

"Hood River" Bills Would End Tie-Ups From Strikes

Grange and Farm Leaders Divided In Support.

With the coast maritime strike fast becoming history, attention turned to steps to prevent a recurrence of the disastrous tieup now being taken by measures introduced at Salem and frantic efforts of labor leaders to halt this trend.

Bills now before the legislature would require unions to have the same legal status as the concerns with which they make wage agreements. It is being contended that under the present setup unions have no legal standing, are not responsible for their actions in courts of law and keep no records by which even their own members can tell whether they hire paid sluggers and killers. The laws being introduced at the instance of the Hood River apple growers with wide support throughout the state are fashioned after the British regulations many of which have been in effect since 1871.

Bills now before the legislature include the following union regulations:

Require unions to be corporate entities with legal responsibility.

Requires 60 days to elapse after employes make a formal demand for wage increases before a strike can be called.

Require compulsory arbitration by both employers and employes. Outlaw sympathetic strikes.

Do away with the legal provisions under which the supreme court recently held it illegal to issue an injunction against picketing establishments where no strike was in progress.

Ray Gill, master of the state grange and veteran champion of the grange-labor alliance, has taken a firm stand against all the proposed labor bills and with Morton Tompkins is leading a strong fight against the program despite determined support for the measures from granges in all parts of the state.

The fight for the labor regulation program is being led by Hood River growers who have traveled to all parts of the state boosting the program.

Joining in the fight are farmers and grangers from all sections. Wool growers of the eastern Oregon sector have a special lobby at Salem backing the bill. Wheat growers of the same district are represented. Medford pear growers who suffered in the recent strike also are on the job. Turkey growers of both western and eastern Oregon who lost heavily as the result of the ship tieup are joining in the fight and cherry and berry growers whose processed fruit has yet to move to market and who stand not only to wait many months for their pay but to take sizeable losses are also up in arms.

Washington lawmakers at Olympia have a very similar situation with the Yakima growers duplicating the fight leadership of the Hood River contingent in Oregon.

As the time nears when it will be possible to ship wheat, more bitterness has developed over the fact that it is now snowbound in eastern Oregon and Washington and may be held there for some weeks yet. Thus the weather aids the strike in delaying the time when the growers will actually know what they got for their grain.

LEXINGTON

By EDITH EDWARDS

Alex Hunt has been ill the past week with an attack of influenza.

Beulah Nichols left Friday evening for Portland where she will undergo a major operation.

Duane Johnson and Lyle Allyn were among those confined to their homes with bad colds last week.

Lawrence Beach spent the week end at home.

The item in last week's paper concerning a basketball game between Ione and Lexington was a mistake. This game was to have been played

last Tuesday evening but was postponed.

Lexington suffered another cold spell last week when the mercury dropped to several degrees below zero on Friday night and to 27 below Saturday night.

A tractor school was held at the Jackson Implement company last Saturday, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Lunch was served at noon. The program consisted of lectures and motion pictures. A good crowd attended.

The Lexington school has had quite poor attendance for the past week due to the cold weather, drifted snow, and colds and influenza.

Mildred Hunt entered the Heppner hospital Friday, suffering with complications following an appendicitis operation.

A no-hostess meeting of the Lexington Home Economics club will be held at the grange hall Thursday, February 11, if the weather permits. Those attending are asked to bring either cookies or sandwiches.

Mrs. Lee Sprinkel of Heppner visited her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Scott, last Thursday.

There will be a dance at Lexington grange hall on Saturday, February 20.

The grange meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 13.

Mrs. Orville Cutsforth left last Friday evening for Springfield, Mo., to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pettyjohn.

W. B. Tucker has gone to Portland to be with his daughter, Beulah Nichols.

Robert Cutler and Mrs. Roy Campbell are quite ill at their homes with bad colds.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Red Cross flood relief may leave their donations with Miss Dona Barnett or Mrs. Elsie Beach at their respective business houses.

The honor roll for the high school is as follows: Third six weeks: Wilma Tucker, Zelma Way, Dan Dinges, Ellwynne Peck and Kenneth Peck. First semester: Wilma Tucker, Zelma Way, and Dan Dinges.

Mrs. Trina Parker of Lexington who is spending the winter at San Diego, having gone down with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Leach and daughter of Portland, reports the weather unusually cold there. Much damage has been done to citrus crops and beautiful flowers and shrubs. Mrs. Parker left Lexington December 26, and with the Leachs started south on the 28th, going down the coast highway and making it to San Diego on the 31st. In February they expect to go into Arizona and Imperial valley, returning to San Diego where they will remain until March, when they will return by way of San Francisco to visit Dr. and Mrs. R. E. White and Miss Opal Leach who is spending the winter in San Leandro.

CAMP HEPPNER NEWS.

The Soil Conservation service has purchased a Caterpillar diesel ID-7 bulldozer which was shipped here from the factory at Peoria, Ill. The tractor will be used by the local CCC camp to make channel improvements in this county.

Harold Tonole, formerly SCS clerk of the local CCC camp, has left for his home town, Cottage Grove. Mr. Tonole is planning entering University of Oregon at Eugene where he will take up clinical laboratory work.

The local SCS is utilizing one of its bulldozers this week to clear the Rhea creek road from snow so that the farmers in that vicinity can get to Heppner for supplies.

4-H CALF CLUB REPORT.

