

TOWNSEND PLAN HELD NEEDED AS DEFENSE PHASE

Son of Pension Advocate Addresses Large Meeting—Contentment Seen Bulwark.

Contented people, content because they have work, plenty to eat and wear and assurance of security in old age, do not embrace ideologies foreign to the democratic conception of government, Robert Townsend, secretary-treasurer of the Townsend National association, and son of the founder of the plan, told an audience of approximately 1000 Townsends at the high school Friday evening.

Declaring that while America needs military defense, it also needs the defense of contentment as a bulwark against subversive forces which would bore from within, capitalizing on poverty and discontent, the speaker cited the Townsend plan as the best means of bringing about such universal well-being.

Open to Propaganda
"Democracy," he said, "has done little for over a third of the population which lives in poverty and uncertainty. If these people are told a change in governmental form will bring them more, it is only natural for them to listen to such propaganda."

"In this country we have the best form of government in existence. We produce more than enough food for all, we have an abundance of everything that makes life worth while, but our distribution system is faulty; we do not keep money in circulation so that all can buy the things they need. The Townsend plan would put money in circulation, make work for young people and do away with poverty and with uncertainty for the aged."

Before formal opening of the meeting by William Perry, congressional district president, music was provided by Alexander's stringed band, and by Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Millard. Invocation was given by Rev. R. W. Coleman of the Christian church.

Officials Introduced
President Perry introduced Sheriff Syd I. Brown, County Treasurer R. E. Sweeney, County Judge J. B. Coleman and Mayor C. C. Furnas, who were seated on the platform with officials of Townsend clubs of this vicinity. Judge Coleman welcomed the visiting Townsend officials and members in behalf of the county and city.

W. A. Sumner, state manager for Southern Oregon, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced Charles W. Wettermann, state Townsend representative, who following a short address, introduced Robert Townsend, speaker of the evening.

Large delegations were present from many clubs in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

GEO. HUNT GIVEN 'JOURNAL' PRAISE

Under the heading, "George Hunt, Movie Blessing of Medford," the Oregonian Saturday said, editorially:

"George Hunt, operator of a theatre in Medford, is a bird singing in the wilderness, an oasis in the desert, a still small voice in the roar of Armageddon and, as such, he deserves credit, without further mixing of metaphors. He said:

"The theatre is primarily a medium of entertainment, and I believe the current influx of war pictures is not in that category."

So he eliminates war scenes from the news reels and tries to book comedies and cartoons in their place.

"People attend the theatre to relax and enjoy themselves," he says, "and with the present flood of nerve-jangling war releases it is quite difficult to do this."

George Hunt's theatre in Medford must be a nice place of release from a world in which the eye and ear are under incessant barrage of war and rumor of war.

George Hunt and a few more Mickey Mouse comedies help restore sanity in the midst of war hysteria."

Red Leader Beaten
Princeton, W. Va., July 27.—(AP)—Louis Fleischer, attorney for the national campaign committee of the Communist party, was waylaid and beaten by a group of men as he left the courtroom yesterday after defending the signer of a Communist petition, Sheriff H. H. Crumpecker reported.

PHONE CO. MOVING BUSINESS OFFICE

Business office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is being moved over the week-end from its present location at 218 West Sixth to recently completed quarters in the telephone building at Fifth and Bartlett streets. It will be open for service Monday, according to R. B. Hammond, local manager.

Business office hours will be from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. except Saturday, when the office will close at noon.

The new business office quarters, which will carry the address of 145 N. Bartlett street, are of the latest design and will have every convenience for serving telephone users.

The business office move is a part of the telephone company's \$200,000 improvement program for Medford, which will be culminated with conversion of the Medford exchange to dial Saturday, August 3. The Jacksonville exchange also will be converted to dial the same day.

New telephone directories for Medford and Jacksonville, containing the new telephone numbers for customers of both exchanges as well as complete instructions on how to use the dial telephones will be off the presses early this week, and distribution is scheduled for completion by next Thursday or Friday.

11 ARRESTED IN TRAFFIC CHECKUP

Eleven arrests were made by state police Friday night as they carried on a four-hour traffic check of 906 vehicles. Besides the 11 citations, warning were given 185 motorists for minor violations.

Most of the 11 arrests were for no operator's licenses and for improper lights, and the majority of the warnings were for improper lights and to non-resident motorists for failure to obtain registration stickers. Fifty-five non-residents were instructed to register.

JUDGE SWECK TO HEAR FEHL WRIT
Salem, July 27.—(P)—Circuit Judge Calvin L. Sweck of Pendleton was assigned to the Marion county bench by the supreme court today to hear three cases, first of which is the second petition of Earl Fehl, former Jackson county judge, for a writ of habeas corpus for his release from the Oregon state hospital. Fehl's first such petition here recently was held insufficient.

Judge Sweck will hear the Fehl matter Tuesday.

