



This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWN)—Here are a few recent newspaper headlines:

"Aluminum Strike Threatened."
"Strike in Pennsylvania Coke Field Threatens War Production."
"Rail Wage Dispute Goes to Mediation."

Those were all in one issue of a newspaper—typical of the unrest which still exists in war production work and which still is interfering with maximum output.

A recent report by the War Labor board states that strikes in war industries caused a loss of 1,130,678 man-days during the first seven months of 1942. There were strikes in 728 plants. The board minimizes the importance of these strikes, pointing out that less than 3 per cent of all war workers were involved, but an analysis of the report shows that the condition is alarming, due particularly to the fact that strikes are now on the increase rather than on the decrease.

The board admits that there was a temporary lull in strikes during January following Pearl Harbor, but that since then the number of hours lost by strikes has increased greatly. In January, according to the report, there were only 31 strikes, only 13,000 workers involved and 46,000 man-days of work lost. In July, however, there were 222 strikes, 81,000 men involved and 234,000 man-days lost.

It is true that the national union groups—the CIO and the AFL—on the surface at least have been working to prevent strikes and many of those which have been called on have been called over the objections of the national labor chiefs. But it is true that innumerable strikes, in industries such as steel and shipbuilding, have been prevented only because the War Labor board has insisted that the employers give in to the demands of the workers.

The national union leaders are demanding more power in the direction of war production. Phillip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, president of the AFL, have told Donald Nelson, head of the War Production board, that a representative of labor should be given power equal to his.

In this resolution passed by the CIO it was stated:

"Men and women from the ranks of labor must be placed in responsible administrative positions in the War Production board and all other agencies of the government. The energy and brains of labor through its representatives could thus be utilized for the good of the nation. There need be no suspicion or distrust of labor since its single objective is to increase production in each plant and in each industry throughout the nation."

In this city however, there is great suspicion as to labor's motive in seeking positions comparable to Donald Nelson's and it is believed by many that any such move would end for the duration of the war any possibility of stabilizing wages or preventing them from increasing to the point where they would seriously encourage inflation.

During the past week, the various plans for handling the drafting of men during the coming year have been a major topic of discussion. Many plans have been offered, but because of confusion over the number of men available from each age and dependency group it is very difficult to determine just how the call will go. It is generally assumed that congress will enact legislation right after the election to take men in the 18 and 19 year age group and plans for calling these men already have been worked out.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, has ordered all draft boards to call all available single men before any married men are called. State boards were ordered to rearrange quotas so that the call in rural areas, where some married men already have been called, would be slowed down until the rest of the single men in the cities had been drafted. He also said that men with dependents other than wives and children should be called before the family man.

However, it is expected that the call for married men will begin around the end of the year. The first to be called will be men who have working wives and no children. When men with children are called—if at all—they will be called according to age groups and financial status, those under 30 being called before the older men.

However, in a recent analysis of

Ashland USO Center Moves Step Nearer

Visit of FSA Official Brings Better Understanding of Situation

Prospects for a permanent USO center in Ashland were brightened somewhat this week with the visit here of Harry Stoops, regional director of the Federal Security Agency. His visit and the presence here of Faber Stevenson, regional director of the USO, caused local USO stock to rise materially.

Both men were favorably impressed with the set-up here, it is stated, and before departing expressed the belief that Ashland is in line for a permanent USO center.

Stoops stated that FSA officials had been somewhat confused regarding the proposed center here due to the fact that a letter had been received at headquarters from someone in Ashland declaring that a recreation center was not desired or needed. Later another letter was received to the effect that the recreation program already being carried out here fully demonstrated the desirability of a permanent USO center. After visiting the Civic Club house and learning at first hand the activities going on and the attendance from Camp White, both Stoops and Stevenson were ready to recommend Ashland as the location for one of the new centers being allocated this week. Stoops talked with the office of Major-General Kenyon A. Joyce at Fort Douglas, Utah, urging that the army give Ashland its OK and while not revealing the full text of the conversation from the other end of the line he left the impression that this city would receive due consideration.