Mrs. Adolph Majeske was hostess to the Lexington Calf club during its first meeting of the new year, held January 1. Due to cold weather the crowd was slow to gather and a short meeting was held after which Mrs. Majeske served a delicious lunch of chicken and ham sandwiches, cake and coffee for the older folks, cocoa for the young folks.

During the meeting each member recited the club pledge. The secretary read the minutes and the leader a letter from Dr. Allen, assistant state club leader.

The February meeting of the club will be postponed until the weather breaks.—Joyce Biddle, Reporter.

Excluding the lumber industry, the Pacific Northwest produces only about one percent of the nation's manufactured goods.

RANDOM SHOTS

(Oregon News Bureau)

Joseph K. Carson, formerly of Hood River and now mayor of Portland, is champion for free bridges across the Columbia river at the Bridge of the Gods and at Hood River. Mayor Carson has asked that the tolls on these bridges be cancelled in the interests of trade and commerce.

Mount Angel college is planning a golden jubilee for early in April this year. Mount Angel college was opened in 1887 by the Reverend Adelhelm Odermatt, O. S. B. In 1892 and again in 1926, the institution was destroyed by fire and rebuilt. Valuable old books, dating back to 1540, and collected by the Catholic clergy, are now housed in the museum.

The tusk of a mastodon, believed to have weighed at least 20 tons, was recently unearthed by highway crew workers near Holdman, in Umatilla county.

Almagated Sugar company of Ogden, Utah, has purchased the 185-acre Greig ranch, near Nyssa, for a sum reported to be \$15,000 cash. Immediate construction of a warehouse is planned. Five thousand acres of beets have been signed for 1937, it is reported.

Gold mining by dredge, which has been active in the John Day and Baker districts, will shortly be started in the Oscar creek section of the Jacksonville country, according to reports from that part of the state. Bishop and Sturdevant, owners of the dredge, state they will begin operations immediately. They have recently spent \$25,000 on equipment.

Out of bread, out of meat, and out of pretty nearly everything else in the way of food and supplies, three hundred residents of Cove, Oregon, made contact last Friday with the rest of the world after being shut in by snow for two weeks. Snowplows failed to break through the huge drifts and for seven days Cove was completely isolated from even its nearest neighbor, Union, only nine miles away.

A 3-year refunding plan for defunct Astoria city bonds has been agreed upon by the bondholders' protecting committee according to announcement from the downriver city Saturday.

BOARDMAN

By LA VERN BAKER

Mrs. Helen Doney's six-months old daughter passed away Monday morning of bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services were held in the community church Feb. 2. Interment was in the Boardman cemetery.

Boardman basketball boys won the Irrigon game last Wednesday evening. The game was played on the Boardman floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barlow have a new baby girl named Carma Darlene. She was born January 30th.

The town team boys tried a new thing last Saturday evening. They played both the Stanfield town team and the CCC team in one evening, winning both games by a large score.

Silver Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Theron Anderson Wednesday. It was well attended.

Mr. Walker and daughter Mabel returned home Sunday after spending some time vacationing. They went to Chicago where Mr. Walker purchased a new Lafayette car and then motored to Louisiana and back home by the southern route. They stopped in Los Angeles and visited Mr. Walker's son.

Church and Christian Endeavor were postponed Sunday evening due to the cold weather.

Tom McEntire visited on the project Sunday. He attended the land meeting at Heppner Saturday. Mr. Kristenson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Healy, Mr. Skoubo and Mr. Slavin also attended the meeting.

Bob Harwood has been sick this week and could not attend to his work Monday.

James Farley was on the project Sunday buying hay. He bought from Mr. Flickinger.

A very interesting game was played on the Boardman floor between Arlington high and Boardman high Monday evening. It was a hard fought game with Arlington winning with a score of 31-18. The second teams played also with Arlington winning.

BUYS ABSTRACT OFFICE.

George Fell has purchased the Grant county abstract office in Canyon City from Neil Niven and took possession this week, states Canyon City Blue Mountain Eagle. For the past 25 years Mr. and Mrs. Niven have conducted this business and they will retire from the active and exacting work it requires. George Fell is the son of Dr. J. H. Fell and last fall sold his sheep business at Courtrock and with Mrs. Fell will take up the business where Mr. and Mrs. Niven left off.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Poultry prices have tumbled as the result of heavy shipments to the Portland market. Turkeys continue in fair demand because of the low prices. Dressed meats continue fairly steady with demand good.

Higher wheat prices are expected to follow the ending of the maritime strike. However, most of the heavy holdings are snowbound and little early action is anticipated.

Egg prices continue firm with storage holdings light.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep appreciation and thanks to our many friends, who were so kind and helpful to us the night of Norton's accident, and during his long convalescence; for the many beautiful flowers and cards with words of cheer and well wishes sent him; to the doctors and nurses of Heppner hospital who were so faithful in their care; and our many friends in Heppner who offered us the hospitality of their homes, will never be forgotten by us.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lundell.

AUXILIARY TO MEET.

The American Legion auxiliary will meet Monday evening, February 8, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alva Jones. All members are urged to attend as business of importance must be taken care of.

UNION MEETING SET.

The Union Missionary society will meet at 2:30 the afternoon of Friday, February 12, at the Episcopal church.

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Daisy Bevans, Clackamas county representative, is the sponsor of a bill that would forbid the use of pretty girl pictures in cigarette advertising.



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