie Myers and Marguerite Richardson.

There will be no meeting till December 8. It will be an all day session at home of Mrs. Susie Myers.

Locals

Mrs. Blanche Wiltermood, of Grants Pass was a week end visitor in Central Point and attending the birthday luncheon at the home of Mrs. Minnick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mitchell and daughter Marilyn, prepared a lovely birthday dinner Sunday, Nov. 7th for Marilyn Stringer and her parents honoring Marilyn Stringer's 6th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kucera and son Donald, of Applegate, were Sunday afternoon visitors at the C. C. Stringer's home. The Kuceras were returning home from goose hunting in Klamath Falls.

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The crew at the Paul Scherer orchard North of town finished gathering around thirteen tons of filberts last week, which will be shipped to Portland.

Mrs. W. W. Linbeck, of Klamath Falls, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Truman Brenner. She became ill while in Central Point so returned home Sunday. Lany Brenner spent last week end in bed with a temperature.

Mary Jane Matthews and Loree Brennessoltz left Friday evening by plane for Portland for a week end of shopping and sight seeing. They returned Sunday night. Monday morning Miss Matthews began working as a receptionist for the Jackson County Chambers of Commerce in Medford. Mary Jane has been an operator at the local telephone office for about twenty months.

Kenneth Adams spent Sunday in his parents' home from his work near Butte Falls, getting acquainted with his new son, Wayne Mervin, who had come from the hospital with his mother that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waelty and daughters, Joyce and Myrna, of Elgin, Oregon, arrived Saturday night at the Henry Waelty home for a week end visit, leaving Monday for several points of interest before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cassman and Mrs. Cora Lewis, mother of Mrs. Cassman, returned Sunday evening from more than a week's visit in Tacoma and Seattle, Wash. At Tacoma they visited their son, Larry and wife and an aunt of Mr. Cassman in Seattle. They report a splendid trip. Only they left the cold up in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hajek, of Pacific Highway north, returned recently from a week's visiting in Portland, Seattle and British Columbia. Upon returning home, they stayed only two days and left for Southern California where they plan to spend the winter. They will be gone until March and in their absence Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns will care for the home and farm. The telephone number is 18XX2.

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