



Washington, D. C., June 10—Northwest dairy and cattlemen are here protesting on the roll-back of prices which are scheduled to go into effect shortly. These producers say the saving to the average individual on these roll-back prices will only amount to a few dollars a year. On the other hand, it will cost the government millions in subsidies. "A roll-back now will be a kick-back later," holler the producers. However, OPA is going ahead on its roll-back regardless of the squawks which are being registered by growers and producers. A strong lobby, actively supported by the several potent labor groups, are pumping for a government subsidy to bring about still lower prices. OPA, et al. say such a subsidy is absolutely necessary to hold down sky-rocketing food prices.

That great tragedian and disciple of Shakespeare Mr. John L. Lewis, who had the reputation among other things of being so politically astute, has muffed one of the biggest political moves involving labor ever known.

Last Friday the house, by a whopping vote, passed the drastically amended Smith-Connally anti-strike senate bill. The house bill has far more teeth in it than the original senate bill and in its present form would make it mighty tough for labor leaders like John L. Lewis. About two hours after the bill had passed the house Mr. Lewis called off his strike and ordered his min-

ers back to work, starting last Monday. When Lewis made that announcement some senators immediately took steps to modify some of the drastic provisions contained in the bill, which they had just received from the house.

The next day, as the conference committee consisting of senators and congressmen sat around the table ironing out some of the more drastic provisions of the bill, a telephone rang and a voice informed the chairman that Mr. Lewis had just announced "the coal strike was not settled at all. His back to work order to the miners was only another truce of two weeks and if a satisfactory contract was not forthcoming in the interim from the operators, the miners would again walk out come June 20."

From that minute on all ideas of toning the bill down were out. Numerous top flight heads of government immediately joined the move to put the bill through, which will, among other provisions, clothe the war labor board with the addition-strikes. Mobilization Czar Jimmy Byrnes and the White House have all authority they need to handle given such legislation the green light.

In the meantime other high ranking labor leaders were moving heaven and earth to keep Lewis from making his "two weeks truce" statement while the anti-labor bills was in committee. The more sober heads of labor knew such a statement would surely bring about passage of the bill—the very thing above all else that labor didn't want. But their pleadings were of no avail—the great one knew it all.

Some of the togamen are quietly snickering up their sleeves and slapping each other on the back. As one senator put it, "The Lewis statement will get us more votes for the bill than anything we could have done. Nothing can stop the bill from passing now." The great John L. Lewis had played right into the hands of the labor hating, anti-union bloc.

Plans for a surprise drive are

now in the making. The kick-off is scheduled for July 15. After the last drive it was understood that the treasury would not start its next bond selling campaign until September, but the plan had to be changed. While the last drive was a huge success, over-subscribing the goal set by close to \$5,000,000, the treasury officials were not satisfied with the general results. Not nearly enough of the small buyers, or wage earners, planked their dollars on the line, say the officials. Bank insurance companies and other large buyers were the ones who put the drive over the top. Every effort will be made this time to coax the little fellow and wage earner up to the bond buying counter or else. Inflation is still a nightmare to government officials and something has to be done to get the wage earner to put up more of his high war-time earnings in bonds instead of promiscuous spending. Otherwise a compulsory bond buying plan is sure to come.

The weather is beginning to turn warm here in Washington, and so is politics. The boys can hardly wait until that long looked for recess time rolls around. Next month, all things being equal, the congress will recess for six weeks or so. In the meantime, much cloakroom gossip is going the rounds. It is said that a certain mystery man, who knows his politics, will quietly visit the west. He will be an emissary for Governor Dewey. The west is coming in for plenty of attention from the Republicans. It's a foregone conclusion, say the political seers, that the Republican ticket must carry the western states if they are to win next year.

Use of wool felt has saved approximately 500,000 pounds of rubber in six months in the manufacture of washers, gaskets, and similar items.

## News Notes From Camp Wetmore

Luther Betts suffered a back injury in a car collision on the Kinzua grade. He has been receiving medical aid in The Dalles.

Gene Young has missed work the past few days due to an ankle injury.

The road between Camp Wetmore and Kinzua is open for the season and is in good condition. Several bad places have been straightened out and a good deal of the road widened. This means Camp Wetmore will see lots of Kinzua people through the summer.

Mary Kelly is home with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Finley Kelly. She has been attending school at Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Provo have received word that their son "Doug" Provo, a former student at Heppner high school, is back in the States. He is stationed at Norfolk, Va. Doug enlisted in the navy last fall at Portland.

Father Francis McCormick of Heppner visited several families at Wetmore Thursday evening. He was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ratican.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Turner drove to Dayton, Wash. over the weekend. They visited Mrs. Turner's parents and looked after some property and furnishings.

Mrs. Ralph Crum and baby son returned home over the week-end after an absence of several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dixon drove to Mitchell over the week-end. They visited Mrs. Dixon's parents.

Donald Knowles and Margie Provo, who attended school at Heppner through the winter, are home with their parents for the summer.

## HERE TO SELL PROPERTY

Mrs. Norton Lundell arrived in the county Saturday evening, being met at Pendleton by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker of Ione. Mrs. Lundell made the trip north from Los Angeles by plane. Her visit at this time is for the purpose of disposing of their residence and service station property at the corner of Chase and May streets. She states that Norton is enjoying his work in the plane factory and gets a little chesty every time planes from that particular plant are mentioned in the war dispatches. Said plant is mentioned frequently on radio programs.

## TAKES JOB IN PORTLAND

Cecelia Healy has accepted a position in a dental office in Portland and took up her new duties Monday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, and sister, Helen, drove to Portland Saturday taking her down. Cecelia has been a valued assistant at the Heppner branch of the First National bank.

## RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Al Sather and son Billy returned Tuesday to their home in Portland after visiting here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ulrich. Mrs. Sather and Billy expect to leave for Texas in September to join Mr. Sather who is a flying instructor.

## UP FROM OREGON CITY

Mrs. Florence Beamer is here for a few weeks coming from Oregon City where she makes her home with her niece, Miss Kathryn Bisbee. Miss Bisbee will come later to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee.

## VISITED IN HERMISTON

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark in Hermiston Sunday.

## Something Every Automobile Owner Should Know!

### The New Oregon Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act of 1943 Becomes Effective June 9, 1943.

The sum and substance of this law, effective June 9, 1943, is that if an automobile owner or operator is involved in an accident causing bodily injury or death, or property damage, he must, within 24 hours, make a complete written report of that accident, and if he is not covered by insurance or a bond, the Secretary of State must suspend the operator's license and all registration certificates of the owner unless and until he has furnished, and thereafter maintains, proof of financial responsibility by an insurance policy, a surety company bond or the bond of two individual sureties each owning property in Oregon and each having an equity therein of at least \$11,000, or by the deposit of \$11,000 in cash or approved securities.

(This is a partial summary of the Responsibility Act)

## Protect Yourself!

A copy of the Digest of the New Oregon Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Law may be had at the office of

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