

New Coal Miner Contracts Expected To Bring \$2 Boost

Washington—UPI—John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators were expected to announce details today of new contracts providing a \$2 a day wage increase for most of the nation's 186,000 bituminous miners.

The agreements were approved in principle late Tuesday by the United Mine Workers Union's 137-man wage policy committee after negotiations with the Bituminous Coal Operators association, an informed source said.

But coal industry sources appeared surprised by reports that Lewis had accepted a double standard on handling nonunion coal in agreeing to separate contracts with the commercial mine owners and the "captive" mines owned by steel companies.

The mine workers president broke precedent by agreeing to the separate pacts. **Fear Anti-Trust Prosecution**

Under the contract terms, one source said, the commercial operators would be barred from buying, handling or selling non-union coal. The source said the proposed contract for the "captive" mines contains no such ban.

Attorneys for the steel companies were said to have argued that adoption of the non-union coal ban in their contract would subject them to prosecution for violation of the federal anti-trust laws.

In addition to the \$2 increase, industry sources said, the new contracts also would increase vacation pay from the present \$180 to \$200 and extend the vacation period from 10 days to two weeks.

The coal miners would get the extra \$2 in two stages with \$1.20 of the pay boost going into effect in January and the remaining 80 cents starting next April, the sources said.

for about two-thirds of the U. S. soft coal production. The same contract terms usually are presented to the smaller southern coal producers association on a "take-it-or-leave-it" basis.

Some sources said, however, that the departure from tradition in drawing up two sets of terms for the commercial and captive mines may open the way for further changes in agreement with various segments of the industry.

School News...

Oak Grove School

The sixth graders of Oak Grove school, for a science report, went to see how newspapers are published at the Medford Mail Tribune. The students reported it was very interesting. We were fascinated to see how the words were formed on the great rolls of paper and also how skillfully the employees did their work.—Nancy Elmgreen, Diana Buckles.

Letters are being made for the Science club to be given out at the end of the year. It will take 75 points to get one.

Our president, Lloyd Cline, with Stefan Lemire and Frank Cobb, are working on a model oil well. We have other projects such as rock collections, radios, posters, homemade telephones, and a homemade fire alarm.—Wade Thomas.

Production 20 Per Cent Less

The miners' basic wage is now \$22.25 a day although many skilled workers receive more than that. Lewis won the new boost at a time when the industry is producing about 20 per cent less coal than in 1957.

The BCOA mines are mainly in the north and account

National Guard Practice Alert In Near Future

Salem, Ore. — A statewide practice alert involving the actual mobilization of 90 Oregon Army and Air National Guard units at home station will be held in the near future, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, Adjutant General of Oregon, announced today.

Purpose of the practice alert, General Rilea explained, is to test the adequacy of the Oregon National Guard's current alert and mobilization plan and to insure that individual unit alert and mobilization plans are complete and operational.

"This will be the first practice alert involving the actual mobilization of troops since 'Operation Minuteman,' a nationwide test alert held in 1955," General Rilea said, "and again we ask the people of Oregon not to become alarmed when this test alert is sounded and our National Guard is temporarily mobilized."

"Operation Minuteman" was a nationwide alert conducted by the National Guard Bureau on April 20, 1955, to test the speed and efficiency with which the National Guard could be mobilized in the event of an emergency.

The exact time and date of the statewide practice alert will be kept secret until just before the alarm is sounded by General Rilea. His orders will be transmitted to National Guard units located in 38 Oregon communities.

Retirement Home For Teachers Due

Portland—UPI—Plans for a \$3,800,000 apartment building for persons over 60, particularly teachers, were announced Tuesday by the Oregon Education Association.

The building would be erected overlooking the Willamette river at Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard and sixth avenue. It would have 338 apartments and be similar to the Wallamette View Manor, a retirement apartment near Milwaukie.

The OEA said the structure would be available for occupancy about the end of 1960.

About 10 per cent of the cost will be met by a down payment from sale of memberships to future tenants. The rest will be obtained from an FHA-insured loan.

OEA Council Sets Portland Meeting

Portland—UPI—The annual Representative Council of the Oregon Education Association will be held in Portland Friday and Saturday and some 180 educational leaders from throughout the state are expected to attend.

The Representative Council is the policy defining body of the OEA. Delegates are elected by the county divisions and certain OEA departments.

Clock-Watchers

New York—UPI—The busiest number of the New York Telephone Co. is MEdridian 7-1212 which may be dialed any hour of the day or night to obtain the correct time. This has been going on for 30 years and the Telephone Company has discovered most calls are made between 4 and 5 p.m., on weekdays. It has decided they come from "clockwatchers" who want to make sure they don't work overtime.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Holiday Party Planned

By RUTH RAUSCH

Cave Junction—The Marguerite Rebekah lodge of Kerby plan a Christmas party at the meeting Dec. 12. Secret pals will be revealed. Those members not having a secret pal are asked to bring a gift for the general gift exchange. The party will be held in the Odd Fellows hall in Kerby.

