

Bill Makes Most Drastic Changes in Compensation Law Since Inception

Joan Crawford Will Continue Movie Career

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Joan Crawford says as far as she's concerned her new husband, Al Steele, 34, is "the boss," but the greying soft drink executive says he has no intention of interrupting her 30 year career in the films.

Miss Crawford, 47, and the president of Pepsi Cola were interviewed by reporters for the first time yesterday since they eloped to Las Vegas, Nev., Tuesday.

The veteran actress trembled like a school girl and Steele appeared equally nervous at a press conference on the set of Miss Crawford's latest picture, "Queen Bee."

"He's certainly the boss," she said. "Nothings going to happen to this marriage."

"She's happy with her career," said Steele. "And I don't want her to give it up."

To Travel in Europe

The couple said they would travel in France and Italy with the actress's four adopted children. Miss Crawford then will "commute" to fulfill picture commitments in Hollywood.

Steele said he had known his bride for about four years, and began taking her out steadily after divorcing his second wife in March. "It was one of those things that just happen," he said.

When asked who proposed, Steele grinned and replied, "I did—just once."

Prospect

Prospect — Due to conflict with the High School Lettermen's smoker, the 4-H club box social which was scheduled for Thursday, May 6, has been postponed until later in the summer.

ALMOST CERTAIN

Melbourne, Australian — (U.P.) — Rex Hartwig and Lew Hoar are "almost certain" to be paired as Australia's doubles team in Davis Cup play according to an announcement by Sir Norman Brookes, president of the Tennis Association of Australia.

Boxwood Spray Advised By Horticulture Agent

Homeowners should spray soon for boxwood psylla, an insect which causes a cupped leaf injury. Don Berry, Jackson county horticulture agent, said today. Berry said a nicotine sulphate spray thoroughly applied in warm weather will give satisfactory control of the insect. He said the cupped leaf injury is not serious but detracts from the beauty of the plant.

Jackson Street Work Under Way

Base work is being completed on East Jackson st. in preparation for awarding a paving contract, and work was started early this week on laying a sanitary sewer in the Eastwood and Capital Hill subdivision.

The Jackson st. project was authorized by the council last fall but work was held up until after a sanitary sewer was installed, Vernon Thorpe, public works director, said.

W. H. Conrad of Medford was awarded the contract for installing sanitary sewers in the Eastwood and Capital Hill areas at a cost of \$45,354.50.

The state highway department recently resurfaced Central ave., and minor patching is being done by city crews on other city streets.

'Aquapop' Starts Penitentiary Term

Miami — (U.P.) — Russel Tongay began a 10-year prison term today for the dive death to his world-famed Aquatop daughter.

The ex-coast guardsman surrendered at the county jail 25 minutes ahead of schedule to start serving his manslaughter conviction growing out of the death of five-year-old Kathy Tongay.

The little swimming star died May 6, 1933, several hours after a dive from a 33-foot tower at a Miami Beach hotel pool. Following a dramatic trial in January, 1934, an all-male jury decided Tongay was guilty of manslaughter. He was her trainer and supervised her diving instruction.

Seasonality Provisions Out In New Measure

Salem — (U.P.) — Senate bill 465 finally agreed upon by the 1935 Legislature makes what probably are the most fundamental and drastic changes in the state's unemployment compensation law since it was first enacted at a special session late in 1933, the State Unemployment Compensation commission said today.

In addition to broadening the general coverage, raising the benefit scale, narrowing eligibility of claimants and increasing disqualifications, the amendments also entirely eliminate the seasonality provisions that have been on contention at every legislative session. They institute a sliding scale of employers' experience rating designed to safeguard the shrinking reserve fund.

With the exception of benefits charging and disqualifications, changes are to take effect next Jan. 1—by Governor Paul L. Patterson signs the bill. Here are the changes in detail:

Coverage Extended

1. Coverage extended to employers with two or more employees in six weeks of one quarter of year in which payroll is over \$1800.