Both officials were generous in their praise of the work being carried on here. They inspected the Civic Club building and approved plans for improvements including a new roof and painting inside and out. Should the center be established it is likely that other improvements will be forthcoming. It has been an uphill climb to reach the present status in negotiations and the untiring efforts of the local war recreation committee, Mrs. Helen Small, USO director, and the hospitable attitude of the town in general must be credited for the recognition attained.

Antelope Season to Open September 30

Oregon's fifth successive open season for antelope opens Sept. 23 and will extend to and including Sept. 30. Bag limit is one antelope of either sex, and hunting will be permitted in specified portions of Lake, Malheur and Harney counties.

The number of antelope tags to be issued is limited to 1,500 and while there still are some available, it is anticipated that most of them, if not all, will be sold by the opening of the season. Anyone desiring to apply for a tag should mail to the game commission office in Portland the fee of \$3.50 if a resident, or \$5 if a non-resident, together with information as to the number and kind of hunting license owned.

No checking stations will be maintained this year due to lack of sufficient personnel, but instead each individual purchasing an antelope tag must, upon completion of his final hunt, fill out the special check-out form attached to his antelope tag and mail it to the game commission office from the nearest post office or post box in the hunting area.

Regulations prohibit the use of any gun less than 1,700 foot-pound muzzle energy, factory fitted. It also is unlawful to shoot antelope from highways, automobiles or horseback.

JIMMIE BAUGHMAN NOW AIR CORPS WEATHER MAN

Clint Baughman is in receipt of a communication from his son James—Jimmie to everybody who knows him—in which he states that he recently took and passed an examination for weather observer in the air corps. Out of 200 men taking the examination, nine of them passed and three were accepted, Jimmie being one of the three. He was stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex. but had received a call to move.

In a previous letter to his father Jimmie stated that he had always believed the rigid army training would make a man of him but he didn't realize until undergoing some of it that it would make an old man of him so quickly.

MOVES TO KLAMATH FALLS

Mrs. Fay T. Catlin is departing Monday for Klamath Falls where she will be at home for the present with her daughter and family, Mrs. G. M. Minton at 1940 Portland street.

Where Nazis Face Bitter Struggle



This map shows you the Caucasus territory, the roughest, toughest and richest area in this part of the Soviet Union. Here the mountains and the men of the Red army stand, a barrier to the Nazi drive down towards Iran and the Middle East oil. The jagged line shows defense line. Striped arrows show direction of Nazi thrusts, while the striped line shows present German position. Open arrow coming from the North shows possible direction of Red offensive that might put Germans in the Caucasus in a perilous position.

Mansfield Held on Serious Charges

Following a series of house breaking, in which it is alleged that at least two women were attacked and one Ashland man, Jack Bishop, received a gunshot wound in the leg, Kermit Ray Mansfield was lodged in the city jail Monday afternoon. Following a preliminary examination here, Mansfield was taken to the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Vern Smith where he is awaiting grand jury investigation. He is being held under \$10,000 bail.

Mansfield was identified by Jack Bishop, who alleges that he received a gunshot wound at the hands of the arrested man; Mrs. Virginia Witter, 835 Palm street, Medford, and by Mrs. Claude Clements, 335 High street, Ashland. Mrs. Witter picked Mansfield out of a group of seven prisoners in the line at the county jail, alleging that he was the one who had entered her home, backed her up against the wall and hit her in the mouth, dislodging two of her teeth and cutting her mouth.

SPEAKER SAYS ASHLAND USO CENTER JUSTIFIED

Letters received from soldiers who have been entertained in Ashland and have been transferred elsewhere, as well as letters from mothers of soldiers thanking the recreation center here for treatment of their boys were read by Mrs. Helen J. Small to the Rotary Club today. These letters, Mrs. Small contended, were in themselves justification for a permanent USO center here and she urged that their contents be given wide publicity.

In her talk, Mrs. Small outlined the work of a USO center and gave the Rotarians a detailed account of the work ahead for the local branch and the town in providing entertainment for the thousands of soldiers who will visit here.

Chic Farlow Joins USO Music Staff

E. J. "Chic" Farlow has emerged from a retirement of several years to join the music committee of the USO at the Civic Club house. This announcement was made the first of the week by Mrs. Catherine Huffman, chairman of the committee, who states that Chic will be in charge of the "jam sessions" for soldiers to be held every Monday night in the USO music room.

