

Grange News

The regular meeting of Bellview Grange was held Tuesday evening with Master Lloyd Hoodley presiding. A report was given by George Nichols, agriculture chairman. Nichols stated that the fruit crop in the valley will be good, especially apricots and peaches, the grain crop is normal but that hay is scarce throughout the valley.

Nichols also said that the 4-H members will hold a clean-up day June 28 to ready the ground at the Grange hall for the 4-H prefall that will be on July 9.

Laurence Jacobs reported on the new foundation for the Grange which has been completed. An invitation to the marriage of Corabelle Dailey to Harry LaMotte was extended to all members of the Grange. The wedding will be performed Friday, July 3, at 8 a.m. at the First Baptist Salem.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Zimmerlee, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Applegate.

PITY THE MAIL CLERK

Newark, N. J. — (UPI) — A campaign by radio station WNTA has rid New Jersey of at least 1,775 flies, mosquitoes and wasps. The station has received that amount of insects after offering its listeners money for each dead wasp, fly or mosquito mailed in.

Steel Talks Remain Deadlocked As Bargaining Time Diminishes

New York — (UPI) — Steel contract talks remained deadlocked with only 9 more bargaining days left for top-level negotiations to reach a peaceful settlement and avert a nationwide strike at 12:01 a.m. July 1.

In Pittsburgh, a top official of one of the nation's largest steel firms said the industry has "made its final offer" in the current negotiations.

"We have made a proposal," the official said Friday night. "We will take a strike rather than change that proposal."

Recess Until Monday

The official, who asked that his name be withheld, did not rule out the possibility of a wage increase, but he said the industry was united in its determination to prevent an increase in "employment costs."

There was no meeting of the negotiations yesterday. After sitting around the bargaining table for two hours Friday, the joint conference was recessed until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Industry's chief negotiator, R. Conrad Cooper, executive vice president of U.S. Steel Corp., had nothing to say on the impasse. And the only comment of David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers union, was that "silence is golden" at this late stage in the negotiations.

The two negotiating teams, headed by Cooper and McDonald, are bargaining on an industry-wide basis. Negotiations have been in progress since May 5.

McDonald has been holding out for a "substantial" wage increase and other contract improvements. Cooper has offered a one-year extension of the present contract with no pay increases.

Teamster Leaders Called to Hearings

Washington — (UPI) — The Senate Rackets committee has blanketed the country with subpoenas in preparation for the final phase of its massive investigation of James R. Hoffa and the Teamsters union.

Chief Counsel Robert F. Kennedy told newsmen yesterday that witnesses will be brought in from all parts of the nation for hearings scheduled to open next Thursday and run for two weeks or more.

The witness list will be headed by Hoffa himself and five of his top lieutenants, four international vice presidents and one international trustee.

Appeared Before — All have appeared before the committee before during its more than two years of digging into alleged corruption and hoodlumism in America's largest labor union.

Kennedy said staff investigators have collected a big batch of new material to spring on the Teamsters bosses, the bulk of it having occurred since Hoffa was elected president of the union in the fall of 1957.

The inquiry is expected to be the climax of the committee's third year of operation although a couple of other hearings likely will be held before it closes up shop this summer.

Hoffa Among First

Kennedy said Hoffa would be among the first witnesses and probably would return near the end of the session. He will be followed by Teamster Vice Presidents John O'Rourke of New York, John T. (Sandy) O'Brien of Chicago, Harold Gibbons of St. Louis and Owen (Bert) Brennan of

Philadelphia also was booked for a return engagement. Kennedy declined to characterize this far in advance the new evidence about which Hoffa will be questioned. However, the committee was expected to parade before him some of the matters it has developed since his last appearance in 1953.

Springfield Firm Drops Court Action — Eugene — (UPI) — Another hurdle was cleared Wednesday in the proposed \$80 million sale of the Booth-Kelly Lumber corporation to the U.S. Plywood corporation. The U.S. Plywood corporation dropped a court action which would have blocked the transaction.

Springfield had sought an injunction to delay the sale pending outcome of a Lane county circuit court trial involving Georgia-Pacific and Booth-Kelly. The Springfield firm is jointly owned by those two.

Springfield Plywood said it dropped the suit because the proposed sale contract contains a clause that U.S. Plywood will assume all obligations of Booth-Kelly arising out of a 1940 agreement which provides for sale of logs to Springfield by Booth-Kelly.