Now covers four or more during six weeks of quarter with \$500 payroll. Also peoples' utility districts and farm cooperatives are to be covered. Employees' pay to be taxed to \$3600 a year instead of the present \$3000.

2. Weekly benefit amount to be computed from \$15 to \$35 as one twenty-sixth of highest quarter earnings in base year (now on annual earnings scheduled between \$15 and \$25). Minimum eligibility boosted from \$400 annual earnings to \$700. Claimant also must have annual earnings one and half times those of high quarter or 37 times weekly benefit amount, whichever is less. All references to seasonal workers are eliminated.

3. Disqualifications extended to those getting vacation pay or guaranteed wage, payments under retirement plan sponsored by employer or to those receiving social security insurance unless they secure 12 weeks subsequent work with pay more than the weekly benefit amount. Disqualifications extended to eight weeks; quitting voluntarily or failure to accept suitable work now four weeks. Benefits forfeited for disqualification period for failure to accept suitable work or being discharged for misconduct.

4. Claimant allowed partial weekly earnings without penalty if not over a third of his weekly benefit amount. If over a third and less than the whole weekly benefit, claimant may be paid remainder up to benefit amount. Now only \$2 weekly earnings exempt.

5. Employers' experience rating to be computed on sliding scale based on proportion of reserve fund to average annual taxable payrolls. Lowest rates in effect if funds' reserve ratio is over eight per cent and highest rates when less than three per cent. All seven schedules provide penalty tax rate of three per cent if employer has minus reserve ratio. Six scheduled provide varying rates down to .3 per cent if employer's reserve ratio is up to from 8 to 13 per cent while seventh based on lowest reserve fund ratio increases all rates to 2.7 per cent. Now only one schedule from .3 to 2.7 per cent in effect except when reserves fall below 3 per cent of average annual taxable payrolls.

6. Employment experience of employers required for gaining reduced tax rates is changed from 36 months to 12 months. Method of charging benefits against firm accounts changed from inverse chronological to proportional amount of claimants earnings from employers in base year. Also charges are to be made against firm accounts in cases where benefits paid after claimant is disqualified for failure to apply for or accept suitable work.

Effects Uncertain Yet

Actual effect of the amendments upon operations of the state unemployment compensation commission cannot be accurately stated for some time, the commission said.

Receipts will undoubtedly be higher because of wider coverage, higher rates and raising of taxable individual annual earnings. Payments also will rise because of the new benefit schedule. But the extent of these changes also depends on many other underlying economic factors.

With the reserves down over \$30,000,000 from the \$38,000,000 peak late in 1933, officials expect a closer balance between taxes and benefits. If not, the sliding scale of experience ratings will become operative in helping to retain this balance.

Dealers Set Up For Antique Show

Dealers from seven Oregon communities were busily setting up their displays in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel today for the second annual Chin Up club antique show and sale. The event will be open to the public Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. All items on display will be offered for sale but the visiting public is under no obligation to buy, show directors stressed.

Business firms to be represented in the show are English's Choice Antiques, Clackamas; Brookview Antiques, Milwaukie; The Feichtinger's Little Antique Shop, Coos Bay; Kibbe's Antiques and the Copper Kettle, both of Eugene; Ye Olde Lamp Shoppe, Tigard; Koreanian Importers, Klamath Falls, and Lator's Antiques, Portland. Included among the thousands of dollars worth of merchandise to be displayed are glass, silver, jewelry, china and lamps of all kinds.

Proceeds from the show will be used by the club for its handicapped aid fund. The fund is used to provide wheel chairs, crutches and other needs for disabled persons, whether or not they are club members. A small admission charge will be made.

Grange

Roxy Ann Grange

At the last meeting of Roxy Ann Grange two very interesting movies were shown, Forestry Conservation and Blood Donations, of the Red Cross.

Men of the Grange put on the program for Mother's day. Mrs. Hansen was honored with a bouquet of white carnations as being the oldest mother and Ruby Garrett a bouquet of red carnations for being the youngest mother present. Donna Lou Phinister sang two songs; Deanna Nordstrom tap danced and Alice Shober and Mildred Hart read poems.

