

# STATE WORKERS INVENT WAYS TO DODGE PAY CUTS

## Political Appointees in Many Departments Violate Legislature's Wage Reduction Act Is Discovery.

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STATEHOUSE, SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—Herbert Hauser, superintendent of transportation in the public utility commission, faced a difficult problem in dismissing 18 members of his department.

This move was made necessary after the state emergency board granted only \$10,000 of a \$50,000 deficiency appropriation requested. Hauser's task was made more difficult because in his department are a number of political appointees. Most of them were "planted" by Henry Hansen, political advisor to Governor Meier and budget director.

Several of the political appointees receive \$172 net monthly, or a basic salary of \$210. One of these appointees spends most of his time wrapping license plates and handling bundles.

Hauser is anxious to administer the bus and truck act efficiently. He attempted to solve the puzzle by dismissing a large portion of his staff by retaining several appointees and letting several others go.

Employees discharged were given exactly four days' notice.

Members of the state emergency board were somewhat surprised last week to discover that many departments have violated the legislative salary reduction act which became effective last March.

A survey by the United Press shows that at least 75 raises have been granted and numerous so-called adjustments made.

Three agencies, the state board of control, banking department and public utility commission, are examples. There are others, too.

The act was intended to operate in all departments and commissions alike. Many high salaried workers, however, did not take their full cuts while less than \$100 a month workers said nothing but received their entire reduction.

Nine Not Cut  
In the board of control nine of ten employees never received full cuts. In several instances, employees now receive more than when the act became effective.

In the banking department only A. A. Schramm, superintendent, and one stenographer, the lowest paid worker in the division, took cuts. Salaries raises have been granted a number of employees in the department.

Even employees have been voted raises in the public utility department. Some workers received increases amounting to \$71 a month. Raises have been arranged in some instances by charging the salary jointly against the motor transportation and utility divisions.

Invent Dodges  
Methods to avoid taking the salary reduction and means of securing larger pay checks have been numerous. One official today told the United Press that during the first two months after he came here recently, some new plan to defeat the act was suggested daily.

Many raises have been secured under the guise of "adjustments." Some departments have invented titles and assert that additional responsibilities have been added.

All raises granted since the act became operative will be permanent.

# SHARE IN \$10,000,000 FORTUNE



Mrs. Hilda Ochsner Hinckley, third wife of the late Prof. Washington H. Ochsner of Stanford, Cal., university, will receive one fourth of an estimated \$10,000,000 posthumous oil fortune by an agreement with other litigants, and has been appointed guardian of her eight-year old son, John Henry Ochsner, (shown above with her) who will get one fifth. Ochsner died poor, but his Kettleman Hills, Cal., property developed oil and three widows and three children contended for the estate. (Associated Press Photo)

# OLD QUARRY USED AS HUGE FACTORY FOR MUSHROOMS

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PARIS.—(UP)—Creamed mushrooms are international, but champignons-a-la-creme are French.

And thereby hangs a tale of several hundred horses and men, of ghosts riding bicycles in an eternal night, of mystical chemical doings far under the ground, of secret paths in the ancient forest of St. Germain.

If you know the way, you come to a cliff overgrown with mosses and long grasses and shrubbery at the base of which gapes a black, rectangular hole. The debris of a one-time quarry can be recognized.

This is not Merlin's cave, but the main entrance to a factory. Or better, to 20 kilometers of catacombs wherein thousands, millions, billions of future champignons-a-la-creme are puffing out their white little bellies in chalky nitric cradles.

Four-score mushroom nurseries more in the twilight, some with the aid of lanterns, others more used to the business, with the occasional

help of a match. In a constant temperature of 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit, some of those martyrs to the rich man's table have been working under the earth since the 80-year-old quarry was converted into a mushroom nursery seven years ago.

Some of them are so familiar with every twist and turn of the catacombs that they get along on bicycles. In any case, it's pretty soft underfoot; for almost anything you touch, if it is not a mushroom, is part of 700 tons of manure which are brought to the nursery of Carriere-Bois every month.

The manure is supplied, for the carting away of it, by some 2,000 horses in the barracks of the dread Garde Mobile on the capital's outskirts and by the Garde Republicaine barracks in a Paris itself, comprising 7,000 to 8,000 horses.

The manure is piled up three feet deep in underground bins and treated with chemicals until it is sterilized, almost like white with glucose, and warm enough to steam.

Then it's put down in long white strips in the twilight and mushroom chips are inserted at regular intervals. Nitrate and patience do the rest.

But what of the ammoniac fumes which should be sufficient to kill all the horses and men of the Garde Mobile and Republicaine? Exit from the catacombs explains: a large ventilating plant keeps the air circulating.

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# FEED SHORTAGE FOR STOCK MAIN DROUGHT WORRY

## Great Abundance of Food for Humans With Slight Alteration of Diet, Claims Secy. Agriculture Wallace

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A shortage of livestock feed, rather than human food, was described today by Secretary Wallace as the crux of the drought problem.

He suggested that any shortage in food could be taken care of by shifting diets to more abundant products.

With some slight modifications in diet, Wallace added, there is "a great abundance of food for human beings despite the worst drought the nation has ever had."

