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Labor Situation Coming to Head

Babson Commends President Roosevelt's Action on WPA

Gloucester, Mass., July 28—I am glad we have had the WPA strike. I have felt right along that it would take some sensational episode such as this to bring the government to its senses on the labor issue. We could never have solved our unemployment problems so long as the old WPA wage rates were in existence. Hence, President Roosevelt is to be congratulated on his action. The labor situation is like a boil that can be cured only as it comes to a head.

The strike of the tool and die workers in General Motors plants will also aid in bringing the labor problem to a head. The National Relations Board was intended to promote peace between employers and workers. It has not done so. Rather, it has fanned the fires of the labor civil war and has added to the sufferings of employes as well as of employers—particularly those in the automobile industry. Now, just as the motor-makers are engaged in the vital job of re-tooling their machines for 1940 models, the CIO tool workers are breaking their contract. They are striking again in order to try to "freeze" their AFofL rivals out of the auto business.

Employers' Hands Tied
Until recently, employers could not petition the National Labor Relations Board for an election to find out which of two opposing unions should become the bargaining agency for their plant. These rival labor groups would get into a plant and each would loudly claim they represented a majority of the workers, but neither side would dare to resort to an election. One faction would start a "wild cat" strike one day and the other group would retaliate with another strike the next day. Meanwhile, the employers were sewed up tighter than a drum by the NLRB.

Up until a month ago, however, Washington had done nothing to stop this nonsense. Now, a new rule has been adopted which allows employers to petition for an election. Public opinion is solidly behind this change. Because of the growing wave of public sentiment against the Board's policies and against unionizing tactics, the labor situation should now take a turn for the better. Labor leaders are crazy to kick up another rumpus with the motor-makers because the average citizen is sick and tired of all this yapping and bickering between the two labor camps.

WPA Strike Ridiculous
The WPA "strike", however, is the "pay-off." While no one begrudges helping our unemployed, everyone is disgusted with this WPA "strike." The background of the flare-up is important. In 1935, labor leaders forced the "prevailing wage rate" clause into the WPA program in order to prevent a "break-down in the American standard of living." Top monthly compensation for each district was announced and skilled craftsmen "toiled" only enough hours at the "prevailing wage rate" to reach this monthly amount.

A plumber, for instance, whose union wage rate is \$2 an hour, might work only two days per week, or 60 hours per month, to get his monthly check. Thus, he has plenty of time to do odd work, "to look around for a private job", and to take life easy generally. Many people believed that we would never empty the WPA rolls if we continued this lenient policy. Furthermore, these people were getting worried over the fact that we have bigger relief rolls today than in the very pit of the depression and that it is costing us twice as much for relief as in 1933 or 1934.

WPA Criticism Growing
Criticism of WPA has grown rapidly in recent months. Congress has now dictated that this "prevailing wage rate" business be stopped and that skilled workers be forced to "labor" at a lower hourly rate. Their monthly pay envelope will contain just as much money, but they will have to work 130 hours per month. WPA skilled artisans have balked at this change, even though the new set-up is in the best interests of the nation as a whole.

The AFofL also opposes the new ruling because they consider it a direct attack on the "caste" system of wages used by them for years. This system has been one of the big reasons why building has failed to do its share toward recovery and re-employment. A special government committee under Thurman Arnold is now engaged in a monopoly "hunt" in the building industry. Personally I think Mr. Arnold will find that certain union wage scales and other union policies are largely to blame for exorbitant building costs.

How to End WPA
When all is said and done, three steps are necessary if we ever expect to get rid of the WPA even under Continued on Page 2

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NEW BEAVERTON FIELD OPENED

Above—The Beaverton Auto softball team, which suffered defeat in the dedication of the new park in the presence of a capacity crowd, and (below from the left) Hazel Edwards of the East Side Dairy team, Mayor W. E. McCloskey and Nira Deputy of the Zuber Concrete club.

Beaverton Opens New Ball Field

With appropriate ceremony and fanfare Beaverton's new modern, lighted ball field at the high school athletic grounds was dedicated last Thursday evening. A capacity crowd came out for the ceremony and to witness the opening game. Mayor W. E. McCloskey and Charles Walker of the Portland Park Bureau, made short talks before the game started and the former heaved the first ball over with as much ceremony as does President Roosevelt at the opening game at the senator's park in Washington.

