

Grocery Strike Deadline Moved to Thursday Morning

Portland, Ore. — (U.P.) — AFL Food and Drug clerks met again Tuesday with employer groups after "some progress" was reported in negotiations Monday and the union called off a grocery strike set for midnight. But a new strike deadline was set for Thursday.

Following the talks Monday, the union called a membership meeting for 6:30 a. m. Thursday to consider any new settlement reached by the negotiators. Federal Mediator John C. Tuttle predicted employers would offer increased pay on nights and Sundays.

George Lightowler, local union secretary, told the Portland Central Labor Council that if the union does not approve an employers' offer Thursday morning, the strike will go into effect immediately following the meeting at 8 a. m.

Pay Increase Asked
The grocery clerks have demanded a pay increase, premium pay for Sunday work and work after 6 p. m. and a health and welfare program.

The negotiations are being conducted with the union and Food Employers, Inc., which represents some 41 chain and other large stores.

Rogue River Firemen Seeking Financial Support; Tell Summer Fund-Raising Plan

Rogue River — A plea went out this week from the Rogue River Volunteer firemen for a record attendance at the fifth Annual Firemen's ball, June 21, which opens the series of summer dances at the pavilion in the city park.

The money from these dances, plus city-rural fire contracts funds and public donations are needed to finance the current project of buying and remodeling a building to house the group's equipment and at the same time improve and increase the department's efficiency. The group this month will move into the old Odd Fellows building on Broadway street, which it is purchasing.

Write Open Letter

In an open letter to the people of Rogue River and the rural fire district this week, the volunteers state in part, "the time has now arrived when your fire department is coming to you for financial support. As you know, we run a series of open air dances each summer to raise funds for operation and maintenance of fire equipment. This year we are faced with the problem of hose replacement. Most of our hose is now obsolete, being five to seven years old, and like everything else, hose is very high priced."

"We are also engaged in a building program, which is something the department has long needed. Our new fire hall has ample room, but a lot of work remains to bring this building up to near modern standards. The firemen have done a lot of work already but now we need financial help to pay for further improvements."

Second Anniversary
The first day of summer is, also, the second anniversary of the Rural Fire Protection district which surrounds the city of Rogue River. It was on June 21, 1950, after three years of preparatory work by the firemen and their former chief, the late Dave Gelvin, that the rural district was legally established.

From 1947, the year in which the fire department was reorganized, until the rural district was set up in 1950, the fire de-

partment was supported by the city of Rogue River (city property is taxed for fire protection), by gifts and donations, and by funds from the dances.

Since the district was formed, a four mill tax has been levied on rural property within its boundaries and the district contracts, through its board of directors with the Volunteer firemen for their services. The firemen also have a contract with the city of Rogue River for the protection of property within the city limits. The Rogue River Volunteer Fire department is a private incorporated organization. It is said this set-up is the only one of its kind in the state, as far as can be ascertained.

Progress Noted

On this anniversary it is interesting to note the progress of the fire department whose equipment, prior to its motorization in 1938, was listed as consisting of two hose carts, four ladders and 1,000 feet of hose. It now has in operation the city-owned Marquette, a new GMC and a Ford truck which is being built up as a high pressure fog outfit. From 1938 to 1947, the city fire truck, a rebuilt Marquette sedan of early vintage, mounted with a reel from the old hose cart, was the only fire fighting equipment for the city of about 30 to 40 buildings.

Following the reorganization of the department under Max Miller in 1947, another truck was built and the firemen voluntarily began to answer rural calls and to protect the country homes to the best of their ability. Soon petitions for the establishment of a rural fire protection district were circulated. Throughout the next three years the question, "When will the district be formed?" was often asked by farmers who realized they were receiving voluntary fire protection for which they were not taxed and were anxious to have the service on a permanent and legal basis.

Discouraging Time
The beginning of the year 1950 was a discouraging time for the little band of volunteer firefighters, composed of workmen and small merchants. They

not only had families to support, but answered the call of the fire siren day or night, after working from 8 to 10 hours a day and spent many hours in raising funds to help buy their equipment and many more in keeping it in order and in training periods and meetings.

