

WAR BOARD AIDE EXPLAINS DUTIES AT C OF C LUNCH

Any employer who has made wage adjustments without approval of the war labor board should disclose these adjustments to the board for his own protection as well as for the protection of the wage stabilization policy, William A. Babcock, regional attorney for the 12th regional war labor board, advised employers yesterday at a noon meeting at the Holland hotel. The meeting was sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Babcock, explaining duties of the enforcement division of WLB, declared that its primary purpose is to stabilize wage rates and to get people to comply with them. The enforcement division's secondary purpose, that of imposing penalties to warn future violators, applies particularly to those who willfully violate wage rulings or fail to voluntarily disclose wage adjustments made without approval of WLB.

Babcock listed wage adjustment exceptions which do not require WLB's approval. These included payment for length of service, merit, promotions and bonuses, provided these practices were established before October 2, 1942; equalizing women's wages with men's and increasing rates of 50 cents an hour. He warned, however, that these terms should be fully understood by the employer. An authoritative ruling on actions in which the employer is in doubt can be secured through application to WLB.

Wage adjustments which demand approval of WLB can be submitted to the board on application of employer or joint application of employer and union. "Certain showing must be made," Babcock said, "before wage adjustments are approved by the board." If the "little steel formula" can be applied, if bracket rates, normal prevailing rates in the particular area, should be established; if intra-plant inequities need correction or if rare conditions hindering the progress of the war prevail, WLB will approve the adjustment.

Basically WLB applies to hourly rates, Babcock stated. He explained what the board had done to curb and control ground swells in wage structure, there-

Stettinius Defends Aides-Before Senate



(Acme Telephoto)
Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. (seated, left) asks Senate foreign relations committee for prompt Senate confirmation of six top State Department nominees to speed departmental reorganization and the formation of post-war peace machinery. The men, seated behind him, are (left to right): Joseph C. Grew, undersecretary; Will L. Clayton; Arichbald MacLeish; James C. Dunn; Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes, and Nelson Rockefeller.

by preventing inflation. "This does not mean wage structure is frozen," he added. "WLB recognizes that wage adjustment in individual cases is often necessary."

Babcock concluded his talk with a discussion of changes the employer can expect in the future. "All changes will be by act of congress or the president and will be made in relation to peacetime economic reconversion," he said.

Babcock was introduced by Frank Hull, manager of the Chamber of Commerce. The attorney held an informal meeting with union representatives later yesterday afternoon.

SUDAN SEED MEET SET FOR TUESDAY

A meeting has been called of all Jackson county producers of sudan grass seed. The meeting is to be held at the office of the county agent, courthouse, Medford, Tuesday evening, Dec. 19. The meeting has been called for discussion and decision as to the best method of marketing this year's crop of sudan seed. In view of the depressed markets for sudan seed, all Jackson county producers of sudan seed are urged to be present at this meeting.

CULLEN SALESMAN WINS AWARD FOR TRACTOR LETTER

J. Gene Losee, salesman for the Cullen Motor and Implement company, 123 South Riverside avenue, has won second prize of \$100 in a recent contest sponsored by the Bolens Products company of Port Washington, Wis. he has been notified.

The award was made for a letter which the salesman wrote regarding the sale of a garden tractor. In his letter Mr. Losee explained that the local firm, under rationing of farm implements, had but one tractor to sell and that after carefully considering many prospects, the tractor was sold to Grant H. Nelson, route 2, box 119, Medford, who raises Easter lily bulbs on a tract of land near Brookings, on the Oregon coast. Mr. Losee explained briefly how the climate and soil of Brookings is ideal for these bulbs and included quotations from Mr. Nelson, who stated that the garden tractor exactly fitted the needs of bulb culture. This week Mr. Losee was in-

formed by the Wisconsin firm that his letter had been awarded second place in the national contest. Losee came to Medford from Klamath Falls in May of 1943 to work with Mr. Cullen, the two formerly having been on the staff of an implement firm in Klamath.

FRANK HULL GETS AIR LINES AWARD

Frank Hull, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has been awarded a certificate by United Air Lines for his efforts in aiding the firm with the first coast-to-coast shipment of perishable fruits, vegetables and flowers ever made by the air line.

The certificate reads "For pioneering in air shipping this certificate is presented to Frank Hull in appreciation of your valuable contribution to the success of the first pane-load shipment of perishables flown coast-to-coast August 23-24, 1944. We feel confident that this historic venture marked only the beginning of what will become an important phase of future air transportation."

The certificate is signed by W. A. Patterson, president of United.

MORE PRODUCTION ON FARMS URGED POST-WAR PERIOD

Chicago, Dec. 14 — (U.P.) — American agricultural production must be increased tremendously in the postwar period as the farmer's contribution toward providing a minimum standard of living for the peoples of the world, according to Eric A. Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Johnston, speaking last night at the 26th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, asserted that the solution to the world's postwar problems lies in an expanding economy, based on high levels of production and consumption.

"While other nations are clamoring for a crust of bread, we here tonight are worrying about what to do with our future loaves," he commented. Johnstone assailed the doctrine of the economy of scarcity which, he said, preached that the "only remedy to depression was to restrict production, throw men out of work and divide less and less."

War-time experience has proven, he declared, that the nation never has produced enough food to supply adequate nutritional standards, and not even government and lend-lease pur-

chases can account for the 21 per cent increase in farm production over the surplus year of 1940.

The answer, he said, is simply that the people now have the money to buy food "which they always wanted but were unable to afford."

The maintenance of this purchasing power after the war and its extension to all peoples of the world will prevent any return to the days of the depression thirties, "when people went hungry while unsaleable farm products glutted the markets or rotted on the farms," he asserted.

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