

# Dave Beck, Born Under Gemini, Proud of Labor, Business Careers

Seattle—U.P.—Those who believe one's destiny is written in the stars, would say Dave Beck is two persons in one because he was born under the sign of Gemini, the twins.

Beck is both Mr. Teamster, president of the nation's largest union, and a business man worth several million dollars or less than a million, depending upon whose estimate you believe.

Whether Teck, the teamster, and Beck, the business man are

identical twins, the one dependent upon the other, or wholly separate entities, is a matter into which the Senate Rackets Committee is now inquiring.

**Proud of Success**

Patiently proud of both careers, Beck will tell you his personal business success was, and is, not dependent "in any way, shape or form" upon his position as a union leader. Almost in the same breath, he will admit

borrowing, interest free, \$300,000 to \$400,000 in teamsters funds for personal use. And he will add in his tough, taut manner that he "paid back every cent."

The climb up the success ladders of labor and business was a long haul for Beck who never finished high school and had his start in life as the son of a poor carpet salesman.

The balding, blue eyed Beck of today is mostly a self made man, self educated and self polished. And although his stocky, relatively short frame carries a paunch at age 52, he still gives the impression he would be a rough man to meet on a picket line and would be at ease behind the wheel of the largest truck.



DAVE BECK  
Proud of Careers

The Becks had only one child, Warren David, who changed his name to Dave Beck Jr. after his graduation from the University of Washington. Beck Jr. also has become a successful business man with considerable help from his father.

While making his laundry route one of the best in Seattle, with earnings of more than \$100 a week Beck's never satisfied thirst for knowledge and desire to better himself kept him busy cramming in a solid business education at University of Washington night classes.

**Rise To Power**

He concentrated on public speaking, practicing orations on bundles of laundry as he drove his route, and read the biographies of every successful man he could find.

The call of the union pulled Beck away from his laundry truck in the early 1920s and during 20 of the most hectic years in American labor. Beck rose swiftly to power. His first jobs with the union were as organizer and business agent.

Beck demonstrated his ability and power in the early 1930s when the teamsters and longshoremen fought a labor war that sent many to hospitals with serious wounds from pick handles and brass knuckles.

Teamsters through the west rallied around Beck when labor peace finally was achieved, largely through his leadership.

With west coast teamsters united in a solid front, they soon organized the Western Conference of Teamsters and it was only natural that Beck should become chairman. Beck says organization of the Western Conference is the outstanding highlight of his labor career. His work in the Western Conference marked him as heir to the late Dan Tobin's job which Beck took over in 1952.

While Beck rose in labor's ranks he also was busy making money in real estate. His holdings in the Seattle area today are extensive, and he recently has served as chairman of the boards of two sizeable firms, Northwest Securities Corp., which is said to handle \$2 million a year in auto loans and insurance, and Kellerblock, Inc., which owns an 18 story \$3.5 million apartment house across the way from the Seattle teamsters' offices.

**Business Must Prosper**

As for labor management relations, Beck long has espoused the belief that "business must prosper, if labor is to prosper."

As to racketeering in unions, Beck said two years ago: "I would say in all seriousness and frankness there has been and there undoubtedly is at the moment some racketeering within union. Yet, you cannot judge the medical profession or anything else by the overt acts of a few."

## JACKSONVILLE Girl Scout Troop Active

By MRS. C. S. HOSKINS

Jacksonville — During Girl Scout week the Jacksonville sixth grade Troop 168 participated in several local events. As a troop, accompanied by their leaders, they attended the morning services at the Assembly of God church in Jacksonville and a special Vesper service in the afternoon, with their families, at the Presbyterian church in Medford.

The group was awarded a red ribbon for a window display in the Variety store in Jacksonville. The theme was a miniature of Camp Llew at Lake of the Woods. They also had a display of arts and crafts and a tree leaf display for which they received a tree badge.

Mrs. Pete Zimmerman, Mrs. E. O. Graham and Mrs. Earnest Rasmussen, who has replaced Mrs. Milton Anderson since Christmas, are all active leaders and troop committee members working with the group which at present consists of nine girls.

The troop also recently held a summer party at the Pete Zimmerman residence and participated in the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. Some of their other activities include skating at the Rogue Valley ballroom where they are given lessons on special days to work towards earning skating badges. They also take swimming instruction at the YMCA on Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Kinzie, Ore., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman on their way to Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Jones is Mrs. Coleman's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Martin and three children formerly of Jacksonville, now of Creswell, Ore., visited relatives and friends in Medford and Jacksonville over last week end.