They were faced, too, with a housing problem. Into the old fire hall, built in 1912 to house two hose carts, were crowded the two fire trucks, leaving no room for the firemen to walk around them. In commenting on the building one fireman said, "If we want to load a piece of equipment on a truck, we must first drive it out doors."

No Hose-Drying Places

Then, too, there was no place to drain or dry hose, but rain or shine, that had to be done to keep the hose from rotting. So the firemen resorted to the practice of hanging the hose from the roof of the building. As it was hung from the back of the building, few people saw it, though occasionally a visitor attending a council meeting on the upper floor of the building would wonder why the window panes at the rear had been broken out, and would learn the damage was done when the firemen hung the hose up to dry.

There was no way of heating the lower floor of the old frame building during the winter months, and when the fire equipment was cold, condensation was another major problem for the firemen.

But, by the end of 1950 the situation had improved, the forming of the rural district had been completed, and the contracts with it and the city were signed.

Cavemen to Attend

Pre-dance festivities on June 21 will begin at 8 p. m. with the Grants Pass Cavemen in attendance. Eve Prentice's Accordion band from Medford and a local talent act. Outright donations may be made and tickets or season passes for the dance may be purchased from any merchant or fireman. The dance will begin at 8:15 p. m. with Chuck Wheat's orchestra playing.

The fire group is also asking for more volunteers, especially on day duty. Members of the incorporated fire department include Gordon Hatch, chief; Stuart Hatch, first assistant chief; Buckle, second assistant chief; Glen Nourse, captain; Ed Lilly, captain; H. Stevens, instructor; L. Goosey, electrician; A. Laws, electrician; Flores Leyen, driver; Albert Sanders, Harold Salter, Larry Hatch, Hugh Peebler, Allen McGregory, Jr., Darrell Turnbull and Orin Hilger.

Student firemen are Charles E. Webb, Leroy Westerman and Roger Turnbull.

Annual CAP Camp Due This August

The annual two-week summer cadet encampment, sponsored jointly by the Air Force and Civil Air Patrol, will be held at the Portland Air base the last two weeks in August. CAP officials announced today. Cadets will be given experience in aerodynamics and work on aircraft and engines. They will live the same as other Air Force personnel, attend the same classes, and work side by side with the airmen. They will be taken on rides in various Air Force aircraft.

Since jet aircraft now are based at the Portland Air Base it is possible that some flights will be given in jet planes. The two-week encampment is open to young men and women between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and all expenses are paid. Further information may be had by telephoning James Winkler, CAP lieutenant, at 2-5235 days or 2-8015 evenings.

The Grange

Gold Hill Grange
Gold Hill Grange H.E.C. held its regular meeting at the Grange hall on May 28 with 13 members and one visitor, Lester Dusenbury, present for lunch. Nina Dusenbury reported on the fancywork sale and said one quilt was tied before the meeting. Secretary Lily Dusenbury was instructed to send more cards.

Cards were sent to Robert Bush, Mr. Hasse, Nellie Smith, Walter Chaffee, John Hayes, Earl Edwards and the Herman Kampings. Carrie Puhl received the prize and Minnie Fiene was remembered by her Flora friend.

On Wednesday, June 4, H.E.C. will serve the Gold Hill eighth grade graduates, parents and teachers a ham dinner at the Grange hall.

BIG SARDINE

Senary - Sur - Mer. France — (U.P.) — A local fisherman tried to catch sardines Monday. He hooked and landed a shark that weighed about 3,300 pounds.

Horse teeth, camel limbs and foot bones, and other fossil specimens have been found in the Bay area.

Plan for Revamping Ike's Organization Reported Under Way

By LYLE WILSON
Washington, (U.P.) — Plans to revamp the Eisenhower for President organization are under way as the general takes off for Kansas and his first campaign speech.

His friends expect him to name a new campaign manager or to designate a personal spokesman. Any changes may be announced Thursday when the new Eisenhower in civilian clothes meets the press in his first political news conference. That will be in Abilene.

