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#### LABOR DAY 1950—

On next Monday the nation will take its last summer holiday before plunging into the activities of another year. Originally set aside as a legal holiday in the interest of working men as a class, Labor Day has become primarily a celebration of the unions. It is a mighty demonstration of the power of organization. It is a tangible proof of the "American Way" which has permitted the rise of the once downtrodden employees to their present important role in the life of this nation. Millions now enjoy the benefits of legislation which has been brought about by labor interests.

But with a war being fought in the Pacific and with socialistic bureaucracy encroaching on the domestic front, the role of organized labor becomes of vital importance to the world as well as to every American. In promoting the welfare of the working class, the unions have failed on many occasions to place the first importance upon the welfare of the nation. In so doing they have alienated a great section of the country and have played into the hands of subversive forces. It begins to look as though unwise leaders are sharpening the ax for the decapitation of the valuable goose, and the American workers will sorely miss the golden eggs when it is too late.

The Korean war may prove the testing ground for the loyalty of both capital and labor. In a crisis when every effort is being thrown into all-out production, strikes in any line of industry or transportation which will endanger the defense of the United States, should be treated as sabotage.

Labor Day 1950 may mark the turning point in labor tactics. If its leaders are wise and have the true interests of not only their members but the nation at heart, or even if they place selfish advantage first, they will see the long range benefits of true unionism. Union signifies cooperation and coordination of all, not a certain specified class. The very word parallels the "United" in our country's designation and should be a constant reminder of the proven axiom that "in union there is strength." F.M.

#### DISLOYAL MINORITIES, by George Peck—

There are some Americans (thank God they constitute only a small minority of our total population) whose only thoughts in time of war is how many dollars they can make out of the suffering, blood-shed and anguish which armed conflict inevitably visits upon mankind. These comparative few not only risk their own necks thereby, but endanger the lives and liberties of the many, many patriotic citizens.

It is true that we are not yet actually engaged in an all out war, but since the shooting started in Korea, there have been some American business men who already have given evidence they are thinking only of profits and not of service to America. Their selfishness, their lack of patriotism jeopardizes the "American Way" under which they do business.

And also, unfortunately, there are some American wage-earners who, despite the grave emergency, are still obsessed with the unsound idea of extracting the utmost farthing in wages for the least possible work done.

Then there are some American politicians who, in these troublous times, are still playing to the gallery, giving more thought to how many votes they can garner next November than to the country's welfare. When the situation calls for statesmanship, they resort to petty politics.

If the "bad" boys among the business fraternity wake up some unhappy morning to find a foreign invader in possession of their businesses, they will have only themselves to blame.

If the greedy-wage earners answer their alarm clocks some forlorn morning to find themselves no longer free to work when, where, and how they choose, but forced to toil long hours at starvation wages under the lash of a foreign dictator, who but themselves will they be able to censure for that loss of liberty?

These minorities among the businessmen, wage earners and politicians apparently are beyond redemption. Appeals to their patriotism, humanitarianism and altruism fall on deaf ears. Perhaps they can be reached by appeals to their greed and selfishness, with which human frailties they seem to be so richly endowed.

Surely, their selfishness, all decent motives failing, should dictate to them that this is a time for all-out sacrifices, all-out expenditure of capital, labor and statesmanship on behalf of America. If they fail to recognize this self-evident truth they take the risk of selling themselves down the river, while they drag patriotic citizens with them.

#### Victim of Polio Attack To Continue Education

One delayed report of a case of polio was included in the list of communicable diseases released this week by Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health officer. The case was that of Miss Adele Sheldon, Ashland, who was stricken July 26. Miss Shel-

don is a student at Southern Oregon college and plans to complete her work there for her teachers certificate. Other cases on the list, smallest in several months, included one case of pneumonia in Ashland, one case of strep throat in Medford and three mumps cases, two in Central Point and one in Gold Hill.

### Festival Players Are Married

A wedding of more than usual interest took place last Friday morning at the Trinity Episcopal church when Suzanne LaMarre, only daughter of Mrs. Una LaMarre and Mr. E. J. LaMarre was married by the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell to Phillip Hanson of San Francisco, son of Mrs. Roselyn Hanson and Mr. A. P. Hanson of Seattle. It was a double ring ceremony performed in a lovely setting of yellow and white gladioli and tall tapers.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina length champagne silk sheer, with a circlet of Talisman roses in her hair, and carried a white satin basket of roses. Her matron-of-honor, Mrs. George Bell of Ashland, was gowned in yellow net made ballerina length and carried yellow and white carnations. Allen Fletcher of Lafayette, Indiana served as best man.