The new intermediate at the California Redwood Inspection station is Tom Colister, who has been with the Hornbrook station for the past 11 years.

Colister expects his wife and son, Tommy, to move to the valley later this month.

Dr. and Mrs. Collman entertained several friends on Thanksgiving. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Riffe Floyd of Roseburg, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Collman; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hamilton; Roy Wells, Mrs. Catherine Gray of Grants Pass; both daughters with their families, Judy and Gary Clayton of Ashland and the Don McClures of Kerby; and Mrs. Grace McClure, Don's mother.

Mansfield, also a student at the college, and the son of family friends living in Arkansas, accompanied Norma Wesley was a guest in the George Martin home for the week end.

The Clint Trefethans of Klamath Falls were holiday guests at the Paul Lewis home in Kerby. On Sunday, the party were joined by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Varner of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, daughter Jackie, Bob Wright, and their house guest, Harry Swift, spent the holiday week end in Sacramento and San Francisco. On the return trip, the group stopped to visit with Ronine and Howard Elder in Redding, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lackey were hosts to their daughter, Mrs. Stan Waterman, and sons, John and Richard, of Wolf Creek for the holiday week end. Stan joined his family at the Lackeys on Sunday.

New Savings Stamp Available in Area

A new United States savings stamp in red, white and blue in the 25-cent denomination is now available at the Medford post office.

The new stamp, a successor to the old 25-cent green savings stamp, is available along with a gift book which is suitable for Christmas giving. The book, in red, white and blue, pictures Uncle Sam wrapping a huge gift with the wording: "A gift of U. S. savings stamps" and the customary "to" and "from" lines.

With the purchase of stamps the gift book is given free. Also available are the other savings stamps in the denominations of 10 cents, 50 cents, \$1, and \$5.

4-H Club News

Phoenix Knit-Wits met at the home of Mrs. Jeanette Grove on Fern Valley rd., Medford, Nov. 26.

Girls present were Nedra Harris, Penny Simmonds, Laura Griffen, Dorothy James, Sally Strong, Diane Bolz, Bonnie Simmonds and Marilyn Kantor.

Refreshments were served by Laura Griffen. Next meeting will be on Dec. 10.

Marilyn Kantor Reporter.

Dr. and Mrs. Collman Entertained Friends

Installation of officers of the Illinois Valley Grange will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, in the Redwood Grange hall. The Lane County installing team will officiate.

The farm bureau will hold a Christmas party at the next meeting at 8 p.m. in the high school, Dec. 11.

George Ives, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barkley, of Riverside, Calif., were at the Ives ranch here for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Jenny Knight, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Bell, and son, Roger, of Medford, were dinner guests at the home of another daughter, the L. E. Smiths of Cave Junction.

Larry and Jean Preston spent the holiday with Larry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merlye Preston, in Ashland.

Mrs. Melvin Gray is in Sacramento visiting relatives.

Timber Access Road Building Program OK'd

Corvallis—UPI—A \$5,300,000 timber access road construction program that would tap "billions" of board feet of O and C timber in western Oregon was approved here Tuesday by the O&C Counties road committee.

The 1959-60 construction program was reviewed by the committee at a day-long session with representatives of the Bureau of Land Management, Congressional approval and appropriation of the money is necessary before the program can be put into effect.

More Than 75 Miles

Virgil Heath, state supervisor of BLM, and A. H. Saxton, chairman of the O&C road committee, said the program calls for construction of more than 75 miles of roads, mainly in the southwestern counties of Oregon.

The plans were listed as follows:

Coos county — C section of Burnt Mt., 9 miles; surfacing of A section of Burnt Mt., 7.1 miles.

Douglas county — Deadman Creek, 6 miles; Middle Creek 6.1 miles, Wolf Creek, 5 miles.

Jackson county — West fork of Elk Creek, 5.5 miles.

Josephine county — Galice Creek, 7 miles; Salt Creek, 8.5 miles; east fork of Evans Creek, 6 miles; Deer Creek, 7.5 miles.

Lane county — Big River, 4 miles.

TOO LATE—A fireman carries the charred body of a little girl from the burning Catholic parochial school in Chicago, where more than 80 children perished in flames which swept the ancient building. The fire broke out only half an hour before the children were to have been let out for the day. Note fireman in crane apparatus at left, directing gush of water into the still burning building.



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All Oregon Routes Clear of Snow, Ice

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