

Musicians Convention Concludes Tuesday

The 1952 convention of the Northwest Conference of Musicians ended here last night with a dance at the Rogue Valley ballroom, delegates stated today. The event was sponsored by the host Medford Local 597.

Among resolutions passed by the delegates at the final session yesterday was one opposing the Washington Sunday "blue laws," which the resolution termed "particularly unfair to entertainment and amusement businesses."

The convention was the largest in the history of the NCM and was attended by 53 delegates representing more than 20 local unions in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia.

Central Point Poultry Man Due on Radio Show

Central Point—A. C. Luttrell, Central Point poultryman, will be a featured guest on the Eddy Arnold radio program Saturday, May 3, representatives of the program said today. The National Broadcasting company program will be carried on radio station KNED at 7 p.m.

Luttrell, operator of a large egg ranch, will be interviewed from one of the laying houses on the ranch. He will describe some of the important points of operating a poultry ranch successfully.

Medical Society Head Praises Decision in Anti-Trust Lawsuit

Portland—(U.P.)—The president of the Oregon State Medical Society Tuesday praised the U. S. Supreme Court's decision to throw out the government's anti-trust charges against doctors in Oregon who set up their own medical insurance plan.

Dr. Blair Holcomb said the great step forward in approving prepaid medical care plans sponsored by the society and that the court had recognized the privilege and duty of the medical societies to safeguard professional standards.

Said Sharp Setback
"In my opinion this decision is a sharp setback for the Administration forces in their campaign to regiment the American people and the American medical profession under a federal compulsory health insurance system," Dr. Holcomb said.

He charged that if the government had properly understood the problems involved, it would have spared the taxpayers and defendants the costs of an appeal to the supreme court. Charges Found Unproven

The court voted 7-to-1 Monday on an opinion written by Justice Robert H. Jackson that the government "has not clearly proved its charges."

The suit was filed in October, 1948. It named as defendants the

Oregon State Medical society, eight county affiliates and eight doctors, and the Oregon Physicians service, a health plan established by the doctors to compete with commercial insurance companies.

The government charged the defendants with boycotting the privately-operated health plans. Counsel for the doctors argued that the insurance officials were telling doctors "how and when to treat their patients."



MODESTLY ENJOYING THE EXCITEMENT, Susie, 8-year-old Holstein owned by C. Merritt White, Woodstock, O., has performed what experts say is well nigh impossible, producing triplet calves, two of which are believed to be identical twins. (International)

Governor Warren Knocked Out Slot Machines

Sacramento—California's Governor Earl Warren, Republican presidential candidate in the May 16 Oregon primary, has a 30-year record for fighting against corruption in government—a record that has won nationwide recognition.

As a young district attorney in Alameda county—across the Bay from San Francisco—he found it necessary to send a number of city and county officials to prison. He was successful in driving organized criminals out of his county.

As state attorney general and as governor, Earl Warren has turned the searchlight of public opinion against organized crime and has made California an unhealthy place for such criminals to operate.

Following revelations of a Commission on Organized Crime which he appointed, wire services to bookmakers in California have been virtually eliminated, slot machines have been effectively outlawed, and state income tax laws have been strengthened to take much of the profit out of crime.

The pattern of gangster activity exposed by the California Crime Commission has been utilized by national crime investigators and has inspired federal legislation.

Governor Warren believes that a strengthening of the tax laws, if applied on a national scale, could put an end to all rackets. "There is no reason why an illegal business should be entitled to deduct from its profits the cost of its illegal activities in circumventing the law," he says.

"If these racketeers had to pay federal income tax on their gross revenues the taxes would be so great there would be no more profit and no more incentive to engage in illegal activities."

First NSLI Checks Mailed April 21st As GI Dividends

First checks representing individual shares of the 1952 dividend payment on national service life insurance policies were mailed April 21 for distribution to veterans living in the Pacific Northwest, according to the Veterans Administration.

After dividend processing gets into full swing, the VA said, it is expected that a total of approximately 35,000 checks will be turned out each week to the Pacific Northwest.

Computation and payment of the "G.I." insurance dividend will be done in the sequence of anniversary dates, and the dividend unit is now working on eligible policies with January, February and March anniversaries, the VA representatives state. No dividend will be paid until the 1952 anniversary date of the policy.

Covers One Year

Unlike the two previous dividend payments, the 1952 dividend covers only a one-year period—from the 1951 to 1952 policy anniversary dates. Previous payments covered several years and were classified as special dividends.

Policies which have been in force under premium-paying conditions for three consecutive months or longer since their 1951 anniversary dates are eligible for a share of the \$200 million dividend going to approximately 5 million veterans.

Under Public Law 36, policy holders who wish to receive their 1952 dividend in cash must so notify the VA on a special card already furnished them, or in writing, to the VA district office at Fort Snelling, Minn. About 67 per cent of the eligible policyholders served by the Fort Snelling district office have requested cash payment, according to VA officials.

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