The first game was an exhibition game in which the Zuber Concrete team scored a 24-to-12 win over the East Side Dairy club in a girls' softball contest.

In the nightcap the Cutler Manufacturing company team of Portland downed the Beaverton Auto 17 to 2. The American Can company team rallied in the 10th inning Thursday night to score three runs and a 5-to-4 victory over the Cooperage local. Cooperage scored twice in the 10th, but McCarthy's homer with two on decided the game in favor of the Cannery.

—Courtesy Journal

LIBRARY NOTES.....

A very fine selection of books from the state library at Salem have been loaned to the Beaverton Community Library. These books will have to be returned in September so readers should take advantage of this splendid opportunity to enjoy some new books. They cover a great many subjects and will appeal to a wide range of reading tastes. The library also has a great many good magazines which it lends. Everyone in the community who likes to read is welcome to the facilities of the Community Library.

Joseph C. Lincoln who writes about sea folk was born on Cape Cod, in Brewster, Mass. His father and all his ancestors had been seamen. His widowed mother wanted Joseph to become a business man but he preferred to draw. In order to make his pictures sell better he wrote verses or jokes to go with them. The verses sold better than the pictures. Later he wrote short stories for the Saturday Evening Post.

His first novel, "Captain Eri," is the story of three old sea captains who, despairing of their joint efforts at housekeeping, advertise for a wife. This book, also "Partners of the Tide," and "Extricate Obadiah," by the same author, are available in the Community Library.

Hours: 2:30 to 5 p.m. Wed., Thurs., and Sat. Saturday evenings 6:30 to 8:30.

Laartz Girls Building New House Here

The Misses Mary Anna and Esther Laartz, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Laartz of Watson road, south of Beaverton city limits, are having a fine new house built on their property. Their parents have been conducting a poultry business here, but the girls paid for the place and are building the house with their own money from their work. The construction being supervised by their father. Esther works for an interior lighting and decorating concern and is especially successful in her work of interior decorating. Several fine homes in the Beaverton vicinity have evidence of her work in decorating. Mary Ann works for the General Electric in Denver as home economist.

TWINS BORN JULY 14

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Putney of Aloha, are the proud parents of twin sons, James W. and Charles H., born in Portland July 14. The boys are grandsons of Mrs. Edna Wisner and great-grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. John Ericson of Aloha.

Sylvan Home Razed by Fire

A house under construction for James Landye, Portland attorney, on Burton drive near Sylvan, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night at a loss of between \$5,000 and \$6,000, sheriff deputies reported.

Flames ignited brush in the neighborhood and three other houses were endangered before the Multnomah county fire department and Beaverton fire department controlled the blaze. The Landye house was to have cost about \$10,000, and the part already built was a total loss. Origin of the fire was undetermined.

Scouts to Hold District Camp

About 100 Boy Scouts in the Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Tualatin districts will meet at Camp Elizabeth Ireland near Hillsboro July 30, for a week long district camp.

The program of activities will include lessons in nature study and woodcraft, athletic events, boating, swimming, campfire cooking and general outdoor life.

Drivers Get Scare

The work of practical jokers Sunday night in placing a dummy at the edge of the Pacific highway east of Tigard caused passing drivers to veer sharply from what looked to be the prone figure of a person. Deputy Sheriff Halie Island who removed the figure learned that two accidents nearly resulted from the prank.

Wheat Reports Slated

Washington county wheat growing farmers who intend to participate in the 1940 agricultural conservation program will soon receive notices of their 1940 wheat allotments, according to John W. Kamna, county committee chairman. The county's designated wheat acreage under the program has been set at 13,164 acres, he said.

Farmers may appeal to the county committee for adjustment of their allotments within 15 days after notifications have been mailed from the office at Hillsboro, Kamna said.

Trusty Departs

A walk-away escape by Aaron James Wiesmuller, 18, of Nebraska, a Washington county jail trusty, was reported Tuesday by Sheriff J. W. Connell.

