

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Epochal news: The Ford Motor Company and the CIO United Auto Workers have reached agreement on a guaranteed annual wage plan—along with other contract terms. This is why it's epochal: A guaranteed annual wage is a wage that is guaranteed for a year, regardless of layoffs.

THE Ford guaranteed wage plan will provide workers during LAYOFFS with 60 to 65 per cent of regular take-home pay. This will be in addition to state unemployment compensation benefits.

This is how it will work: Employees will be covered through a maximum of 26 weeks of idleness. Payments will be made from a jointly administered trust—that is, a trust that will be administered by both the employer and the union.

The company will pay in five cents per hour per employee for each of the next three years, which is the period covered by the contract just agreed upon. This will build up a \$55,000,000 fund during the life of the contract. It is out of this fund that payments for layoff periods will be made.

KEEP in mind this word LAY-OFF. It is important. It means layoffs ordered by the employer. It doesn't mean just any layoff the employee decides to take for reasons of his own.

THE Ford Company's vice-president in charge of industrial relations, John Bugas, says the company agreed to go along with the guaranteed wage plans after considerable debate among Ford officials.

He adds: "We think it is significant. We think our plan will be particularly useful in the AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY."

WHAT he means is that the automobile industry has been a particularly seasonal industry. It has changed its models at frequent intervals, and while it has been tooling up for new models it has laid off large numbers of employees. People buy

more cars in certain seasons than in others, and during seasons when sales have been smaller it has been the custom of the industry to lay off men.

What the new Ford agreement adds up to is that hereafter when men are laid off they will receive during the layoff period (up to half a year) a certain percentage of the wage they would have received if they had been kept at work.

WHAT it will probably result in—especially if General Motors and Chrysler come into the plan—is more stabilized production in the automobile industry.

That is to say, fewer layoffs.

I THINK it will be generally conceded that the new Ford agreement—especially if it is gone along with by the rest of the automobile industry—is a good sign for the future.

It is a good sign because in this modern world sensible agreement is better than war, and strikes are industrial war. Like that of shooting war, their cost is very great.

SO far, we have dealt here with the PRINCIPALS in the automobile industry—that is, the employers and the workers. We mustn't forget that in this situation, as in every similar situation, there is a THIRD PARTY. The third party is the general consuming public.

I think the ordinary car-buying public is entitled to hope that the increased cost involved in this epochal settlement will be offset by INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN THE INDUSTRY and won't just be added to the price of cars.

Merely jacking up the price of the product to cover the increased cost of the wage settlement is INFLATION—and inflation is BAD in any language.

It does NOBODY any good.

Davenport, Ia. — (U.P.) — A woman rushed into the Davenport police station to pay a traffic fine and an officer asked, "what's your hurry?" "I'm double parked outside," she replied.



by Alice Brooks

Forget-me-nots in clusters make this the prettiest head and handbag fashion of summer! Simple to crochet—bag is plain mesh. Flowers are crocheted all together in a string—easy to attach!

Crochet patterns 7351: Directions for headband, handbag, earrings.

Send TWENTY-FIVE cents in coins for this pattern—add 5 cents for each pattern for 1st-class mailing. Send to Medford Mail Tribune, Household Arts Department, P. O. Box 168, Old Chelsea Station, New York 11, N.Y. Print plainly NAME, ADDRESS and PATTERN NUMBER.

ORDER our 1955 Alice Brooks Needlecraft Catalogue. Enjoy pages and pages of exciting new designs—knitting, crochet, embroidery, iron-ons, toys and novelties! Send 25 cents for your copy of this wonderful book now. You'll want to order every design in it!

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — A century ago, Washington was in a lather over the fact that the balance in the Treasury had shrunk to \$18,500,000. One paper commented with considerable alarm that this was "the falling off of more than \$10,000,000."

On the less serious side, the Department of Navy was on the market for a lot of things. It advertised it would like to purchase such items as scrubbing brushes, saving boxes, buttons, beeswax (14 pound cake "pure"), combs "coarse and fine-toothed," jackknives, thumbtacks, mustard seed, and corks for bottles, "the best quality."

A Mr. J. Thompson advertised that he had lost his wallet containing a \$30 promissory note and \$14 in cash. If the finder would please meet him at midnight, Thompson said, at the corner of M. and 24th sts., the finder could keep the \$14, "and be entitled to my thanks for the promissory note."

The Department of Agriculture took advantage of the fact that Congress was not in session, and therefore taking up no space in the public prints, to plug four "new varieties" of wheat. The Hungarian, the Neopolitan (south—"too tender for the north") and the Saumer and Early Moe.

The latter two, the department allowed, were right fine for the north. They would ripen in the land of the wheat a week or so ahead of the other varieties and would "surely secure a good crop."

Franklin Pierce, the President in 1855, was reported in the personal notes to be enjoying himself in "pleasant confines" in New England. The chief execu-

tive wrote a personal note to one editor, who was "kind enough" to publish it. "I trust," said the chief executive, "that everything is all right down there. If it is not, it would please me if you would let me know by return post."

The papers were great hands in the old days to clip and print items from other papers. One sheet pilfered an item from California, which reported that "a Col. Holly lately pulled a vegetable out of his garden weighing 70 pounds which he calls a beet."