These conclusions, Wallace said, were based on estimates of probable production plus stocks on hand of various commodities correlated with diet studies worked out by the bureau of home economics.

"We have a prospective supply large enough to meet average domestic demand for grain products, fluid milk and cream, citrus fruits and vegetables—except potatoes and dried legumes—and sugar," he said.

Ordinarily these foods constitute a large share of the diet, furnishing some 62 per cent of the calories and about 57 per cent of the protein.

The secretary said the most marked effect of the drought would show in meat supplies, with ample stocks of beef, veal, and mutton for the remainder of this year but declining stocks next year.

Wallace expressed a belief that estimates of drought damage in terms of dollars had been exaggerated. His own rough calculation of the damage placed it at several times less than the \$5,000,000,000 given by some estimators, he said.

The administration is setting up a livestock feed committee which will have charge of the feed situation in the drought area and will make recommendations on its use to the departments of the government dealing with the drought problem, he said.

5,000 Farmers Attend School  
COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (UP)—More than 5,000 Texas farmers and farm women, the largest number ever to attend the annual short course at Texas A. & M. College, were enrolled when the school opened here recently.

# CRATER VISITORS EXPRESS DELIGHT

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CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, Ore.—(Special)—A registration book maintained at the information bureau at the rim of Crater lake, is filled with names from every part of the globe, followed by numerous written expressions of the signers. The signatures represent only a small fractional part of the huge total of visitors in the park during the current season, but are in excess of several thousand names.

Many of the expressions are similar and include such as "Too wonderful to describe," "Simply beyond words," "So unusual," "Glorious, Divine, Majestic, Sublime."

A New Yorker wrote: "United States can boast only of such beauty."

A visitor from Toledo, O., wrote: "An experience to remember forever." A Sierra club member left the words: "A bit of heaven dropped from the sky in southern Oregon."

Tourists from El Centro, Calif., wrote: "From Mexico to Canada, the most wonderful drive of all was today, bringing us to Crater Lake."

A young woman from Los Angeles was emotionally struck by her visit. She wrote: "Wept at first glimpse."

# END BERRYDALE PLAY PROGRAM AUGUST 31

Because of the start of school, the program being carried on at the Berrydale playground will be discontinued Aug. 31, Miss Golda Boone, recreational supervisor announced today.

Supervision at the city playground, located on Bear creek at the Main street bridge, will be continued until a later date.

# MOTHERS ENJOY REST AND FUN IN VACATION CAMP

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These camps are a part of the organized recreational program of the home economics division of the extension service, and were started three years ago in Lane county. Clackamas held one last year for the first time, and this year 10 counties are having camps. Lane, Josephine, Multnomah, Deschutes, Malheur, Clackamas, Jackson and Baker counties have already completed their camps for this year.

Cost of the camps is determined by the expense, but in no case is it more than \$2 per person, plus transportation. Most of the food, except staples, is taken from the farms by the homemakers.

These camps, 10 of which are being held in the state this summer, represent an effort to give Mother a much deserved "break" in the matter of vacation. Father has his fishing and hunting trips and the children their club work and camps, but heretofore Mother has not fared so well. If the family should vacation together, her task of caring for their needs usually goes right on, often under more difficult conditions.

In the homemakers camps, however, no husbands are allowed, and no children. The homemakers call on grandmother, sister, or someone else to look after the family, take a sack or two of fruits and vegetables to help with the food problem, and go to camp. Each camp is completely staffed, with the home demonstration agent in charge, if the county has one, or else Miss Gertrude Skiv, home demonstration agent-at-large. There is a cook, two assistant cooks, a nurse, a swimming instructor and life guard, a librarian, and one or two

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CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—More teeth in the AAA was seen by farm bureau leaders from 11 states as the way to recovery.

Pledging wholehearted approval of the agricultural adjustment act, the group yesterday urged that the secretary of agriculture be given control over speculation, over direct livestock buying, and further control over processors.

But the government's development of new farm lands while its crop reduction program is underway was branded as "inconsistent."

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# FINE EQUIPMENT WILL BE FEATURE OF LUMAN STORE

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made possible through quantity buying on the part of the individual units.

One of the first to be noticed features of Luman's handsome store is the vegetable and fruit island, which assures crisp, fresh products by means of a continuous water spray system.

Fuhrer Has Bakery

The bakery, specializing in Fuhrer's breads and pastries, is in the center of the store and is readily located by a neon sign on the middle pillar.

New equipment has been installed in the strictly modern refrigeration room, which has a capacity of 4722 cubic feet. At the rear of Luman's store is an up-to-date smoke house and sausage kitchen to provide meat for the market. Forty-eight feet of refrigeration cases furnish ample room for the high grade meat displays. The market is situated at the west side of the store.

# LEGION HEAD REACHES PORTLAND AUGUST 24

DENVER, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Edward A. Hayes, national commander of the American Legion, will visit Portland the morning of Aug. 24 en route to Astoria to attend the convention of the Oregon department of the Legion, Aug. 23 to 25.

Commander Hayes, of Decatur, Ill., will return to Portland Saturday, Aug. 25, for a brief visit.

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