Manufacturing Of Ermine Coat Shown In Arista Window
The history of an ermine coat, showing the skins in the various manufacturing stages, forms an unusual window display at the Arista Fur store.

The coat is being made from fine Lasky ermine skins from the Lasky province in Russia. The window display shows the vast amount of time and patience necessary to make an ermine coat. There will be approximately 175 skins and two miles of thread in the finished coat. There are also an uncounted number of pins necessary to hold the body of the coat on the board to straighten the seams.

The Arista display offers the people of the Rogue river valley the rare opportunity to see an interesting manufacturing process that is seldom shown to the public.

Destroyers Depart
Portland, July 27.—(P)—Two destroyers, the Crane and Kennison, carrying 148 naval reservists for two-week training cruises off the west coast, left today.

Dues Upheld
Portland, July 27.—(P)—Payment of dues to the Association of Oregon Counties out of the Multnomah county treasury was sanctioned by Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson yesterday.

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EMPLOYER VIEWS ON JOBLESS LAW AIRED AT MEETING

If organized labor's proposed changes to the unemployment compensation act were enacted into legislation, the entire state of Oregon would be unionized, Charles T. Haas, Portland attorney and a director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, told a group of employers at a conference in the Hotel Jackson Friday night. The conference was sponsored by the Associated Employers of Oregon and was the fifth held throughout the state.

Only 35 persons attended the conference, including Dan Hay, executive manager of the Associated Employers, his program speakers and a number of business men from Grants Pass. Mr. Hay chided Medford for the poor attendance, declaring that employers turned out in large numbers for the conferences in the other four cities. At the end of the conference Mr. Hay said the organization of employers would have to be built up to a stronger unit here.

Mr. Haas also expressed disappointment over the attendance, calling it "pitiful." He said, humorously, that he had often heard it said Medford was in California and added that the "poor attendance makes it look as though it is."

Mr. Haas analyzed the compensation act resolutions adopted by the State Federation of Labor at its convention in Klamath Falls some weeks ago and gave his interpretation of what would happen if they were put into effect.

Mr. Haas gave it as his opinion that social security changes proposed in Washington, D. C., were even worse and he urged all employers to remain alert and tell their legislators what they want in the way of legislation.

Virgil Sexton, chief statistician and supervisor of research for the state unemployment compensation commission, gave a review of the methods employed under the "merit rating" system, told of the statistical technique used and described a study now being made in search of a possibly more equitable method of imposing employer payments.

Ralph H. Campbell, an assistant attorney-general assigned as counsel to the unemployment compensation commission, told of the complexities of social security legislation and administration and emphasized that employer cooperation is a requisite in attaining the aims of the law. He said that the intention of social security legislation is to "demobilize the army on relief" and to stabilize employment. The Oregon law, he declared, "is as good a law as we can have under our limited experience."

Mr. Campbell indicated incidentally that he planned to resign soon as commission counsel. After the formal talks a question hour was held and a number of questions were thrashed out.

Edward Heydenburk of Grants Pass, a director of the Associated Employers, presided.

Obituary

Silas Obenchain
Klamath Falls, July 27.—(P)—Silas Obenchain, 76, resident of Klamath county for 34 years, died here last night after a short illness. He served two terms as sheriff and one term as county commissioner.

Hold Rumanian Ships
London, July 27.—(P)—Informal circles confirmed today Rumanian reports that three Rumanian ships have been seized by British authorities at Port Said, Egypt.

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FARM BOY FREED FOR KILLING DAD

Reidsville, N. C., July 27.—(P)—A coroner's jury exonerated tonight a 15-year-old farm boy who said he shot and killed his father to prevent him from striking his mother with an iron pipe during a drunken rage. The boy was Louis L. Pruitt, and his father was Louis D.

Pruitt, 39-year-old farmer of the Mayfield community. The boy and other members of the family said the senior Pruitt, father of 10 children, threatened them during an all-night drunk last night.

This morning, they said, the senior Pruitt resumed a quarrel with his wife and was about to hit her with the pipe when his 15-year-old son grabbed the shotgun and fatally wounded him.

The United States has a larger number of high-speed passenger trains than any other country in the world.

FEDERAL WORKERS ASK BACK WAGES

Portland, July 27.—(P)—Oregon federal employees, in a state convention today, adopted a resolution asking federal workers be given payment for accumulated leave in case they were called to military service. The U. S. workers of the state elected L. J. Canfield, Portland, president; Clarence K.

Rand, Roseburg, vice-president; C. E. Mounsey, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

Bioff's Plea Denied
Chicago, July 27.—(P)—William Bioff's third petition for a writ of habeas corpus was rejected today, leaving the Hollywood labor leader still confined in the Cook county jail.

State Lines Handicap
Tillamook, July 27.—(P)—State lines are more of a handicap than state anti-stream pollution legislation can overcome. National Vice President W. L. Finley, Portland, told the State

Izaak Walton convention yesterday.

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