Mrs. Sofia Sokolowski announced this week that her home on South Oregon street has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Godley. The Godleys and their four children are Jacksonville residents and will move into their new home about April 10. Mrs. Sokolowski and her three children will live in a trailer house until their new home on Barnett road in Medford is completed. They will be living next door to Mrs. Sokolowski's mother, on Barnett road.

Surprise mid-week guests at the Carl Hoskins residence were Hoskins's sister, Mrs. Grace Parsons, and her son, "Parsnip," and Hoskins's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoskins, all of Blackfoot, Idaho.

While here they took a trip to Crescent City for a glimpse of the ocean and drove home through the Redwoods. After leaving here they were to visit Mrs. Dale Hoskins's sister and family in Pendleton, Ore., before returning to Idaho.

Fifteen officers, teachers and members from the Jacksonville Assembly of God church attended the training school held at the Ashland Assembly church five night last week. They were the Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wall,

Mrs. Harold Staag, Mrs. Jane Wedde, Mrs. Muck Griffin, Mrs. Mattie Hicks, Mrs. Stella Kimball, of Medford, Mrs. Lora Young, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bleau, Mrs. John Hamaker, Mrs. Marie Rasmussen, Mrs. Alice Fields, Medford.

Ten of the group had perfect attendance. The instructor was the Rev. J. Robert Ashcroft, secretary of the department of education of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Miss. Their text was taken from the book "The Spirit Himself" by Ralph Riggs.

Missionaries recently visiting at the Assembly church in Jacksonville were Miss Donnie White and Miss June Pearson. They are ministering to the Navaho and Hopi Indians in Winslow, Ariz., and gave a talk and showed films of the work they are doing there.

Mrs. Lora Young is home from her long stay in Yreka, Calif., and hopes to be at home for awhile.

Mrs. Emma Burge who has been in the Sacred Heart hospital for the past two weeks recovering from surgery, was moved Saturday to the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Taylor, in Medford. When fully recovered she plans to live in a newly-purchased trailer house on the same property at 904 N. Fifth street in Jacksonville. She has sold the property to her son Woodrow Davis.

Mrs. Marie Grantham of Medford has purchased the Fifth Street Market, formerly owned by Mrs. Emma Burge. Mrs. Grantham took over the business consisting of a small grocery, living quarters and Mobil station on March 5. She plans to live there with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson of Grants Pass, who will assist her in running the business. Mrs. Grantham lived in Jacksonville for a short time in 1952.

According to Joyce Hawkins, Jacksonville High school Junior Red Cross members attended the Junior Red Cross monthly council meeting at Hedrick Junior High school March 19. The meeting was called to order by its president, Barbara Swanson from Eagle Point. The subject of scrap books was discussed and it was decided that each school should bring three or four pages of pictures and items of local interest and these pages should be combined into a scrap book to be sent to some foreign country. The subject of Easter center pieces for each of the tables at Camp White was also discussed. One-hundred center pieces will be needed and they are to be made at the next council meeting.

Mrs. John Day, chairman of the Jackson County Red Cross, invited the council members to have their last meeting of the year at her home. Day will show pictures of his recent Alaska trip.

After the business meeting was adjourned a movie was shown.

Jacksonville residents wanting to help make the Jacksonville Band Boosters club have a successful rummage sale April 12 and 13 may call one of the following telephone numbers for pick up of any articles you wish to donate. Mrs. W. McCormack, 9-8044; Mrs. E. O. Graham, 9-8008; Mrs. Fred Edens, 9-8367; Mrs. John Niedermeyer, 3-1255.

## Retired Judge, 74, Files Divorce Suit

Oakland, Calif. — U.P. — A 74-year old retired East Bay judge sued his 44-year-old wife for divorce Monday, charging she had committed adultery with an Air Force sergeant.

Charles A. Gale, former justice of the Pleasanton Judicial District and onetime Pleasanton City attorney, accused his wife, Gladys, of intimacies with Sgt. George E. Holt, stationed at Parks Air Force Base.

Gale and his wife were married on April 10, 1951, and separated on Jan. 12. Gale's first wife died in 1946.

The suit alleged that the acts of adultery took place on Jan. 25 to 26 and Feb. 22 to 23, as well as at "other times and places."

Mrs. Gale was once a deputy sheriff stationed at Alameda County's Santa Rita prison farm. "It looks like a move to keep me out of his will," she charged. "He told me many times I was in his will for a million."

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**Temporary Insanity Plea in Cop's Death**

Eugene — U.P. — A plea of innocent by reason of temporary insanity was entered here yesterday by Albert L. Wachsmuth, 65, to a first degree murder charge in connection with last month's slaying of State Policeman Charles Sanders.

Tentative date for trial was set for April 15.

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