Farlow's specialty is the drums and in years past he was actively engaged in orchestra work. He is busy trying to locate instruments for use at the center as there are many musicians among the soldiers but not all of them are able to carry them with them from camp to camp and must depend upon the generosity of civilians.

The music room is taking on shape, with the addition of a piano, a radio and a Victrola, and is entirely separate from the dance floor so that those who wish may entertain themselves with practically any type of music other than the proverbial juke box.

Mrs. Huffman also announced that the Music Study club has taken sponsorship for the music hour.

JOE KING ON WAY

Mr. and Mrs. Joe King Monday received a message from their son Flight Commander Joe King, that he was leaving that day for an undisclosed destination, apparently for action. Embarking point was some place on the Atlantic coast. Joe had a struggle to get into the air corps but he has been going places since his induction. He was accepted by the Royal Canadian Air force before Uncle Sam's recruiting officers would give him the greenlight and has been commended numerous times for his ability.

• The Miner for Quality Printing.

Schools of City to Open Doors Monday Morning as Scheduled

Further Delay Unnecessary, Officials Find After Conducting Survey of Orchard Labor Situation in District; Few Students Affected, Study Shows

Ashland schools will open for the fall term Monday morning, according to announcement from the office of City School Superintendent Theo J. Norby. An earlier statement that delay in opening might be experienced due to demand for labor in the orchards of the valley had left some doubt in the minds of school officials and patrons of the district, and to settle the question, Supt. Norby made a survey of the orchard situation. Thirty orchardists were contacted. Of these, six replied to Norby's inquiries and when the results were summed up it was found that not more than eight high school students were concerned. This was not deemed of sufficient importance to cause further delay and the order went out to open Sept. 21 as scheduled.

Prospective Customer Couldn't Take Info Girl Handed Out

Men are willing to concede that women know a lot about clothes, household duties and kindred subjects and even grant them a considerable aptness at driving cars, but are quite sure the gentler sex knows nothing about the inner workings of an automobile.

There are occasions when this belief is disrupted by the women, as a recent occurrence in a Medford department store will verify.

An Ashland girl working in the auto accessories department answered the phone one day and a man's voice asked, "Is this the battery department?" Assured that it was he said, "Give me someone that knows something about batteries."

"What do you want to know?" she asked.