Nelson and Alice Shober have moved to Los Angeles. Nelson resigned his office as building chairman. He was also on the executive committee.

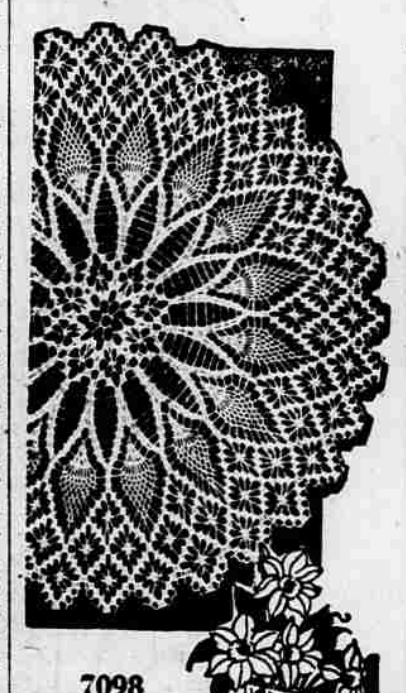
Verda Quackenbush was welcomed back. She has been confined at home by sickness in the family.

HEC announced a card party for Saturday night, May 14, members are to bring refreshments.

HEC will buy 32 chairs for the Grange. Next meeting will be in the evening with Verda Quackenbush and Mae Moore as hostesses.

The Tedricks, Myhres and Larsens are to serve at the next Grange meeting.

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50 4-H Club Members Chosen for OSC Camp

Fifty 4-H club members have been selected by the Jackson county executive committee to attend the annual summer school at Oregon State college in Corvallis, July 14-24.

Club members were selected on the basis of work in their projects, the number of times they have attended summer school and the scope of their 4-H program.

Delegates include Leolyn Brock, Marjo Murray, Linda Malloroy, Ruth Westover and Nyla Murray, Antelope; Gwen Krouse, Dona Brown, Applegate; Julie Joy, Virginia Sisemore, and Annette Drager, Bellview; Joan Dobrot, Phyllis Taylor, Sandra Ghelardi and Linda Warren, Central Point; Cathie Carroll, Jane Grubbs and Marriane Starkey, Eagle Point; Ann Buck, Evans Valley; Lois Biles, Carol Myers, Gold Hill; Judy Nelson and Beverly Nelson, Griffin Creek; Sheila Couey, Southwest Medford; Nancy Redhead, Ruth, Lorna Chapman and Carolyn Ties, Valleyview, and Nancy Barnes, West Side Medford.

Boys Selected

Boys selected to attend are Raymond Bitterling, Fred Jossy and James Cochran, Antelope; Gary Drouse, Applegate; Jerry Joy, Bellview; Carl Dobrot, Leslie Kellow, Carl Skyman and Allen Barnes, Central Point; Jack Esp, Eagle Point; Ronald Daugherty and Raymond Swin-

gle, Fern Valley; Martin Heitkamp, Medford; Don Smith, Southwest Medford; Norman Ditsworth, Wagner Creek; Henry Scott, Valleyview; and Allen Swearingen, John Foley and Daniel Gilman, Westside Medford.

Alternates are Shirley Dunlap, Fern Kellow, Dorothy Dee Ann Clark, Lottie Mae Combs, Frances Krouse, Charles Elmore, Billy Hubbard, Craig Wright, John Caster and Mike Redmond.

UN Commemoration Scheduled in June

United Nations, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The United Nations expects the greatest concentration of foreign ministers in its history at the 10th anniversary commemorative session at San Francisco in June, officials said today.

The United Nations will hold a non-working session at the place of its birth from June 20 to June 26. Officials said indications to date were that more than 30, and perhaps more than 40 foreign ministers will participate.

The highest representation of foreign ministers at any U. N. session to date was the 30 that attended the General Assembly session in 1952.

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