The ugly mug of inflation was on the Washington scene, and the papers let the folks know about it in editorials. The fact also was magnified in ads. One landowner sort of apologized when he offered a 10-room house for rent near the Department of Treasury on F st. There also was room on the premises for a store or office, the owner said. The rental was \$500 per year.

A city ordinance was passed, reluctantly, perhaps, allowing refund to B. F. Stewart in the amount of \$50 for an unexpired license for keeping billiard tables. "Mr. Stewart," the ordinance said, "is out of business and doesn't have any billiard tables in his place any more."

Makers of Vaccine Get Confidence Vote

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. — (U.P.) — The six drug firms producing Salk polio vaccine had an informal vote of confidence today from the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Assn., which also selected Dr. Robert K. Cutter, Berkeley, Calif., as its next president.

Cutter is the head of the Cutter Laboratories, whose vaccine was the first ordered withdrawn by the Public Health Service for rechecking last month.

The manufacturers group, winding up its 48th annual meeting, said it opposed "any

Thursday, June 9, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Girl Scouts

Court of Awards

Troop 14 held a Court of Awards Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Prough, 1019 Mt. Pitt avenue.

Mrs. Prough, leader of the troops, conducted the candlelight ceremony, and awarded badges for hospitality, homemaker, cook, and second class rank to each girl. Conservation badges were also earned by four girls who attended Girl Scout camp last summer at Low Echo.

Members of the troop are Cherie Paulazzo, Loretta Turman, Marvi Wayburn, Diane Myers, Beth Wilcox, Patty Shorey, Cheryl Potucek, Judy Alder, Devonne Prough, Mary Lou Powell, Nola Robbins, and Julie Latham.

Parents were invited to attend, and a potluck dinner was served prior to the ceremony. Piano solos were played by Devonne Prough, Marvi Wayburn, and Beth Wilcox.

Julia Latham, Scribe.

interference by federal legislation or regulations" in sale and distribution of the Salk vaccine beyond the PHS' safety standards.

Americans Divide on Pay-as-You-See TV

Washington — (U.P.) — The American public, responding generously to an invitation to speak its mind, flooded the Federal Communications commission today with nearly 18,000 separate "comments" on pay as you see television.

Opponents and proponents of pay-TV expressed equally strong convictions. The commission's files contained thousands of postcards and letters from individual viewers who asserted, "we pay enough for television now. Don't make us pay more."

On the other side of the argument, there were thousands of individuals who said subscription TV would bring better programs and should be given a fair trial.

The FCC invited "all interested parties" to submit their views last Feb. 11. The response was so overwhelming that early in April the commission was compelled to extend the deadline for filing from May 9 until 5 p.m. today. While no tabulation has been made, spot checks indicate pro and con replies were about evenly balanced.

Week End Specials

POTATOES 100 lbs. \$3.50
For
Tree Ripe Oranges 10 lbs. \$1.00
Tree Ripe Grapefruit 12 lbs. \$1.00

Medford Farms Produce

2800 N. PAC. HWY — COR. HOWARD AVE.

S & H Green Stamps

Plus

EVERYDAY LOW PRICES

At Your

PIGGLY WIGGLY STORE

Piggly Wiggly (Fresh Roasted)

Plymouth COFFEE Lb. 81¢

Planter's
Peanut Butter ... 63¢
20-OZ. JAR

Cal-Top
Cling Peaches .. 29¢
SLICED—No. 2 1/2 Can

GERBER'S
STRAINED
Baby Food 12 Cans... 93¢

E-Z Est
Copper Cleaner .. 79¢
12-OZ. BOTTLE

NOW PERFECT
BANANA CREAM PIE
IN HALF THE TIME 3 FOR
WITH JELL-O VANILLA PIE FILLING 27¢

Fancy, Local
Strawberries
29¢ cup

WATERMELONS
Lb. 10¢
Field Grown
Slicing Tomatoes
2 lbs. 35¢



Calif.
Red Spuds 10 lbs. 59¢

Green Onions and Radishes
3 bunches 14¢

Large Size
Juice Oranges
2 doz. 75¢

U.S. Inspected SPRING LAMB

Breast 19¢ **Shouder** 55¢ **Leg** 69¢
Lb. ... Lb. Lb.

Fresh
Ground Beef 3 Lbs. 1.00

Fresh
Pork Sausage 3 Lbs. 1.00

5 Varieties
Cold Cuts Lb. 49¢

SHOP PIGGLY WIGGLY

526 SOUTH RIVERSIDE

BURELSON'S

For A Fair And Cooler Summer Cotton Undies



(Left)
The Incomparable
BRA-SLIP

by GILEAD

Free support without strain.
Ideal for all-around wear. Sizes
32 to 38—A, B, C cup.

\$3.98

(Right)
Sanforized Shadow
Panel Cotton

SLIPS

More glamorized,
more feminized.

\$2.98 & \$3.98



Be Carefree and Gay

In the new

Bobbie
strapless



This is the strapless bra for really secure allure. Cups are gently underscored with wire. Whisper-light foam rubber pads the under-bust—gives you a firm support that never wavers.

30AA to 36A \$2.50

Be Fitted Today by Burelson's Graduate Corsetiers

YOUR
CHARGE
ACCOUNT
INVITED

MAIN AND BARTLETT STREETS

The ONLY Burelson's in Medford

PHONE 2-6428