Self Appointed Manager

It is 20 weeks since Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., R-Mass., announced here that he was putting Eisenhower in the March 11 New Hampshire primary. Lodge appeared then as self-appointed sponsor or campaign manager. Eisenhower answered immediately from Paris that he was a Republican and would permit his name to go before the voters. He also said then:

Under no circumstances will I ask relief from this Paris assignment in order to seek nomination. I shall not participate in

the pre-convention activities." Driven from Shelter

Events drove him from the shelter of both decisions to remain in Paris and to refuse to campaign. Under a barrage of conflicting advice from his supporters and top drawer advisers, the general began to weaken in late March. The variety of advice offered Eisenhower in the past 20 weeks and the division of influence and campaign authority among several individuals and groups in the East and Midwest evidently have convinced all concerned that the campaign organization should be tightened at once.

Support Sought

In addition to public statements on universal military training and foreign aid, which were well within his field as NATO commander, Eisenhower found it necessary to do some quiet pre-convention campaigning for the support of special interests or groups.

Prior to the bitterly contested selection of Texas national convention delegates, the general got right with public opinion there in a letter saying rich oil bearing tidelands should belong to the states. Midwestern farmers learned from another that Eisenhower believed in some kind of farm price supports. From the same source the inhabitants of the Missouri Valley heard he favored a flood control project there.

Inquiry Ducked

Eisenhower ducked an inquiry from Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., D-N.Y., on fair employment practices legislation, but indicated he would take a public position on it later.

Beginning this week the questions will come fast and hard. Eisenhower will need the best obtainable management of his pre-convention activities to meet the developing situation.

State Travel Guide Being Distributed By Motor Courts

A 1952 Oregon travel guide for tourists and other motorists now is being distributed by the Oregon Motor Court association, according to association officers. The 48-page directory includes information about Oregon and answers a tourist's questions on where to stay, to eat, and what to see and do while in Oregon.

Oregon Motor Court association members believe this guide will aid travelers during their visits here, help induce them to visit the state each year and stay longer while enjoying Oregon's attractions.

The court operators believe that they must be in a position to inform their guests of Oregon's many traveling advantages and recreational facilities and be hospitable friendly and courteous. They are working, as a unit, to not only attract more pleasure-loving visitors but to keep their guests for longer visits, a spokesman said.

Business Increases

Oregon's out-of-state tourist business has been increasing steadily each year, they point out. In 1950, \$113,000,000 was spent and in 1951 the figure rose to \$121,000,000. On this basis, if each visitor stayed a half-day longer, last year's business would have increased \$8,000,000 the officers point out. This is the major reason for the new 1952 Oregon travel guide. Plans already are being made to expand the information and increase distribution of next year's guide.

Jackson county has the largest number of listings of tourist attractions. There are six pages which include the Shakespearean festival, Crater Lake, Ashland and Lithia park, the House of Mystery, Medford, and a Jackson county page sponsored by the association. Other sponsors are businessmen in the different localities.

IT'S ALL IN FUN

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — After an estimated 400 male students at the University of Nebraska had carried the girls' dormitory and raided away souvenir lingerie, a prankster inserted an advertisement in the student newspaper, The Daily Nebraskan. The advertisement asked quick return of a set of panties and bra. It was signed "desperate."

BODY BOUGHT
Reedsport, Ore. — (U.P.) — Coast Guard beach parties searched along the mouth of the Umpqua river Tuesday for the body of David R. Walker, 24, who drowned when his fishing boat foundered.

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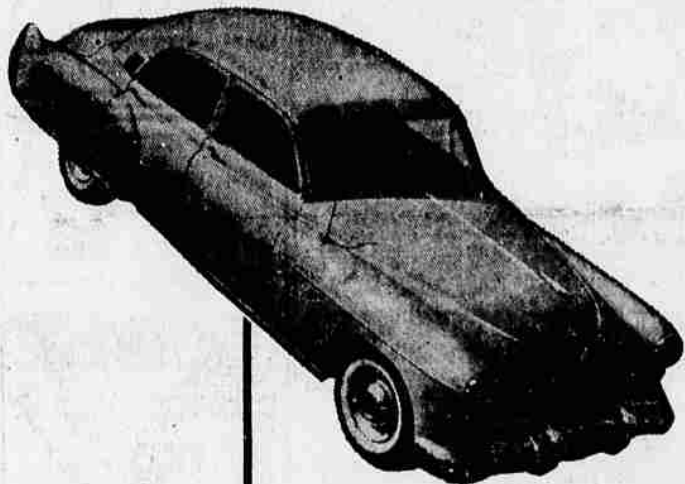
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