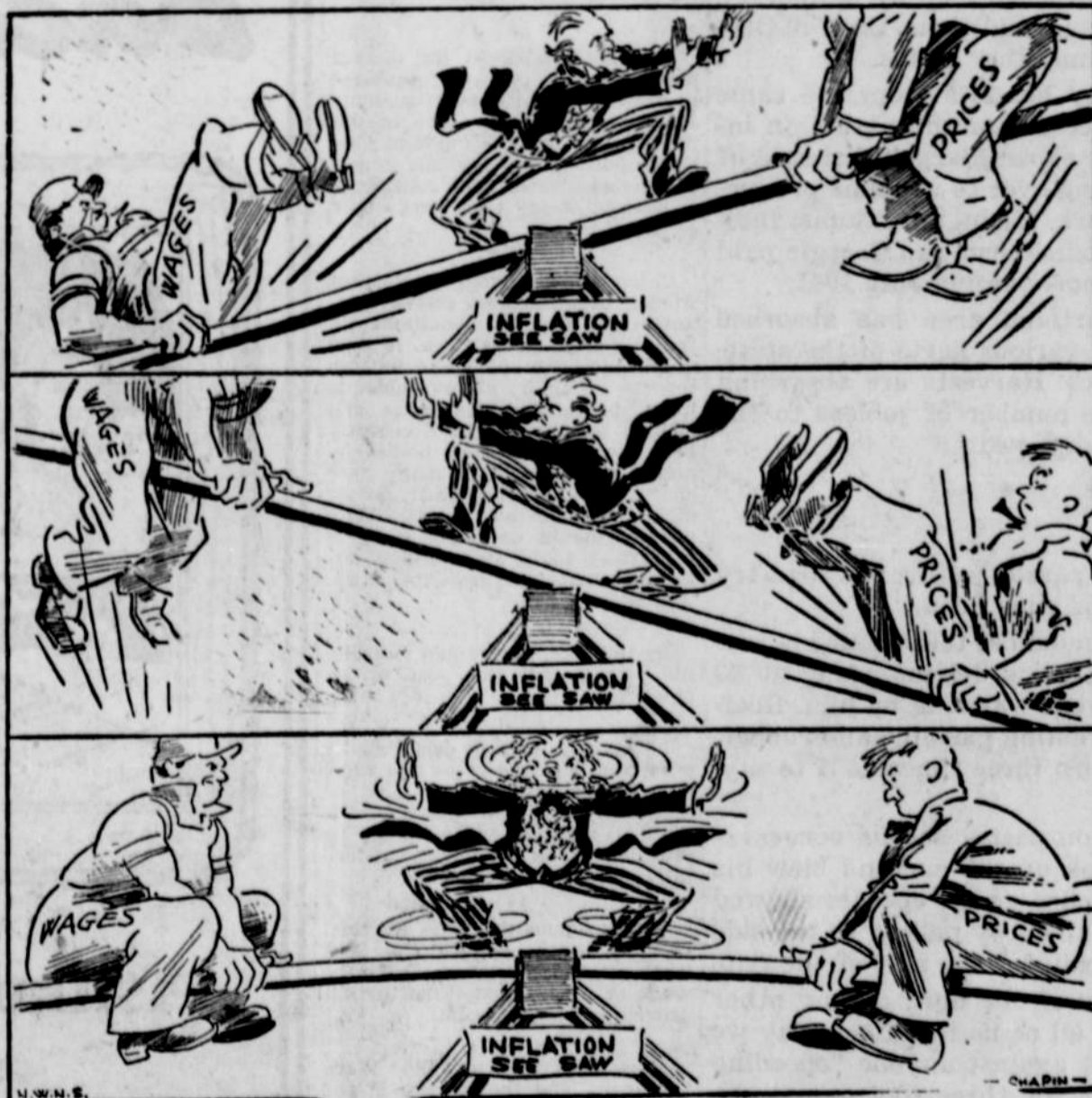
"I want a battery for a 1936 Plymouth," he replied. The young lady had decided when she went to work in the department that she should inform herself as thoroughly as possible and she proceeded to cash in on her knowledge. She rattled off prices and guarantees on several types and makes of batteries with such accuracy and speed that the party on the other end of the line finally edged in a "My God!" and hung up the receiver.

ALLIN LUMBER COMPANY SOLD TO COPELAND

Announcement was made this week of the sale of the Allin Lumber company to the Copeland Lumber company which has taken over management of the Ashland concern.

Charles W. Allin and son Wes, owners and operators of the yard, have not announced plans for the immediate future.

The Difficult Job of Keeping a Balance



GUEST DAY AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH HOUSE

Guest day was observed at Trinity parish house this afternoon when many members and their friends gathered for an interesting program and social hour.

Mrs. Fay T. Catlin opened the program with a brief review of the work and interests of the organization. This was followed by general singing of America, the reading of the 121st Psalm by Mrs. L. G. Sharyon, and prayer.

Miss Florence Allen, delighted the audience with her interpretation of a group of songs, "Dawn," "To a Hilltop" and "When Song Is Sweet." She was ably accompanied by Mrs. J. W. McCoy, Mrs. Gordon MacCracken gave a most impressive talk on church and state closing with the repetition of the Apostle's creed and the American's creed.

Following this splendid program, prepared by the program committee, Mrs. Catlin, Mrs. MacCracken and Mrs. Don Whitney the guests repaired to the dining room where an attractive tea table had been arranged by Mrs. Clyde Young and Mrs. C. I. J. Porter.

DR. DUNHAM HOST TO FELLOW CHIROPRACTORS

Dr. C. C. Dunham was host to the chiropractic physicians of the district Monday evening. The dinner was served in the Dunham home and the business session was held in the doctor's office at 244 Hargadine street.

Wives accompanying their husbands were entertained by Mrs. Dunham in a pleasant social hour following the dinner.

Physicians from Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass were in attendance.