MRS. ELLEN RUSH

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Young's Funeral Home, Hillsboro, for Mrs. Ellen Rush 80, of Aloha who died Saturday. She has been a resident of Washington county since 1900, and is survived by her nephew, George Rush of Gervais.

Water District Formation Carried

Formation of a Sorrento Water district in territory south of Beaverton was authorized by a vote of 63 to 25 at a special election last Friday.

In addition five were elected as commissioners to administer the district. They are F. A. Brindell, John Felscher, J. T. Green, E. P. Hedberg and L. D. Shellenberger.

Friday, July 28, has been set by the County Court for canvassing the votes. A public hearing on the matter will be held in conjunction, Judge Kerkman has announced.

Tax Equalization Board to Meet

Property owners in Washington county may submit requests for adjustments in their assessed valuations at the session of the Washington county board of equalization August 14, according to J. E. Carpenter, county assessor.

All requests for changes in valuations of land boundaries must be filed 15 days prior to the meeting of the official said.

GOODELL HESSE

The marriage of Miss Evelyn Victoria Hesse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Hesse of Scholls, to Lyle D. Goodell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Goodell of Vancouver, Wash., was solemnized July 15 by Rev. W. E. Sibley at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Ina Lenhart of Portland was the bride's only attendant. Stanley Goodell acted as best man for his brother.

The bride wore a dress of white mousseline de soie over brocade of roses and bouvardia.

Mrs. W. B. Chandless and Chanston Coe of Portland sang preceding the ceremony. Mrs. Earl Stretches played the wedding music.

At the reception which followed the ceremony, Mrs. O. Merrill Heaton, the bride's aunt, served. Mrs. Ferd Grover poured. Mrs. F. E. Sibley served punch. Mrs. J. M. Stretcher served the wedding cake, and Mrs. Merle Bacon of Portland cut the ice.

Mrs. Goodell is a graduate of Oregon State College and is affiliated with Alpha Xi Delta. Mr. Goodell attended the University of Oregon. Following a wedding trip to Canada the young couple will make their home in Portland.

HUBER CLUB HOLD PICNIC

The Huber Commercial club held its annual picnic at Eagle Fern park July 23. Many members came for breakfast, while others came later.

The forenoon was devoted to races and various sports events. There were many prizes, donated by progressive merchants of Beaverton and by several Portland stores.

After a huge picnic dinner 500 was played. The picnic was well attended, every one reported having had a fine time.

Two Damage Suits Filed

Two civil suits seeking damages totaling over \$20,000 were filed in circuit court this week, the first filed by George Anastos against Kund and Julia Roald asks \$10,000 general and \$104 special damages for injuries suffered in a collision near Avalon Park on Tigard Highway, May 20.

The complaint charged Roalds were driving in a negligent manner and are responsible for having thrown the plaintiff from his car upon the highway causing concussion of the brain, broken ribs, body bruises and nervous shock when his car was struck by the Roald machine.

The second suit filed by Frances Weiss against the Roalds also seeks \$10,000 general and \$95 special damages, for injuries alleged sustained while she was riding in the car driven by Anastos in the same accident. The complaint says she sustained cuts and bruises about the head, chest and lower limbs.

No School Bus To Garden Home

A. M. Jannsen of Reedville, was re-elected chairman and Mr. Ellender of Progress, vice-chairman of the non-high school board at a meeting of the body Friday in the office of County School Superintendent O. B. Kraus.

Main business accomplished by the board was passage of a motion to discontinue running the Beaverton school bus into the Garden Home district. Brought up by the Garden Home district member, the motion was discussed at length and finally approved as an economy measure.

It was voted however, that Garden Home students wishing to continue school at Beaverton may do so by walking to the nearest Beaverton bus stop or by securing other transportation to the school.

Valentines Attend Garden Party

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Valentine were guests at a lawn party Thursday evening, July 26th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Valentine, Mr. Valentine's brother, in Portland, given in honor of their son Prof. F. A. Valentine, wife and daughter Virginia, aged ten months.

Prof. F. A. Valentine is of the staff in mathematics at U. C. L. A. Los Angeles, and is spending his vacation in good old Oregon where he was born and raised, and has never been able to resist the lure of rivers, mountains, streams and fishing. A sumptuous cold dinner was served on the lawn for which Mrs. Valentine enjoyed well, merited praise.