A unique feature of the wedding was the bridal music played by Mrs. Cay Huffman at the organ. In the place of the customary Lohengrin, an arrangement of the "Palastrina Motet" which had been transcribed by the bride from its original form for strings to that for the organ was used.

A wedding breakfast was held at the Elks following the ceremony for the bridal party and forty guests at a long table centered with African daisies. The bride's mother wore a two piece suit of orchid silk with white hat and accessories and a corsage of Rubern lilies.

Among out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnston of Medford and many of the Shakespearean group who had played in the festival which ended the night before, when the bride made her final appearance of the season as Amelia in the "Comedy of Errors."

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson left for a week's motor trip to the coast after which they will return briefly to Ashland before leaving for Urbana, Ill., where both will enter the University. Mr. Hanson will complete work for his master's degree while his wife will continue her dramatic and musical studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lilly and Mr. Dick Howard of Riddle, Oregon, were recent Ashland visitors. They were guests of Mrs. Venita Starnes and other friends while here.

### Low Peach Yield in Northern Areas Increases Market for Local Growers

By C. B. Cordy, County Agent

With the peach crops in the north pretty well frozen out from the cold winter, it looks like our fruit will be pretty valuable this year. Central Washington areas are expecting only a 10 per cent crop, and the crop in the Willamette valley and in The Dalles has been greatly reduced.

The crop is somewhat spotty in this valley, but, generally speaking, in the Ashland area the crop is very good and becomes lighter toward the north end of the valley. Light crops in Washington and parts of Oregon will give local growers an excellent chance to put their peaches into markets which they have not been able to use before.

When local peaches sell in competition with northern peaches in the same markets, ours will always bring 15 to 20 cents more per box. This is a reflection of the higher quality of our local peaches. In addition to having naturally a much better quality peach, our growers have also enhanced this advantage by harvesting the fruit at an excellent stage of maturity. Some of the other peach areas have not been as careful in this respect.

The peach tonnage in Jackson county has been rapidly increasing in recent years because of an increase in acreage. This tonnage will continue to increase for the next several years as long as we have new plantings of peaches coming into bearing. This year will give our growers an excellent opportunity to expand their markets and possibly take over some of them permanently.

Another product that is ripening now is cantaloupe. The term "cantaloupe" as generally used in the United States designates the small, green skinned, netted muskmelons. There are a number of other melons whose cultural requirements are very much the same as cantaloupe. They include Honeydew, Persian melon and Casaba. These, however, are not generally included in the term "cantaloupe."

When a cantaloupe is ripe the stem will part from the cantaloupe, and when the melon is moved it separates cleanly from the stem. This is what is known as a full slip stage. In shipping areas where the melons must be kept for a considerable time between their harvesting and the time they are eaten, it is necessary to pick them a little green.

Sheldon Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Green, left Eugene Monday night to report for air force basic training at San Antonio, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ritchson of 160 Church street are moving to Klamath Falls this week where Mr. Ritchson has accepted a position.

#### THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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 Evart P. Borden, Minister  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Miss Francis Clink, Supt., Mr. Art Smith, assistant Supt.  
 11:00 a.m. Worship service; Sermon by Dr. Borden, "Let Us Meet the Challenge."  
 Trustees meeting postponed to Monday, Sept. 11.  
 Congregational devotional period on KWIN at 10:45 a.m., Sept. 4, 5, 6.  
 Topics: Monday, "Love, Judge Not, Forgive." Tuesday, "A Gift Unused." Wednesday, "Secret Ministries of God."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Johnson of 367 Stadium have received word that their son Richard, who has been in naval training at San Diego since May, completed his recruit course and is expecting duty assignment.

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affected would be the seed. Of course, if that seed was planted, then the crop the following year would have a very poor flavor. This is one reason why home owners who grow several different varieties of one vegetable should never attempt to save their own seed. There is a good chance that the seed would be self-pollinated and would produce good quality vegetables the next year, but there is also the possibility that it may be crossed with another variety and the resultant seedling might be quite inferior.

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