BANKER DIES

Englewood, N.J. — (UPI) — Banker Clarence M. Fincke, 84, died here Friday. He was a former chairman of the board and former president of the Greenwich Savings Bank in New York.

NEWS BRIEFS

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH — Oakland, Calif. — (UPI) — Five-year-old Yvonne Isakson found a "one-carat" diamond in her grandparents' garden Friday. The carrot, in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Clegg, had grown through a diamond ring, valued at about \$100.

THE EASY WAY

Corner Brook, Nfld. — (UPI) — Some thoughtful person has made things easy for workmen assigned to attach the royal standards to the hoods of cars carrying Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip during their Canadian visit. The shields have been marked "his" and "hers."

FAVORS INSPECTIONS

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore) said yesterday he's all in favor of a plan by Washington Acting Postmaster Carlton Beall to inspect his carrier every day before letting them make their appointed rounds. "But it doesn't go far enough," Porter said in a tongue-in-cheek comment on the inspections. "Someone should, of course, inspect the inspector."

EN ROUTE TO SIBERIA

Moscow — (UPI) — Former New York Governor Averell Harriman was en route to Siberia yesterday on a rare invitation to see the world's largest dam. Harriman, who has been touring the Soviet Union the past few weeks, will visit the Angara River Dam in Bratsk, which few foreigners have seen.

Democrats Assure Action for Debt Bill

Washington — (UPI) — Key Democrats gave assurances yesterday the Senate would act this month on House-approved legislation to hike the national debt ceiling.

The legislation must be passed by July 1 when the new fiscal year begins. The time table will be tight, however, because the Senate Finance committee plans no hearings on the proposal before the latter part of this week.

Democratic Whip Mike Mansfield (Mont.) said he was confident the measure would receive prompt floor action as soon as the committee, headed by Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) approved it.

The House passed the bill 225-117 Friday after beating down a move to send it back to its Ways and Means committee.

The measure, asked by the Administration to give more leeway in management of the huge national debt, would increase the debt ceiling to a new peacetime high of \$295 billion in the coming year. The debt is expected to

A BRAVE FRONT — Homestead, Fla. — (UPI) — Jeremiah Thompson, 82-year-old tavern watchman, sits at his post with a loaded shotgun across his lap. Friday, given the opportunity to use the weapon when a thief broke into the tavern wielding a knife, Thompson declined, saying: "I just couldn't shoot a man."

WRONG HOLD UP

Earmringdale, N. Y. — (UPI) — Police raced to a finance company Friday after Miss Constance Constelli reported that an employee there told her on the telephone, "I'm being held up." Finding things normal, police sought out the employee, who explained she was being "held up from talking" because of some work.

PILGRIMAGE TAKES TOLL

Cairo — (UPI) — At least 462 persons died last week during a Moslem pilgrimage to the Holy City of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, it was reported yesterday. Reports from Saudi Arabia said the Saudi government attributed the deaths to sunstroke, old age and ill health.