The rest of the evening was spent in visiting, music and song. At a late hour the guests totaling 28 in number departed, one and all pronouncing it a most enjoyable evening.

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Concerning Your Beaverton Friends During Week

The home of A. E. Wilson, jeweler and optometrist in Beaverton, has been reshingled and painted and is very attractive.

Plans are being made for the entertainment of the Most Worthy Grand Patron of the United States, Frank Lynn, and wife of Dallas, Texas, who will arrive in Portland Sunday. Reservations are being made for a banquet in his honor at the Heathman Hotel Sunday evening, July 30 at which all Eastern Star members are welcome, and a trip to Timberline lodge is planned for Monday.

Mrs. R. D. Benham and Mrs. Josephine Squires are attending the Western Oregon conference of Seventh Day Adventists at Gladstone park from July 29, continuing to July 30, as delegates of the Cornelius Adventist church. This is the 28th session of the conference and Mrs. Benham has missed very few, although she will be 90 years old in February. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Van Kleek and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Kleek and son Darrell of Portland picnicked on Gales Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller were Sunday dinner hosts to Oregon City relatives.

Mrs. Robert Johnston returned home Sunday after a two weeks' stay at Emanuel hospital following a major operation. Although Mrs. Johnston is still confined to her bed, she is improving nicely.

Gene Pulisier and George Yates are visiting the fair and other places of interest in California.

The Cheerio Club met at Boyd's park for a covered dish luncheon Friday afternoon, followed by bridge. Prizes for the series of play were drawn.

Mrs. Elmen Stipe and Mrs. R. R. Summers will attend a luncheon party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Myers in Salem Friday. Mr. Myers is a past worthy grand patron, O. E. S.

Mrs. H. R. Nelson attended the picnic for the Eastern Star secretaries of Portland and vicinity for which Miss Rose Cave of Hillsboro was hostess at Shute Park Saturday. The next meeting will be August 21 at the Oswego lake home of Mrs. Bessie Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barnes visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fleetwood in Cathlamet Sunday.

Mrs. John A. Jones and daughter Isabel and Roberta of Kent, Wash., were over night guests at the Jay Gibson home last week.

Mrs. Beecher Doughty was called to Seattle the first of the week owing to the death of her son-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meyers of the Ritz Theatre left Monday evening to visit Mr. Meyer's brother in Los Angeles, Calif. They will visit the Golden Gate exposition enroute.

Mrs. Guy Alexander, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Hotu, Jr., and Mrs. J. A. Williams of Aloha, spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. Lester Nelson at Linnton, where they watched the fleet come in.

Miss Catherine Van Kleek accompanied friends to Seaside Sunday. Henry Nelson, James Lewis, Gus Densinger and Guy Carr spent Sunday fishing on the Wilson river.

Local people attending the Shrine picnic at Jantzen Beach Thursday included Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Talbert and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jannsen and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schoene, Miss Betty Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Scott and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hedberg.

Mrs. Harold Barnes and infant daughter, Carol Lou, returned home Friday from the hospital and are both doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell left Wednesday night for a week's visit at the San Francisco fair. Their daughters will stay with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Metcalfe during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hanson accompanied by their daughter Betty and their son Gene, Miss Saxton Greene, and Mrs. C. Hauver, spent the week end at Yachats.

Mrs. Duane Cushman has as her house guests this week her sister and niece of Eugene.

Mrs. C. C. Martin and daughter, Eloise, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, are visiting Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. V. A. Wood, here for a few days, enroute home from a trip that took them to Boulder Dam, Los Angeles, the San Francisco fair, and other points of interest.

Mrs. Lou Coyner and Mrs. Jay Gibson attended a reception in Longview Wednesday for the past worthy grand matron of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pace have purchased the property adjoining their cleaning establishment formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peets. Ray Kuiken received word of the death of his father Martin Kuiken at Stayton, Oregon, Monday morning.

Mrs. Mita Coble and son Clinton of Walnut Grove, Mo., are visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Organ.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Van Kleek and daughter Cathryn accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Kleek and son Darrell of Portland drove over the new Wolf Creek highway to Seaside Sunday.