BRAINWASHED

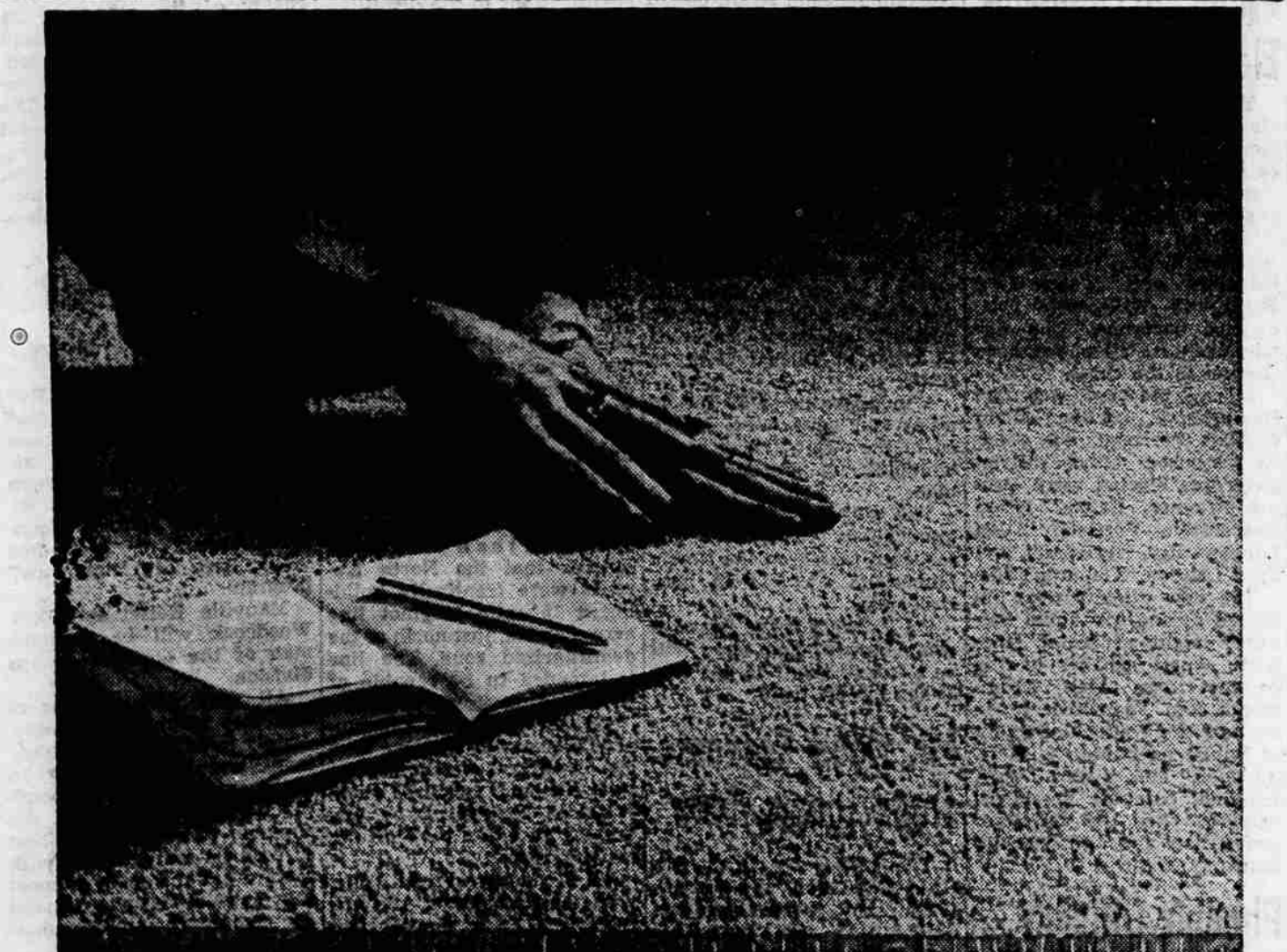
Savannah, Ga. — (UPI) — Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes says the public is being "brainwashed" into believing the U. S. Supreme Court is always right, Byrnes, a former governor of South Carolina, said it was "absurd" that critics of the high court's 1954 school desegregation decision often were called "unpatriotic."

SPLIT FEE — Springfield, Ill. — (UPI) — A unique feature of Illinois law pertaining to the possession of obscene literature is that half the fine goes to the person who gives evidence of a

violation. Another section of Illinois law calls for a fine of up to \$200 for showing a hanging in a movie. The Strategic Air Command's B-52 Supertortress can fly faster than 650 miles an hour and higher than 50,000 feet. It can travel 6,000 miles without refueling.

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Beer Halls Shut In African Rioting

Durban, South Africa — (UPI) — City officials yesterday ordered all African beer halls shut down for 10 days to prevent more rioting in the African quarters.

The municipal authorities acted against the advice of police who argued that closing the halls would be taken as an indication of victory by the African women who started the bloody rioting two days ago. They wanted the halls closed to keep their men home.

The violence resulted in four Africans killed and scores injured, one white policeman shot in the back and more than 20 buildings burned, including a modern, new high school. Fifty-seven Africans were arrested.

Police said they wanted the beer halls left open to help keep the African men quiet. Both African nationalist leaders and the police shared the view that the rioting had no organized political backing.

GERMANS, REDS TRADE

Bonn — (UPI) — West Germany conducts more trade with Red China than any other West European nation, the Economics Ministry announced Wednesday. Exports to the Communist nation totaled \$41,050,000 during the first four months of this year. Imports totaled \$22,910,000 in the same period.

EXECUTIVE DIES

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — (UPI) — Gilbert S. McClintock, 72, vice chairman of the board of the Glen Alden Corp. and chairman of the board of trustees of Wilkes College, died here Thursday. McClintock, a corporation lawyer, became a director of the Glen Alden firm in 1934 and served as board chairman from 1951-59.

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